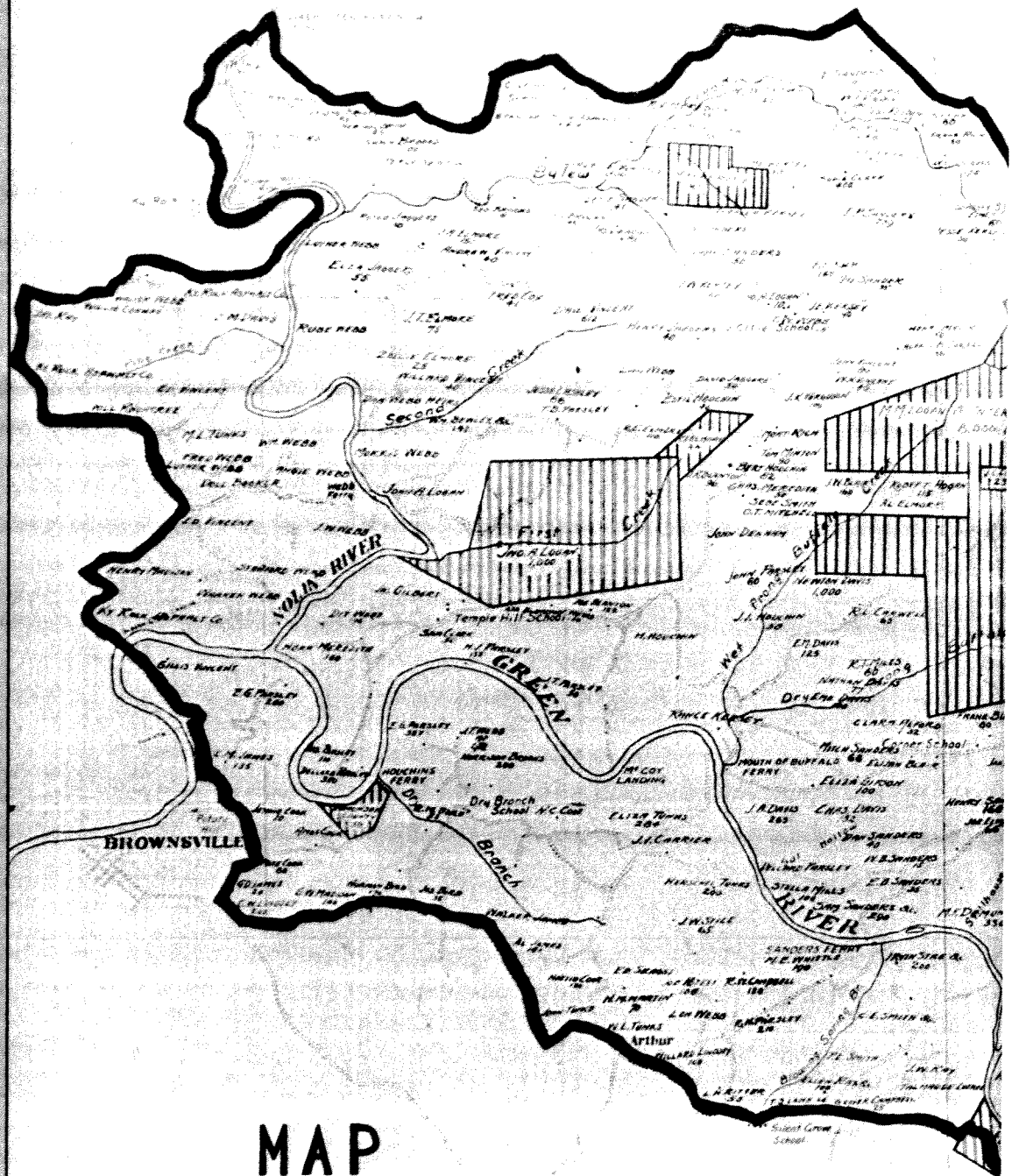

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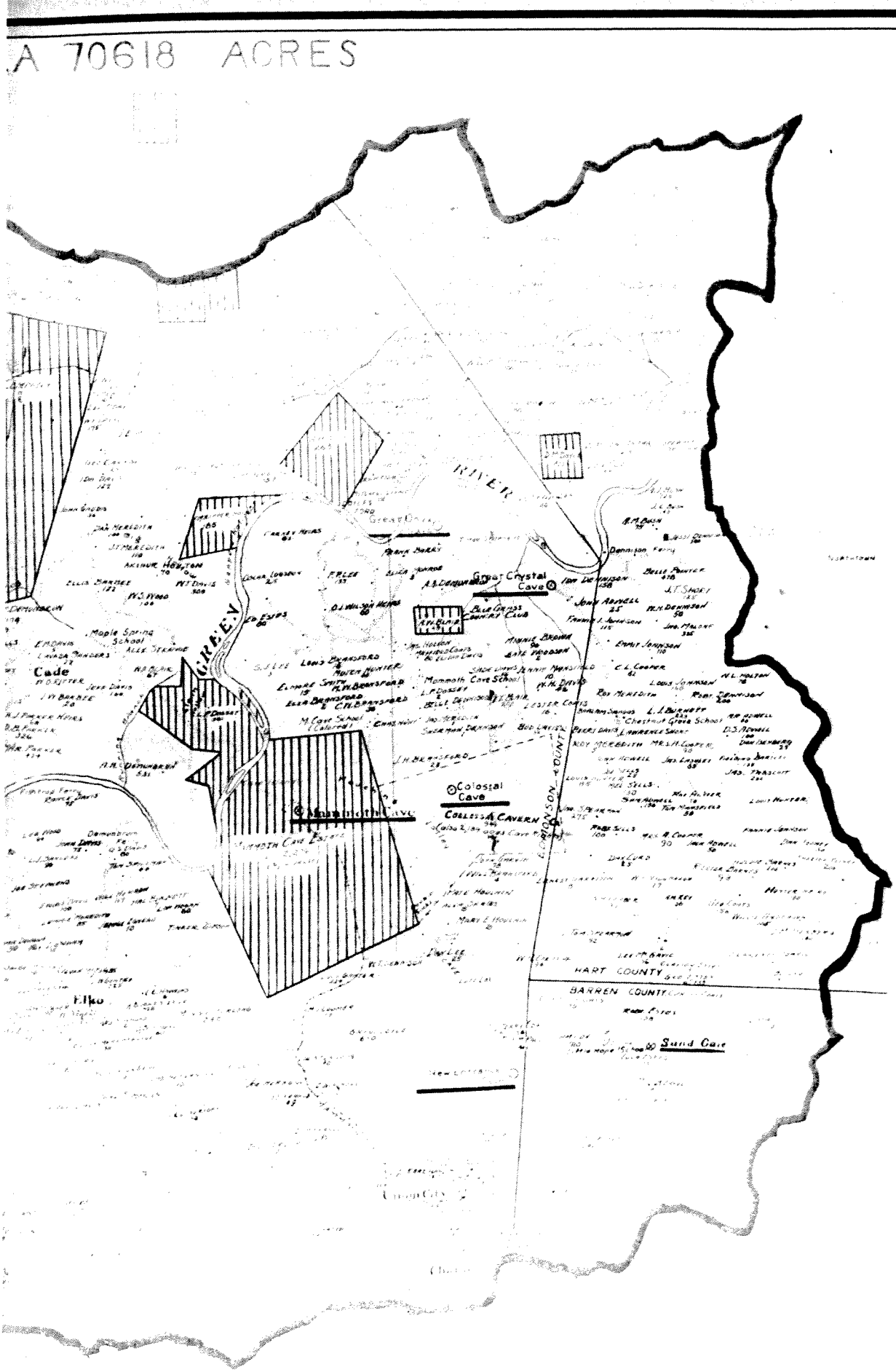
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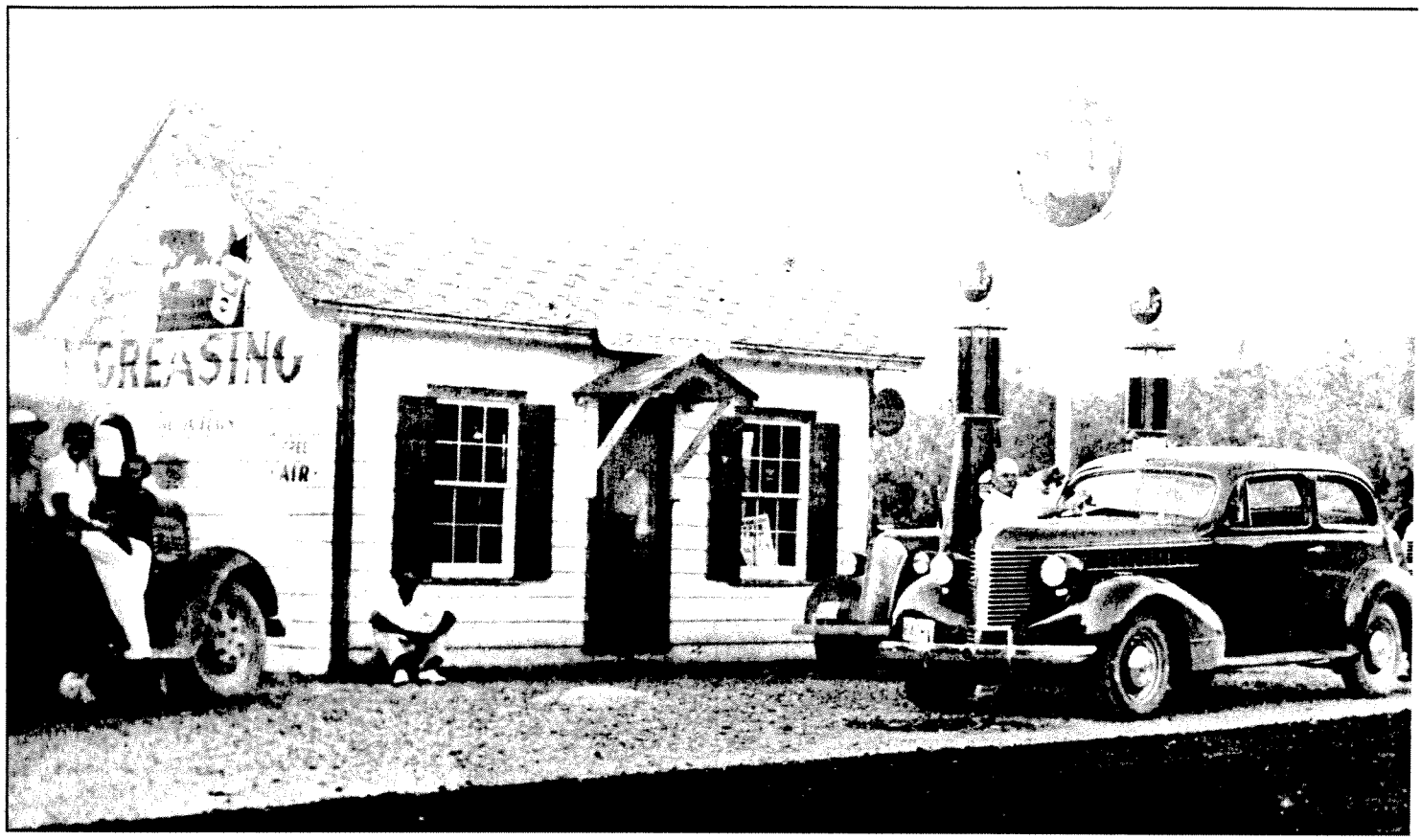
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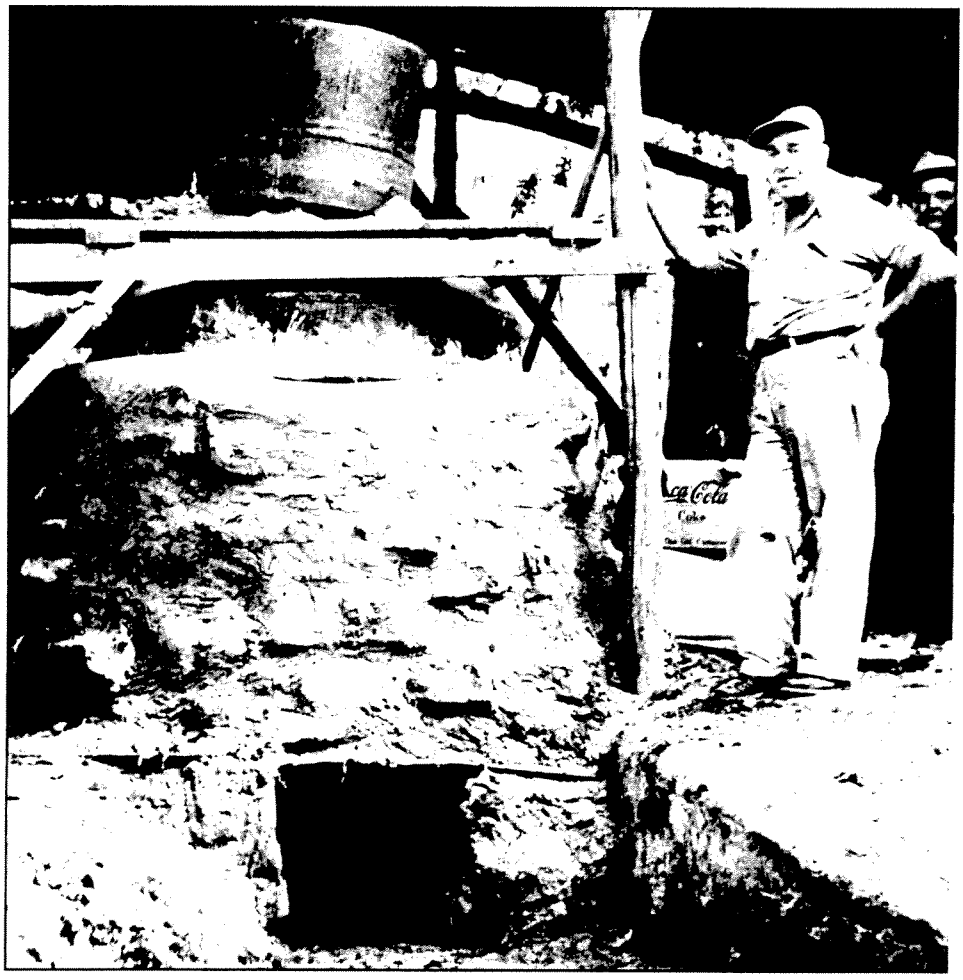
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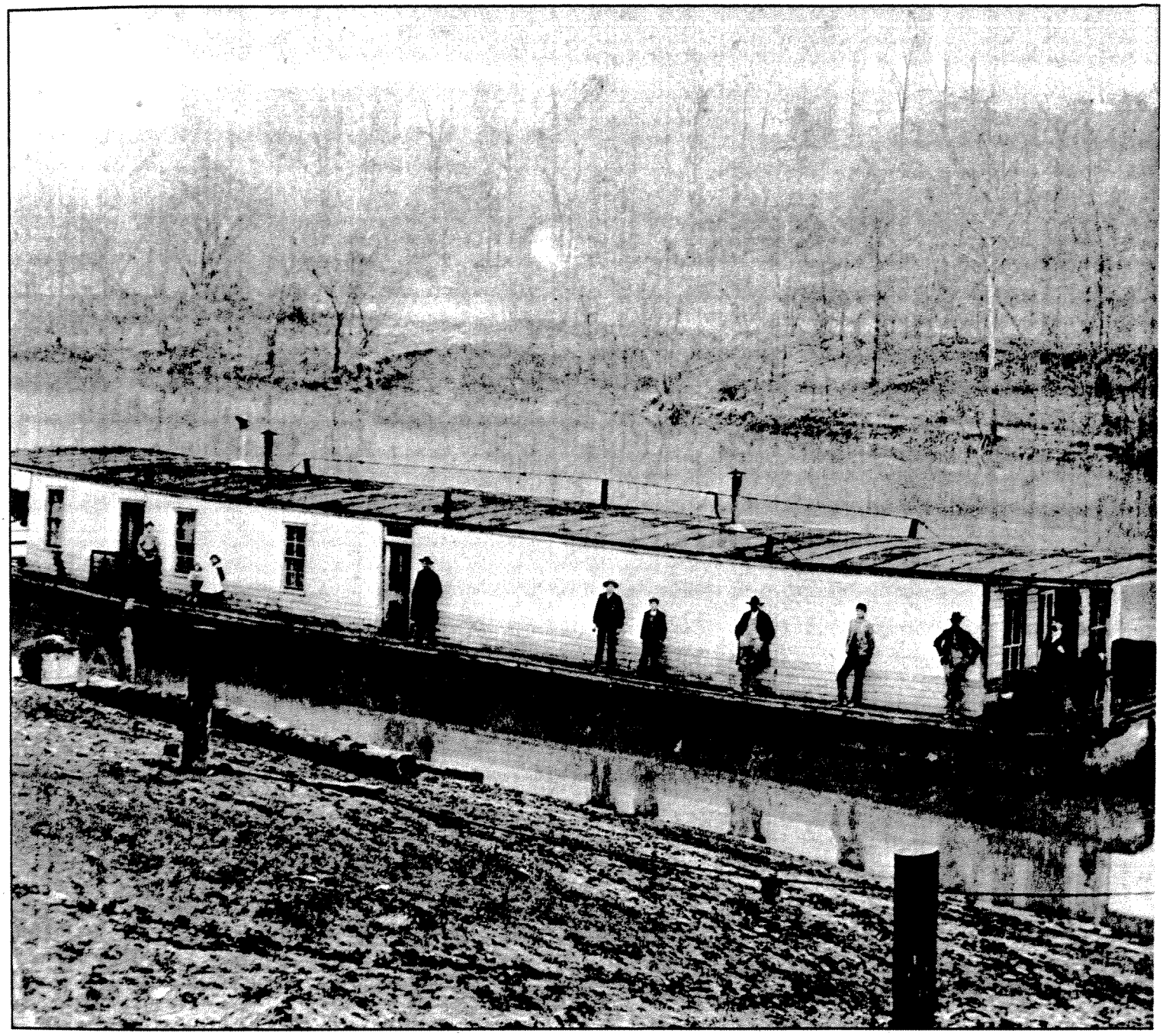
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Ransom C. Hazelip's houseboat on Green River

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FOREWORD

Generally speaking, when we think of history we seem to think of those events which occurred, many times, before we were even born. But, if we stop to think and reflect back on the last year, we will realize that a particular period of time in our lives is now history. Thinking of history in this manner will bring it a little closer to home and make it just a little bit more personal.

The purpose of this book is to recognize and honor an individual's history as well as the history of Edmonson County families. It is felt that this goal was met in the Family History of Edmonson County.



Green River Baptising 1904.

PREFACE

No project of collecting historical data to the extent as has been done in the last year has ever been undertaken in Edmonson County. The Edmonson County Historical Society and concerned people interested in recording our history worked together many months in order to write, compile and publish a history of the families of Edmonson County, Kentucky.

In the beginning we were a little apprehensive, a little scared about undertaking such a project. There were only three people present when it was decided that we would accept this tremendous challenge. However, it wasn't long before interest grew in both the project and our society. The reward comes from the ability to see and realize that the long hours and hard work produced this end-result.

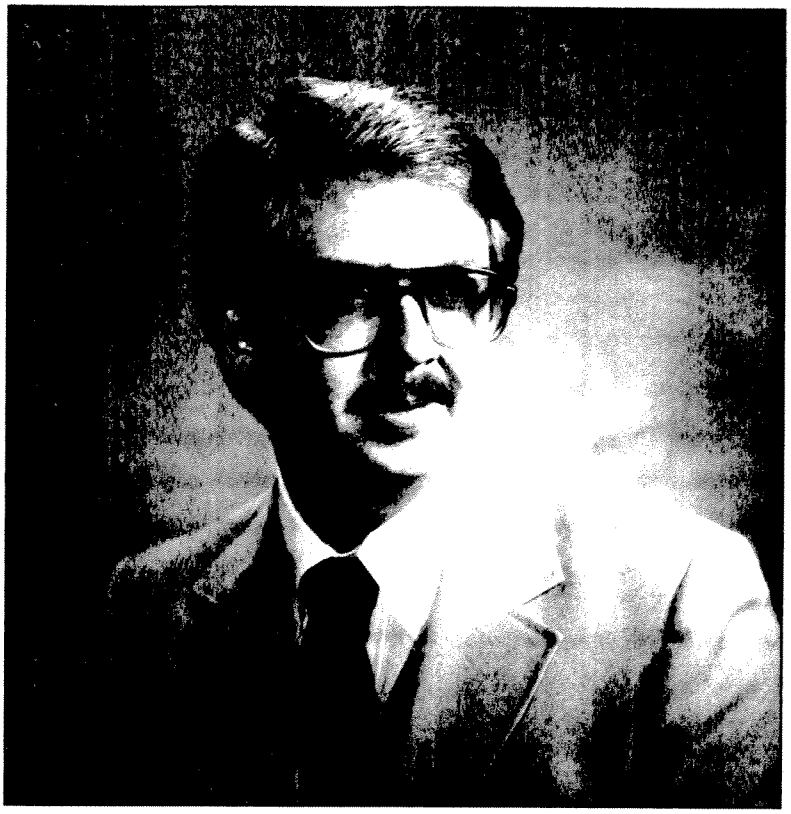
A full-scale publicity campaign was launched. Announcements of the project appeared in several area county newspapers. Brochures were mailed to county residents, and information was left in area businesses. The broadcast media also contributed time to the cause. Public service announcements were cast over the air waves The society president appeared or local television promoting the project We were pleased in knowing that we were successful in getting our message out to the public.

The success of this project is due entirely to the numerous individuals who contributed their time, energies and writing to the enrichment of a combined collection of family histories.



The Edmonson County Historical Society and other interested individuals working on this book.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Ricky L. Carroll, President of Edmonson County Historical Society

For almost a year the Edmonson County Historical Society has been inviting those persons with family connections to our county to submit histories of their family members to be recorded in this, The Edmonson County History Book. People from all across this great nation turned-out full-force in support of this project. Although too numerous to name individually, we wish to thank each person who took the time and effort to contribute to the success of this official history of the families of Edmonson County.

The publicity of this project could not have been made possible without the help and concern of some interested people. We want especially to thank The Edmonson News, WBKO Channel 13 and WBVR for "spreading the word" about this undertaking. We also wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Dahlia Booth and the staff of the Edmonson County Library for allowing the society to meet here and work on the book. Our gratitude also goes out to the students at the Edmonson County Middle School for their work on posters which were placed in local businesses to help promote the project.

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the following individuals in making this project possible: A.R. Blair, Donna Brooks, Faye Carroll, Irene Constant, Benton Cowles, T.W. Demunbrun, Chris Duvall, Barry Downs, Lucille Harp, Dale Huffman, Howard & Debbie Jones, Danny Meredith, Martha Meredith, Betty Peger, Billie Jo Rich, Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr., Norman Warnell and Joan Woods.

Ricky L. Carroll

EDMONSON FISCAL COURT
OCTOBER TERM 1909
J. H. DURBIN & COMMITTEE TO REPORT

We, the undersigned Commissioners having been appointed by an order of the present Term to ascertain and report to this Court at its present term the financial condition of the County; would respectfully submit the following report:

We find a balance in the hands of the County

Treasurer for the year 1908 $685.36

That there is yet to be turned over to him by the Sheriff approximately the sum (Year of 1908) 265.00

Total amount to be realized from County tax for the year 1908 without taking into consideration the what may be delinquent or exonerated 8,225.86

Total assets of the County $9,176.22

From this amount should be the following, amounts:

Sheriff's commission for collecting the tax $628.50

Outstanding claims against the County for the year 1908 and prior to that time 100.40

Claims allowed by the Fiscal Court to bepaid out of the 1909 levy, including the Countyofficers salaries 3,786.87

Outstanding County Judges Orders 87.37

Orders of S. W. McCombs Poor House Commissioner 102.70

Probable delinquent list. 200.00

Insurance for the Court House 106.00

Probable exonerations, and improperly charged polls 100.00

Total liabilities, of the County up to and including the year of 1909 $5,111.84

Which will leave a balance in the County Treasury at the year approximately of $4,064.38

Total liabilities of the county 9,176.22

All of which is respectfully submitted, this October 6th, 1909.

J. H. Durbin

L. F. Charlett Committee

John A. Logan

Copy Attest: A. A. Demunbrum, County Clerk.

THE FOUNDING OF EDMONSON CO.

"Of Warren, Grayson and of Hart
The Legislature took that part
That neither of them cared to own;
These pieces were together thrown.
So Edmonson, they say, was made,
With little to it save its shade,
Its woods and hills and clear, cold streams,
And people with romantic dreams."

John A. Logan: Edmonson

On January 12, 1825, Governor Desha signed the bill which would make Edmonson the seventy-ninth county of Kentucky. Officially, Edmonson became a county on February 1, 1825; however, local government offices and officials were not established and appointed until a later date. The county was named in honor of Captain John Edmonson, a native of Washington County, Virginia. In 1812, he raised a company of volunteer riflemen and joined Colonel John Allen's Regiment. Captain Edmonson was killed during the Battle of the River Raisin on January 22, 1813.

The first term of the Edmonson Circuit Court was held on the morning of May 9, 1825. Judge Ben Monroe, Judicial District Circuit Judge, presided over the day's proceedings. Several lawyers traveled to the new county for the first court event. Those attending were: Stephen T. Logan, future law-partner of Abraham Lincoln; William R. McFerrin, Garland I. Blewett, Richard S. Ford, Joseph R. Underwood, who would go on to serve in Congress and the United States Senate, and Iredell Hart, who became the first County Attorney of Edmonson County.

The first grand jury of the county consisted of the following men: Harmon R. Otter, Foreman, Henry Johnson, Hardin Camp, Thomas McNeal, Hugh Stice, Jesse Jones, Benjamin Howard, Fredrick Meredith, Vincent Cowles, Alexander Montgomery, Charles McClung, French Fort, William Gardner, William Moffitt, William Anderson, Samuel Doyel, Caleb Lindsey, Warren Monroe, Levi Moore and Abraham Ramer (Raymer).

The sheriff and nine justices of the peace were commissioned by Governor Desha. John Rountree was appointed as the first sheriff of Edmonson County. Before his appointment here, Rountree had served as sheriff of Warren County. Those commissioned to the positions of justices of the peace were Arthur B. Nash, John M. Durbin, John Dicus, Jr., Mastin Elmore, Squire Blakely, David Stice, William H. Woosley, Richard G. Doyel and Henry Dixon. Dixon did not qualify for this position, but instead was designated as county court clerk.

The county was divided into seven districts and a constable was appointed to represent his respective district. They were as follows:

1. Thomas H. Camp: represented the first district, being the eastern corner of the county, next to Barren County.

2. Jesse C. Rountree: represented the second district which was located between the road leading from Elmore's Ferry to Dripping Spring.

3. James Stice was appointed as the constable for the third district which consisted of the rest of the south side of Green River.

4. John Doyel: represented the fourth district which came to be known as The Forks.

5. Elijah Isaacs: represented the fifth district which consisted of the area between Nolin and Bear Creek.

6. The sixth district was represented by Joseph Durbin. This area was located near Bear Creek.

7. George Adams was chosen as constable for the seventh district which was located between Honaker's Ferry Road and Butler County.

On May 10, 1825, several county offices were filled. Hawkins Camp was appointed jailer, Iredell Hart was named county attorney and Edmond I. Bacon and Alexander Montgomery were chosen Commissioners of the Tax. The purpose of the latter office was to compile lists of taxable property, each for a period of one year.

Five commissioners were selected by the General Assembly for the task of establishing a suitable locale for a county seat. Only three of the five appear to have contributed to the project. They were: Dr. John Pollard, of Greenville; James Cunningham, of Barren County; and Maxmilian Hailey, of Barren County. The site which

was finally agreed upon was "one hundred acres of land on Green River and immediately above the mouth of Big Beaver Dam."

The tract of land which was to become the county seat was the property of Joseph R. Underwood, a lawyer from Bowling Green, and Stephen T. Logan, a lawyer from Glasgow. These men cooperated with the court to establish a township. It was further decided that the town would be named in honor of General Jacob Brown, a distinguished soldier during the war with Great Britian.

The next issue of business was laying-out the town into lots. The lots would be sold and the proceeds divided between Underwood, Logan and the county. William Rhoads was commissioned to clear the area, and for two weeks he worked to transform it into a charming town-site.

Isaac Doyel, a surveyor, spent nine days laying-off the area into lots and streets. Washington Street stretched from the top of the river hill up through the valley, intersecting the road to Robert Brian's tavern and to Bowling Green. Main Street was laid off parallel to the other one. Madison Street was situated on the northern hillside, and Jefferson Street on the southern hillside. Cross-streets were put at right angles to the first four and were placed every three hundred feet; Boone, Wayne, Main Cross, Green, Shelby and Short. The central square was reserved for the courthouse and public square.

Surveyor Henry Dixon and a crew of men worked three days clearing-off lots which would be sold. For over five days men worked to get the lots ready to be sold. When the work was finished the selling of lots began and lasted three days. The most desired lots were those around the courthouse square. They sold at an average of $65.00 each. At the end of the third day, 171 lots had been sold at an average of $30.69, for a total of $5,248.29. A point of interest, Abraham Lincoln, son of Mordecai Lincoln and cousin of President Abraham Lincoln, bought one of these lots.

Ricky Carroll

HISTORY OF THE COURTHOUSE

In 1825, the governor of Kentucky deemed that the 79th county be established. And so, it was. Parts of Warren, Hart and Grayson counties were put together for that new county. The name Edmonson was chosen in honor of Captain John Edmonson who raised a company of volunteer riflemen and joined Colonel John Allen's regiment in 1812, only to fall at the battle of the River Raisin in 1813.

With a new county, many items of business had to be settled such as a place where the county seat would be, and of course a court house was solely needed.

Court was held in a number of homes in the east side of the new county, much before the county seat was settled.

Brownsville, named in honor of General Jacob Brown, was established in 1838. The town was not really an ideal site for building, but after much clearing brush and timber, plus a lot of drainage, it all came together.

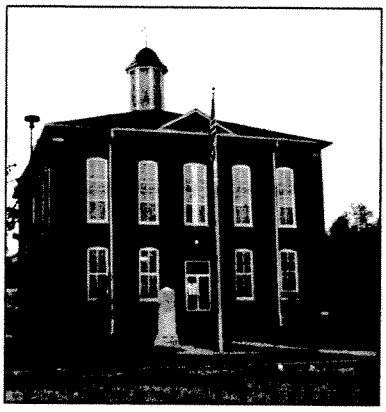
The first courthouse was of log construction. It was used for many years until the floor fell through. A new courthouse was a must.

On May 17, 1872, Noah Morris and Major Woodford M. Houchin decided something had to happen. Both men were in their middle thirties and both were leaders in world affairs.

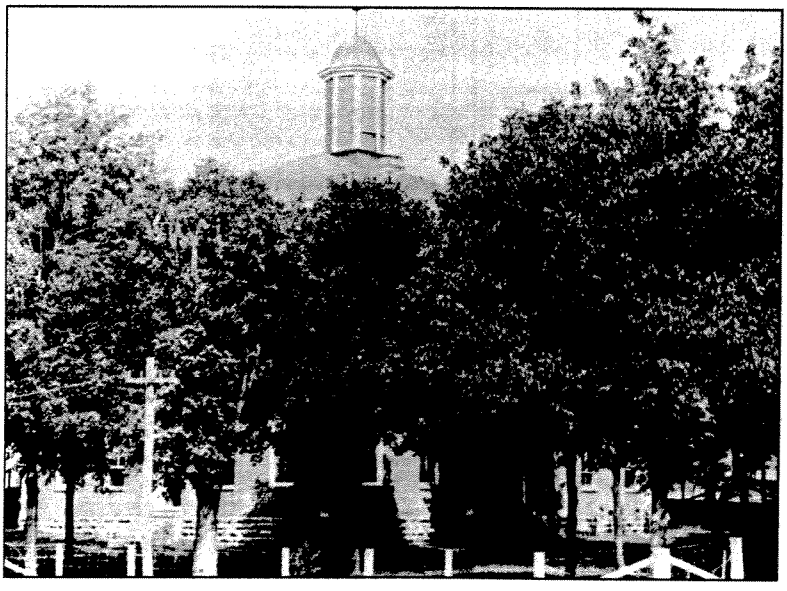
The discussion was about the need for a new courthouse and how to finance the project.

The two men started action by asking Sheriff Willis C. Houchin to summon every justice of the peace to convene at the courthouse in Brownsville on Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1872. The purpose, to make appropriations for a new courthouse.

The convened court could do very little. It could not build a new courthouse with no way to pay for it. Legally, a bond and levying tax could not be without the special act of the Legislature, which was not in session. The court decided to build the new courthouse anyway and put a poll tax to $1.50 per man. (Remember, women did not vote until later).



The Edmonson County Courthouse as it appears today.



An early photograph of the Edmonson County Courthouse. Note the woven-wire fence around the yard to keep out wondering livestock.

On February 13, 1873, the necessary legislation was passed, and less than ninety days later bids had been advertised. The contract for a new courthouse went to James A. Shirley, of Glasgow. The Edmonson County Courthouse was completed in 1874.

The new courthouse was built with brick which were made locally. The walls of the two story building are three bricks thick. The windows were very high and the doors were massive and overwhelming.

All of the public officials at one time were housed in the first floor, while the second story was used for court. There were four jury rooms also on the second floor. The bell which used to summon the people to court still hangs upstairs.

The late 1960's and early seventy years saw a big change. The ceilings were lowered so it could be heated and cooled more efficiently. The huge pot-belly coal stoves are gone. A water drinking fountain has been installed in the long hall-way. This hall-way runs through the center of the downstairs, giving way to each of the offices still occupied.

The pictures of all native service men have been updated and reframed.

Not really enough space is available to tell about the many services that are performed in the updated courthouse. Credit goes to many persons who helped clean it up and keep it maintained.

Many fund-raising events were held to accomplish the new looks of the Edmonson County Courthouse; the Courthouse still stands, looking so handsome, giving a welcome to all who enter its doors, be they the back ones or the front ones.

Betty Peger

ATTORNEYS

Found among the papers of the late Truman H. Demunbrun an Edmonson County Attorney: Edmonson is one of the smallest counties of Kentucky; and Brownsville, the County seat, is little more than a village. The lawyers who have constituted the local bar here have been but few in numbers. Yet the Brownsville bar within the past fifty years has contributed to the Commonwealth two Attorney Generals; more than half-a-dozen Assistant Attorney Generals; three members (including a Chairman) of the State Tax Commission; A Chairman of the Public Service Commission; a member of the Alcoholic Board of Control; a Vice President of the State Fair Board; a member of the State Board of Agriculture; a President of the County Attorney's Association; a Presidential Elector; two State Senators; two Commonwealth's Attorneys; and a Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals. At the same time it has furnished to the Nation a Member of the Foreign Board of Claims; a Congressman for five terms and a United States Senator for two terms.

These do not include three other Commonwealth's Attorneys, another Attorney General, another Assistant Attorney General, a Member of the Workmen's Compensation Board, or another Congressman who obtained their law license here; another distinguished Judge, another Commonwealth's Attorney, and another Congressman, a Governor of Tennessee who was reared here, and many others who have gone elsewhere and held important city, county and district offices. Neither does it include achievements of members of the local bar in military, educational fraternal and other fields.

Attorneys of the past in Edmonson County: Mills (M.M.) Logan, Bert Rountree, Sam Johnson, Truman Demunbrun, Hubert Logan, Jim Lowe, Geo. McCombs, Ora Hazelip, John A. Logan, Virgil Carder, Pleas Sanders, Bill Logan, and Milton Clark.

Dr. T.W. Demunbrun

COUNTY COURT DAY

In the olden days, the first Monday of every month was a magic date for Edmonson Countians, second only to "Meetin' Day" at the Church. This was "County Court Day", the day when "Jockey Street" behind the courthouse was lined thick with horses, mules, wagons and buggies and the "liar's benches" of the courthouse yard were filled to capacity with ambere spitting story-tellers swapping Barlow knives and discussing the court docket for the day.

This was the day too that the wives could take chickens, eggs, milk and butter to town and swap for enough calico to make a dress, or fancy ribbons for decorating a Sunday-go-to-meetin' hat.

And this too was often the day the apple truck came to town as well as the herb doctor with his medicine show and "Uncle Joe Mike", the familiar Lebanese walking peddler who sold exotic imports from the Near East. And the touch of carnival atmosphere as the day waxed and waned was accompanied by a brisk but very secretive "white lightnin" trade. For in those days, the "revenuers" had not nearly found all the stills in the Edmonson County "hollers".

If per chance the showboat "The Majestic" happened to be docked at the Brownsville Ferry or the achondroplastic dwarfs were in town to take people's pictures, the excitement of the day was even greater.

But aside from these social activities, the real business of the day was announced by the tolling of the bell in the courthouse tower. Before the Judge and the other county officials, criminal and civil charges were dealt with, decisions were made, and the offenders paid their debts to society as judged by the court.

Brownsville businesses frequented years ago by the visitors on County Court Day were Jim Reed's livery stable which rented horses and buggies to travelers; the Dunn and Reed Hotels where overnighters were roomed and meals were served; Grant Carrier's blacksmith shop; the Brick Store, owned and operated through the years by A. A. Demunbrun, Cal Johnson and later by George Wash Woodcock; The Bank of Edmonson County established by the Alexander family and The Brownsville Deposit Bank long guided by the McCombs family; restaurants and soda fountains owned through the years by such people as Ms. Ida Patterson, Ms. Edna Lindsey, Sam and Lela Miller, Paul and Edna Brooks, Landus and Lena Charlet, Den and Ted Brooks and others; a stable owned by George and Lill Sanders, and another by Hardin Minton; barbershops run by Luther Ray and Tom Johnson; a drug store owned by S. T. "Uncle Tom" Brooks, the county's first registered pharmacist; a later drug store and fountain owned by Dr. S. E. Paris; Nannie Radford's Millinery Shop when ladies' fancy hats were fashionable; Annie "Mother" Johnson's "picture show" when movies were a new novelty; Taz and Betty Hyde's meat shop in the old block house on the town square; mortuary services rendered by Bert Dossey and Cal Johnson; "The Gim-

let" county newspaper established by "Uncle Perry" Maloan and Dr. Wood's Office serving the town's medical needs.

To be mentioned also were the services of such people as Doll Booker and Bluford Page who butchered and sold meat and Stella and Lola Mae Wheat who raised & sold vegetables.

At various times in the past, one did not feel they had been to "County Court Day" unless they saw some of the distinctive characters of the county such as "Uncle" Pace Sanders, Feedo Lane, Rob Pruitt, "Uncle" Doc Kinslow, Tom Jones, "Bunk Kale" Lindsey, Ewin' Keown, Dewitt Dalton, George Wright Lindsey, Gene "Ikey" Meredith and others who added color to the day's activities.

Progress has brought changes, but the old stories of Edmonson Countians live on.

Dr. T.W. Demunbrun

EDMONSON CO. & HER PEOPLE

FRENCH NAMES

Long before the migration of the predominantly English-Scotch-Irish peoples across the Appalachians into Kentucky, the French were well entrenched in many areas of the Mississippi Valley. Beloxi and Natchez, Missippi, New Orleans, Louisiana and Kaskaskia in The Illinois Country just north of the mouth of the Ohio were well established French towns of significant commercial importance fifty years before Fort Boonsborough or Fort Harrod were established. And French Lick on the Cumberland where present day Nashville, Tennessee stands was a French Trading Post as early as 1710. The Cumberland River was called Riviere Chauvenon by the French and the Ohio River they called the Belle River.

Given this fact of history, it is no surprise that French names are to be found in Edmonson County, both in place names and family names. The most prominent place name, though absorbed by the Mammoth Cave National Park, was the community of Chaumont which was named by the Charlet family in honor of their home in France. Bylew Creek, also in the Park, is a French name of unknown origin, as is the name Nolin, one of our major rivers that now is a prominent lake. However, oral history relates a totally different origin of the word Nolin, that of an Anglo-Saxon origin. Tradition has it that an early surveyor by the name of Lynn became lost on the river and unsuccessful searching parties looking for him reported "NoLynn" on returning to their camps. Thus, the river was named "NoLynn".

On the otherhand, a study of French Colonial history of the early 1700's reveals that a very prominent French Canadian family of explorers by the name of Nolin actually explored the Mississippi and Ohio River Valleys long before Edmonson County was established. Thus, it's more than plausible that these explorers named Nolin, who established Sault St. Marie on Lake Superior, were the first white men to see the waterways of Edmonson County.

Unquestionably, in due time, a few families of French descent did establish themselves in the hills of our county. The French Canadian de Montbruns (Demunbrun) came via The Illinois Country and Nashville, and other families of French Hugenot descent came from the Atlantic Seaboard.

Other such Edmonson County French family names include Charlet, Agé, Moutardier, Martin, Pagé, Beauchamp, Carrier, and possibly, Vincent, Luttrell, Barbee, Pardue, Duvall and Durbin.

Dr. T.W. Demunbrun

"AUR KIND'A TALKIN'"

Linguists and scholars have long been interested in the unique words, definitions and pronunciations found in various regions of Kentucky, and Edmonson County and the Mammoth Cave area are no exception. As recent as forty years ago, the home counties of incoming Freshmen at the University of Kentucky could often be identified by the professors merely by listening to the student talk. And as learned as the student may become, certain words and pronunciations seem to persist or at least surface sporadically. This brings to mind one of my own experiences in which I was giving a scientific paper at a medical seminar to an audience of primarily New Englanders. Having presented the scientific research data, the stepwise conclusions were then to be drawn. At this point, a research colleague who felt I had omitted an important point suddenly interrupted, to which I responded, "I wuz uh-fixin' to git to that". The audience burst out in laughter as I suddenly realized that everyone in the world didn't know what's meant by "I wuz uh-fixin' to git to that".

Thus, colloquial idioms, words and definitions remain a colorful part of Edmonson Countians' conversations even today, although many of those used by our parents and grandparents have since been abandoned.

Words perhaps unfamiliar to young people of today would include:

brush broom - made of twigs tied to a stick for sweeping the yard which was often a very compact bare hard clay dirt surface

drawbars - poles in a fence that slipped out to allow passage

ear marks - notches cut in animals' ears as means of identification

foddering time - time to feed the stock

gillflirted - ruptured as a result of giving birth to an animal offspring

handstick - a strong pole or stick used to lift logs at a log-rolling

gnat's bristle - humorous reference to being small or insignificant

gum - a portion of a hollow log used for a bee hive or collecting water at a spring

hog's head cheese - souse, or pressed meat made from a hog's head (excluding teeth, eyes, skull)

hoop snake - a dreaded serpent said to have a poisonous spiked tail which, when irritated, would take its tail in its mouth, form a hoop and roll toward its enemy thrusting the spiked tail into its prey

horsehair snake - a long worm the size and appearance of a horsehair found in watering troughs and rain barrels

joint snake - or glass snake, a legless lizard that can lose part of its

tail and survive which older people believed could fly into pieces when attacked and go back together again

lick log - hollowed out stump to hold salt for the cattle that ranged free

madstone - a hard concretion taken from the stomach of a deer or cow, reputed to have the power to draw the poison from a snake bite

pomace - crushed apples for cider making

stump water - an acid water found in hollow stumps used for freckles and facial blemishes

turn o'corn - sack of corn to be made into cornmeal at the grist mill

woodscolt - a horse of uncertain ancestry or a child born out of wedlock

blue john - skimmed milk which has a bluish appearance

brush arbor - a temporary brush and pole frame-work covering for outdoor religious services

Words more often heard by the older people of today were:

ham-meat, tooth-dentist, preacherman, church-house, widow-woman, dog irons (andirons), light-bread (store bought bread), counterpane (bedspread) blinky (sour) milk, coal-oil (kerosene), corn pone (skillet full of corn bread), front room (combination parlor and bedroom for company), dew poison (an infection of the feet blamed upon walking barefoot in the dew), dog-trot (the open area in middle of pioneer log homes through which the dogs trotted as they guarded the premises), victuals (food), fixin's (special food), duds (dress-up clothes to be conspicuous), kitchen safe (where pies and cakes were kept), warmin' oven (compartment above kitchen stove where leftovers were kept), lardstand (the can used for storing of lard), mess (a cooking of vegetables like a mess of poke), a pair of beads (instead of a string of beads), window light (a pane of glass in a window), receipt (the old word for recipe), rinch (rinse), setting room (living room), slop bucket (either for kitchen scraps to be fed to the hogs or a container for human excrement), window-blinds (window shades), sop (a very old word for gravy), amen-corner (to the left of the pulpit where the male church elders sat), ashamed (bashful, not humiliated), calf rope (an expression signifying a boy's conceding defeat in a wrestling match), Christmas Gift (a greeting expression used at sun-down on Christmas Eve), diked out (dressed up for a shindig or hoedown), shout (to show religious emotion at church), make out like (to pretend, act like or sound like), half round square, meat auger, sky hook, left handed monkey wrench (mythical objects often asked for in jest by experienced craftsmen), run around with (keep company with), shivaree (a noisy serenade for newly weds with riding the groom on a rail on his wedding night), story (a child's word for a fib) and struck on (emotionally and physically attracted to).

Pass time activities of the past remembered by old-timers include snap the whip, snipe hunting, mumbelty peg, ante over, quilting bee, barn raisin, corn shucking, pie supper and singin' school for learning the sounds of shaped notes.

The pronunciation of certain words by many natives has remained unchanged through the generations, viz:

pairboil (parboil), paw (pa), maw (ma), chuckfull (chockfull), ketch (catch), tawsel (tassell), warr (wire), git (get), aig (egg), deef (deaf), rassle (wrestle), trussel (trestle), chir (chair), piller (pillow), banjer (banjow), borry (borrow), jist (just), sut (soot), far (fire), tar (tire), ann (iron), strip-ed (striped), streak-ed (streaked), locus (locust), waspers (wasps), scringe (cringe), chimbley (chimney), warsh (wash), crystyal (crystal), brickle (brittle), punkin (pumpkin), heighth (height), artic (arctic), rind (rine), and somerset (somersault).

Cursing and vulgar words have generally not been in the vocabularies of Edmonson Countians. Though by-words are quite common. Dictated principally by the doctrines of the Baptist Church, such words as bull, ram, stud and boar were never used in mixed company, Instead, such words as yearling, buck, horse and hog were used to soften the connotation or implication of male sexual aggressiveness.

Whatever the future may bring in the fields of education and worldwide communication, native Edmonson Countians will not soon forget their wholesome Puritan roots as reflected by their kind'a talkin'.

T. Weldon DeMunbrun, M. D.

OUR COLORED FAMILIES

Edmonson Countians have long taken considerable pride in the fine black families that live and have lived within the boundaries of our county. Whether these families descended from slave ancestors or were "free blacks", the names of Mansfield, Bransford, Ferguson, Page, Britt, Palmer and Board have been familiar names throughout the years, some dating well before the turn of the century.

Although the rocky hills of Edmonson County were not conducive to plantation farming, it is known that early on, at least the Morris family owned some slaves that may have been the progenitors of some Edmonson County blacks.

Whatever their origin may have been, some of these families have been significant land owners of our county such as the Bransfords of the Mammoth Cave area, the Mansfields of Icy Sink and the Fergusons of Brownsville.

"Old Timers" of Brownsville can well remember "Aunt" Georganne Page and her husband Giles Bluford Page, the parents of several children, who lived in a little log house near the old High School. These were the parents of Bluford Page who married Millie Ann Britt; Annie Page Williams, wife of the "shoe cobbler" Mason Williams whose little shop was also near the school; Nora Page Ferguson, wife of James Isaac "Ike" Ferguson; Fannie Page Britt, wife of George Britt; Edd "Spiker" Page who married Zula Dixon (daughter of Elrod Dixon); Joe Page who married Zula's sister Irene Dixon; Ethel Page who married the Rev. Jim Ford; Lou Page who married Charley Byrd; Julie Page, a longtime resident of Louisville and Henry and Gene Page who also resided outside the county.

"Aunt" Nance Ferguson was also an early resident and midwife of Brownsville, living in a little log cabin adjacent to the residence of her son Sam Ferguson, and only a short distance from her other son "Ike". She and her husband "Leish" Ferguson were slaves who after emancipation made their marks in the new free society.

Another familiar character of earlier Brownsville who worked at the old Dunn Hotel was "Aunt" Alice Moseby, mother of Ms. Lee Byrds.

"Leish" and "Aunt" Nance Ferguson's son Sam was an early owner of



A Page Homecoming circa 1920.

a considerable tract of land at the east edge of town, was a well respected business man and craftsman who years ago owned and operated a concrete block-making concern, probably Brownsville's "first factory". Other early craftsmen of Brownsville included Lee Byrds, a plasterer, and Will Jewel who worked at the old Dunn Hotel.

George Britt and his wife Fannie also lived in "east Brownsville", as did Fannie's brother Bluford Page and his wife Millie Ann. It was the children of these two families who married into the Palmer and Board families from areas outside the county.

Through the years, some of the descendants of these families of Edmonson County have migrated north and elsewhere to become prominent businessmen, educators, ministers and craftsmen of note.

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LEGEND OF THE LOST GOLD TREASURE TROVE

Does there exist, within the rugged hills of Edmonson County, a "treasure trove" worth perhaps millions of dollars? The legend of lost gold in Edmonson County is viewed by some as historical fact, by others as legendary fabricating.

Most readers will recall that it is a historic fact that there was a man named Jonathan Swift. He was a sailor with an early background in mining, who came to Virginia in the mid-1700's. He became an Indian trader in the Ohio River region in the early 1750's. He spent considerable time with the Shawnee Indians and possibly had a wife who was a member of their tribe. Swift was supposed to have found a rich vein of silver ore while exploring eastern Kentucky in the 1760's. Early records show that he secured a land grant in present-day Kentucky, south of the Green River.

The location of the trove has been debated for years. Legends of buried treasures in Edmonson County have been told for nearly a century. Many have been the searches for those "pots of gold". Once it was reported that a member of the Self family had unearthed a kettle containing money or other form of valuables. While this discovery was never denied, the amount or value of the cache was never revealed.

Rumors abounded that the famed Washington Meredith while digging around Dismal Rock or Turkey Foot Cliff, uncovered something which was never revealed. He had been digging near a spot marked by ancient hieroglyphs and other unusual carvings. His estate was valued at over $20,000 when he died during the great Depression.

Then too, there is the story related that an aged woman, named "Nance", of Indian descent and reputed to have possessed remarkable occult powers, who told a party whose name is not now recalled that if they would dig in a certain place a treasure would be found. Furthermore, that soon after the digging was started a dog would appear, and later as the excavation was deepened a man dressed in white would float by the scene. The excavators were to pay no attention to these unusual manifestations of seeming supernatural import, but were to keep on dig-

ging and the gold would be found. The diggers started the work according to the instructions of the seeress; the dog appeared, just as forecast, and the work continued, but when the time came for the man in white to appear as he did appear, so the story goes, the treasure hunters decided it was time for them to disappear, and so they parted the bushes in considerable haste.

Many readers are familiar with the Civil War story by Robert McDowell, "The Hound's Tooth" written in 1965. In the book McDowell tells the old story of the time that Confederate guerrillas sacked Brownsville during the Civil War, and made off with a lot of gold. "Twenty thousand-thirty thousand-fifty thousand dollars. The figure depends on who's telling the story." McDowell says that most people didn't believe that there ever was that much money in Brownsville prior to the Civil War. However, this was different. It was supposed to have been a government shipment—"something to do with the Union armies occupying Tennessee. General Morgan...had burned the Green River Bridge at Munfordsville." The gold was hauled secretly on a stage to Brownsville for safe keeping.

Once beyond the historical facts, the story becomes muddled.

However, there are some statements of local citizens who are reliable and can be vouched for.

Just after the turn of the century, Jeston Warnell traveled to Bonahm, Texas to visit four of his brothers who lived there. Sometime during his visit, he was approached by an elderly Indian man who asked him if he was from Kentucky. The man then asked him if he knew of the location of a place called "Indian Hill" in the section of the state near Mammoth Cave. Jeston answered in the affirmative that he did know of such a place, that it was on the other side of the county from where he lived. The Indian then told him that if he would take him back to Edmonson County with him, that he would show him enough gold to make him a wealthy man. Because of a lack of interest or disbelief, Jeston refused the offer, thinking that the elderly man simply wanted a "free" trip to Kentucky so that he could then proceed on into Tennessee and join his Cherokee friends.

The event hardly seemed worthy of taking note of except during the summer of 1928, a party of strangers appeared in the Rhoda vicinity and made inquiry about the location of the old Houchin Ferry road which runs near Indian Hill. It was reported then that this party had a map or diagram showing that a treasure had been buried at the foot of a tree that stood by that old roadside but if any systematic search was made at that time, it was never disclosed.

The following summer about the second week in September, an excavation was found on the banks of Green River which runs by Indian Hill just above Lock No. 6. The event got the attention of the news media and was reported by the Edmonson News, Sept. 29, 1929.

The hole, or excavation, was discovered by Cecil Alexander and appeared to have been made a week prior to its discovery. It was about four feet square and five feet deep. At the bottom, in one corner was a depression which showed that some hard substance probably an iron kettle, as indicated by the shape of the depression had been removed.

The excavation was made on the river bank, and the only marker apparent that could have been used as a guide by the excavators was the rotting stump of a big tree.

The location of the excavation was in an isolated spot on the river bank and it could have been dug during daylight without the workmen being seen save by chance. Mr. Noah Skaggs one of the lock keepers, who viewed the excavation, said that about two weeks prior to that time, two strangers, apparently prospectors of some sort had been reported in the neighborhood, but interest had not been too high, until the excavation was found.

Just what was found if anything was found, will probably never be known.

In 1898, Mr. M. C. Morgan lived at Stockholm. He being a timber man had a great deal of hauling to do over the Mammoth Cave railroad, which was the nearest shipping point. The roads to the cave were very bad. Mr. Morgan would take eight or ten of his men several times a year and work the road at his own expense. One day he was working and blasting out rock up by the cave entrance. The next day as they came back to work they were met by three men with compass who measured each way around the front of the cave near the road. Then they dug about three feet down and pulled and prized out an iron box eighteen inches square and two feet long.

Before anyone had time to say anything, they put the box in a grass sack, two carrying it, the other carrying the tools, etc. They left then and there. Near the hotel they were met by a man with a wagon who hurriedly drove away. One of the guides, John Wilson, was at the mouth of the cave, the same as Mr. Morgan and his men. They were all too spellbound to think how near to this box they had blasted out rock the day before. And to this day nobody knows what was in that box.

Another old legend that was standard in the County years ago, was that an aged Indian was reported to have said that there was enough gold buried in Edmonson County to shoe all the horses in the County; and at that time, that would have amounted to a sizable sum.

Perhaps the gold that this ancient seer was speaking of was the Rock Asphalt that was discovered and processed for many years at Natural Rock and Kyrock. Or maybe, it could have been the people of the area. Some wag has said that a section with poor soil produces more than its share of preachers, teachers, and lawyers; the Mammoth Cave area certainly lived up to this statement. It is doubtful whether any other similar area has produced so many leaders in all fields.

Norman Warnell

HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS

In these days of automobiles, trucks, and busses, many of us stop to think that just a few years ago Brownsville had no such things and that many of the people residing here had never seen such vehicles. Horses, mules, jenneys and even sometimes oxen did the work then that automotive vehicles do today.

When I was but a mere "chap" there were two livery stables in our town, Reed's located where G. W. Woodcock's dwelling is now located and Sanders, located where the home of Charles E. Whittle is now. George Sanders the owner of the latter stable, lived where Luther Lindsey now resides and Jim Reed, the owner of the former stable lived

where the Commercial Hotel is today.

The town had no water works of any kind in those days and it was necessary to take the horses to what we called at that time the "Big Spring", just over the hill at the back of Mac York's residence (now Gravil Funeral Home). Many a time I have seen the stable boys pass down the street riding one horse and leading possibly a dozen others with ropes tied from neck of neck to the horses. Sometimes the boys wouldn't even lead any of the horses but turn them loose, and they were so well trained that they knew where to go. Many of the town lads, who were not even employed by the stable masters, considered it a great treat to get to ride the horses to water them.

And that big spring—water flowed freely, as it still does today. It was the equine rendezvous for all horses that had their abode in the Edmonson County Metropolis. Nature's nectar at this exit has refreshed the dry throat of many a horse. An old log roughly hewn, with its center hollowed out, covered with a mass of green moss on the outside, served as the water trough.

Visitors in Brownsville who desired to visit other parts of the county hired horses at the livery stables to ride or to drive. Traveling salesmen, who were then called "drummers" engaged livery rigs, usually two-horse to make their "rounds" of the country stores.

Often big fine horses became sick at the livery stables and as much time and energy was devoted to them as to the sick automobile today. Sometimes the horses died, and their dead bodies were dragged down the street and over the hill somewhere. I remember seeing one big gray horse die in the horse lot at the back of the Sanders stable. He was a big dapple gray, a family nag, and always responded to the name of Claude.

Jockey day in "ye olden times" was even more romantic and more hilarious than it is on County Court days in these modern times.

Ponies from the West were shipped here and sold to the horse lovers. These western bred stallions and geldings, with manes reaching halfway from their necks to the ground and with long wavy tails brushing the ground, were often still wild and unbroken when they reached Brownsville. Long ropes were placed on them as halters for three or four men to hold to; Texas saddles graced their backs; and then some daring young horseman pledged himself to break the steed. It seemed to me Noah Reed was the prize rider. I may be wrong, but I am trusting only my memory. I remember seeing many such animals domesticated. The rodeo ground was the hilltop near the property now owned by Bev. Vincent. It was always a big occasion when the day came for new western ponies to be broken, equal to some extent to the days of circus shows today.

Mr. Reed used many of these western horses as double rigs in carrying the Rocky Hill mail. Time and time again such teams have gone on a wild stampede and run away breaking and tearing up the buggies. We children used to run for the yard fence when we heard someone yell, "The Rocky Hill mail is running away."

As the dog is the friend of the boy, so was the horse the friend of man. Men in those days took great pride in their horses, but today the horse seems to be "the forgotten animal".

Written April 12, 1934 by R. A. Demunbrun

FIRST ROADS IN FORKS

This history appeared in the Edmonson News July 31, 1930 and was written by Charles E. Whittle.

One of the first public enterprises entered upon in The Forks after the formation of Edmonson County in 1825, was the establishment of new roads and the improvement of those already opened.

The Old Houchin Ferry Road was evidently older than Edmonson County, but it began to be designated occasionally as the Brownsville and Munfordville Road, as it is now known. It crossed Green River about two miles below the Turnhole where the Houchin Ferry was then operated and where the Sanders Ferry is now kept. From that point it meandered up and down the hills of The Forks by way of The Hickory Cabin, whose location is yet a landmark known far and near, until it reached the Hart County Line.

Benjamin Houchin was appointed overseer or surveyor of that portion of this Road between the River and The Hickory Cabin in 1826. He probably operated the Ferry which bore his name; but it may have been kept by David Houchin, grandfather of Willis Houchin, the surveyor, whom older people today remember for his corpulency and his jollity; and it is barely possible that the ferryman was old man Charles Houchin, the old Revolutionary soldier who lived in that vicinity for many years.

Others who were allotted to work this section of the Road included William Blair, Isaac Blair, John B. Blair, Henry B. Blair and James Lacewell, all of whom probably had already settled in the neighborhood of Buffalo Creek. Then there were Richard G. Doyel, Samuel Doyel and Edward Pace, who must have lived up Green River somewhere.

Besides these, James Cace, Elijah Lacewell, Joel Stokes, and John McClain, George McClain, John Stewart, Joel Stokes, and James Houchin were included in this road boundary, bringing the number of families in it up to eighteen.

For the other section of this road, between The Hickory Cabin and the Hart County line, Samuel Sanders was appointed overseer. He was soon promoted to be Justice of the Peace for that District; and in 1833 the Governor appointed him Sheriff of the County, but he resigned after serving four months. His home was probably not far from the head of Bylew.

Of the twelve families assigned to that section of the Road, all of them except John Pierce and James Simons (or Simmons) bore the name of Sanders or Meredith. There were William Sanders, Samuel Sanders, Jr., Thomas Sanders, John Sanders, Sr., and Elias Sanders. The others were Charles Meredith, Joseph Meredith and Bradley Meredith.

As soon as the County was formed, however, another road through The Forks was established. It began at the county seat, crossed Green River at or near the mouth of Buffalo and intersected the Elizabethtown Road where James Houchin lived.

Besides many of the hands allotted to the Houchin Ferry Road, Phillip F. Jones, John D. Houchin, John Hall and Martin H. Webb, were ordered to assist in opening this road through The Forks, under the supervision of David Houchin; but before the work was completed everybody residing in the County between Green and Nolin Rivers were ordered to take part in the work.

After it was opened, or "cut smooth", John Hall was appointed overseer and the hands allotted to him were Philip F. Jones, John D. Houchin, Joel Stokes, David Blair, Henry Blair, Joel Allen, Thomas Jones, Martin Harrison, Benjamin Harrison, Peter Kinser and Frederick Meredith.

But this road evidently failed to prosper and must have been abandoned so far as the County Court was concerned, for in 1829 all of the hands in The Forks, except those living in two miles of Nolin River, were assigned to work the Houchin Ferry Road. That Road was then designated as a single boundary with Benjamin Houchin for the overseer of the upper portion of that road.

A little later, James Lindsey proposed the establishment of another road from Brownsville to run by way of his ferry at the mouth of Nolin and intersect the Houchin Ferry Road not far from Dog Creek; and Samuel Sanders proposed the establishment of one from the mouth of Nolin to the warehouse on Nolin at the mouth of Conoloway, probably running by his house.

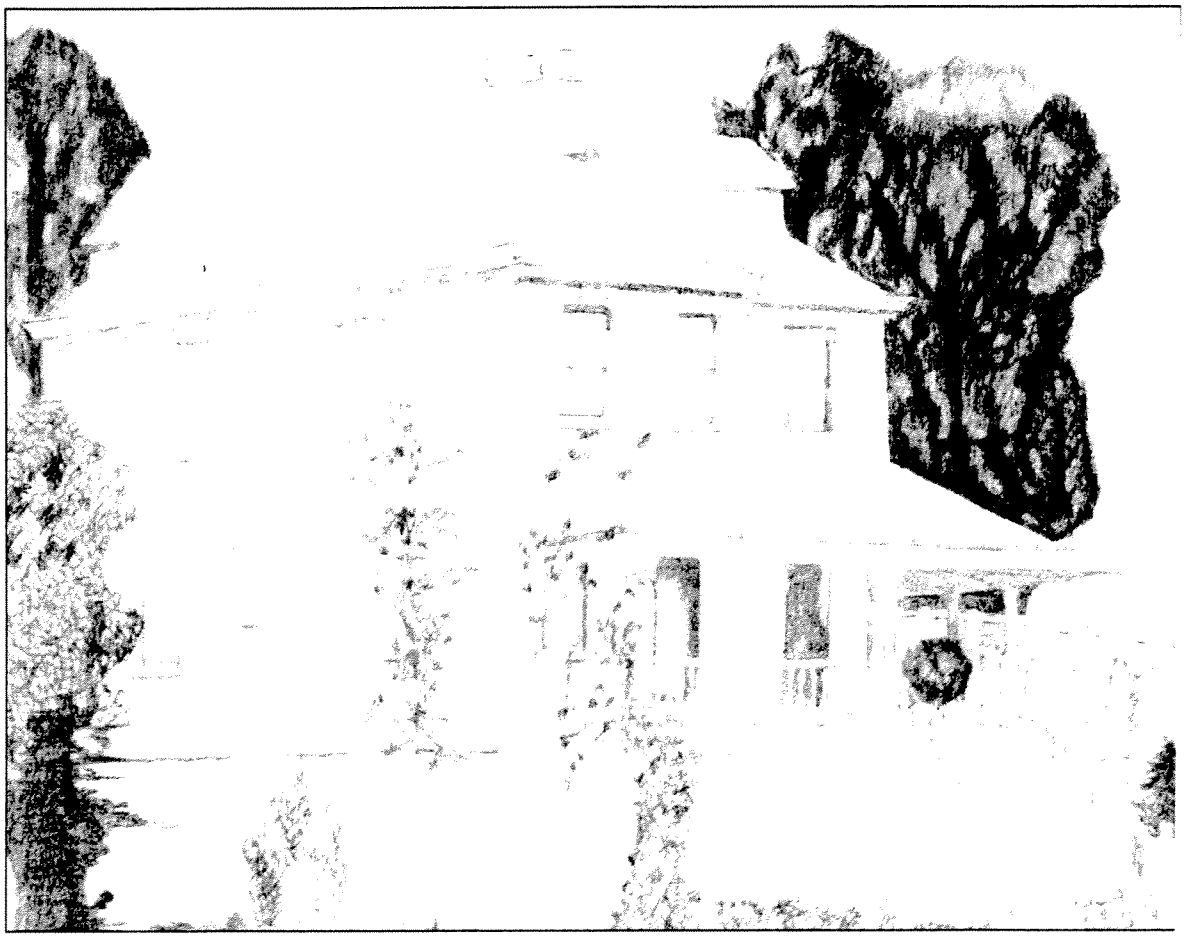
Others were sought to facilitate travel to such points as Hardin's Mill on Nolin, Mammoth Cave, Doran's Mill on Dog Creek, The Turnhole, and Simeon Brooks' Mill and Stillhouse on Bylew.

Some of these proposed roads were opened and are still important arteries of travel in that section of the County; but until the beginning of the present century the Old Houchin Ferry Road was the outstanding road in importance and travel in The Forks."

Submitted by Norman Warnell



The Nolin-Pictured is Noah Skaggs, lockmaster of Lock #6 in the days of Kyrock's asphalt era.



House on Lock #6 Brownsville by Lisa Wells

DRIFTING AND DREAMING

When I was but a child
Many, many years ago,
Countless hours I've oft beguiled
Floating in the moonlight glow.

'Twas on the river Green,
Where beauty is at its best;
No greater grandeur can be seen,
Of nature no better test.

Just a mere stripling lad
Sitting in a pensive state,
Not thinking of good or bad
Nor love, nor a helping mate.

I was drifting with the stream
In my little bark canoe;
Time, oh time, did endless seem
In spite of all I could do.

The moon rose o'er the hill,
Full and large, radiant and red,
The hush of the night was still
Save remarks the night birds said.

'Twas in the pale moonlight,
Through the timbers beaming,
I sat alone in the night
Floating, drifting and dreaming.

It seemed I thought as a man,
Of the future yet to come,
Of what life held in its hand
For a chap as me, so dumb.

The boat was drifting on
Down by the river lands;
My heart did sing a song
As I dreamed of future spans.

High School days and college fun,
And happy miles of good cheer
In my race yet to be run
Was my thought ever near.

Hard times meant naught to me
In my little bark canoe,
Drifting on down to sea,
A thing I had to do.

Today I am still dreaming,
But not in my bark canoe,
Rays of sunlight still beaming
Great things inspire me to do.

R. A. Demunbrun (c.1918)



Raft of logs 1903: Men on board are Edd Lindsey, Roscoe Wolfe and Virgil Wolfe, all of Brownsville.

RAFTING LOGS

Many of the older "loggers" of Edmonson County would make one trip a year on a raft of logs down to Evansville. On these trips there was always strong rivalry between the loggers and the steamboat men. The steamboat men didn't fancy rafts of logs too much. At Lock No. 2 on one occasion there were five or six rafts of logs waiting above the locks when the steamboat Longfellow approached the lock pit on its way upstream. Of course, it had to wait until the lock pit was cleared of the log rafts. When it finally managed to get through the lock pit, it turned on full steam as it turned its rear paddle wheel close to the rafts.

But George Wash Sanders, from upper Green River, grabbed a piece of strapping from one of the rafts and threw it into the steamboat wheel, which was quickly broken to bits. Seven of the wheel's paddles were broken out, and the steamboat was left powerless. The boat finally drifted to shore and tied up to await repairs from another boat, which was summoned. Bud Rigdon and G. R. Davis were among those who witnessed this struggle between the loggers and the steamboat men.

Log work was hard, and a man had to be hard to stay with it, but the work made real men out of many Edmonson County natives.

J. R. Wolfe was one of the old-time loggers who made many trips to Evansville and even to New Orleans from Brownsville. In 1913, he lost a raft of logs when Green River, which was at flood stage, dropped and left his logs on dry land. He went to Detroit to get work to pay off his debts and was killed by a train while working there in 1919.

Norman Warnell

BETTIE ROCK

"Oh boy, ain't it a grand and glorious feeling!" That old swimming hole has been a treat to us on many a summer afternoon. The sun was hot; burning breezes met us squarely in the face to make us lazier than usual; lizards slowly crawled from their places of concealment and baked themselves on the side of a log under the beaming rays of the hot summer sun, and even the stock in the field became tired of their picking and lay down in the shade of the "spreading chestnut tree." But, boy, we just slipped away from town and made a mad dash for the "Old Bettie Rock" on Green River about halfway between the Brownsville ferry and the locks.

Bathing suits were not even novelties then; they didn't even exist. Most of us had learned to swim somewhere in the shallow water of Beaver Dam. Maybe we had slipped away from school, or maybe we had gone to the creek instead of the school. Some had had narrow escapes from drowning but did not since there were always a few boys in the crowd that played the part of the hero.

Harold McCombs tells the story of his experience in Reed hole of the creek. He was a rather big chap, healthy and brawny, but he still hadn't become versed in the art of swimming. He thought he had, however, but as a matter of fact, he had



The Shawnee Steamboat

only been crawling on the bottom of the shallow creek water. The Reed hole was about ten feet deep, but young McCombs, his brother Victor, and his playmate Earl Reed were not aware of this fact.

As the party of boys crossed the cornfield near the creek, they began, as usual, to shed their clothes, so by the time they reached the edge of the water, the other boys were ready to plunge in. Apparently all of them could swim except the three mentioned above—and they thought they could by crawling on the bottom. Off with their duds they came and one by one they took a run and headlong jump into the deep water—and one by one the three boys had to be pulled out of the hole. The water was too deep, the boys couldn't quite crawl on the bottom. Harold says he learned "then and thar" that he couldn't swim.

But after the boys learned to swim they moved their headquarters over to the big rock on Green River. It then became the mecca of the water lovers. The big rock extended far out into the water and provided an excellent diving platform. Diving contests were held from its crested top into water from ten to fifteen feet in depth. When the boys became fatigued they sprawled themselves out on the surrounding rocks with the likeness of huge turtles. If a boatsman happened to come around the bend of the river or a steamboat sounded its whistle of approach the boys immediately jumped from their sunning places to the water and kept their bodies concealed until the intruders had passed.

But that all happened long years ago. Since then river men have seen fit to remove the old "stamping ground", Bettie Rock is no longer known to the boys of the town, no longer do they have a happy secluded spot to steal away to enjoy the art of swimming.

by R. A. Demunbrun, April 19, 1934

Submitted by Norman Warnell

STEAMBOAT DAYS

The "wildcat howl" of the Evansville steamer and the soothing whistle of the "Old Chaperone!" Who is there among you old folks who cannot recall those days when the steamboats were heard to "puff and blow" as they rounded the bend of the river just below Brownsville? Who is there of you that does not remember going to the old ferry on steamboat days or maybe to the top of Lovers' Leap at the old canning factory to watch the steamboats ply their way upstream?

Two little freight houses stood on the banks at the ferry, one on each side of the river, where the freight was stored away by the singing "black boys" who always had "the time of their lives" and apparently never saw any trouble. It wasn't any trouble for two of these boys to pick up a barrel of salt or sugar an climb the "gang plank" with it, sing ing and humming old southern me ody as they scaled the ascent.

We weren't troubled with reductio of automobile and truck licenses i those days, for trucks and autom biles had not made their advent int the commercial world. The freigh was hauled away from the freigh houses by wagon and team. Th merchants of the county, of the tow would be at the ferry on the day th steamer was to arrive. The ferryma served as the freight agent. Who there that does not remember th man who once served as Edmonso County's jailer and for many yea was the ferryman and freight ager at the old Brownsville landing- Dunk Sanders? Who is there tha does not remember "Uncle Cap Johnson (father of Cal Johnson) an his "old Badgers" and high-wheele wagon, who hauled freight for th Brownsville merchants for man many years. "Uncle Cap" didn't hav to have a franchise for his freigh line either. It required one whole da and sometimes two—with parts the nights thrown in—for merchan living a distance from Brownsville t get their freight from the landing t their small stores.

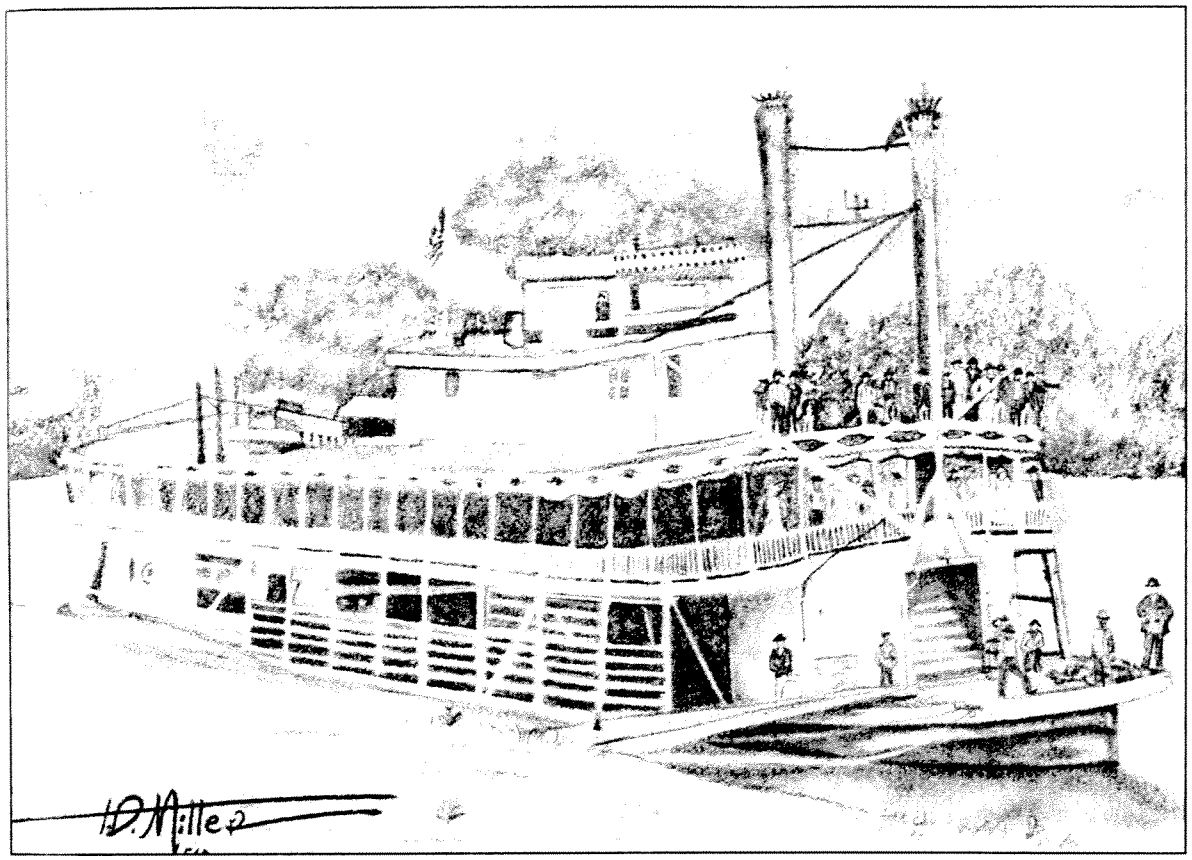
It was a great prize to the youn sters—at least it was to me—to g some older person to lead us ont the Chaperone, around the deck into the engine rooms, and even u to the pilot house. We always got thrill out of that. We thought of th captains and the pilots with the military looking costumes on as s perhuman beings—but really the weren't; they were kind and court ous, and apparently glad to have th visitors on the boat. I guess they d miss quite a bit of ice water, thoug for we always filled ourselves wit that. We didn't know what ice wat was in Brownsville in those days.

Then at night the steamers wit their electric lights painted a beaut ful picture against the blue ski and the streams of light from th high-powered headlights penetrate the ether of the air for miles. W didn't know what electric lights we then and those little colored "pla things" on the steamer dazzled ou eyes.

But all of this was back "in th good old days."

by R. A. Demunbrun, Feb. 8, 19

Submitted by Norman Warnell



The Chapperone by Timmy Miller

WAR

OLD SOLDIERS

O, how ought those to be esteemed who have sacrificed their health and almost their lives in the cause of God and country! But this is not always the case, for some end their days in obscurity and poverty.

Most of the names have been forgotten as well as their acts of valor, but occasionally out of the dim forgotten past, a name will appear among the old records of men who fought for this Country's freedom which we now enjoy. We know from various sources that much of the land in Edmonson County was taken up originally by veterans of the Reveloutionary War. However, since the county wasn't created until 1825, most of the records of the old soldiers of the Revolution and the War of 1812 are to be found in such counties as Warren, Hardin, or Barren.

Yet, though the records are scarce, we find in the first order book of Edmonson County the name of Thomas Barns when he made application for a pension at Brownsville in 1828.

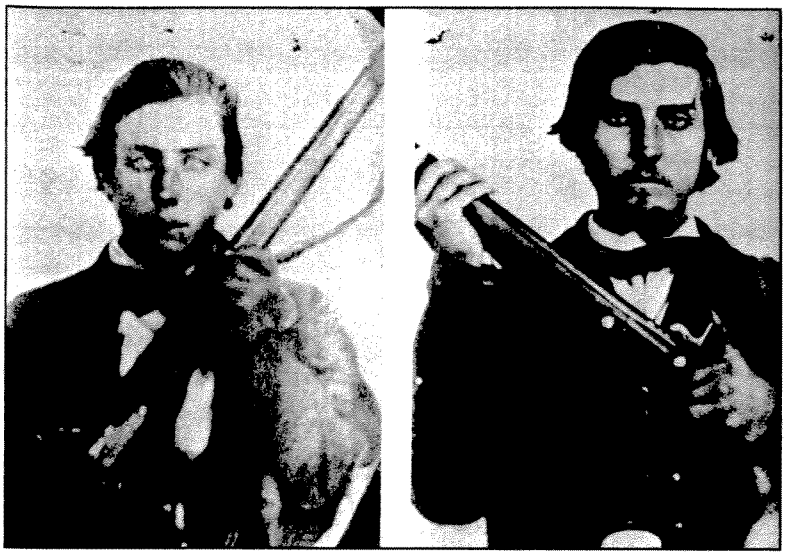
Barns, who at that time was 68 years of age, "being old and weak" made application according to the Acts of Congress passed in 1820. His reason for not making application earlier was that..."I did not wish to be an expense to my Country while I was able to labor..."

He stated that he enlisted for a term of three years in 1776 or 1777, in the state of Georgia as company commander under Capt. John Steward in the Regiment commanded by General Elbert. He served his three years and was discharged at Augusta, Georgia.

Following the establishment of the county in 1825, the next major action was the Mexican conflict which led to War with Mexico in 1846.

The Warnell family lost Henry Warnell, age 24, who had left Kentucky and went to Arkansas. There his wife died in childbirth, and hearing of Colonel William Travis' plea for reinforcements at the Alamo, Warnell left his infant son with a Trammel family and joined the Texans inside the fort. There on the morning of March 6, 1836, he died along with the 188 patriots who were defending the Alamo.

Three days following, on March 9, Henry Dixon, the first County Court Clerk of Edmonson County died with 330 of his comrades at Goliad, Texas



Wm. Alfred Johnson and his brother James H. Johnson, Union Army 1861. Wm. died of wounds at Muldrow's Hill.



Grave of John L. Vertrees in the old Brownsville Cemetery.

after they had surrendered to the Mexicans in the belief they would be treated as prisoners of war. Dixon's heirs received a bounty warrant for 1920 acres in Cooke Co., Texas for his having been massacred with Col. Fannin at Goliad.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, many names of men who served in both the Union and the Confederate Armies are to be found among the old records of the county.

Among the Confederates there are such names as Dr. William Lyons McGavic, one of "Morgan's Raiders" who is buried at Good Spring.

The following names of men is a partial list of those who served in the Confederate Army; 1st KY Brigade (Orphan Brigade):

Joseph Bolton - wounded at Battle of Shiloh, captured and died in prison at Camp Chase, L. F. Bolton, David Edwards, Sandy T. Edwards, Lieut. P. J. Kirtley, Henry Layman, Hugh Parker, Dr. John L. Vertrees, Peter Vertrees, J. T. Williams - died at Bowling Green in 1861, Greenville Woosley - wounded and died at Catroose Springs, Georgia, J. H. Durbin - died at Bowling Green in 1861, Joseph Miller - died of disease in 1862, Mitchell Miller, Walker Nash - sharpshooter and scout for the brigade and was severally wounded at Chickamauga, Jasper Toms - severally wounded at Jonesboro, Dr. Decatur John Leander Ford also fought for the Confederate Army.

The following is a partial list of Union soldiers:

Adwell, Wm.; Age, Felix; Age, Wash.; Alexander, James; Allison, James L.; Amos, Nathan; Ashley, Squire; Baker, John H.; Baker, Capt. H. D.; Barbee, Ira H.; Basham, Reuben B.; Blair, Edward; Blair, George W., Jr.; Blair, John; Blanton, John W.; Bledsoe, Sgt. James P.; Bledsoe, Joel F.; Bratcher, Henry; Brooks, Abraham; Brooks, Ben; Brooks, J. C. (Dick); Brooks, James; Brooks, Smith; Browning, Francis M.; Bryant, John A.; Bullock, James J.; Bullock, John; Butram, Andrew; Butram, James W.; Butram, Oliver G.; Cannon, J. W.; Carrol, John E.; Carroll, Lewis; Cayton, George W.; Childress, Wm. R.; Cline, H.; Cole, Henry; Conway, John N.; Conway, Joseph M.; Cooke, Martin L.; Cooke, Wm.; Cowles, Albert K.; Cowles, James A.; Cowles, James L. F.; Cox, Henry G.; Davis, Alexander; Davis, Asa; Davis, John White; Davis, Robert; Davis, Seth H.; Davis, Wm. W.; Dawes, Kern; Decker, Edmund M.; Decker, Harvey; Demonbrun, Francis M.; Deweese, Virgil M.; Doyel, James R.; Doyel, Wash; Dunn, David; Dunn, J. S. (Dick); Dunn, Thomas E.; Edwards, Oathy S.; Eliot, W. A.; Elmore, Jesse; Farris, Watson; Flora, John; Flowers, Fidelia; Fox, Charles; Gibson, Thos. R.; Gibson, Wm. C.; Graham, Isaac; Granville, Wm. A.; Guess, John; Guess, Wm. C.; Guess, Wm. F.; Hack, Andrew J.; Hack, James A. Harrell, Lieut. Alfred; Harrison, Chris C.; Hatler, Sam; Hazelip, Hiram M.; Hazelip, Lieut. R. C.; Hazelip, W. L.; Heath, Harry; Heath, Madison; Higgs, Isaac; Higgs, Wm. M.; Hogan, Robert T.; Holmes, George; Holder, John F.; Honaker, P. M.; Houchin, Alexander; Houchin, Charles E.; Houchin, Capt. Francis Houchin, Jesse I.; Houchin, John D. Houchin, Wm. Anderson; Houchin, Maj. W. M.; Houchin, W. C.; James, Amos; James, Elijah S.; James, E. T.; James, Roland; Jewel, John (Colored); Johnson, James H.; Johnson, Jesse W.; Johnson, Capt. Oliver P.; Johnson, Wm. Riley; Jones, Russell; Jordon, Sgt. Hiram; Keith, Dan; Kelley, Elijah; Key, James N.; Key, Robert; Kinser, Chris.; Kinser, Jesse C.; Kinser, P. M.; Kinser, Squire Kinslow, J. P.; Lambert, Percy; Lashley, Hezekiah; Lay, Stephen M.; Lee, John J.; Lewis, Pleasant; Lewis, Sanford P.; Likens, Wm.; Lindsey, Andrew J.; Lindsey, A.M.B.; Lindsey, Delaware; Lindsey, James; Lindsey, John H.; Lindsey, Joseph L.; Lindsey, Marshall D.; Lively, Henry (Colored); Logan, Gillis F.; Logan, Stanford M.; Long, Aaron A.; Madison, Asel; Madison, Charles G.; Madison, John M.; Madison, Samuel G.; Mansfield, Richard (Colored); Martin, Joseph; McCombs, James H.; Meredith, Abraham; Meredith, Charles; Meredith, James; Merdith, Lewis J.; Meredith, Peter; Meredith, Smith

B.; Meredith, Stroud; Meredith, Solomon K.; Meredith, Thomas; Meredith, Valentine; Meredith, Wood; Miles, Calvin; Miles, Elijah; Miles, Jackson; Miles, Marion; Miller, Robert; Morris, Hiram; Morris, Capt. Noah; Morris, Reuben; Morris, Robert (Dock); Morris, Sam; Morris, Wilson, Musick, James; Page, Giles (Colored); Page, James Johnson; Page, Henry; Pardue, John; Parish, Lieut. D. C.; Poteet, Joseph; Potter, Thomas; Ray, Pendleton Q.; Raymer, Jacob; Raymer, Philip; Reynolds, James; Roof, James A.; Roof, Dr. John R.; Rutherford, Peter K.; Saling, James L.; Saling, John; Sanders, James W.; Sanders, John H.; Sanders, Samuel E.; Sanders, Lieut. S. R.; Sanders, Wm. M.; Sego, Hiram J.; Simmons, James R.; Simon, Silas A.; Skaggs, Gideon; Skaggs, James A.; Skaggs, James S.; Skaggs, John H.; Skaggs, Sgt. John L.; Skaggs, John Q.; Skaggs, Leander; Skaggs, Martin D.; Skaggs, Mathew; Skaggs, Wm. H. H.; Skaggs, Wodford; Sloan, Allen; Smith, John M.; Smith, Thomas; Souders, Hartford; Souders, John H.; Spainhoward, Wm. T.; Spillman, John E.; Spinks, Pleasant J.; Steward, William H.; Stevenson, Hardin; Stinett, James; Stice, John; Stice, Wm. M.; Sturdivant, Capt. Jno. H.; Tomlinson, Nichols; Torrence, Hiram; Torrence, James A.; Torrence, John W.; Tunks, Solomon P.; Vincent, Jackson P.; Vincent, James H., Jr.; Vincent, Hiram; Vincent, Reuben; Vincent, Samuel; Vincent, S. D.; Vincent, Thomas H.; Vincent, Wm. Sr. (Bill Whistle Vincent); Warnell, James H.; Webb, Webster C.; Wells, Anderson; White, John (Colored); Whobrey, Ancil; Whobrey, James; Whobrey, Norman A.; Whobrey, Wm.; Willis, Joseph; Willis, Lieut. P. W.; Wilson, Brum; Wilson, Samuel; Wiltshire, Wm.; Winchell, Sgt. Ira C.; Wingfield, James A.; Woodcock, John; Woosley, Fountain; York, Finis M.; York, S. P.

The last remaining Civil War soldier in Edmonson County was Mr. Jesse I. Houchin who passed away in October, 1938.

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THE CIVIL WAR

A SKIRMISH AT BROWNSVILLE

"The blue-bloods here became less blue;
And loving hearts became more true;
The felons soon forgot their cells;
The nameless made names for themselves;
The high and low in this great spot
Were now in Nature's melting pot."
John A. Logan: Edmonson

The turbulent years of the Civil War did not leave Edmonson County unscathed. It has been estimated that over six hundred men from the county fought for either side, with the majority siding with the Union Army. Many were fortunate enough to return home, but not without the scars of war etched forever in their lives. And then there were some who waved good-bye, went to war and never returned. These brave men gave the ultimate sacrifice and died for what they believed in.

On November 20, 1861, Brownsville experienced first-hand the effects of the War Between the States. John Hunt Morgan and his band of cavalry had been ravaging through south-central Kentucky collecting needed supplies for the well-being of their beloved Confederacy. The town of Brownsville was to be another of their targets. News of the on-coming invasion was quickly realized by the town's residents. Many townspeople swam or rowed boats across to the north side of Green River. The home guards stationed themselves at the foot of a hill and waited for the invaders.

Morgan's men, numbering fifteen to twenty, rode into town, but did not attempt to cross the river. Probably to demonstrate their command of the situation, the invaders, using a small field piece, fired at the homeguards. It is said the ball struck a large beech tree, missing any of the townspeople. However, Tom Vincent, using Hiram Morris' big-bore rifle, took a shot at one of the rebels. Vincent was amazed when the bullet found its mark and the man fell dead into the creek. This was the only fatality of the skirmish at Brownsville.

Taking their slain man with them, Morgan's men withdrew. They carried out their assignment and took what supplies they needed from the town's businesses. It was during this "looting" process that Ransom Hazelip's sister-in-law suffered the loss of a fine saddle horse.

Upon learning of the theft of her horse, Mrs. Hazelip mounted another animal and pursued the band. At Rhoda the Confederates stopped to bury the dead soldier and she over took them. Advancing to the leader she informed the officer that she was a widow and that one of his men had stolen her horse. Quickly locating the horse, Morgan, so the story goes, said, "The South does not make war on women and instructed that the horse be returned to her at once." Thus ending the "Battle".

Ricky Carroll
Howard Jones

MAJOR W. M. HOUCHIN, SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

Major Woodford Mitchell Houchin was probably the widest adventurer known to the annals of Edmonson County. The youngest son of John D. Houchin, he was born about 1830. Following in the wake of, or perhaps with his father on a flatboat to New Orleans, he heard of the California gold rush; and embarking from that port, he became a "forty-niner". By way of the high seas he rounded the Horn and arrived in California in 1850. If he found any gold, tradition has not preserved the story of it; but he did meet that Tennessee scholar and adventurer, William Walker.

Walker surrounded by young men like himself and Houchin, went down and captured the Peninsula of Lower California and annexed the State of Sonora. These they held for some time. Why they gave them up; the Major would never say.

About 1856, Walker and 56 others including Houchin, sailed to Nicaragua, espoused the cause of a revolutionist and succeeded in making him President. Houchin became a Captain.

In order to raise funds Walker levied tribute on a transportation company owned by Cornelius Vanderbilt in carrying goods across the isthmus. When the company refused to pay the tribute, Walker took it over and placed Houchin in charge. Vanderbilt, in turn sponsored a revolution which toppled Walker and Houchin from their places, and they were ousted from the country.

Later they undertook to reenter the country but were captured at Guatemala. Walker was shot, but Houchin escaped and returned to Edmonson County.

Major Houchin was always very secretive about this expedition. He told M. M. Logan, his grandnephew

that all his comrades who escaped took assumed names; and Senator Logan was of the impression that the Major had used an assumed name.

At the outbreak of the War between the States, Houchin at once became Captain of one of the Companies in the 11th Kentucky Inf. and was later commissioned a Major. He was at Shiloh, Stone River, Missionary Ridge, Perryville, and many other important battles. During the fall of 1864, he was in command of his regiment in northern Georgia.

He was the only soldier from Edmonson County who held a commission in the Army as a Major.

After the War closed, he returned to his native County and made his home here until his death in the first decade of the twentieth century. He had no children.

Major Houchin's given name was Mitchell; but he was called "Major"and signed with his initials, "W. M." Among his brothers were Jesse Houchin, father of Jesse I., R. W., John D. ("Dude") A. W., Decater, and a number of daughters. Asel was also a brother to the Major and was the grandfather of Senator M. M. Logan. Other brothers included Alexander, Moses and Decater went West.

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Oak Grove School 1920's



Hunt's School 1918



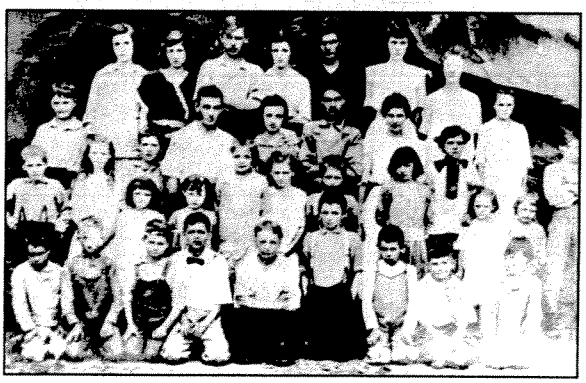
Oak Grove School



Big Ready School 1913



Blanton School 1913



Mt. Zion School circa 1915

TEACHERS

Among the early teachers in Edmonson County were: Mrs. Flossie McDowell, Mrs. Willie Dossey, Uncle Billy Pardue, Mrs. Gertie Lindsey, Ernest Dossey, Tom Conway, James Lowe, Miss Rosa Demunbrun, Miss Cora Duvall, Miss Ine Duvall, Milton McCombs, B. M. Vincent, Edgar Sanders, Emory Mills, Virgil Carder, Henderson Davis, William Davis, DeWit Dalton, Ode Meredith, Ellis Barbee, Miss Maloy Carwell, Roy Davis, Lena Bledsoe Johnson, Sam B. Johnson, Ceberry Williams, Homer Parsley, Henry Sanders, Everett Demunbrun, R. A. Demunbrun, Miss Lula Spillman, Moses Davis, Walter Logsdon, S. T. Demunbrun, Lonard Parsley, A. A. Demunbrun, Clarence Stephens, Miss Tandie McIntire, Miss Stella Smith, Lena Page, Miss Eva Meredith, Ocie Parker, Mrs. Ollie Musick, Condie Barbee, Oren Blair, Elbert Duvall, Miss Gertie Clemmons, John L. Cayton, Miss Ernes Dossey, Miss Omie Dossey, Willie Sanders, Pleas Sanders, Will Stice and others.

Norman Warnell

OLDEST SCHOOL HOUSE

On the 5th day of September 1836, Francis Houchin purchased a tract of land on the South bank of Green River in what is now the Oak Grove Community of Edmonson County.

Francis Houchin and his two brothers, John and Charles, were the first Houchins to settle in the wilderness area that would later become Edmonson County. Francis had located on top of the hill south of the Turnhole (presently in the Mammoth Cave Nat'l. Park) where he reared a family and after the death of his first wife, he remarried and moved down Green River to the land that he had obtained from John Herrington.

Whether Houchin moved into the Herrington house or perhaps built a new house hasn't been determined. At any rate, his health was failing him very fast and on April 24, 1838, he made out his last will and testimony, being witnessed by George W. Cayton and his wife Margaret (Brown) Cayton.

In this unusual document, recorded in the first Will Book of Edmonson County, Kentucky, Francis Houchin, to insure that his children's future security was legally binding, mentioned in his will that his five children were to receive all necessities..."for their support" and "the schooling of the children during the life or widowhood of my said wife Lucinda". Houchin lived almost two more years before he expired.

The large two-story log house became a school for the Houchin children as well as those around the neighborhood. George W. Cayton (Oct. 27, 1814-Oct. 20, 1909) had witnessed Francis Houchin's last request. Cayton (who was later buried behind the school) was an extensive land owner in the Oak Grove Community. In later years through his industry, he was enabled to rear a one-room school known as the Cayton School-House on land presently owned by Elmer Hogan. It was in this school-house that the Oak Grove Baptist Church was constituted in October, 1883, and held regular services there until after the turn of the century. George Cayton's grandson, John Cayton, became a well known teacher in the Edmonson County Public School System.

In 1856, the old two-story log structure that had been both a school and a dwelling house for the Houchin family was purchased by William S. Brown and his young bride Mary Jane Stice. It was in the big room that their oldest child, Harriet was born in 1857. She died in the same room in 1940. Her sister Rose was born here in 1859, and died in the large room in 1951. Two sons, W. A. (Bill) and John were also born here.

The structure is now over 152 years of age, exceeded in age only by the Dripping Spring Church and the Ford House on the 31-W. The present owners are Norman and Linda Warnell.



Oldest Schoolhouse in Edmonson County.

INSTITUTE WEEK

In the last century and in the early part of the 20th century a week's institute for all Edmonson teachers was held at the county courthouse early in the school year.

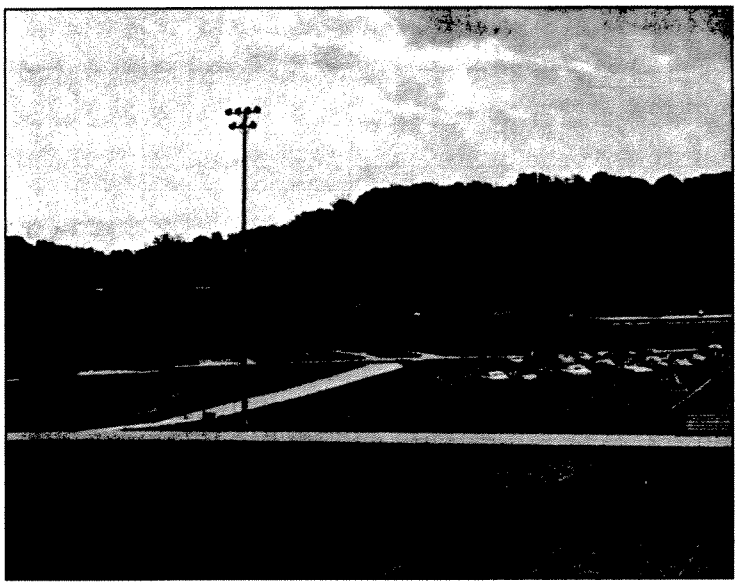
At first, the school term was only five months, but early in this century the term was extended to six months, later to seven months, and now the school term exceeds nine months. At the annual teachers' institute, speakers from Western Normal School would be employed to lecture to the local teachers during the early morning and during the day. Among the popular Western lecturers were R. P. Green, Daddy Burton, H. H. Cherry, Dean Kinnamon, A. M. Stickles, Gordon Wilson, Dr. Ford, T. C. Cherry and others.

The photograph was taken on the courthouse steps in 1909. Among the oldest teachers were Uncle Pace Sanders, Bird Parsley, Birt Rountree, John A. Logan, James Lowe, Moses Davis, William Davis, Samuel Ray, Charlie Ray, John L. Cayton, W. A. Pardue, J. V. Carder, Everette Demunbrun, Clarence Stephens, Edgar Sanders, Willie Sanders, Henderson Davis, Tom Conway, and Misses Omie Dossey, Willie Spillman, Ernest Dossey, Cora Duvall, Ion Duvall, Rosa Demunbrun, Nellie Ray, Jennie Ray, Tandie McIntire, Dewit Dalton, Ode Meredity and others.

Ricky Carroll



Institute Week for teachers 1909.



Edmonson County High School.

HIGH SCHOOLS

The first high school in Edmonson County was the Brownsville High School. It was established in 1917 with two teachers and less than fifty students. In 1921, three young men were graduated; namely Harold McCombs, Victor McCombs and Earl Reed. Sam Sanders was the only fellow in the graduating class of 1922.

Forty-nine students made-up the entire high school student body in 1923. Twenty-two of the 49 went on to become teachers in the county's school system. L. E. Demunbrun, from Metcalfe County, was the third high school principal. He served as principal for two years before accepting a teaching position in Georgia.

By 1927, enrollment of the high school grew to 84, but there were only six graduates in the class of 1927. By this time, seven other high schools had been established in Edmonson County. They were - Chalybeate, Rocky Hill, Joppa, Lincoln, Kyrock, Sunfish and Phalt-Eagle.

Edmonson County High School was created at the end of the 1959-1960 school year. It was formed from the consolidation of Brownsville High School, Kyrock High School, and Sunfish High School. The school was located in the former Brownsville High School building which included Tandie McIntire Hall. At that time only 16 credits were required for graduation.

School spirits soared and many enthusiastic students finally arrived at the totally new high school in 1981. The school's construction cost, approximately four million dollars, was obtained through federal, state and local grants. The construction management plan was used for the first time in Kentucky on a school. In construction management, there is no general contractor; all contracting is with several smaller individual suppliers. This approach resulted in saving around 300,000 dollars.

Ricky L. Carroll - Chris Duvall

ANDERSON SCHOOL

Nestled in the Jock Community is a delapidated old building bearing the name Anderson School. It was built about 1938 and bears the name of a prominent member of the community — Mr. Bernard Anderson. The building was also used for religious purposes until the community built a church house in 1955.

Anderson School was a one-room school that in the early years held grades one through eight. In later years, the highest level of education was the sixth grade. Some of the teachers were Walton Woods, Mr. Henry Vienez, Mrs. Goad, Delia Booth, Mr. Dale Huffman, Mr. Cook, Nannie Owen Meredith and the last teacher MacNeil Van Meter.

In 1964, the school closed down, and the children were bused to Kyrock. The building stands empty on land owned by Reynolds Company. No doubt the students and the people who attended church services have good memories of the old one-room school building.



Anderson School 1960



Steep Hollow School 1904

LITTLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

According to J. T. Duvall who is ninety one years of age the Little Mountain School house was built about 1880. It was built on one and one-half acres of land on the Silas Durbin Farm now known as the Harold Stewart Farm, located off of highway 187 between Sunfish and South Kentucky.

In 1913, T. L. Bush donated another acre of land making it two and one-half acres. J. T. went to school there between the years of 1908 and 1913.

Following is a list of children going to school at Little Mountain School before 1908: Calvin South, Lonnie South, Tom South, William Erbie South, Lambert South, George Durbin, Cora South, Peral South, Maybell South, John Durbin, Jody Durbin, Tom Durbin, Sam Durbin, Mary Durbin, Rebecca Durbin, Sarah Malinda Durbin (mother of J. T. Duvall), Margret Durbin, Lucy Ellen Durbin, Nancy Belle Durbin, and Commodore Lashley.

Following is a list of the children going to Little Mountain School between 1908 and 1913: Albert Higgs, Evert Higgs, Rosa P. Higgs, Evert Lashley, Corb Lashley, Edwin Bush, Elmer Bush, Rudolph Bush, Maud French, Lula French, Walter Hack, Ebon Hayes, Oron Hayes, John B. Hack, Lester Woosley, Estil Woosley, Verna White, Peral White, Sylva White, Ezra White, Hillard Salleng, Unice Salleng Minnie Saling and Mary Ellen Duvall.

Following is a list of the teachers who taught there between 1908 and 1913: Ikey Johnson, James Lowe, John Whalin, Cora Duvall and Lambert South.

The Little Mountain School shut down after the 1942-1943 school year. After the closing of the school Ray and Ruby Stewart moved into the building and lived there for a while.

Following is a list of the children going to Little Mountain School during the 1942-1943 school term, it was the last year they had school there: Robert Louis Gipson, Charles Saling, James E. Richards, James South, Willard Jess Saling, David South, Liza Mae Durbin, Elton Herrell, Mary Lee Salings, Juanita Richards, Dorathy Saling, Modella Vincent, Cora E. Durbin, Myrtle Gipson, Pearl Denora Vincent, Lucille Parker, Ruby South and Tessie Vincent.

There was a total of eighteen students, six boys and twelve girls. Lucille Durbin was the teacher, she taught grades one thru seven.

STEEP HOLLOW SCHOOL-1904

The teacher was either Ian Duvall or Kate McCoin. John A. Logan also taught here at one time. Prior to 1900 this was the only school for children north of Green River in the Grassland and Steep Hollow Communities to attend. The school stood in the hollow between Morris Webb's house and that of J. D. Luttrell's. A new school house was constructed



Jock School early 1930's



Feb Bitha School maybe at Holly Springs Meeting House.

where Scottie Woodcock's house is now located shortly after the above photo was taken. This new school was where the Steep Hollow (Pleasant Union) Baptist Church was constituted in 1909.

Some of the pupils in the above photo were (1) Claudie Skaggs (jailor) was about 4-1/2 years of age. (2) Sherman Skaggs (3 and 4) Skaggs sisters to Claudie (5) Charlie Skaggs.

Others in the photo were some of the Alexander boys; Ova, Clyde, Royall, etc. and Duncan and Earnest Lindsey.

Norman Warnell

JOCK SCHOOL

On October 4, 1906, Stroud J. Meredith deeded the School District 43 one acre of land for the sum of five dollars. This land was situated at the headwaters of Negro Creek and on a ridge dividing Negro Creek and Dismal Creek. J. W. Brooks, W. R. Sanders, and J. T. Meredith were the trustees.

The building constructed on the property was a one-room school house that taught grades one through eight. It stood on Jock Road where Philip Meredith's trailer is today. It was also used for church and Sunday School services. The building was destroyed by fire in the middle thirties.

FED BITHA SCHOOL

The Fed Bitha School was a log one-room school house which stood on the property where Roy T. Vincent's home is today. It had no windows and only one door, and in the winter classes were held in the Holly Springs Meeting House. Two of the teachers were Mrs. Evie Duvall Anderson and Mrs. Effie Duvall Ashley, sisters. The origin and fate of the school is unclear, but classes were discontinued when the Jock School house was built.

BASEBALL

From the days when Cal Johnson, Ed Lindsey, Arthur Reed, Rowan Logan, Lovie Dossey, Lawrence Denham, and others constituted one of the best professional baseball teams ever to grace a baseball diamond, and from the time Bee Spring boasted of its baseball "Bombers," Edmonson County has developed great baseball players.

Some of the old photographs found in the attic help recall the stellar teams once found in the Forks section of the county, which possessed such stalwarts as Emo Davis, Johnny Hogan, Roy Davis, Lonnie Hogan, Oren Blair, Ellis Barbee, the Ritter boys, and others.

The three major high schools once in the county, Brownsville, Kyrock, and Sunfish, always produced outstanding baseball hurlers and sluggers. The annual county baseball tournament conducted by these teams was on the par with professional tournaments. The rivalry was always keen but on a friendly basis. Who is there among you older readers that doesn't recall such players on the Brownsville teams as Romer Lindsey, Decker Logan, "Big Arthur" Lindsey, "Moko" Lindsey, "Sheeny" Logan, Frank Logan, Roy Hatler, "Berod" Johnson, Hoyt Tarter, Reginald Woosley, Walter Browning, Bennett Cooke, Guy Johnson, George Lindsay, Ed Woodcock, Dabner Cooke, Elmer Alexander, "Hen" Denham, and scores of others? The Kyrock team boasted of such stalwarts as Ed Lane, Paul Sanders, Junior Houchin, Talford Jaggers, "Skeeter" Jaggers, Wand B. Doyle, R. C. Dennis, Johnnie Woodcock, Presque Lashley, "Babe" Meredith, Darrell Vanmeter, Carl Ashley, Bill Meredith, and others. Sunfish, under the tutelage of Glen Duvall, produced such as Daniel Logsdon, Abe Farris, "Shortie" Wells, the Woosley boys, Lloyd Wells, Charles Jones, Graf Hamilton, the Durbins, the Simons, the Duvalls, and many more.

J. P. Alexander often said that the highlight of his high school career was the championship baseball game in the state tournament, when the Browns were defeated for the state championship by Male High of Louisville 4-2 when the game was halted in the 7th inning by rain. He said that the games then went nine innings instead of seven, as they do now in baseball tournaments, and that if rain had not halted the game, the Browns, he always thought, could have won the state crown.



Cade Baseball Team. Photo taken in 1905, at the side of the old Mammoth Cave Hotel. Front row l to r: Ace Blair, Vessie Blair, Alvin Parker and Jim Lindsey. Second row: Dio Parker, George Davis, Tim Carroll, Tom Lane, Lee Wood and Ode Meredith. The man standing is George Page.

This state-tournament game was played in 1925. In addition to J. P. Alexander, other members of the squad were Romer Lindsey, Arthur Lindsey, Wilbur Brooks, Moko Lindsey, Bennett Cooke, Moses Nixon, Andrew Webb, Nat Reed, Lawrence Logan, Paul Brooks, Jim James, and Owen Alexander. Their coach was Rowan "Bouser" Logan, a brother to the late U. S. Senator M. M. Logan.

Paul Brooks once said that "Bouser" and the boys would stay on the baseball field and practice until dark pushed them out, despite the efforts, at times, of the high school principal, Mr. Stewart, to curtail such strenuous physical work.

A few members of this same Brown squad were also members of the 1928 squad that lost the championship to Louisville Manual 11-3. Bennett Cooke, Moko Lindsey, Lawrence Logan, and Jim James were on the 1928 squad. "Coogan" Woosley, the Brown hurler, was unable to field bunts, and most of the Manual scores came by the bunt route.

The state tournaments then were played on Western's diamond at Bowling Green, where Coach E. A. Diddle would grant every favor possible to the local baseball players. In fact, a number of the Brownsville High players became baseball players for Mr. Diddle at Western. Among them were J. P. Alexander, Victor McCombs, Andrew Webb, Bennett Cooke, Romer Lindsey, and others, all of whom won their letters in college baseball.

In later years there have been several other baseball players from Edmonson high schools who have earned college letters in baseball at Western. It is doubtful that any other county in the state has produced as many top baseball players as has Edmonson.

When Kyrock was at its heyday, the company always had a top professional team that could cope with any independent team in the state or in the neighboring states. There were on these teams such stalwarts as "Bulldog" Evans, Carl Evans, Ick Waver, Wells Hackney, "Bill Taters" Meredith, Red Hawkins, "Plug" Lindsey, "Bill" Weaver, the Woodcocks, and numerous others. To watch the Kyrock teams wallop nearly every opponent was like watching a major-league game.

Norman Warnell

BASKETBALL

In the early days of schools in Edmonson County there were no gymnasiums. Their basketball facilities consisted of a single backboard and goal hung on a rough-hewn post that was as often twelve feet from the ground as it was ten feet, and the court was a hard packed dirt court. The squad would practice daily on this primitive outdoor court, even in winter. When snow blanketed the surface, two or three players would clear it during morning recess. By afternoon, it was dry and ready for team practice.

The basketball was often a product of a candy sale and within two weeks of pounding on the dirt floor it usually had a knot somewhere, and made it just as impossible to dribble on the dirt court as on a hardwood court.

It was under circumstances like the above, and on a windy day, that the famous game that appeared in Ripley's Believe It or Not was played at Asphalt between the old one room schools of "Phalt Eagle" and Blanton. The final score was 1-0.

Later when the three high schools in the county—Brownsville, Kyrock and Sunfish all had gymnasiums (before the days of high school consolidation) some great teams began to appear.

Who is there among the older generation that doesn't remember "Moko" and his stalwart Browns quint of 1928, composed of such stars as Bennet Cooke, Dabner Cooke, Jim James, Walter Browning, Elmer Alexander, Gerald Denham, and others? Surely you recall how Walter became widely known as "Phiz-water." Many of you, no doubt, remember the time Walter warmed up for a game on the Horse Cave floor with Coach Dan Owen's Red Devils. Walter forgot to don his basketball trunks until someone on the sideline warned him that he was trunkless. Of course, he was wearing a long sweatshirt. Dabner Cooke was perhaps the most unguardable player ever to wear a Brown uniform. He was the son of Amos Cooke who lived at Chalybeate for many years. Dabner could shoot the hoops from all positions and even in unorthodox manner. He was quite unlike Little Bill Houchin, who was substituted once at Short Creek in the Kyrock line-up. Bill failed to score, and was removed from the game by his coach. When asked by his coach what was wrong with him, Bill replied, "That guard always got in my way". But the guard never got in Dabner's way. Gerald Denham was given his nickname after his coach told him he wasn't guarding but just out there hopping around.

The "Moko" five captured the A division of the district tournament at Scottsville, and lost to Elizabethtown in the regional meet, but this five captured the first district and regional recognition for Brownsville High.

The second great Brown quint composed of Guy Johnson, Stinson Skaggs, Junior McCombs, George Lindsey, Edwin Alexander, Cortland Reed, Howard Reed, and others, won 30 of their 32 games during the season.

During the years there have been other outstanding hardwood artists for the Browns. There was never a better ball handler than "Hen" Denham. Among these artists were such performers as Elmer Cooke, Calvin Houchin, Regnal Skaggs, Gait York, Ed McCrady (always nicknamed 'Grandpa' because of semi-baldness even as a freshman in high school), Dink James, Everett Cooke, Billy Gene "Sneezer" Madison, Roy and Ray James, Herbert Skaggs, Rome Skaggs, Ed Woodcock, Moran Demunbrun, Ray Campbell, Junior Woodcock, Rayburn Parker, Ruble Cowles, Elbert Tarter, George Wheat, Scottie Woodcock, Lloyd Tarter, Eugene Tunks, Warner Skaggs, Warner Dossey, Kenneth Skaggs and many more.

Sunfish High School was never lacking its stellar performers during the long coaching of Glen Duvall at the school. There were such stars as Lloyd and Shortie Wells, Graf Hamilton, Felix and Estil Durbin, Abe Farris, Charles Jones, the Key boys, the Simon boys, the Stearmans, the Durbins, the Logsdons, the Kinsers, the Skaggses, and many others.

Many of these were basketball satellites for Glen Duvall when Brownsville was to play Sunfish in the district basketball tournament. Prior to the district meet on the Sunfish floor, in a school chapel program the Brownsville lads buried Sunfish, but when came the tournament, the Sun Perches buried the Browns beneath an avalanche of spectacular shots and won the district crown. It was Estil Durbin's unorthodox shot one season that nosed out the Browns in tournament play.



Chalybeate Basketball Team 1938-39. L to R: Lawrence Gipson, Carl Skaggs, Vollie "Steamboat" Parker, Paul Bolton, and J.D. Hubbard.

Kyrock High School had many a bright spot during its life on the hardwood, perhaps beginning with Rusty VanMeter, Elton Woodcock, and others. Then came the best passing team ever to cavort either on an outdoor court or on the hardwood in Edmonson County. Composing this team were Paul and D. C. Sanders, Edward Land, Junior Houchin, R. C. Dennis, Carl Ashley, Charlie and Bud VanMeter, and others. Kyrock can also boast also of such stalwarts as the Stewarts, the Merediths, the Ashleys, the Riches, the Duvalls, the Harrods, the Colemans, the Lindseys, and others.

During the high school days of girls' basketball, the Browns were not lacking in stars. It was said that Beulah Alexander and Beulah Jones could "climb" the concrete wall in the basement "chicken-coop" gymnasium at Hiseville. Other stars of the Brownies included Anis Vincent, Mary McCombs, Jessie Mae Reed, Lova Vincent, Nelva Vincent, Lillian Whittle, Louise Dossey, Mable Parsley, Betty Houchin, and others. The girls once captured the district title, and then were defeated in the regional meet at Horse Cave. They also once finished a game on the Scottsville floor with only three players in the game. All others had fouled out. The championship girls quintette defeated Caneyville 3-1, with no field goal being registered; and once defeated Memorial 12-0, as J. O. Vincent, then coach of the Browns, spittered and spattered.

Norman Warnell

1976 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1976 Boy's State High School Basketball Championship

Winner: Edmonson County

The 1976 Edmonson County basketball team was called "The Cinderella Team" because they came from a small, rural southwestern county, and they walked away with the ultimate prize - the 1976 Kentucky High School Basketball Championship.

Edmonson County's team was coached by Bowman (BoBo) Davenport. Davenport had previously coached twenty-four years at Clarkson High School and then was the first coach for the newly-consolidated Grayson County High School. Davenport was fired from Grayson County High on April 8, 1975, and he was hired by Edmonson County the next day, April 9, 1975. This proved to be a very wise move for Edmonson County as Davenport led his team to the 1976 championship. It was the first trip to the State for both Davenport and Edmonson County. The combination proved unbeatable.

After losing to Glasgow 51 to 44 in the final 15th District Tournament game, Edmonson County went on to win the Fourth Region Championship at E. A. Diddle Arena in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Courier-Journal's Litkenhous pretournament ratings listed the Fourth Region Champion (Edmonson County) 14th of 16, calculating the only teams they had a chance to beat were Betsy Layne and Green County. However, Edmonson County proved to be an exception to the ratings.

On Wednesday during the first round, Edmonson County defeated Betsy Lane 77-72.

During Friday's quarter-finals they defeated Harrison County 61-57.

The first game they played on Saturday resulted in a 53-52 win over Shelby County. The outcome of this game was protested vehemently by Shelby County's coach Tom Creamer. With the final seconds ticking away, a foul was called against Edmonson County sophomore Mark Hennion under the Shelby County basket. But before the referees could stop Freedom Hall's clock which was operated by William (Big Six) Henderson, the time ran out. Coach Creamer requested that two seconds be put back on the clock, but official Jerry Jenkins refused. Officials did put Norris Beckley of Shelby County on the free throw line. Beckley hit both baskets cutting Edmonson County's victory to one point.



The E.C.H.S. Basketball Team 1976



The 1976 Ky. High School Basketball Champs. By Jeff Embry.



The Championship Trophy. By Pam Spaulding.

Edmonson County then went on Saturday night to win a run-away victory over Christian County 74-52 giving them title to the 1976 State Championship. Edmonson County sophomore Mark Hennion led in scoring with 25 points, followed by 6'4" senior Phil Rich referred to as "The Mountain" with 20 points.

Named to the All-State Tournament Team were seniors Phil Rich and Chester Bethel.

The combination of many factors led to this surprise victory: Davenport's coaching abilities, the players attentiveness, their ability to play the game, their teamwork, their desire to win, and last but not least, the tremendous support given by Edmonson County fans. The fans jubilation over the victory was unsurpassed. It was as if they had personally played the game themselves.

1976 Edmonson County High School Team: Principal - John Vincent, Coach - Bowman Davenport, Assistant Coach - Charlie Hopkins, Managers - Tommy Ritter and Larry Starnes; Players - Kevin Clemmons, Mark Hennion, Aaron Goad, Chester Bethel, Phil Rich, Jeff Doyle, Ricky Houchins, Tim Ashley, Ricky Davis, Ricky Lindsey, Keith Pointenger, Jimmy Cole.

By: Billie Jo Rich

DEADLY FLU OF 1919

Many of the old timers around Edmonson County yet recall the terrible flu during the winter of 1919. Especially hard-hit by this new epidemic were the rural sections of our state. In those remote corners of Kentucky hundreds died from it, often without ever seeing a doctor. Records of the number of deaths are incomplete. However, in Edmonson County alone, scores fell victim. Perhaps some of the readers have other memories of that faraway time.

Many families were completely wiped out by the killer flu. One family was reported to have had three dead unburied children in their home at one time. Neighbors came in and took turns in caring for the stricken families of the flu victims.

Symptoms were temperatures that hovered above 104 degrees and stomach sickness with diarrhea that was mostly blood. Those afflicted were delirious and so weak they could scarcely move hand or foot. Most died within the first few days, but if the condition continued it ran its course in about two weeks. Probably little or no medicinal help was used as there were no antibiotics in that day. Another oddity of this scourge was that it seemed to kill the strongest men in the community while those who appeared weaker seemed to survive and recover.

Some of those who died around Brownsville were Duncan Sanders and his wife. Their son, Willie, who taught school at Mt. Zion took sick. School was dismissed and he went home. The next report that the children heard was that he had died.

Joe Luttrell and his brother Leslie died. Joe Barks and Eular Webb also succumbed to the illness. Jim Potter's wife died leaving several small children as did Doshie Davis, wife of Robert Davis.

Perhaps the most affecting story was that of Edd Warnell and Sherman Skaggs, both close friends. They thought of each other as brothers and were always ready to assist each other in what ever work needed to be done. Both died within three days of each other, with neither being able to come to the aid of the other. Sherman, 21, died single. Edd, 28, left five small children and a wife. The youngest child being only nine months old.

Claudie Skaggs of Brownsville once related to the writer that he was staying with his brother, Sherman, and helping care for him. He took the flu and had to leave his brother and go to his father, Tom Skaggs' house. He was unable to walk, but managed to ride a mule at night to his father's place, but was so sick that he had to lay his head over the animal's neck barely being able to support himself. After hovering between life and death for several days he managed to recover.

Funerals couldn't be held in many places until the following Spring. Almost every home was affected and recovery was painfully slow.

There was also a number of cattle deaths during this time, but no one was ever sure that the cause of their deaths was the flu or perhaps the neglect by their stricken owners of the proper care for their stock.

Norman Warnell

CYCLONE AT FAIRVIEW 3-1123

This event was related by Mrs. Rose Cooke, wife of Rev. Charlie Cooke, lifetime residents of the Fairview Community of Edmonson County both now deceased. She knew the parties connected with the story and had every fact as she was a close friend and neighbor of those mentioned in the story. This is also substantiated by the Glasgow Republican News on March 29, 1923.

The day dawned bright and beautiful, and the temperature was unusually warm for that time of the year. Late that afternoon, Rev. Charlie and Rose Cooke went to visit their neighbors, Mr. C. L. (Lovie) Dossey and wife Mrs. Jennie Ray Dossey, a prominent school teacher of the Edmonson County Public School System. Mrs. Margaret Cox, who was staying with the Dossey family, was also there helping the family recover from a recent sickness.

Just as it was getting dark, the Cookes decided to leave for their home which stood across the field. Mr. Dossey and the two children followed them to the yard gate and implored them to spend the night. The children were especially earnest in begging Rose Cooke to stay as they were fondly attached to her. While they were standing at the gate, Mr. Dossey noticed that his livestock were acting strange and remarked that there must be a change of weather on the way. They also noticed in the direction of where the sun had set, some unfamiliar lights in the sky. After conversing for a while longer, the Cookes departed for home.

That night the "cyclone", as the old-timers referred to it, struck. Traveling in a north-westernly direction the storm traveled from as far east as Burksville in Cumberland County where some small dwellings were completely upset and traversed the entire length of the Marrowbone Valley to Summer Shade and Beaumont in Metcalfe County where houses and barns were unroofed, valuable shade and fruit trees were blown down, buildings were moved from their foundations and a lot of havoc done. In Barren County the old wooden covered bridge on the Greensburg road, near Coral Hill, was destroyed, the roof and about 35 feet of the walls being blown away.

By the time the storm reached Warren County it had gained momentum and was sweeping clean its pathway. Through the Boiling Springs section of Edmonson County it came, laying waste to hundreds of acres of timber, the path which could be seen from the top of the "knobs", extended out of sight. On into the Oak Grove Community the storm roared, topping the hills behind the Virgil James house, blowing away one of the rooms and trapping Mr. James under the debris. The force of the funnel was so great that it jerked the Oak Grove Church from its foundation about a quarter of a mile away from the eye of the funnel cloud. The next farm in its path was that of Mrs. J. F. Lindsey where her barn was blown away.

The tornado then lifted above Beaver Dam Creek and set down in the Fairview Community. Traveling in a 180 degree line for the Charlie Cooke house, it suddenly, for no other reason except that known to Providence, made a 90 degree turn at a walnut tree which stood a hundred or so yards from the Cooke house and headed directly for the Dossey residence, and afterwards across Green River near the turnhole and on across the county.

The next morning when Mrs. Rose

Cooke arose to prepare breakfast, she looked toward the Dossey home, and saw that the house was gone. She immediately awoke her husband who ran to see what had happened, and found Mr. Dossey unconscious, his wife killed and Mrs. Cox dead and the two children wet and cold. The clothing of the family was said to be hung in trees for miles away, and letters were found in the Lincoln Community which belonged to the family. The house which was an old one but built well and with large rock foundations was a total wreck.

Mrs. Cox was 59 years of age and was found about 40 yards from the house with both arms, legs, and neck broken. She was the widow of Bill Cox, who had died the previous spring.

Neighbors came in and picked up the family belongings which were scattered and assisted in the funeral arrangements. Mr. Dossey did not regain consciousness for several days.

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Cyclone Site



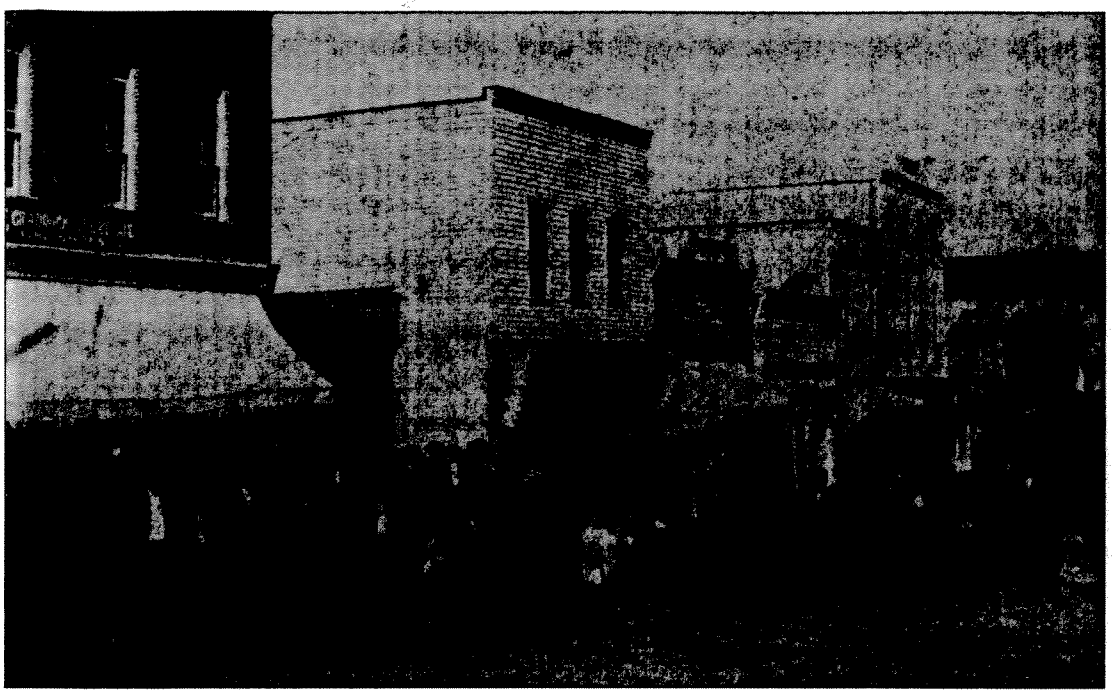
Flood of 1913



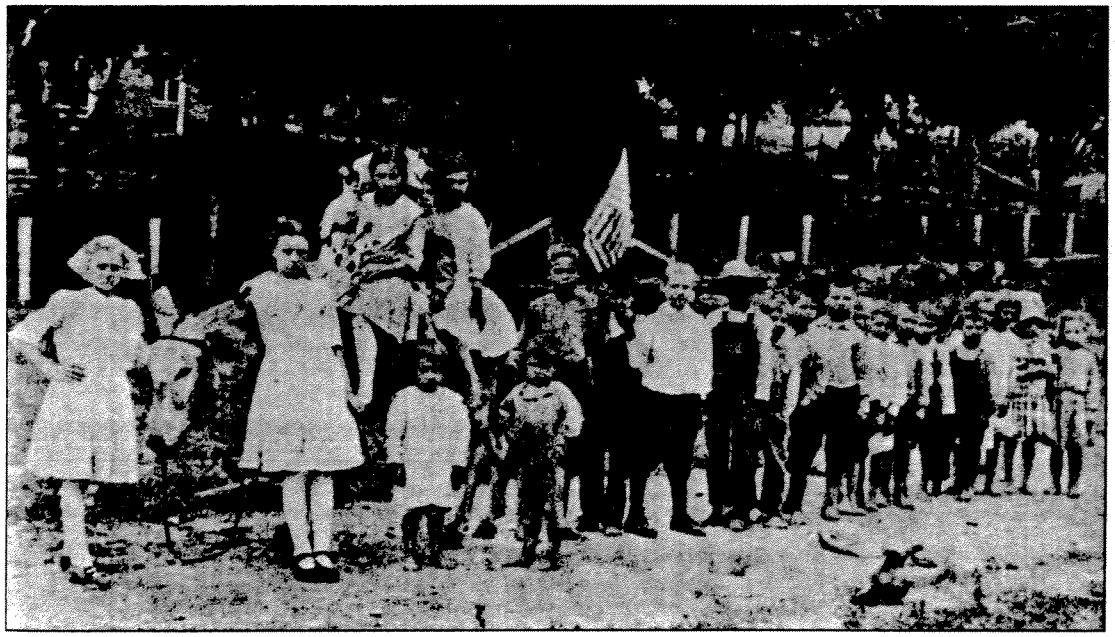
Ben and Broad, oxen. Left to right: William Porter "Dove" Minyard, Ezra Minyard, Clifford Minyard, Bob Carwell (carpenter) and Edd Minyard (in wagon). Picture taken in 1912, in front of Dio Parker's house. The photographer was Jess Cole.



Odd Fellows Lodge



Celebrating Peace, 1918



Sunday Parade c 1910

THE COUNTRY STORE

The R. L. Vincent Store at Bee Spring stood where Lon Rich's house now stands. It was possibly the oldest store in that section. One of the classic stories concerns a group of men who were seated around the pot-bellied stove in the general store at Bee Springs one cold winter day years ago. When the conversation turned, as it was sure to do, to the trading of imagination-staggering stories, the proprietor offered a pint of his whisky to the man who could tell the wildest tale.

The lying began, and finally all except two men, Pete "Jockey" Meredith and Tom Saling, had been heard from.

"You know," said Meredith, a big rawboned fellow, "the other day I was over on Nolin River opposite Dismal Rock when I saw something you just won't believe."

"Up on top of the rock I could barely see the figure of a man. As I watched, he ran up to the edge and jumped off the top of that 300-foot-high rock. He jumped clean across the river, lit on the other side and kept right on running."

Everybody was about to award the whisky to Meredith until Saling, a small man, took undisputed possession of the prize.

"I hadn't meant to say anything about it because I thought nobody would believe me," he said slowly. "But now that I've a witness, I might as well own up to it—that was me that jumped off that rock!"

The nail-keg philosophers, so common and plentiful just a few years ago, have just about vanished from the world picture. The truth is that too many of us try to go through life without any philosophy.

But a few years ago many nail-keg philosophers engaged in deep philosophical thinking around the big-bellied stoves at the cross-roads country store. The groups were not just gossip groups, as the women would often claim. The best crops that old farmers ever made were often made in the winter time around the red-hot stoves.

How many of the older citizens recall such groups around the big stoves at country stores owned by Tom Davis and Little Jim Meredith at Stockholm, the Sanders store at Ollie, the Aunt Margaret store at Cade, the Uncle Johnnie Davis store at Buffalo, the P. M. Dosey store at Mammoth Cave, the Milton McCombs store at Joppa, the Tunks store at Arthur, the Dawes store at Pig, the Sanders store at Rocky Hill, the Aunt Liza Cowles store at Boiling Springs, the Brad Music at Bee Spring, the Herbert Hazelip store at Asphalt, the Raymer store at Wingfield, the Uncle Gilbert Webb store at Lindseyville, the Clyde Alexander and the Huddleston store at Steephollow, and many more. In the county seat town were the stores owned by Eugene Meredith, Bert Dossey, Cal Johnson, John Dosey, Ed Lindsey, Uncle Robbie Houchin, Jim Redford, Joe Madison, and G. W. Woodcock.

Norman Warnell



Vincent Store at Bee Spring

BARNER'S MILL

Many a pioneer in the early days of this region's settlement bought or patented lands, made improvements and then moved on. Such men left no descendants here to perpetuate their names but without their industry and improvements to the land it might never have been tamed. These efforts added to the wealth of the land and provided for the inevitable migrations that would follow. One such man was Francis Barner.

Francis was the son of John and Ann Barner of Powhatan County, Virginia. He was born 24 January 1743 and married a Miss Jones who bore him at least three children: John, Thomas and Wiley Jones Barner. He married secondly in 1787 in Brunswick County, Virginia, Elizabeth, the daughter of Mathew and Martha (Chappel) Mayes of Dinwiddie County, Virginia. The issue of this second marriage was: William (c1788), Benjamin (c1790), Sterling (c1792), Martha (c1794), Rebecca (c1796) and Mary (c1798).

Francis and Elizabeth, with their children, moved to Fayette County, Virginia (now Kentucky) in 1789 taking up land on Marble Creek. A decade later Francis and Elizabeth moved to Port William on the Ohio River in Gallatin County, Kentucky (now Carrollton, Carroll County, Kentucky) but four years later continued the westward migration and settled on Alexander's Creek in the southern portion of what is now Edmonson County.

The tax lists of 1803 show Francis Barner with over 1,200 acres on the waters of Alexander's Creek. In 1807 he purchased 200 acres of land from John Walker for $500 upon which to erect a water mill. This mill, no doubt, served quite an area especially just to the southeast where the land was commonly referred to as "The Barrens" and water for mills was in short supply.

In 1813 Francis sold this land for $1,400 with William B. Smith purchasing the mill. That same year he retired to live with his son William

nearby at the Dripping Spring. William Barner married Perlina Baker, a daughter of John and Sarah (Quisenberry) Baker. Perlina was a sister of Dr. John Henderson Baker and was the mother of Sterling Baker Barner which is refered to elsewhere.

Francis and Elizabeth left for Logan County in 1818 where their daughter would have more advantages. Francis Barner died in 1825 while visiting his sons Benjamin and Sterling in Columbus, Hickman County, Kentucky.

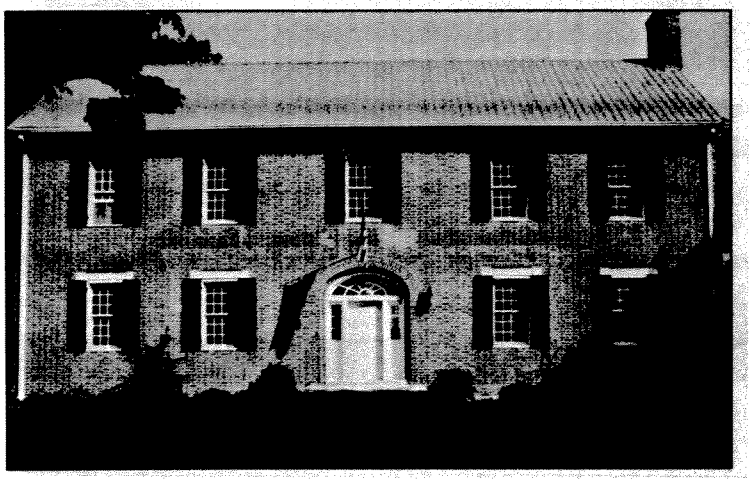
Barner's Old Mill, as it was commonly called, changed hands many times. In 1846 Jacob VanMeter purchased the site, later selling it in 1850 to Henry G. Mitchell. Five years later it again changed hands with Robert Gregory Johnson becoming the purchaser. In 1873 Daniel C. Parrish became the owner and in more recent years the site has been owned by Earl Houchin.

Today people marvel at the size of the stones used in building the mill dam with many measuring 5'X3'X2-1/2'. The base of the dam measured 12-1/2' tapering toward the top to 11-1/2' feet. Although all trace of the mill house has been gone for many years, the ruins of the mill dam remain today as a monument to Francis Barner and to the efforts of those early pioneers who settled the land.

Submitted by: Joseph Stephen Hays



Francis Barner's Mill



Point Retirement, built in 1828 by Dr. Wm. Ford & Nancy Embry.

"POINT RETIREMENT"

On Edmonson County's southern border and fronting on the Louisville Road is the beautiful Federal style brick house erected in 1828 for Dr. William Ford and his second wife Nancy Embry. They called it "POINT RETIREMENT" and fifteen years later the name was recorded for posterity when it was sewn into a sampler created by their daughter Nancy Patterson Ford.

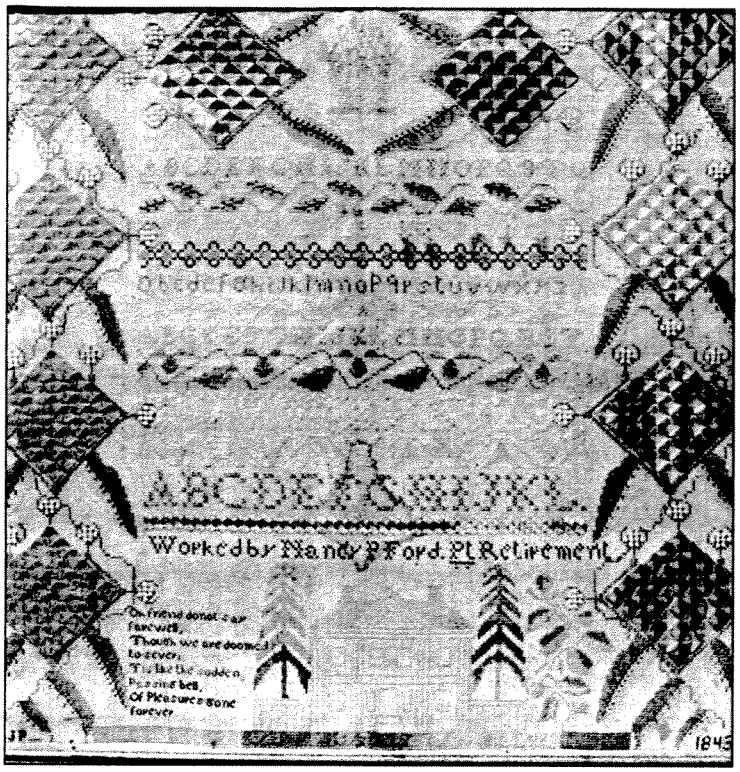
This structure is indeed the most important house both historically and architecturally in Edmonson County and is today the only remaining ante-bellum brick dwelling in the county. Due to its qualifications in 1980 it was nominated and placed on the Register of Historic Places and is now designated as a National Historic Landmark.

William and Nancy Ford purchased the original tract of 350 acres on 3 February 1827 from Charles Epperson of Warren County, Kentucky for $740 with its appurtenances bounded by the lands of Ephraim Hubbard and the Morris Claim. They immediately began construction of their two story house of brick laid in the Flemish bond pattern with wooden lintels in the bull's eye design over the windows and the typical eliptical fanlite over the front door.

A two room wooden ell was constructed and attached to the right rear of the brick portion housing the dining room on the first floor with an additional bed chamber above. All millwork was of native yellow poplar with floors of ash on the first level and floors of poplar on the second level.

Upon entering the central hall we find a parlor to the left and the master bed chamber to the right. The bull's eye and rope motif's are found throughout the house in the Adam style. The front stairway led to a trunk room over the entrance hall and a bed chamber for the boys over the parlor. A back stairway led to the girls bed chamber over the master bed chamber and also leading to the bed chamber over the dining room. All rooms except the parlor had built-in closets.

A separate kitchen, slave houses, meat house, carriage house and other dependencies are now gone. A short distance northeast of the mansion is found the family burying



Sampler of Point Retirement, made by Nancy Patterson Ford in 1843

ground situated on one acre of land reserved by the Ford heirs.

When Dr. William Ford died 26 September 1860 his son-in-law, H. Tandy Arnold, sold "POINT RETIREMENT" to his daughter Mary Charlotte (Ford) Dunn and her husband Woodford Dunn 19 November 1860 for the sum of $9,000. Their ownership lasted until 1 January 1868 when they sold 538 acres for $9,750 to Robert Smith Palmore and wife Mary Elizabeth Wilson of neighboring Hart County.

On 28 August 1884 the Palmore's sold the house and 400 acres to D. L. Crain and wife Josie N. Drane for $6,000. Under the Crain ownership the house was remodeled by adding a front porch, new windows and front doorway, doors with transoms for the parlor and master bed chamber, and the newell posts on the stairway reflecting the Eastlake Victorian mood.

In 1953 the heirs of Moses Nathaniel Crain and wife Bettie Davis sold the property to Charles Whittle for $15,000 and other considerations. Whittle sold to a succession of brief owners including Tommy Sanders, Don Cox and Bud Greenup. Today (1988) it is owned by Ed and Mildred (York) Woodcock who are carefully preserving the old structure. Their restoration and renovation efforts have given new life to this magnificent dwelling of yesteryear.

Submitted by: Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.

IRON FURNACE

In 1846, Craddock & Co., under the direction of Dr. John H. Baker, constructed an iron furnace about half a mile west of Nolin River on Davis Creek in the northern section of the county. Today, the remains of the furnace virtually are submerged in the Nolin River Reservoir.

The principle feature of the furnace was a large smokestack built of guarried limestone. It measured about 35 feet square at the base with a slight taper to an approximate height of 40 feet. The main opening at the base resembled a giant fireplace. During a storm a few years before the lake was created, the smokestack was blown down. Years prior, other structures including the casting room and coal house had deteriorated.

From the surrounding hillsides, stones containing iron ore were mined. The ore was transported to the furnace by ox-wagons, and then transferred to mule-drawn carts which hauled the ore along a tramway to the top of the stack. From there, the ore was dumped into the furnace. Charcoal produced from the wood of local forests was used as fuel. The charcoal was made by burning cords of wood covered deep in the soil. Dr. Baker paid 25 cents a cord for wood cut and delivered to the kilns near the furnace.

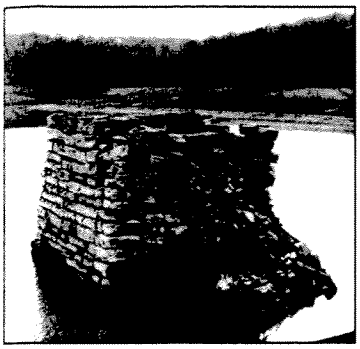
The chief product of the furnace was pig iron which was recovered from sand vats at the base of the stack. The slag or waste material was dumped over a hillside where fragments still remain. Some molding was done in the casting room to produce products for the local population. These iron utensils included kettles of various sizes and dog-irons used in wood fireplaces.

Most of the pig iron was hauled by ox-wagons to the banks of Nolin River where it was dumped into flatboat barges and shipped down the treacherous waters of the Nolin and Green Rivers to Rockport, Indiana. Tradition recounts the sinking of a barge loaded with pig iron on the rapids of the Nolin around 1850.

Operations at the furnace ceased sometime around 1850. Both the construction and production of the enterprise were complicated by lawsuits, and the death of key personnel. While the sinking of the barge and an 1849 lawsuit contesting ownership of the land may have been contributing factors, the primary reason for the demise of the furnace was probably the death of financier Jesse Craddock in 1847. It was assumed at the time that Craddock financed the construction of the furnace while Baker acted as supervisor.

Following his service in the Civil War, Dr. Baker sold his wife's interest in the furnace, but operations never resumed.

Faye Carroll



The Remains of the Iron Furnance

DRIPPING SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH

This quaint little brick church on the Louisville Road near the Edmonson-Warren County line was built in 1830 by Dr. William Ford who gave the land and by John White who financed the construction of the building.

Dr. Ford was the local physician as well as a Baptist preacher. He not only was a co-organizer but is said to have been the church's first pastor. The court records of Edmonson County reveal that he married many couples during his tenure as a resident from 1828-1860. He later joined the Christian Church under the preaching of The Rev. Alexander Campbell.

John White, a native of Prince William County, Virginia, became the great land baron owning 10,000 acres of land and 100 slaves. He was a benevolent Christian and at his death manumitted 30 slaves willing them two thousand acres of land. It was he who had the brick edifice erected by his own means.

On 12 April 1840 the Liberty Hill Church was re-constituted with The Rev. Jacob Locke, The Rev. Henry B. Higgins and ten members. Peyton Cooke, Robert W. Thomas and James M. Anderson were chosen to represent the congregation in July 1840 at the Liberty Association.

From 1840-1843 Bro. James M. Pendleton was the pastor and from 1843-1852 Bro. R. W. Thomas served as pastor. By 1845 the membership has increased to 46. In the three decades before the War Between the States the Campbellites made several attacks on the congregation carrying off a number of converts.

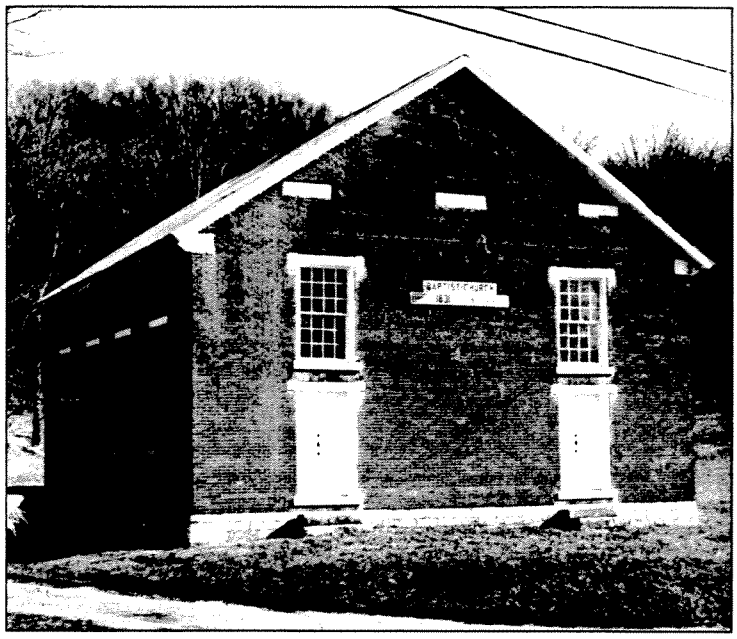
The Rev. R. T. Gardner served as pastor from 1852-1853 and was succeeded in 1854 by Elder C. H. Monroe. He was followed by The Rev. W. Kidd who served 1855-1856.

During the years 1861-1866 the church was inactive with the Union Army occupying the building for a brief period. This church retained an integrated membership for about fifteen years after emancipation at which time the Icy Sink Church was organized.

In 1866 Bro. N. G. Terry had a protracted meeting and The Rev. Thomas H. Storts was elected pastor for one year. The next year Bro. N. G. Terry was elected pastor and under his leadership in 1872 sent James A. Smith, Pressly B. Potter and Martin Rumsey Gossom as messengers to the association where they reported having a membership of 104.

In the 1890's there was a sharp decline in the membership but in 1903 the church was reorganized. Today it boasts an active congregation and fortunately the old structure remains essentially the same as it did in 1830 though the balcony where the slave members once sat has been removed.

Submitted by: Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.



Dripping Springs Baptist Church established 1831

CHALYBEATE SPRINGS HOTEL

A community in the southern section of Edmonson County was named Chalybeate Springs by the early French settlers because of the "Iron Water" found there. Around these springs, a popular health resort and recreation area was developed which attracted visitors from Bowling Green, Louisville, Nashville and from many eastern states. During the summer months, visitors came by rail to Smith's Grove, and were transported a distance of six miles by horse drawn conveyance.

Dr. William Ford, an eminent physician of Chalybeate, enhanced the belief in the curative powers and the reputation of the springs. The waters were considered of great value to those suffering from anemia and debility.

The resort grounds consisted of 107 acres with a hotel of 40 rooms. It was L-shaped and had porches upstairs and downstairs all the way around the building. A dynamo powered lights for the hotel and grounds.

A 1901 brochure prepared by the new management of Gossom and Mitchell stated that the hotel and grounds were being placed in first

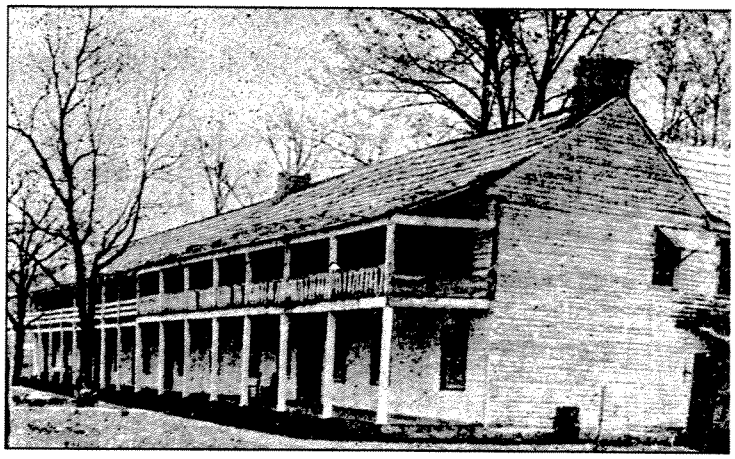
class condition, and the rooms refurnished throughout. It noted as recent additions a dancing hall and dining room. The dancing hall was located above the dining area and each measured 28 feet wide by 70 feet long. The management assured prospective guests that the nights were cool, and that they would not be bothered with mosquitos.

The dining room was the center of much of the social life at the resort. Homemade meals were served, consisting of fresh vegetables supplied from the hotel's gardens, southern style fried chicken, and country cured ham. Rich milk and cream was supplied by a herd of Jersey and Holstein cows maintained by the hotel. A stone storage building that the spring ran through was used to keep food fresh.

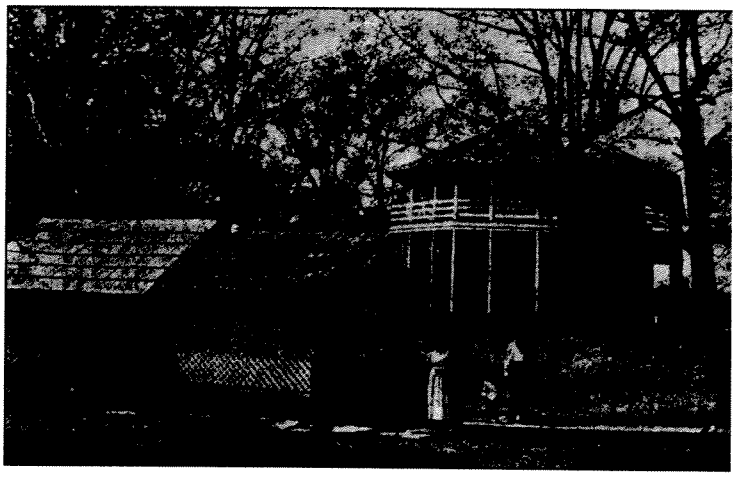
Guests entertained themselves with dancing, horseback riding, tennis, bowling, croquet, horseshoes, and miniature golf. Fox hunts were held two or three times during the summer season. There were also excursions to nearby caves. Leisurely conversations developed friendships, and mothers with marriageable daughters made the acquaintance of mothers whose sons needed to make a good match. Local residents also frequented the resort.

The resort area, established in the mid-1800's, ultimately fell victim to new highways and the automobile. The grounds were closed in 1912 when the resort changed ownership. It was reopened in 1927 under the supervision of Mrs. George Claypool and Mrs. Tom Callis, sisters who came from Bowling Green. In 1930, the hotel was torn down and some of the wooden remains were used to construct homes and buildings in the Chalybeate area.

Faye Carroll



The Chalybeate Springs Hotel



Dining Room & Dancing Hall of the Chalybeate Springs Hotel

MANSION OF ROCKY HILL STATION

On a high eminence overlooking the little village of Rocky Hill Station we find the most imposing structure in the community. Its construction was precipitated by the advent of the railroad era. In 1857 the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company began building through the southeast corner of Edmonson County giving rise to a new community known to us as Rocky Hill Station. These quiet farm lands that once belonged to John White, the great land baron, were being converted into a thriving township.

William Newman purchased this choice site for his house and began building in 1857. It was a beautiful Greek Revival structure of white clapboard. He was soon appointed the first postmaster of Rocky Hill Station. On 17 August 1860 he and his wife Mary sold the house to James Newman for $1,386.

James Newman and wife Jane retained the property until 4 January 1865 when it was sold to Mrs. Ann Virginia (Parker) Jameson, wife of Benjamin Franklin Jameson, of Sumner County, Tennessee for $1,800. She was a former resident of the area and was a daughter of Samuel Parker and his wife Mrs. Eliza T. (Doyel) Dunn. She, only a few weeks later on 24 February 1865, sold it to her brother-in-law John B. Jameson and wife Josephine for $2,000.

A brief two years later the property was sold by John B. Jameson to Meredith Cox with less acreage for $2,000. In 1879 Meredith Cox and wife Sarah Jane sold the property for $2,500 to William C. Perkins and wife Betty Peck. Perkins was a well-to-do mercantilist owning a dry goods store, a hotel and a tobacco factory at Rocky Hill Station. Under this ownership several brick additions were made to the house.



The Mansion of Rocky Hill Station, Ky.



Auction Rock

In 1892 William C. Perkins contracted to sell the property to Lorenzo Dow Henderson whose estate conveyed the house to Woodford Harding Ford and wife Katie Morris in 1902 for $2,035. The Ford's made additional changes in the exterior facade by removing the two story columns and adding a late Victorian wrap-around porch heavily ornamented with gingerbread work. They developed here the most fashionable hotel in the community. Woodford Ford held every position in the community from station master to postmaster. He also owned most of the real estate at one time or another in Rocky Hill Station. Their son Quaites Bronson Ford and his wife Lura May Spradling succeeded in ownership until 1972 when it was sold to Mrs. Elsie (Beckner) Cassady and her husband Marion who are caring owners.

Submitted by: Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.

A SLAVE HOUSE

Local history can be interesting and often colorful. There is an old houseplace in Edmonson County that is fascinating and rich in history because it was built by slaves and used as an auction site for the selling of slaves prior to the Civil War.

Jacob Duvall, a prominent man who was born in Pennsylvania, accumulated one hundred and fifty acres of land along Bear Creek in 1842 and 1843. On this parcel of land, Jacob's slaves built him an impressive house. The slaves made the solid, clay bricks and baked them in a furnace located near the building site.

The house was approximately fifty feet long and eighteen feet wide, and it had a basement under the entire floor level. The basement was made of hand-hewn rocks and was divided into three rooms. The small basement windows had wooden frames with wooden spokes that served as bars. The basement was where the slaves were kept.

The ground level was also divided into three large rooms with a fireplace on both ends of the house. The end rooms had a front and a back door leading outside, but the middle room did not have any outside doors. There were two large glass windows in each room of the house - probably some of the first glass windows in Edmonson County. The wood for the trimwork and the glass for the windows were brought from Bowling Green by mule wagons. The brick walls were three bricks thick which would have been approximately twelve inches. There were a few bricks in the main house that were inserted endways instead of longways. These bricks had no mortar around them which would allow them to be slipped out leaving an opening - possibly to fit a gun barrel through. These bricks were situated about eyelevel on the wall and were on each side of the house.

The front porch was wooden and was connected to the entire length of the house. A wooden walkway connected the front porch to the auction rock. The entrance to the basement was on the front porch. There was no entrance to the basement inside the main house. The slaves were led from the basement to the auction rock where they were chained to an iron ring and then sold.

Hessie Duvall sold the house and farm to W. Jasper Vincent in 1915. For many years it was used as a farmhouse for the families who tended the bottoms along Bear Creek until around 1973 when the house was torn down. All that remains of the house is part of the rock basement. The auction rock still remains in place along with another rock with two cut steps which leads up to the large auction rock.

On down the creek is an old cemetery situated on a small knob. The cemetery is very old and neglected, and it is where Jacob Duvall (1778-

1856) is buried along with his wife, Elizabeth (1783-1862).

Billie Jo Rich

THE HICKORY CABIN

One of the well known landmarks in the "Forks" section of Edmonson County was the Hickory Cabin that was built by Pleas Pace about 1826 stood on the Mammoth Cave Road southeast of Stockholm. In the Aug. 21, 1930 edition of the Edmonson News, a writer whose pen name was "topsy at Cade", contributed the following article.

"We remember well when we were little tots, my father would yoke up old Ball and Berry, hitch them to the old wagon, pile in lots of straw, and drive through by way of the Hickory Cabin on our way to see our grandfather, Ned Blair. We would stop at the same old Hickory Cabin to get a drink of water, and I remember hearing grandfather Ned pray. He was one man that had a big loving heart. His home and table were free to all. He always had plenty to spare."

COLD SPRING RAILROAD TIE CHUTE

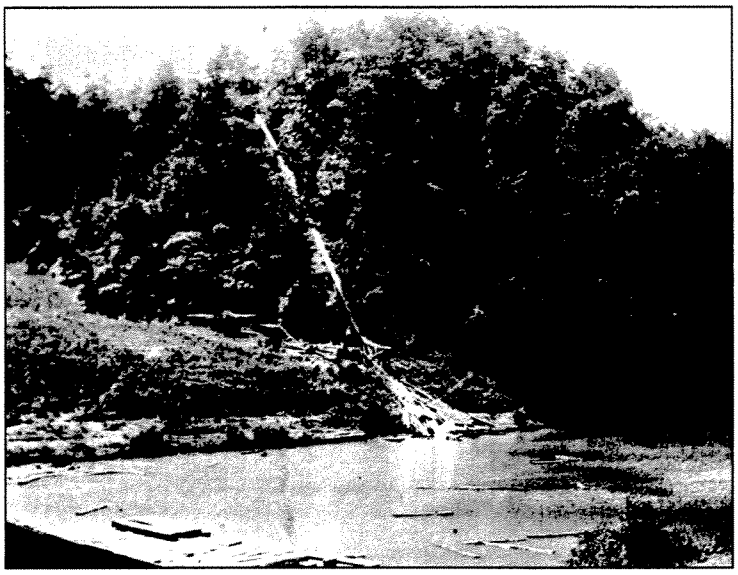
Cold Spring Tie Chute was located on the west bank of Nolin River between the mouth of Bylew and present Nolin River Dam. It was owned by Jasper Vincent. The chute was constructed sometime after the completion of Lock and Dam #6 located on Green River near Brownsville.

The chute was approximately 300 feet long and was built of heavy white oak and hickory timer. The bottom of the chute was greased to allow for rapid descent of the ties. The chute was elevated near the edge of the river to slow the ties as they neared the water so that they would not shoot across the river and land on the opposite bank. There were times that sand was shoveled into the chute to slow the ties.

The ties were put into barges. Steamboats would tow the barges to Bowling Green, Ky., or Evansville, Ind. They were then reloaded on railroad cars for distribution to various parts of our nation.

Several companies bought ties from Cold Spring. Among these were Aaron Lloyd, Moss, Red Spot, and Yellow Spot. As the ties were bought by the companies they were stored at Watt Tie Yard. Agents from the companies would make weekly trips to buy the ties. The agents would mark the ties with the name of their companies.

Dale Huffman



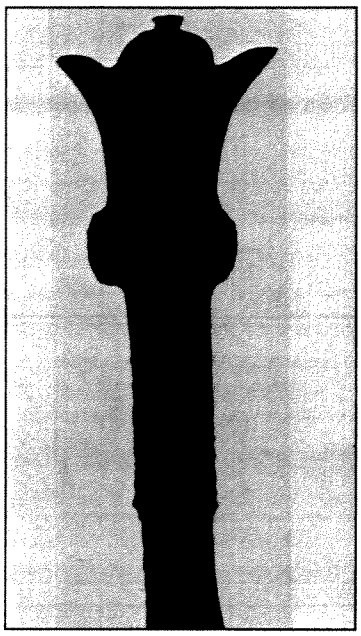
Cold Spring Tie Chute. Picture taken circa 1915.

INDIAN HILL

Untold and undescribed peculiarities of the handiwork of a supernatural being, relics and remnants of prehistoric man, of the mound builders, and of the Indians lie in the recesses of many counties of the state. In Edmonson County, Indian Hill, in the nook of a horse shoe bend of Green River, starting at the mouth of Nolin River, was once a rendezvous of the prehistoric man in Kentucky, according to Bennet H. Young. Probably the mound builders used the hill as a fortification as a large shell mound once stood on top of the hill.

Tradition, as well as historical facts, leads to the belief that the Indians of this section of the state also used the hill for a rendezvous and especially did they use the fortification of the hill in time of trouble with other Indian tribes or with the early white man.

Eight acres of rich alluvial soil cover the top of Indian Hill which is surrounded by towering cliffs possibly three hundred feet in height, with only one mode of approach to the summit. A narrow crevice on the western end of the hill permits the lone passage to the "garden spot of the gods" above. This single avenue of approach was easily guarded from an invading enemy.



Stone Mace found in Edmonson County

By the beginning of the early 1900's most of the arable land in Edmonson County had been brought under cultivation, and all the woods had been logged over that were not too rough or rugged. Many of these hillside fields became so eroded that they were abandoned as "old fields", and so depleted that they grew up in broomsage, blackberries, and persimmon bushes. The desire for new grounds was so great that places like Indian Hill were cultivated until the establishment of the park. Indian Hill had one very steep wagon road to the top, but elsewhere it is surrounded by precipitous cliffs.

In the mid 1920's Mrs. Lou Warnell moved to the Indian Hill farm to help take care of her aged mother, Mrs. A. D. Cooke who owned the farm. The Hill was cultivated yearly and Lester Warnell often related that in plowing and working the Hill for his grandmother, he had uncovered Indian relics of various descriptions. Arrow heads, Indian knives made from flint rock and other Indian tools were found. Bones of human beings presumably Indians were often plowed up on the eastern side of the Hill along with dog skeletons, etc.

Possibly the most treasured relic of the Hill was a stone turtle, found on the summit several years ago by Roscoe Warnell. Being a small boy at the time and not knowing the value of Indian artifacts, he sold the turtle to Pleas Sanders for 75¢. Mr. Sanders maintained that the object was doubtless worshipped by the ancient dwellers of the Hill. The turtle was perfect in image and was made from the same kind of stone that is found in the side of the cliff. Charles E. Whittle was the owner of fragments of pottery found on the Hill. Apparently the pottery was made from the dust of crushed muscle shells. On top of the hill in an area of thirty or forty square feet there is a mussel bed or shell mound. Through the many years of farming the Hill, the mound is no longer apparent, but has been leveled down to the surface. The shells were carried there from the nearby Green River. The shells go to a great depth into the ground.

At the foot of the north cliffs, next to the river, are several Indian maize mills, where the Indians crushed their corn into meal. The remnants of these mills that still remain intact are the large round holes in the beds of sandstone rock.

Circling the northeast corner and running parallel to the northern side to the western end of the hill is Green River. It is a distance of five miles around the horseshoe bend to the river but only a half mile across the land. Nolin pours her turbulent waters into Green at the northwestern corner. Just as in the time of prehistoric man, or in the time when the Indian Hill was the happy hunting ground of the Kentucky redskins, these two rivers march on, marking the rhythm of time with the ripples of their waves.

Another important cache of prehistoric man was discovered in Edmonson County and exhumed by Evan Meredith Jan. 1931 in the ancient burial ground on Beaver Dam Creek between the Kyrock and quaries and Bear Creek. The excavation yielded the skeletons of ten Indians together with beads and other trinkets and the skeletons of their dogs which were buried with them.

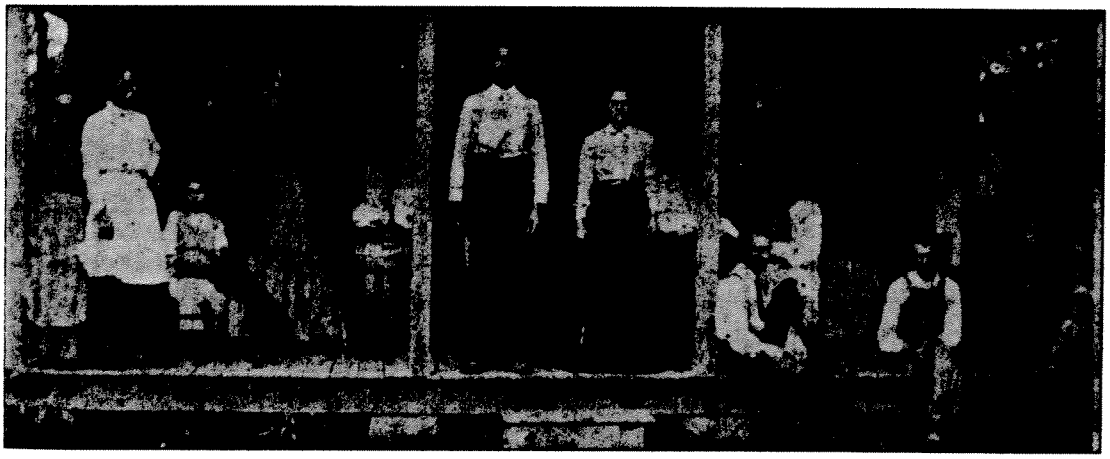
The remains of the Indians indicated that they were buried in a sitting posture, and the bones of their dogs was evidence of the custom of the Indians to bury their favorite dogs in the expectation that they would accompany them to the Happy Hunting Grounds of the next world where every Indian expected to go after death.

The burial plot was under a cliff or rockhouse covered with hieroglyphics and signs traced on the smooth sandstone walls by these prehistoric inhabitants of this county.

Pleas Sanders, County Attorney, who had done more research along this line locally than anyone else, and who had on exhibition in his office a large collection of flints, spears, tomahawks, battle axes, bones, a peace-pipe and other evidence of Indian life and of the Mound Builders in Edmonson County advised Meredith in the work.

The stone mace pictured above was found under a rock ledge near Chaumont at the turn of the century.

Norman Warnell



Joppa General Store. Owned by Baud Minyard and his wife, Cindy (pictured standing in the center) Lert Alexander is the second woman from the left. Her husband Jim Alexander is the second man standing from the right. All others are unknown.

EDMONSON COMMUNITIES

ARTHUR: When the post office was established here in 1881, the community was named after President Chester A. Arthur.

STRAW: The owner of the local country store, George Sanders, owned a wheat thrasher and area farmers would bring in their wheat to be thrashed. The name originated from the stacks of straw that were always laying around.

NOLIN: In the pioneer days, Lynn Boyd, a hunter, was lost from his companions. A search party was gathered to look for him and when they returned to camp and was asked what they had found, they replied, "No Lynn." The name stuck, and that area of the county has been known as such ever since.

Information about these three entries was taken from an article written by Mark Willis for the Barren County Progress, Cave City, KY and appeared in that newspaper's edition on July 11, 1983.

BROWNSVILLE: The post office was established here on May 23, 1826, with Jesse Crump as the postmaster. The town, created by an act of the Kentucky legislature on January 30, 1828, was named for Jacob Brown (1775-1828), the commanding general of the United States Army from 1821 to 1828.

ASPHALT: Named for the rock asphalt extensively quarried throughout the area. The post office was in operation from 1920 to 1958.

BLACK GOLD: Named for the rock asphalt or "black gold" long mined in the area. The community never had a post office.

CEDAR SPRING: Community was named for the grove of cedar trees around one of a number of area springs that furnished water for early settlers. No post office was established.

CHALYBEATE: On October 12, 1888, the post office of Chalybeate Springs was established with William T. Dunn as the postmaster. The "Springs" was dropped from the name in 1895. The post office was discontinued in 1931. A popular health resort was located in this community and attracted visitors from all over the country.

GRASSLAND: Named for the abundance of grass and dearth of other vegetation in the area. The post office was established on March 12, 1895, with Charles A. Alexander as the postmaster. The post office is no longer in operation.

HUFF: This area was named for a local family. The post office was established on March 26, 1889, by James C. Hampton.

LINDSEYVILLE: Located between Bee Spring and Brownsville which gave its original name of Midway. Since another Kentucky post office was already using this name, Gilbert Webb named this new post office for the largest of the three local families. The post office at Lindseyville was established on August 22, 1935.

MAMMOTH CAVE: This community's post office was established on December 23, 1842, with Archibald Miller as the postmaster. After an on and off existence it closed in 1874, and was re-established as Mammoth on May 20, 1881. Three months later it was renamed Mammoth Cave. The now defunct city of Mammoth Cave was incorporated at this site on March 9, 1871.

PIG: As tradition would have it, some local residents met to name the new post office. No agreement could be reached and in disgust one man was reported to have said, "I see a small hog outside on the road and that prompts me to suggest that we name the post office Pig." The post office was established on September 23, 1880, and closed in 1904.

PROSPERITY: This community is located on the New Salem Church Rd. No post office was ever established. According to tradition, the area was named when a storekeeper remarked, "This place is really beginning to prosper."

RHODA: William W. Buford established the post office on December 5, 1891. The community was named for Buford's wife. The post office closed in 1904.

ROCKY HILL: When the L & N Railroad was completed through here in 1859, the Dripping Spring post office, established on July 17, 1828, was moved from its site several miles northwest, set up the new depot and was renamed Rocky Hill Station. William Newman was the postmaster. It is believed the community was named because of its rocky terrain. The "Station" was dropped from the post office name in 1923.

ROUNDHILL: Named for the shape of a local hill. The post office was established in Butler County on October 14, 1893, with John Willis, Jr. as the postmaster. In 1937, the post office was moved to its present location.

SUNFISH: Named for nearby Sunfish Creek. The post office was established on June 27, 1856 by William H. Bush.

STOCKHOLM: Another Swedish settlement established by Larkin J. Proctor. The post office was established on July 3, 1882 and closed November 15, 1913.

WINDYVILLE: As history would have it, a traveling salesman was passing through and asked a storekeeper what the community was named. When he learned it had no name he suggested that it be called Windyville, because of the swift winds. No post office was ever established.

The information for this article was taken from Kentucky Name Places by Robert M. Rennick, 1984. The University Press of Kentucky.

Submitted by Ricky L. Carroll

BEE SPRING

Bee Spring was the name first given to this area about 180 years ago by a party of surveyors, who discovered the spring when this section of Kentucky was but little known to the white man.

The spring was located at the extreme head of Dismal Creek which emptied into Nolin River, at the noted rock known as Dismal Rock which stands 300 feet perpendicular. When the spring was discovered by the surveyors a great number of wild honey bees were watering there, hence the name. The spring is very strong and runs out nearly level with the top of the highest ground in this area.

The water was soft water, impregnated with lime to the amount of 2.7 per cent. It's volume is 3,800 gallons every twelve hours. It was claimed to have medicinal qualities. One had only to drink its water to be convinced of its curative properties.

In this lonely spot, uninhabited only by the buffalo and wild game, this spring lie silent, no one to sound its merits until the early 1800's, a gentleman by the name of Skaggs settled and built his cabin within 200 feet of this cool streamlet. He sold to Bradley Meredith, in 1811.

As the community became more settled, a road was built near the spring on its route from Brownsville to Leitchfield.

The people of that time were mostly hunters; their diets were of fish, wild game and corn pone. The gun powder was made by neighbors from native materials.

Millions of dollars of wealth hidden in the earth now began to get attention of prospectors. First veins of coal, were discovered as much as four feet thick.

A vast quantity of iron ore was discovered. In 1849, an iron furnace was erected on Nolin River in three miles of Bee Spring. Hundreds of tons of pig metal was melted and transported by flat boats, perogues, etc. to the Iron Works on Green River, then in operation, to a distance of 100 miles.

Edmonson County aboundant in asphaltum of the best quality, acres and acres were underlayed with asphalum veins 12 feet thick. This was mined until 1957.

The timber of the forest of fine oak, provided income for many workers who made stoves, railroad ties and lumber.

Nolin River winds its way through the hills of Grayson and Edmonson Counties within two miles of Bee Spring on the east , whose water has been slackled by a dam. Bear Creek winds its way within two miles of Bee Spring on the west side.

Though small in population, it's a great place to live. There was a flour and grist mill, a saw mill, one church and school facilities. From time to time the number of general stores and restaurants have varied.

Researched, compiled and written by: Betty Peger and Lola Vincent Hayes

JOCK

There is a small community in the northern part of Edmonson County called Jock. It is about twenty miles from Leitchfield and fifteen miles from Brownsville. Jock has a little history behind its name.

In the 1800's, a man by the name of Thomas Meredith lived on the high rocky ground above Nolin River. The land was too poor for farming, so he raised horses. He got the name of being a horse trader or "Jockey". The nickname "Tom Jockey" was given to him, and was used to distinguish him from the other Tom Meredith's in the area. It was also used on his children to tell whose children they were. The name is still used today to tell which Meredith group you are talking about.

Jock has had several churches, schoolhouses, and even a post office. In the late 1800's, there was a church and schoolhouse called Holly Springs. The church relocated, and it's building was torn down. The schoolhouse was destroyed by fire. There was another schoolhouse built a little further up the road, and it was also destroyed by fire. The Anderson Schoolhouse which still stands today was built about 1938. People in the community held church services in it until 1955 when they built a new church which is the present Jock United Baptist Church. Jock Post Office was established on November 7, 1910. The first postmaster was Isabel Willis. She was postmaster until September 15, 1913, when the post office was discontinued and moved to Bee Springs.

Legend has it that the people of Jock were a mean lot. There were several murders, as well as, moonshine stills in the area. In March 1930, around noon, several men had an argument. It is not clear what it was about, but later that day (behind where the Bee Springs Lumber Company stands today) they met and had a shootout. Two brothers and their uncle were shot. The brothers and uncle were on opposite sides. It was nothing for people traveling the roads to come up on men playing dice in the middle of the road. If this happened, they would quietly ease around the dice game so as not to disturb anyone - fearing they would be shot or attacked.

In the 1960's, Nolin Dam was built and the Nolin Lake was created. Families had to relocate and many of the younger ones moved to bigger cities for better opportunities. Anderson School was closed in 1964, and the children were bussed to Kyrock Elementary School. Anderson Schoolhouse still stands today, but it is slowly falling down. The community has had its ups and downs, but it has survived all the changes that have been brought about.

by: Donna Brooks

KYROCK

The article about Kyrock which follows was submitted by Modelle Vincent, of Bowling Green. It was written by her mother Elra Harrison sometime before her death in 1975.

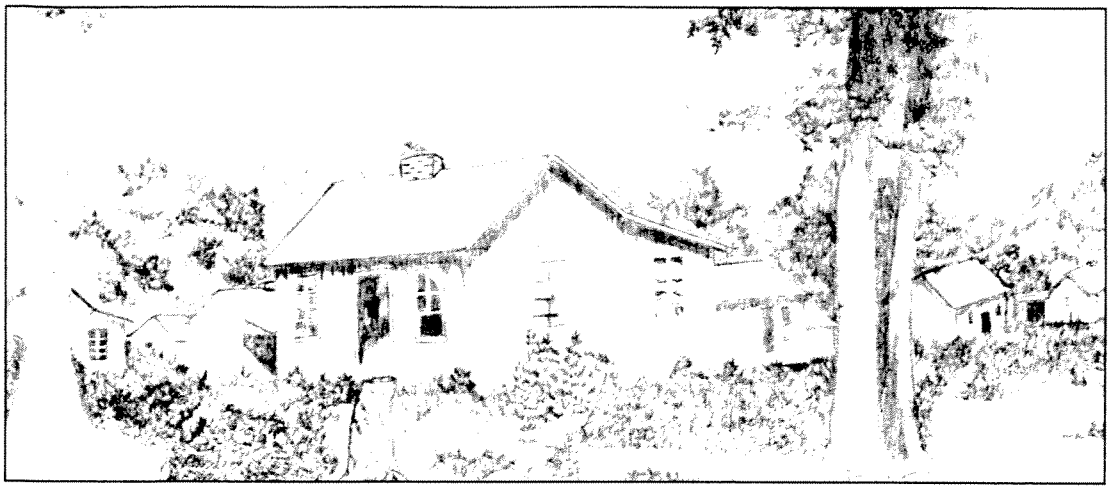
July 1918, when I was twelve years old, I had never heard of Asphalt. And one day my father and mother - Nathan & Zilpha Meredith - my sister Nola Duvall and myself loaded up an old road wagon with a few of our belongings, clothes, bed clothes and started down a dirt road toward Kentucky Rock Asphalt on Green River from Grassland, KY (to now Asphalt, KY) was a long road then; we were going there to cook for twenty-"some" working men, and they worked in those days to - "tater and beans."

Myrtle (Denham) Clark, now, was there and helped us get started out cooking and stayed with us for a while.

Then Nannie (Carroll) Meredith helped us. This was an adventure for me, but we soon got acquainted with others. Our closest neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Ella Coppel (they were originally from Ohio state). I really did love them. There was George McGlanglin's family, Irney Basham and his first wife, Gilliam and Lill York (now Jay Lindsey's wife), Uncle Bill Holt's family and Hardin Doyle's family was about all I got acquainted with down there; we only stayed there four months.

In November this same year, Daddy loaded our belongings with the company kitchen equipment on the General Logan Steamboat and we went cruising up Green River to the mouth of Pigeon Creek, now called Kyrock. There was a good old colored Lady cook on the boat, her name was Moneriva. She was so nice to us, served a good meal for us. We had a nice trip up the river. When we landed we went to a three-room boxed house, not even ceiled, just rough planks and a big cook stove. The carpenters had made the tables, on the order of the picnic tables in people's yards now, only much rougher and no paint.

The men had to sleep in tents until there could be a bunk house



Old Company Houses at Kyrock by Billy Duvall

built. No post office or store closer than Bee Spring or Sweeden. But the company soon hired carpenters and laborers and they went to work.

Mr. Ernest Norene (a carpenter) was our first boarder and one of the nicest men I ever knew.

Uncle Jim Ray's family was the only closest neighbors we had. But Mr. Norene, Jim Radford and other carpenters and laborers went to work in that Pigeon Hollow, completing one house after another and the good people moved in. As they got a house completed, we would wonder who would move in next. Some of the first were Gilliam and Lill York, Tom Skaggs, Will Kinser, Adren Spainhoward and their families. They just kept coming in one by one until we had lots of good neighbors around us. But, Mother, Nannie and I had lots of cooking and washing dishes; we didn't have time to visit. But we were glad to know these people were there. And in a few years we had a nice little village, called Kyrock.

A good doctor, a nice store (commissory owned by the company), post office, schoolhouse, even a high school. And a kind and gentle company superintendent, Mr. H. T. Carmichael, who has been long remembered by the young and older people of the Kyrock Asphalt Company.

MT. ZION

Among the earliest residents of this community were the families of Merry Hazelip, David Stice, A. J. Lindsey, the Davises, the Roofs, the Skaggs and others.

Merry Hazelip owned the large river farm which in later years was purchased by James H. Johnson who moved there from Barren County. This same farm was later owned by Edd Pete Vincent and finally Henry Pete Vincent. Hazelip's daughter, Polly, married John Keifus who was shot and killed by Polly's brother , R. C. Hazelip during the Civil War. Polly, then married John White Davis and moved to the farm which in later years was owned by Sherman McCrady on the north bank of Green River. Here they reared a large family and their son, Rev. R. C. Davis lived for years in the house which Lester Warnell owned in later years.

A. J. Lindsey lived next to the Hazelip farm and his place fell into the possession of Jim Potter who resided there for many years and reared a large family. D. W. Lindsey, son of A. J., lived in the Mt. Zion Community on the farm that was to be owned in later years by Clancey Vincent.

W. P. Carrier and wife Malinda lived and died on the Green River farm which fell into the possession of their daughter, Bertie, who married Mace Skaggs. Next door to them was the Ruben Morris farm which in later years was owned by Morris' grandson, Hubert Webb. Also living in this vicinity was Oren Mitchell, father of Alton Mitchell.

J. R. Wolfe owned the farm behind the Mt. Zion School and Church. This was where Rev. Willie Wolfe and his mother, "Ma" Wolfe lived for many years in a large log house. "Ma" Wolfe's brother Lon Johnson, owned the farm which joined them. His daughters Onis Vincent and Cora Vincent, both resided in the community for many years.

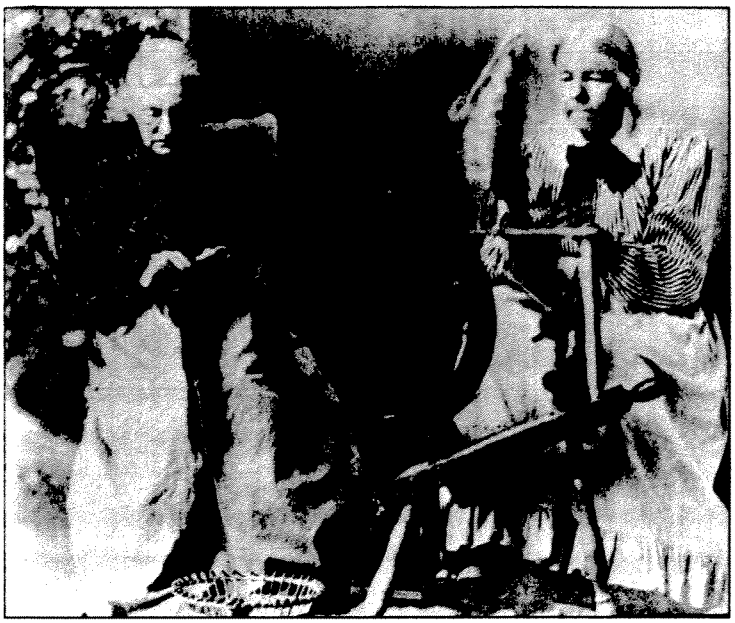
Haram M. Vincent (1843-1919) lived where Gettie Vincent lived in later years. Haram was the progenitor of the set of Vincents known as the "High" Vincents. His son, Noah Haram "High" Vincent married James Roof's daughter. Lucy Vincent, sister to Noah, married Lon Johnson.

Dr. John Roof (1822-1902) was the father of Rev. James "Jim" Roof. Dr. Roof's brother, Rev. Martin VanBuren Roof (1831-1927) married Cynthia Ann Houchin daughter of Francis Houchin who came to Edmonson Co. from Virginia in the 1790's. Cynthia was his youngest daughter, being born a few months after he died.

Rev. Martin V. Roof preached a sermon when he was 95 years of age. He was one of the charter members of Mt. Zion United Baptist Church.

David Stice, father of Will Stice, lived where John W. and Polly Davis later lived (the Sherman McCrady farm on Green River).

William Lykins and wife Martha Lindsey lived near Long Branch between Mt. Zion Church and Brownsville. Their son, W. F. Lykins



Louisa Johnson (L) an early member of Mt. Zion and Rhoda Luttrell (R) wife of Elder Robert Luttrell

married Permilia Carrier in 1883, and their first child was buried near the old log church in 1885. This was one of the first graves in the cemetery. Later, a log school house and church was built on land donated by J. R. Wolfe where the present Mt. Zion Church now stands.

In later years such families as the following lived in the Mt. Zion Community: Sam McCradey (father of Sherman, Cleveland, Mrs. Noah Skaggs, Mrs. John Alexander); Willie "Bill" Douglas; Hubert and Willard Webb; Nelson Houchin; Emmitt R. Vincent; and many others which space won't allow us to mention.

The Mt. Zion Church was constituted in 1869, and has been pastored by such men as John S. Davis, Samuel Hatler, Robert Luttrell, C. M. Lindsey, Jim Blair, Lawrence Vincent, W. R. Slaughter, Gordon Campbell, Olf Blanton, Cal Vincent, etc. Some of the clerks were: John White Davis, D. W. Lindsey, Jim Potter, Willard Webb and others.

Though there was nothing very brilliant or showy in their talents, the members of this old church were enabled through the Spirit, to find a way to the hearts of saints and sinners. There in the old church, a man could forget the business of life, and listen to the truth without distraction and then ponder on it and pray over it, and feel it.

The class of ministers that have pastored the church were often despised by the clergymen with the lore of a theological seminary in their brains, and the powder and perfume on their hair, yet had it not been for their self-sacrificing devotion, Christianity would not have been kept alive in that section of the country. Often have these men traveled from cabin to cabin, from town to town, from store houses to tents, bearing the message of mercy to their fellow-men, without any means of support or any expectation of a pecuniary reward.

Often the revivals would last two weeks, and God's people could be heard shouting for joy and sinners heard weeping and crying aloud for mercy. Some of the good old members could scarcely cease talking about those meetings for years afterwards.

Norman Warnell

OAK GROVE

Located south-east of Brownsville, the Oak Grove Community took its name from the numerous Chestnut Oaks that once stood along the ridge road which runs from Brownsville to Pine Grove. The name "Mohawk" was applied to the community after one individual observed the beautiful valley from one of the high hills that surrounds it and remarked that it resembled the Mohawk Valley of New York.

Among the early residents of this community was Nathaniel Herrington, Sr. and his son, John who lived on the Green River side of the community prior to the War of 1812, when this section was yet a part of Warren County.

Lucy Townsend Brown, widow of John Brown, owned a large tract of land in the vicinity of the present Rumsey James farm. Lucy was the daughter of Elizabeth Townsend born 1763, daughter of James Long. Lucy's husband John Brown was a brother to William S. Brown of the same community who lived where the present Warnell farm is now located. The father of both of these Brown brothers was born in Scotland and came to America at an early date.

Andrew Stice owned a large section of land now owned by the Logan heirs. His son, John T. B. Stice reared a large family on this farm.

George W. Cayton, father of Wash Cayton, was an extensive land owner along the ridge and over into the hollow where Dan York now owns.

Alexander Houchin married Palastine Brown and resided in the community for many years. His daughter, George Ann Houchin married Edd Bledsoe and lived on the farm now owned by Nathan Vanmeter, Jr. Edd was the son of Joel Bledsoe who resided in the community for many years.

Old man Elijah James and his son Isaac James lived and are buried on the farm across the road from Van McCombs' place. Roland James and his son, Charlie, both lived in the community. Charlie's son, Gene James lived at the foot of the hill which now bears his name. His brother, Virgil, was the father of Rumsey James of the community.

Tom Pidgeon and his brother Ben Pidgeon immigrated from Ireland to America. Tom bought a farm known as the Wash Cayton farm, now owned by Dan York. Ben Pidgeon moved onto this farm to raise his family and lived there many years.

Following the close of the Civil War a large group of Johnsons moved into the neighborhood. William Riley Johnson and his brothers

located in the valley on the eastern side of the Oak Hill Ridge.

Wm. Riley was the grandfather of Rev. Clarence Johnson and Rev. William Johnson, a cousin.

Another set of Johnsons was Issac P. Johnson and his brother James W. Johnson. They were the sons of Isaac Ewing Johnson. Isaac P. was the first clerk of Oak Grove Baptist Church. He was the grandfather of Mrs. Della Cooke and Mrs. Gordon Campbell.

A third set of Johnsons was represented by Mr. Sam B. Johnson who reared a family in the community.

And yet another set of the Johnson family was that of Jobe Johnson who located on the land now owned by Roma Slaughter prior to the Civil War. See the individual biographies elsewhere in this book of the various Johnson clans.

The Lindsey's who are now prominent in the community didn't arrive there until the 1880's and are descendants of John F. Lindsey who moved from his river farm at Mt. Zion to Oak Grove.

This is only a short sketch of the names as many others have lived here lived here including the Denhams, Hazelips, Clemmons, Childress, Harpers, Skagges, Kinsers, Wolfes, etc.

The people of this community have always been willing to work together to accomplish a common goal. This is exemplified by the new church that was recently erected.

Norman Warnell

OLLIE

Most of the present residents of present Ollie, of course, are descendants of the sturdy stock of pioneer hunters who first used the area as a happy hunting ground. It was nearby that the early hunter, Benjamin Lynn gave his name to the river that flowed into Green River.

The pioneers that were implanted within the hills of this section of Edmonson County were a breed of people to be admired—sturdy, energetic, ambitious, and reliable. The present inhabitants of the area, perhaps all somewhat distantly related, still display the same human characteristics and traits as did their noble habitants of the area, perhaps all ancestors. With most of them, their word is their bond, and their hearts are as pure as gold. This, however, is no different from Ollie of Old.

Years ago, many of the families moved out to give room for the Mammoth Cave National Park. Those who moved out scattered somewhat to the winds of the earth, settling in other parts of Edmonson County in other counties, and even in settlements outside of Kentucky. This same migration, of course, happened in other Edmonson communities that now constitute portions of the National Park. Such communities were Temple Hill, Joppa, Stockholm, Cade, Flint Ridge, Silent Grove, Arthur, Dry Branch, Sand Spring, Maple Spring, Corner, Good Spring, Gap Hill, and others.

In the old days, Ollie was a hustling trading center, with the big store operated by George Sanders, Fred Cox, Jim Kersey, John Kersey, Fonce Gipson, or others. The post office was located in the central store, and, as in other rural communities, resident citizens would gather there to exchange their tall tales. The big store is gone, but the little village still has its post office, where Reuben Vincent often revives the art of telling tall tales. A few of the Kerseys, the Jaggers, the Merediths, the Skagges, the Davises, the Brooks, and others are still around occasionally to augment the tall-tale skill. Some of these cannot be surpassed in this art. Among the tall-talers long missing have been E. E. Rich, Mote Rich, Charlie Gipson, Petod Sanders, John Gipson, Riley Blanton, Joe Blanton, Dave Vincent, the Williams brothers, Bibb Priddy, the Carrolls, and many others. Some of the Pages are still around to add lustre in this intellectual art.

The little Ollie school, long prominent among the Edmonson rural schools, is no more, but in its place is a good church building where the Ollie residents assemble to worship the same God worshipped by their forefathers.

Norman Warnell

SWEEDEN

In the mid to late 1800s several Swedish families migrated south to Edmonson County from Chicago, Ill., in order to settle an undeveloped section of the county between Bee Spring and Brownsville. A local land agent in Bee Spring, Fredrick Meredith, probably helped handle the land sale between the Swedes and the land holding company located in Philadelphia, Penn.. The first Swedish family to arrive in Edmonson County was the John Swanson family. Carl A. Erlandson, his wife and two children soon followed the Swansons. A local newspaper article reported in Feb. 1961 that the Erlandsons purchased 80 acres for 8 dollars per acre in 1884.

The Swedes called their new settlement New Sweden. Being a religious people, the Swedes walked north to Bee Spring to attend church. Soon they tired of traveling to Bee Spring and in 1892 they established a Sunday school in the log schoolhouse in Sweeden. At first, only the Swedes attended but as time went on others in the community joined them in Sweeden. Mrs. Ellen Benson was the Sunday school's first teacher and Ernest Norene was the first secretary. Carl Erlandson donated the land for the first church. In 1898 the Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church was organized. It is unknown why the Swedes would establish a Baptist church; by tradition, they were Lutheran. Although, they furnished the land, helped establish the church and attended faithfully each Sunday, none of the Erlandsons ever became members of the church. The Erlandson family now rest in the Sweeden Church Cemetery across the highway from the site where their home stood for many years. A plaque stands by the church dedicating the church in memory of the Erlandsons.

Little remains today in Sweeden of the people who settled the quiet community. The Erlandson home has been torn down - leaving behind only one small log building which stands on the property owned by the late Pearl Lane on Old Kyrock Road. According to a report by A. L. Nichols, the house known today as the Gilbert Davis house was built by the Bjorkmans, one of the early Swedes. The Swansons settled the land now owned by Clintie and Mary Gladys Vincent. John and Amanda Swanson rest on this land.

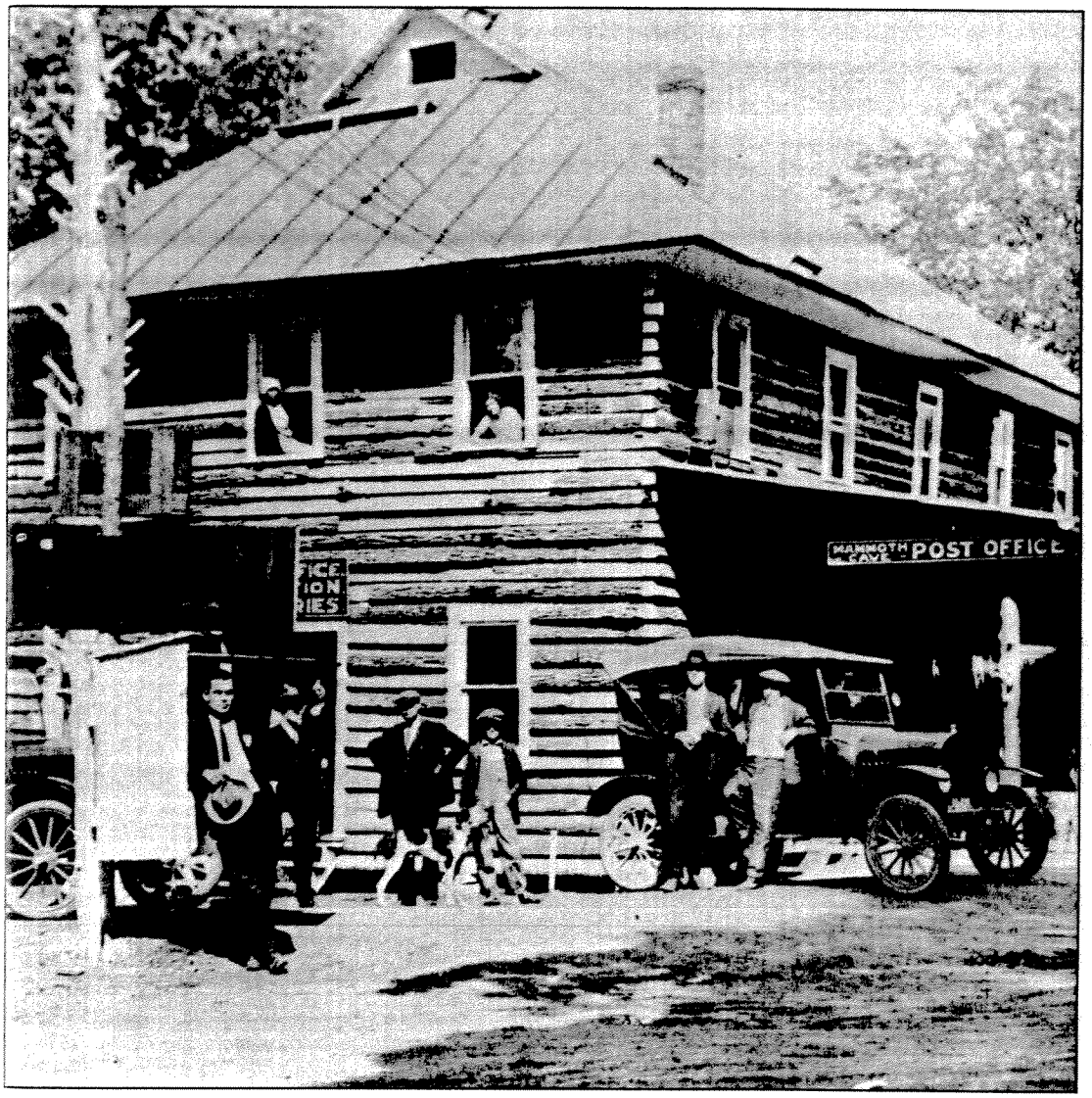
The settlement grew enough to have their own post office called New Sweden. Martha Meredith Davis was the first postmaster. Later, Mrs. Davis' son Stanford Davis, replaced her as postmaster. Later the post office was moved to a block building which stands next to the church cemetery in Sweeden. For many years, the post office was located in Lane's Store, where two or three

generations of Lanes worked as postmaster. Finally, it was moved across Highway 259 to its present location. Mrs. KayDon VanMeter now serves as the postmaster. It is not known when or why the community and the post office name was changed from New Sweden to Sweeden.

One of the first things the Swedes did when they arrived was to build a school for their children. The community has not been without a school since. The first log schoolhouse was located near the site of Sweeden Church. Later, a new school was built on what is now Black Gold Road. Then the school was moved once again, this time close to the original school. Years later the older children attended high school at Kyrock - under the hill. Kyrock and Sweeden had separate schools for the younger children. In the 1940's Kyrock School was moved to Sweeden where it now stands and is used as an elementary school for most of the children who live north of Green River.

Sweeden continues to be a community of people who cherish its rich tradition. Although the Swedes are now gone, they are not forgotten. They continue on in the memories of those in the community.

Pat Hayes



The A.A. Demunbrun Store at Mammoth Cave.

A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT



President Ronald Reagan arriving at the Frozen Niagra entrance to Mammoth Cave.



Presidential edition of the Edmonson News, July 12, 1984.

Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States took time from his busy schedule on Thursday, July 12, 1984, to visit the Mammoth Cave - Edmonson County area.

Although President Reagan was not to arrive at the Mammoth Cave National Park visitor center until late morning, crowds of Edmonson County citizens and park visitors began to assemble along roped off areas to greet the President as early as 6:30 AM. The mood of the crowd was festive and most park visitors were gracious to have their schedules disrupted somewhat for a short time to allow for the Presidential visit.

President Reagan landed in the visitor center parking lot riding in the Marine One Helicopter about 10:30 AM. As soon as he stepped off his helicopter President Reagan was welcomed to the state by Gov. Martha Layne Collins.

Pres. Reagan was then motorcded a few miles away to the Frozen Niagra entrance to Mammoth Cave. A group of Edmonson Countians prepared a 8 by 20 foot sign which read, "Welcome Pres. Reagan to Edmonson County, We Love You." The sign was placed near the motor route so the President could view it. It was heard that Pres. Reagan was much impressed by the welcoming sign.

A copy of the July 12, 1984 issue of the Edmonson News was presented to President Reagan, which displayed a large photo of himself on the front page and read, "Welcome to Edmonson County President Reagan, The people of Edmonson County are proud to welcome you, the first president ever to visit us!" It was heard later that the President said, "I've been on the front page of newspapers before but thats the first time I was the whole front page."

Security was tight for President Reagan on his visit to Edmonson County and he was kept at a distance from the public. But after the President took his cave tour he did greet a few Edmonson County officials and park personnel. The secret service reported that when President Reagan did meet with the local people it was the first time he had shifted from order since his assassination attempt.

Although President Reagan's visit to Edmonson County lasted only about one hour, it was a historical day (July 12, 1984) for the county as it was the first time a President of the United States had visited Edmonson County and possibly the first time a President had visited this region of the state.

By: Benton A. Cowles

REMINISCENCES OF MAMMOTH CAVE

In a letter written in 1930, Mrs. M. C. Morgan described Mammoth Cave as she remembered it in the latter part of the 1800's.

"There has been so much written of the Mammoth Cave National Park that I am noting some of my recollections from the age of six years (1869 to 1900).

In 1869 my parents moved from the town of Glasgow, Ky., to Cave City, then a small railroad station on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, with a stage line from Cave City to Glasgow and another to Mammoth Cave.

The travel of tourists was the main source of finances for the Cave City community. Mr. Andy McCoy was the stage line owner and proprietor at that time.

The cave hotel and the cave property, were then conducted by Mr. William Scott Miller, Sr., and family. The building was a large structure of hewn logs. The main building was weather-boarded. The building was ell-shaped, with the ell of log cottages of two rooms each. They were rented to families who stayed for their health or vacations thru the summer months.

I remember going to the cave in 1872. Our governess "wanted to see the cave". So one Friday afternoon she, my sister and myself "took the stage" for the cave. It was an adventure to me which I will always remember. The stage was crammed, and I was small, consequently I was jammed in between the ladies. I got 'sea sick'—very much so. However, we landed there just before supper time. We were given a room over the front entrance of the hotel. The room had two beds one for my sister and myself the other for Miss Trammell, our governess. When night came I became homesick, and could neither go to bed or sleep.

So I sat up until the owls and whippor-wills began, and as I had never heard one before I went to bed scared stiff and was soon asleep. When I awakened the sun was shining and the gong ringing for breakfast.

Mr. Miller met us as we came down stairs and led us into the dining room, which was already full of guests who had arisen early to take in the cave. My governess and my sister went into the cave. They left me at the hotel as I was too small to make the trip. So I explored the hotel building....

We watched the tourists come and go. When we'd hear the bugle calling, we knew the stage was coming in. The band then commenced to play to welcome the visitors and everybody got busy placing the guests to their rooms and learning which route in the cave they wanted to take. The guests for the cave were each given a "cave suit" to put on to wear in the cave. They were charged 50 cents for the use of the suit. The suit was a pair of bloomers and a blouse, as long skirts at that time were hindrance to climbing. The men had overalls and jacket. Each was sold a bandanna to put on their head, knotting it in the corner to form a head piece.

Mr. Miller gave up the hotel about the fall of 1873, and was succeeded by a Mr. D. L. Graves, who took it over with a family by the name of McBride. They held it only a few months, and were succeeded by Major Francis Klett, a Frenchman.

Major Klett was a very energetic man. He refurnished every room in a more up-to-date manner. The rooms were very large, and he made each of them into two rooms which were then larger than ordinary rooms. Some of them had stoves, some open fireplaces, and all had wood burners. The cottages were connected with a hall between each two rooms with a large fireplace in each room. They were also weather-boarded, and a porch about twenty feet wide ran the whole length of the cottages. Major Klett also built a store room for provisions, a log laundry back of the main building, and a hydraulic pump to get the water in the main part of the building. He then brought in some French cooks, gardeners and for general work around the building and the grounds. They raised most of the vegetables for the hotel table also tried raising mushrooms in the cave but could not make a success of it as the cave was not adapted for that use.

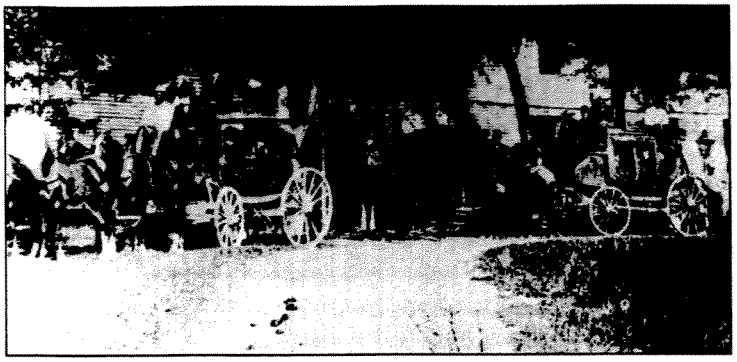
The cave was then open to all the natives of that country, and quite a few of them would slip in and carry off formations to make trinkets to sell the tourists. Major Klett had a temporary wooden gate barred with iron put in the cave entrance, and at the location where the present iron gate now stands. This cut off access of the rock-hunters from destroying the main beauty of the cave...

The Lee boys, sons of "Old man Bobby" Lee who lived to be 114 years old and had in his younger days been a guide in Mammoth Cave, were residents and characters of the countryside. Others were the Cutliff boys, Bill and Bob; the Houchins boys, sons of Esquire William Houchins, and grandsons of the Houchins named in history as one time part owners of the cave; also "Uncle Nick" Bransford, colored, and his boys; also Bill and Lewis Garvin, colored, and Ed Bishop. In fact all these colored boys and others throughout the region worked as guides, table waiters, cooks, barbers or anything that was done. Their women folks acted as maids, laundresses, etc.

Major Klett remained four years as proprietor of the hotel and the caves. Then Miss Julia Jesup, one of the seven heirs, with her nephew George Croghan, as clerk, tried to keep up the business, with Mr. Henry Ganter in active charge of the cave. Miss Jesup soon gave up and leased the hotel to Mr. William H. Comstock of Denver, who with his wife, brother and nephew, managed the hotel for four years. Mr. Comstock was a good manager and advertised the hotel and cave extensively, but his health failed. He then gave the hotel over to Mr. Ganter, who took over the hotel and cave with the privilege of improving the building additions of several modern rooms, both up and down stairs, also remodeling the dining room and putting in a three story kitchen with elevator and dumb waiters to cut off all unnecessary help...

In winter months Mr. Ganter had the large front hall enclosed in glass doors and windows to make the place more comfortable for the public. Miss Emma Gunter, his sister, was his housekeeper. Miss Ollie Jones succeeded her; Miss Jones also attended the specimen room. With her was her sister, Miss Moss Jones.

Mr. Ganter had a string band at the hotel each summer with music at



Stagecoaches bringing visitors to Mammoth Cave.

meal time and for dances at night in the large ball room...

There were some very interesting attractions in the cave. There were the log and rock houses built in the cave for tubercular patients in the hope the mild air would be beneficial for them. They were not benefited and had to have light as well as air. Their only light was a candle or an oil lamp, which at best was gloomy. The experiment was not a success. As "Uncle Sank" Meredith said at one time, "It was bad enough to be under ground when you had to," and as long as he "had feet to walk and was alive, he was coming out of thar". He was a guide in the cave many years—until too old to travel.

Now, as to the so-called "Egyptian mummy". My father, Louis Vial, and Bill Cutliff found this mummy in the Salts Cave in the early seventies. I think about 1874. My father, Louis Vial and mother owned the Jake Jones and Mary Dennisons tracts of land adjoining the cave properties. This land is now known as the Crystal Cave and golf links property. My father had two French surveyors from New York to go with him and Bill Cutliff to survey the Salts Cave. They found it was directly beneath his tract of land, all but the entrance, and a few hundred feet back which was on the Mammoth Cave property. However later he and Cutliff went on an exploring trip in Salts Cave. They went through the new side entrance known only to themselves. Each had a bag filled with balls of twine and bottles of oil and lamps. As they went in they unwound the twine until they had gotten as far as finding the "mummy." They were so surprised they did not go any farther but examined the mummy, which was lying on a ledge up against the wall of the cave with a pile of ashes and half burned sticks in front.

A bowl, pipe, several pairs of moccasins made of grass and bark, some pieces of an exceedingly light wood, flints, an arrow point, etc. were all about. My father brought out the bowl, pipe, moccasins and some of the hair of the mummy, which was about eighteen inches long. He wrapped it in paper and brought it home with him; he also had some gypsum he said covered the walls around the mummy. He later gave two pair of the moccasins and other cave specimens to the Public Library in Louisville. And now, what became of the mummy?

Bill Cutliff was so elated over finding it he told the Lee boys. They hurriedly went into the cave and got it out and sold it to a man named Proctor who owned a cave not far from Glasgow Junction. Proctor showed it in his cave until rats cut holes in it. It was then taken to the Philadelphia Exposition in 1876. My father visiting the Exposition, recognized it as the same one he had discovered. It was later shown at Mammoth Cave, I think in 1920 when I was there at the new makeshift hotel. Up until we left Edmonson County where I lived from 1896 until 1900, Mr. Ganter kept the cave hotel and the cave. The Glasgow Junction-Mammoth Cave Railroad was surveyed and run through while Comstock was proprietor of the cave hotel.

Mr. Ganter had an ice-house put in to have ice during the summer. He had a lake made close to the hotel to cut ice from through the winter. He had this lake stocked with fish and frogs so that tourists could fish in it if they cared to. I remember once a group were fishing off the board walk (which was over the lake) one man caught a large bull frog. Each of the tourists put a silver dollar in the frogs mouth until there were eight dollars in him. One of the girls prodded the frog with a stick thinking it could not move. The frog took a leap off into the lake. And for a week thereafter every boy in the neighborhood waded the pond in vain hunt for the frog and his money.

Submitted by Norman Warnell

MAMMOTH CAVE RAILROAD

To reach the Mammoth Cave by rail you had to take the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to Glasgow Junction. There you changed cars and took the Mammoth Cave Railroad, an institution that had an equipment of one passenger coach and a dummy engine.

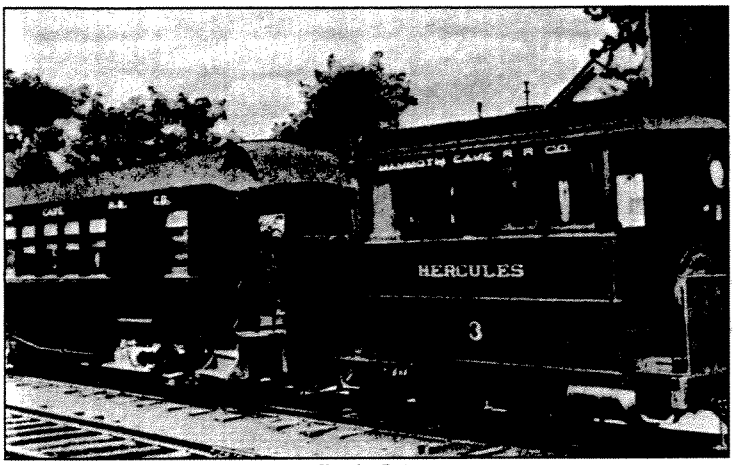
The Mammoth Cave Railroad's tenure of service to the shipping and traveling public (mostly the latter) extended from 1886-1931. Prior to the construction of the Mammoth Cave Railroad a contract was entered into between the Mammoth Cave RR Company and the L & N Railroad Co. whereby the L & N leased the Mammoth Cave Railroad for a period of 25 years from the date of completion. Under the terms of this contract the L & N furnished the requisite rolling stock without rental charges, stop-over privileges at Glasgow Junction were given the L & N's patrons, and the net earnings of the line were to be paid quarterly to the Mammoth Cave Railroad. This arrangement was continued until August 12, 1895, when a receiver was appointed for the Cave carrier. The road was subsequently sold under foreclosure on March 17, 1898, and later taken over by a re-organized company, representing the original stockholders, shortly after the turn of the century.

While the Mammoth Cave Railroad operated under its own power after 1903 it was a virtual "protectorate" of the L & N, and that road and the Glasgow Railway were its only rail outlets to the outside world. The Mammoth Cave Railroad extended from Glasgow Junction, Ky., to Mammoth Cave, a distance of 8.7 miles and, of course, was built to

accommodate the visitors to the subterranean wonderland of the cave.

The coming of the automobile forecast the eventual discontinuance of the railroad on September 1, 1931. For several years prior to that date business had been very bad and a number of experiments were tried in vain endeavor to lure back the fickle traffic. It is ironical that the passing of the railroad was but a short time prior to the establishment of Mammoth Cave National Park on May 22, 1936. This latter development, for which the L & N Railroad was largely responsible and which had been in the making for a number of years, in the halcyon days of the Mammoth Cave Railroad, would have undoubtedly been the cause of bonfires and street-dancing. However, even had the Mammoth Cave National Park been a full-fledged reality before the road's demise, it would not have been sufficient to save it. For the problem was the age-old one presented by stream-lined competition. There was no lack of available traffic; the fact was simply that the competition afforded by the private automobile and the commercial bus could not be met equitably on a profitable basis for such a short haul. And so the exit of the Mammoth Cave Railroad which for 45 years faithfully served its public, generally made money for its owners and never had a wreck, a passenger killed in a train accident or a law suit brought against it.

Howard & Debbie Jones



Hercules Train



The second and third automobiles to visit Mammoth Cave.



Mammoth Cave Guides. Left to right: Ed Bishop, Josh Wilson, Will Bransford, Dan Ganter, Henry Gosson, Louis Edward Charlet, John M. Nelson, Matt Bransford and Bob Lively.



The only natural entrance to Mammoth Cave.

JOCK UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH

Donna Brooks, Cleo Duvall, Billie Jo Rich, Leo Stevenson

In the northern part of Edmonson County, proudly stands Jock United Baptist Church. It is located about eight miles from Brownsville and two miles from Nolin Dam.

Jock Church, as it is known today, started in the year 1929 when Brother Lee Chambers and Brother Kelly Pierce held a revival meeting in the old Jock School house which sat on a ridge separating Negro Creek and Dismal Creek.

In April 1931, Jock Church was organized and Brother Lee Chambers was elected the first Pastor. In August 1931, Jock joined the Green River Association. Services were held in the school house until it was destroyed by fire in the mid-thirties. Services were then moved to a store building owned by B.B. Anderson. About 1938, the Anderson School house was built, and Brother Jeff Hester preached the first sermon there on September 16, 1939.

On December 16, 1950, a committee was elected to build a new church, but several years later in January 1954 this committee was disbanded and a new committee was appointed. The new committee was made up of Al Goins, Regnal Vincent, Amel Rich, and Ford Meredith.

In July 1955, the church held its first service-a footwashing-even though the church house lacked a floor. When the floor of the church was built, it was elevated in the back so members sitting in the back could see the altar area.

Jock held its first association in 1956 and second in 1980.

On December 12, 1958, Amel and Nina Rich for the sum of one dollar deeded land to John Stevenson, Noel Carroll, Turley Meredith as trustees of Jock Church, and their successors about one acre of land.

Jock United Baptist Church was dedicated the first Sunday in July 1961 with Brothers Kelly Pierce and Lee Chambers preaching the dedication sermon.

Jock has ordained three preachers: Henry Meredith-July 1937, Everett Meredith-May 1944, and Willard Saltsman-July 1965.

In 1987, membership was three hundred and sixty-nine. We have three members who are ministers: Everett Meredith, Billy Vincent, and James Vincent. The present active trustees are Chester Brooks and Arnold Duvall. Present Deacons are Amos Brooks, Silas Hunt, Troy Goins, Dennie Sanders, Charles Richards, and Turley Meredith. Present Treasurer is Jimmy Vincent. Present Clerk is Cleo Duvall.

Jock United Baptist Church holds its services on the third Saturday and Sunday of each month. Homecoming service is on the second Sunday of June.

Jock United Baptist Church was organized in a time and place when the Lord was truly needed. The younger members of Jock love and appreciate the effort that was put forth for the Lord so that they might have eternal life. They also hope and pray that they can hold this way up for the younger generation - the way the older generation held it up for them. They are proud they can call Jock United Baptist Church their home.



Jock United Baptist Church

ROCKY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rocky Hill Baptist Church was organized on November 26, 1870 in the building known as the "Old School House". The church was organized by R.R.H. Gillock, J.N. Brown and James Sturgeon with 12 members.

In 1871, the church joined the Liberty Association and called as its first pastor, the Rev. J.W. Self. The church held regular services in the Old School House being served in succession by the following pastors and church officers: J.W. Self (1871-1873), T.H. Short (1873-1874), J.G. Hardy (1874-1879).

In May 1891, a new Union church was built and dedicated on



Rocky Hill Baptist Church

the ground, donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Rountree and J.F. Walker. This is where the present Methodist Church stands. The Baptist church at this time moved its place of meeting to this new building. In the same year, the church joined the Warren Association.

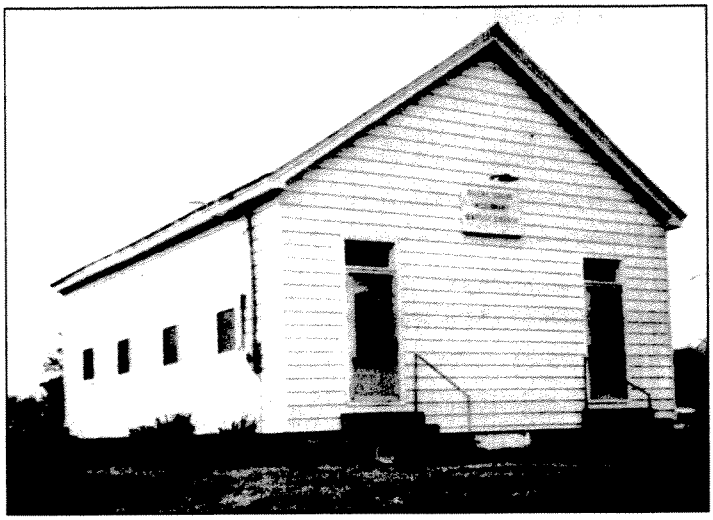
In April 1913, a committee purchased a lot from Warren Compton for $500 as a site for the erection of the present Baptist Church. The building was completed and dedicated June 1914. The church was deeded to the trustees and their successors. The trustees selected were E.J. Madison, W.W. Sanders and Henry Hudson.

The church with but few resident members have made some significant property improvements in the last few years. In 1971, stained glass windows were installed, a new roof was added on in 1984, 1985 a new addition was added on the south side of the building consisting of two Sunday School rooms, two restrooms and Fellowship Hall. In 1988, a new walk and steps were constructed. The sanctuary was papered and painted and a murriel was put behind the pulpit. The murriel was donated by Ethel Prather, who has since passed away. The members take pride in the new addition which was paid for in about a year due to the efforts of Pastor Phillip Beckner, Phillip Higgenbotham, construction workers who donated their labor, members and community friends who donated money and labor to accomplish these objectives.

The church has declined in membership from its peak in 1939 of 169 to about 25 resident members and 45 non-resident. This decline is due in part to the few Southern Baptist families who are left. The Depression, bank failure, destruction by fire, closing of store depot and other factors have, over the years, deflated the population around Rocky Hill, thus, reducing the resident memberships. The fire department and the post office is about all that is left.

Recent record of pastors and church officers: Rev. Bill Price 1955; Rev. Jerry Houchins 1955-1958; Rev. James R. Banton 1958-1983; Rev. Phillip Beckner 1983-1985; Rev. Kevin Coomer 1985-Present.

Service each Sunday. Deacon Martin Lloyd Cook; Donald McCombs, pianist; Sunday School Sup., Lloyd Cook; Angie McCombs, song leader.



Silent Grove Missionary Baptist Church

SILENT GROVE CHURCH

Edna R. Sanders, Rachel Wilson

On January 5, 1861, a small group of Christians met at the home of Brother P.G. Smith to organize a Baptist Church.

This church was constituted by the following presbytery: Elders R.G. Doyle, S.H. Morrison, John S. Davis and Jacob Lock with H.Y. Gardner as Clerk and R.G. Doyle as Moderator.

This constitution included the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum for a church to be called Silent Grove.

The following were charter members: P.G. Smith, P.N. Clifford, J.D. Smith, E.P. Sanders, William H. Smith, Sarah A. Gardner, E.M. Howard, Paradine Kelley, Agnes Kelley, S.I. Owens, Margaret Ray, M.E. Morrison, R. Gardner, S.C. Morrison, J.S. Gardner.

Brother P.G. Smith gave the land and trees for the church and a log building was erected not far from the present site.

Because we do not have access to the first church book, the items listed above with the names of the church members (92 in number) were transcribed to a later book in 1885 at which time Brother W.S. Doyel was the church pastor. He served until October 1899.

The church belonged to the Liberty Association until 1894, the year the Edmonson Association was organized.

In this year, she was granted a letter of dismissal from the Liberty Association and joined the Edmonson Association in 1895.

During the winter of 1887-'88 the present building was erected. In July of 1954 it was remodeled.

Thanks be to God for his love and watch care over this church. Many souls have been saved here and at one time there were more than 300 members. Many have gone on to their Reward. Many moved out of this area when the Mammoth Cave National Park was established. We now have approximately 100 members with more than half being non-resident.

We pray that God will bless our efforts and much good will be accomplished in the years to come.

GOOD SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH

The little country church was established in 1842, but in the church cemetery there are grave markers dating back before that date. Among the earliest markers are those of the Sanders family, which presumably was one of the earliest pioneer families of the so-called "Flathead Nation". Among other early markers were those of the Davis family, the Sego family, the Strange family, the Ritter family and others. Later markers included the Dosseys, the Barbees, the Demunbruns, the Constants, the Merediths, the Blairs, the Woods, the Carwells, and others.

The little church was first established under a beech tree near the Uncle Ned Blair spring about a half mile from the present location of the church. The first church house was a log cabin that sat in the corner of the present cemetery just on the little hilltop above the bubbling spring. It was here that Rev. William Skaggs preached often to the congregation. The present house was constructed by the late Joe Blair, perhaps with the help of Bob Carwell, Cade Clever, and others. Other members of the early church, which was a member of the Green River United Baptist Association, assisted in dressing the lumber by hand and in painting the house after the construction was completed.

For several years the new Edmonson settlement was called the "Flathead Nation" because it is said the women carried on top of their heads buckets of water from the spring, which gradually made the tops of their heads flat. Many of the early settlers were "squatters" and remained such until they found land and home sites suitable to their desires. One of the earliest permanent homes established near the Good Spring church was the Hickory Cabin, constructed and first occupied by "Hen" Ike Blair. Another early squatter was Tom "Toad" Sanders; Uncle Ned Blair was also numbered among the first to establish a permanent home in the new community; and then followed the Parkers, Ritters, Merediths, Barbees, Dosseys, Demunbruns and others.

Many of the people who spent their childhood at Cade, others at Sand Spring, Stockholm, Ollie, Buffalo, Maple Spring, and Corner used to attend the Good Spring Church, perhaps to hear such ministers as Uncle Boling Sanders, Rance Kersey, Little Jim Blair, Joe Elmore, the Hester brothers, Tom Ray, Mr. Cooper and others.



The Rev. Elias Bolen Sanders and his wife Laura Gill standing in front of Good Spring Baptist Church

At one time the Good Spring singing class was judged the best in Edmonson County. Among the oldtimers in the singing class were Man Meredith and Willie Barbee who was long a leader of the church's singing class. Others included Rector Caswell, Jack Byrnes, Wava Caswell, Myrtle Staples, Meedie Gipson, Autrey Richards, Clyde Lindsey and others.

But now the valleys and the hilltops are void of human habitation, save when descendants of these families and of later families gather at the little church in the dale in May for their annual homecoming.

The Rev. Roy Sanders, grandson of the late Rev. Boling Sanders, serves as chairman of the day's service. For more than a half century his grandfather served at intervals as pastor of the Good Spring Church.

For years the huge church bell would toll for service and could be heard more than four miles away. Like the Liberty Bell at Philadelphia, this church bell, once the property of the Brownsville Methodist Church that sat where the Brownsville Deposit Bank is now located, is cracked, and its toll cannot be heard so far away.

Each year at the homecoming descendants of the original pioneers gather in at 10:00 o'clock and service is conducted. Old men hug each other, and many women embrace both their female and their male friends of their childhood.

After church services, the Blairs, Meredithes, Sanders, Dosseys, Davises, Ritters, Demunbruns and others sit down together like brothers and sisters, just to talk and chat about their yesteryears.

Many of the relatives and friends spread flowers on the mounds of former residents and linger in the spacious well kept cemetery until the late hours of the evening.

Many travel the beaten path to the bubbling spring under the hill to sip again the water that now serves only the ghosts of the past save on this one day in the year. Even the birds in the grove surrounding the little church and the spring sing freely and happily in this portion of the National Park.

The mid-day lunch is spread on the church grounds, just as it was years ago at church re-unions and at sessions of the Green River Association held so often at the pioneer

church. It is during the lunch hour that old acquaintances are renewed.

Some who were there last year may never come again. Many now sleep on their last couch. Regardless of what may happen in the future most of us who attend the services at Good Spring can say, "It was good to be there."

Norman Warnell

HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH

Holly Springs Church on Dismal Creek in the Jock Community originated from the Holly Springs Church on Indian Creek. In 1868, W. C. Dodge deeded one acre of land to be used for a church. The trustees at that time were John Rich, James Lindsey Jr., Miles Meredith, James R. Rich, and James A. Vincent Jr. The church stood where Silas Hunt's house is today.

In 1874, the Church divided with one part joining the Green River Association, and the other group joining the newly formed "Moon" Association.

The part that remained with the Green River Association, being led by Fed Meredith, moved to where the Bee Springs Church is now located.

JOPPA CHURCH

The following article was written by Miss Tandy Meredith sometime before her death, on August 5, 1980.

In the early 1880's there was an area from 5 to 8 miles square north and west of the Mammoth Cave boundaries, in which no church had ever been established. In this area several families had settled, among whom was Mr. Travis Blair's grandfather, J. Bailey Blair, who thought it essential that the people have a church to attend.

A Baptist minister, Benjamin Sanders, who lived near Joppa, also became interested in this community and its pioneer citizens. In 1882, this minister held a series of community meetings at J. Bailey Blair's home, the result of which was several conversions to the Baptist Christian faith. These converts along with other citizens of the community organized a church, which they named Joppa. And they set a day for the working.

On this appointed day the men went into the woods with saws and broad axes and cut logs, which they built the first log church house that served as a place of worship until the early 1900s. W. T. says he was a small boy at that time and can well remember his grandfather and others dragging the twenty-foot logs with yokes of oxen.

In the early part of this century, the old log house was torn away, and a frame building was constructed in its place. A small centralized community by this time was growing up around the little church. A post office had been established there, and a school had been erected which later developed into a high school.

The greatest thing that grew out of the Joppa Church was an evergreen Sunday School, which was exceptionally active for more than a quarter of a century, both fair and foul weather. This Sunday School did an everlasting good in that community.

But soon the National Park was established, embracing all of this fine territory, making it necessary that these good people seek homes elsewhere. Hence, gone are the glories of this little village of yesterday.

Submitted by Ricky L. Carroll



Joppa Baptist Church

LITTLE CHURCH

(The following poem, composed during the late 1970's, was written about Good Spring Baptist Church)

Little white church, how lonely you stand,
Tucked away in the heart of my home land.
Built there by pioneers long ago,
More than a hundred years or so.
With loving hands they built you true,
Cared for and cherished you 'til life here was through.

In sorrow so deep,
With eyes too sad to weep,
With dark despair
We buried them there,
Beneath the sod
Which they had trod.

We leave them in your shadows deep,
Slumbering away in their last sleep.
While the old and ancient trees reach high
To shield our memories from the watching sky.

Little church of white,
How silent and majestic you stand.
Like a beacon of light
You have guided me in distant lands.

Oft' times when my path was steep,
No friends were near, I was prone to weep,
On wings of memories my thoughts would return,
To the little white church and the things I had learned.
How I walked down your narrow aisles and knelt on your altar bare,
Breathing to God a silent prayer.

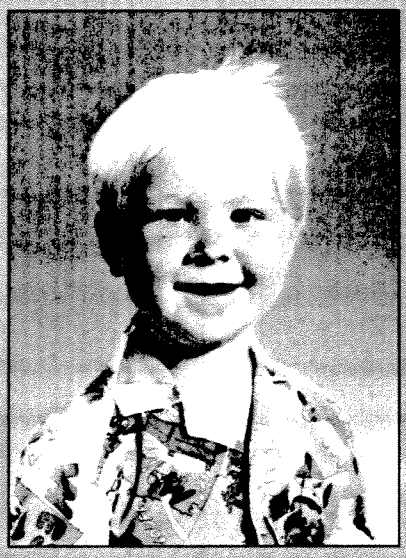
In finer churches made of stone,
I have sat so sad and all alone,
Walked down their wide carpeted aisles
And stood at their altar grand,
And bowed my head with the richest of the land.
But never have I felt the sweet response to prayer
As when I knelt on your altar bare.

Little church, may you always stand
As a guiding light to each weary man.

Della Blair Thompson

IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN ALLEN CARROLL

By His Family



"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

Isaiah 11:6

Jonathan Allen Carroll was born on April 6, 1981, in Warren County, Kentucky. He was the first-born son of Jeffery Edwin and Tara Shari Elzey Carroll. His brother, Brian Keith Carroll, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, on September 30, 1983.

His father, Jeffery Edwin Carroll, was born on February 5, 1960, at the Wilke's Clinic in Brownsville, Kentucky, to Clyde and Irene Brooks Carroll.

His mother, Tara Shari Elzey, was born on May 17, 1965, at St. Mary's Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, to Marlin and Martha Elzey.

Jonathan's first home was in Edmonson County out Indian Creek Road. In 1981, they moved to the Anneta community in Grayson County when he was six months old.

Jonathan grew into a bright, inquisitive child whose life was full of love and happiness. He loved to go fishing, to ride in his father's boat, and was a faithful fan of the monster truck, "Bigfoot". He was mature for his age and had an intense protectiveness towards his loved ones. He always tried to take care of them in the loyal way of a child. Jonathan was a free spirit - he loved to go places and meet new people. He had an endearing quality that made people love and remember him as a unique individual.

Then tragedy struck, and he was diagnosed as having an ependymona brain tumor. He celebrated his fourth birthday in Kosairs Children's Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. Several days later, he underwent major brain surgery. The doctors were optimistic about his future, but it wasn't meant to be. The tumors kept reoccurring even after surgery, radiation treatments, and chemotherapy. During the years Jonathan was under medical care, he was a good patient. He rarely complained or refused his medical regimen.

Jonathan entered kindergarten at Clarkson Elementary School in August of 1985 and graduated in May of 1986. As his illness progressed, he entered the Homebound Program and was an avid student. He was promoted to the second grade under this program. Jonathan was so proud of his report card. He possessed a sharp mind and a keen sense of humor up to the last weeks of his life.

Jonathan was admitted to Kosairs Children's Hospital on Tuesday, July 12, 1988, at which time he drifted into unconsciousness. On Sunday, July 17, 1988, Jonathan peacefully slipped away into another world - a world without pain or heartaches. He was laid to rest at Jock Cemetery on Wednesday, July 20, 1988.

He is missed enormously!

BANK OF EDMONSON COUNTY

The Bank of Edmonson County was conceived and developed through the foresight of Jesse T. Alexander and the combined efforts of his brothers, Luther F. Alexander and David W. Alexander. Jesse was considered one of the leading financiers in Edmonson County prior to 1924. He was widely recognized and had negotiated many loans. His reputation of being a fair and honest businessman brought him much respect. Most likely it was this background and experience that led him to the idea of organizing a second bank in Edmonson County. Combining his brother Luther's own banking experience as an Assistant Cashier and Cashier of a local bank with his own financial experience, Jesse's idea grew toward reality. The three brothers were joined by George W. Woodcock, a prominent Brownsville merchant, and N.E. (Ed) Vincent, a leading Edmonson County farmer, in organizing the bank. These five comprised the original stockholders.

In the latter part of 1924 the stockholders purchased a lot, on Main Street for $500. The lot was owned by George W. Woodcock and was located adjacent to his mercantile establishment known as "The Brick Store". One of the agreements for the purchase was that Mr. Woodcock would let them use the wall of "The Brick Store" next to the lot as one of the bank's walls so that only three others would need to be constructed.

Work on the building began in the latter part of 1924 and was completed in September of 1925. The construction was performed by local labor and was supervised by Jesse T. Alexander. The structure itself cost $1,882 and it was equipped with $2,550 worth of fixtures.

The doors of the Bank of Edmonson County were first opened for business on October 5, 1925. The bank received deposits in the amount $10,386.70 and paid out $22.72 in checks that day. Thereafter, it was known as the "new bank". Sometime later it was dubbed the "yellow bank" because yellow was the color of the counter checks used. In 1933, it became a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

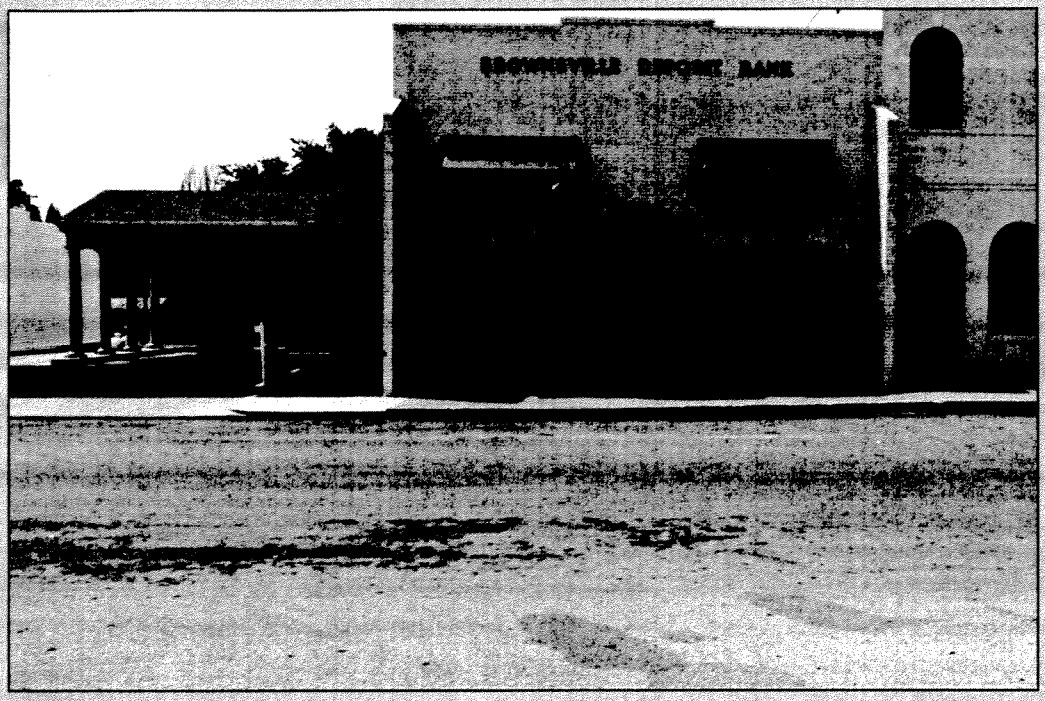
The five original stockholders were also the bank's first Board of Directors. The first director's meeting was held on the roof of the bank before construction was complete. At this meeting, Jesse T. Alexander was chosen as the bank's first President, George W. Woodcock as its first Vice President, and Luther F. Alexander as its first Cashier.

The Bank of Edmonson County continued to increase in resources and business just as it had done its first day. Even throughout the depression years, 1929-1937, the bank was able to maintain a solid financial position. In 1937, its resources began to climb, and in 1954, deposits surpassed $1,000,000. That same year the bank contracted for a complete renovation of its building to modernize its appearance and make the banking facilities more adequate. The much needed renovation was completed in 1955.

In 1964, the bank's deposits exceeded $2,000,000. Because of the growth in Edmonson County and of the bank itself, the directors decided additional personnel and a new, larger facility were needed. In March of 1969, they purchased the south side of the public square. Permission was granted by the State Banking Commissioner and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to change location and build a new bank building. On June 26, 1971, Bank of Edmonson County moved into the facility in which we are located today. At that time only the first floor was complete, but the bank's increase in assets allowed us to finish the second floor in 1978 where we moved our now fully computerized bookkeeping department. The second floor also contains our directors' room, storage rooms, and an employee lounge.

Today the Bank of Edmonson County has grown to offer modern banking conveniences, such as a drive-in window, night depository, ample parking and, of course, central heating and air conditioning. Throughout this growth, however, we have remained a close-knit and intimate organization, still under the management and control of our original five founder's heirs, and adhering daily to the values and work ethic which provides this bank's foundation.

BROWNSVILLE DEPOSIT BANK

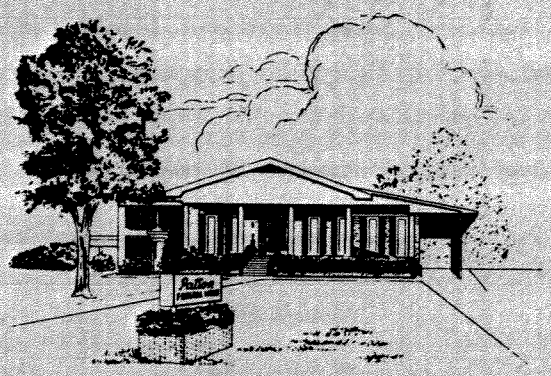


The Brownsville Deposit Bank, the first bank of Edmonson County, was chartered on September 15, 1899 with a paid in capital of $25,000. The bank moved into its present building in October 1931. It was renovated and remodeled in 1980, and still more remodeling was done in 1988.

Past and Present Presidents of the Brownsville Deposit Bank: R.B. Hazelip, 1906-; J.T. Alexander 1922-1925; T.F. Lindsey 1930-1948; George McCombs Sr. 1949-1957; W.P. Cox 1958-1969; George McCombs Jr. 1970-1975; Glen Duvall 1976-1981; S.E. Farmer 1982-1983; John Britt 1984-1987; Danny Logsdon 1988-.

The bank first went over the one million dollar mark in total assets on Feb. 20, 1948. The Brownsville Deposit Bank has been involved in the improvement of the county since its initial opening.

PATTON FUNERAL HOME



PATTON FUNERAL HOME

BROWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY

Although the name has changed over the years, the Patton Funeral Home is one of the longest continuing operating businesses in Edmonson County. The first owners in 1925 were Eugene Meredith, Cal Johnson and George W. Woodcock; Bert Dossey later joined the business.

In these early days the services which were offered were limited. Their primary service was the selling of caskets. An adult casket cost $198 as compared to $49 for a child's casket. If transportation was needed, a horse-drawn hearse was available; later, they offered a motor vehicle. Embalming was available and if that request was made then someone from Bowling Green would come and do the procedure right in the home.

The funeral home changed hands for the first time in 1946 when Charlie and Billy Towsend purchased the business. Charlie was the first licensed embalmer to serve Edmonson County.

In 1956, Don and Delores Sharer, of Morgantown, purchased the business. The Sharers served the county for about thirteen years before selling the funeral home to Jerry Patton in 1969. Don and Delores moved back to Morgantown and purchased the Smith Funeral Home. Delores is the fourth generation of the Smith family to serve the community in this capacity.

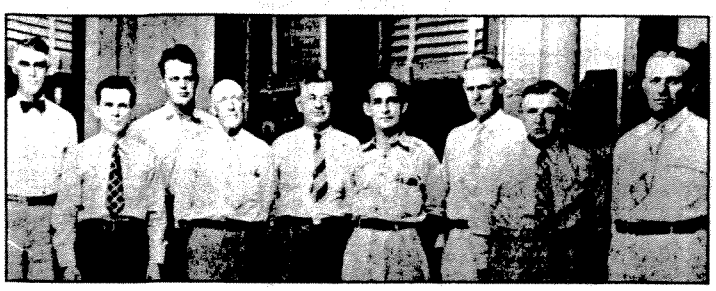
The Patton Funeral Home, under the ownership of Jerry and Marilyn Patton, began its official operation on July 1, 1969. Jerry began working at the funeral home for Don Sharer in 1960. In August 1962, he was graduated from embalming school in Louisville. Jerry received his Embalmer's and Funeral Director's License on July 14, 1964. Marilyn received her Funeral Director's License on July 11, 1974. Jerry and Marilyn are the parents of two daughters - Alison Cherri and Andrea Nicole Patton.

Serving the people of Edmonson County with pride and dedication has been the goal of Patton Funeral Home for almost twenty years. For the past four years Patton Funeral Home has been recognized for their outstanding professional service by being named to the prestigious International Order of the Golden Rule, as association which acknowledges an elite group of funeral homes that provide superior quality service to their respected community. Patton Funeral Home is located on Washington Street in Brownsville.



Jerry & Marilyn Patton

WARREN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP.



Members of the Warren RECC Board of Directors posed for this photo in July 1939 with two engineers hired to install power lines. From the left are Director O.H. Park, Rural Route, Franklin; Director Cecil Elmore, Rocky Hill; Engineer W.G. Folson; Director M.V. Hatcher, Warren County; Manager Lester Wright, Warren County; Project Engineer Jimmy Broaddus; W.W. Chapman, Route 3, Warren County; Anthony Warden, Route 2, Warren County, and Dewey Strickler, South Union. Missing was Director L.H. Hildreth, Smiths Grove.

The first meeting of persons interested in creating a non-profit cooperative to bring electricity to this rural area was held in 1936 at the Warren County Courthouse in Bowling Green. At that time, it was decided to make personal contacts among rural residents in Edmonson, Simpson and Warren Counties to determine who was interested in supporting the program.

Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation came into being on April 6, 1938 when seven men each put up $5 membership fees to incorporate. Among the seven was Cecil Elmore of Rocky Hill in Edmonson County. Edmonson, Logan, Simpson and Warren Counties were chosen for the initial construction of power lines. On March 3, 1939, power was turned on to the first 325 homes along a 130-mile network of lines in northern Warren County.

On May 25, 1942, the Board authorized the purchase of Kentucky-Tennessee Light and Power Company facilities in Edmonson, Butler, Barren and Warren Counties. Included were services to Rhoda, Rocky Hill and Brownsville in Edmonson County.

On June 10, 1942, power generated by Tennessee Valley Authority came to a large portion of the area served by Warren RECC, including the area south of Green River. Customers received a reduction in minimum monthly charges from $2.75 to $2.50. On June 27, 1942, Noah Parsley of Edmonson County was elected to the Warren RECC Board. At that time membership in the rural electric cooperative was some 2,000 members along approximately 451 miles of line.

B.M. Vincent of Edmonson County replaced Noah Parsley on the Board on June 22, 1946.

John Ed Bratcher became District Superintendent for the Leitchfield office in November, 1946. He was replaced by Wilmuth Deweese in 1953. Deweese serves as District Manager for the area north of Green River in Edmonson County and Grayson County.

To insure adequate representation of all Cooperative areas on the Board of Directors, a new method of districting was established on February 17, 1949. Among the nine districts established was District 4, composed of Edmonson and Barren Counties. W.F. Murphy of Edmonson County was elected to serve District 4.

Work began in the fall of 1957 on construction of the present WRECC office in Leitchfield. A two-day open house saw over 3,000 people tour the new facility in February, 1958.

In 1961, the community of Brownsville became the first town in Southcentral Kentucky to have a complete mercury vapor lighting system to replace incandescent street lights. The project was quickly followed by the installation of 21 mercury vapor street lights in Lindseyville in Edmonson County to make it the first unincorporated town in this area to be so equipped.

In early 1962, Warren RECC and TVA joined forces with other civic and governmental groups to create the South Kentucky Industrial Development Association to attract new industry to the area. Kellwood Manufacturing Company was the first new industry to locate a plant at Brownsville. Guy Johnson was elected at the Annual Meeting to replace W.F. Murphy as Director of the Barren-Edmonson County District.

Long-time Director Guy Johnson, died on June 11, 1982. He had represented Edmonson and Barren Counties on the Warren RECC Board for 16 years - since 1966. Becky Lane Goad of Sweeden, the first woman to serve on the WRECC Board, was elected on July 20, 1982 to fill the vacancy created by Johnson's death.

On February 15, 1987, the most devastating ice storm in some 13 years swept across the WRECC service area, causing widespread service interruptions and thousands of dollars in damages to the system. Effects of the storm were felt for eight days. Hardest hit were Grayson, Ohio, Edmonson, and Butler Counties, and northern portions of Warren County.

Through the years, the member-owned rural electric cooperative has been active in community and industrial development, rural water systems, and now rural TV for its members in Edmonson and the other counties it serves. Nearly 5,000 families and businesses in Edmonson County are member-owners of Warren RECC.

From its simple beginning of seven members 50 years ago, Warren Rural Electric Cooperative has now grown to over 39,000 located in portions of eight Kentucky counties. Many technological changes have occurred during the past 50 years, but the concept of service to the member-consumer at the lowest possible cost in keeping with sound business practices has always been at the forefront of Warren RECC's policy.

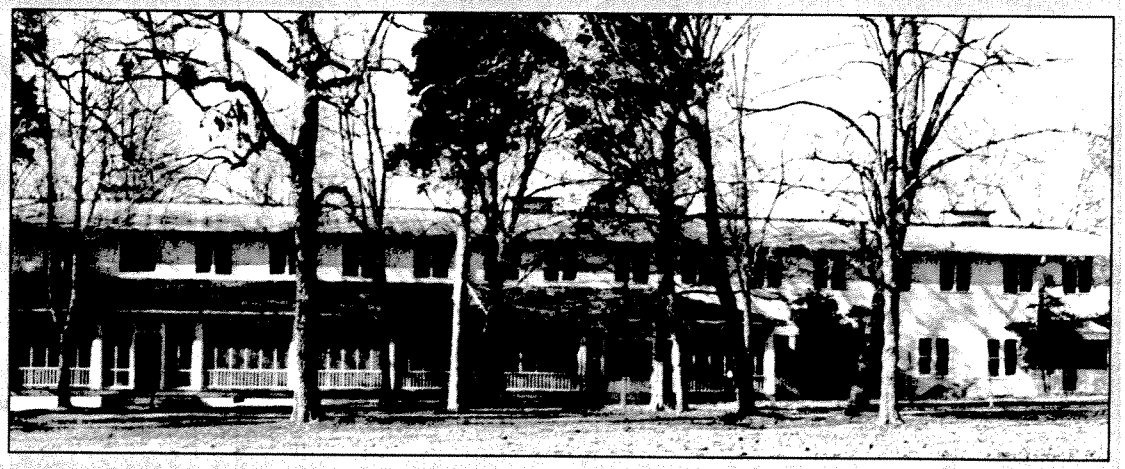
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The original Mammoth Cave Hotel.



Men building the second Mammoth Cave Hotel.



The second Mammoth Cave Hotel, torn down c 1979

Family History





WILLIAM AGE

William Age "Uncle Billy" (or Agee as it was originally) was born about 1810 in Tennessee. His father was probably Moses Agee. William married Mary "Polly" Demunbrun on May 5, 1826, in Nashville, TN. She was the daughter of Felix and Mary Cagle Demunbrun, and her grandfather, Timothy Demunbrun, was a French Canadian trader who was the first permanent settler of Nashville.

William and Polly came to Kentucky about 1836 in the company of her father, Felix, who was a Baptist minister. Both families eventually settled in Edmonson County where William bought 400 acres of land on Buffalo Creek north of the Green River. Shortly afterwards Polly died, maybe in childbirth.

William and Polly had the following children: 1. Eliza (c. 1827-), married Charles Ferrell. 2. Sarah "Aunt Sage" (c. 1827-), married Alexander Strange. Eliza and Sarah were twins. 3. William Washington (1831-1881), married three times. 4. Martha Louisa Margaret "Mollie" (1833-1866), married Edward Blair. 5. Mary M. (c. 1836-1912), married Henry B. Blair and lived in Vermillion Co., IN. 6. Berrisy (c. 1838-?). 7. Susan Amanda "Mandy" (c. 1841-?), married Henry Brown Blair and lived in Grayson Co., KY. 8. Felix Moses (1843-1937), married Charlotte Boyd and is buried in Shelton, WA. 9. Rachel C. (c. 1845-?), married John Holton, his third wife. 10. Hannah Ollie (1849-?), married Valentine Meredith and lived in Gibson Co., IN.

A few years after Polly's death William Age married for the second time to Nancy Raymer about 1854. She was the daughter of Michael Raymer, Sr. William and Nancy had three children: 11. Nancy Jane (c. 1855-?), married Wesley Cox. 12. Milesberry Palestine (1856-?). 13. Melissa (1858-?), married James W. Blair.

William Age was known as "Uncle Billy" Age during his lifetime. submitted by *Vonnell Doyel-Tingle*

WILLIAM WASHINGTON AGE

William Washington "Wash" Age (or Agee as it was originally) was born Oct. 3, 1831, in Davidson Co., TN. His parents were William and Polly Demunbrun Age. He came with his parents to Kentucky in 1836 and grew up in the Buffalo Creek community.

In 1852 Wash married his first wife, Elizabeth Strange (c. 1836-c. 1861), the daughter of John and Rebecca Strange from Virginia. Their children were:

1. Sarah Susannah (1853-1930), married William L. Hawkins. She had no children but raised her brother's daughters. 2. John Yancy (1854-1932), married 1) Essline Smith and 2) Virgie Cheatham. He had seven children by his first wife. 3. William Scott (1856-c. 1892), married Arminda "Mindy" Woolsey. They had five daughters who were orphaned and raised by their "Aunt Sarah." 4. Francis M. "F.M." (1859-1923), married 1) Janie Doyel and 2) Luella Estes. F.M. had no children and is buried at Little Hope Cemetery.



Wm. Washington Age

After Elizabeth died about 1861, Wash Age then married her younger sister, Rebecca Strange (c. 1838-c. 1866). One child was born to this second marriage: 5. Rebecca "Sis" (1862-1936), who later married H.A. Hawkins.

In 1862 Wash Age enlisted in the Union Army, Co. 3, 11th Kentucky Volunteers and saw action at Perryville.

While on a scouting expedition near Bowling Green in 1863, Wash Age fractured his leg. He suffered from this crippling injury the remainder of his life.

In 1867, after his second wife's death, Wash Age married his third wife, Lucinda F. Smith (1842-1907), the daughter of John L. and Margaret Doyel Smith. They had the following children:

6. Mary Ann (1868-1943), married Samuel B. Tarter. 7. Elizabeth Alice (1871-1913), married E.M. Doyel. 8. Palvina I. (1873-1943), married Richard C. Neville. 9. Felix Louis (1875-1959), married Anna Belle Hubbard. 10. James M. (1877-1927), married Effie Morrison. 11. Fancy Belle "Fannie" (1880-1896), married Jet Furlong.

Although he was a farmer, Wash Age suffered so much from his war injury that he was unable to do most of the farm work and had to rely on his older sons. The family lived between the Elko and Chaumont. It is believed that the old Age Schoolhouse was built on land which formerly belonged to Wash Age.

Wash Age died in 1881 from blood poisoning due to his crippled leg. His wife, Lucinda, lived with her step-daughter, Sarah, and was cared for after she suffered a stroke up until her death in 1907. Both Wash and Lucinda Age are buried side by side in the old Garrett Davis Cemetery within the Park a mile behind Joppa Church. submitted by *Vonnell Doyel-Tingle*

ALEXANDER

About the year 1801, Reuben Alexander, his wife Ruth Stice and their three sons, Samuel, Maston, and Jesse migrated from North Carolina to Kentucky and settled on a large tract of land on the north side of Green River near the future site of Brownsville. Reuben's two older sons, Samuel and Maston left home while they were young for other parts of the country unknown to the author.

A few years after he settled in the Green River country, Reuben died and his widow, Ruth Stice Alexander remarried to John Bullock and had at least two more sons by that marriage.

Jesse Alexander, the youngest son of Reuben, married Elizabeth Lindsey, daughter of James and Sally Lindsey. Both Jesse and Elizabeth are buried in the Alexander Cemetery. Their children: 1) Sally md. ?? Harrison, then second to ?? Buttrum, 2) Ruth md. Russell Jones, 3) Mary md. Bill Stice, 4) Elizabeth md. Anthony Hutchison, 5) James Alexander (Apr. 12, 1837—June 18, 1919) md. Rosanah Conway, 6) Fannie md. ?? Keeton. Three daughters: Mary Elizabeth; Armenda; and Nannie. Mary Elizabeth md. Washington Duvall and Armenda md. Samuel H. McCrady.



James and Rosanah Conway Alexander

James Alexander and wife Rosanah Conway had 14 children: 1) Jesse Thomas (1859-1931) md. Alice Green Hazelip. One child: Bertha Mildred who married Arthur Nichols. Jesse Thomas Alexander was the organizer and first president of the Bank of Edmonson County, 2) Mary E. (1861-1867), 3) Nancy (1863-1867), 4) Rutha (1865-1867), (these three girls died within three weeks of each other) 5) William Sherman (1867-1911) md. Blanch Dorcas who died shortly after childbirth. Married second to Nora G. McCombs. Their children: Cleo Leondol; Rumsey Clifton; Carter Ellis; and Hazel, 6) Charles (1869-1945) was ordained a Baptist minister by the Holly Springs Baptist Church, Oct. 14, 1900. He married Lucy Jane Lindsey. Their children: Leona Myrtle; Artie Onis; Vivia Olias; Ova Ellis; Cova Condred; Lowell Connell; Vonnie Velma; Trilba Florence; Charles Lamar; Lucy Loretta; and Elliot Allen, 7) James Adolphas (1870-1919) md. Elizabeth Lindsey: Children: Clyde; Rowell; Percy; Margaret; Edwin; and Nisbet, 8) John (1872-1961) md. Cora McCrady: Children (a) Cecil md. Helen Warnell: their children: Earl; Patty; Ethel; Bethel; Haskell; Virginia; Rosa; Thelma; Junior; Jessie; Johnny; Hazel; Billy; Mary; Charles; Peggy; Victor; Jean, (b) Geneva Alexander md. Victor Wolfe: One son, Gary Wolfe, 9) Sarah Angeline (1876-1952) md. Samuel Carrier. Children: Samuel Herbert; Lucy Mae; Chloe Maltie; Chester Otto; Collie Wilbur; and Henry Clarence, 10) Lucy Rosanah (1876-1964) md. Albert Morris. Children: Oren and Barney, 11) Reuben (1877-1959) md. Laurinda Lindsey. Children: Clevie; Emery; Elmer; and Ruby Marie, 12) David (1879-1958) md. Lillie Lindsey; no children. David was second president of the Bank of Edmonson County, 13) Luther Franklin (1881-1959) married first to Lucy Hazelip. Children: Owen and Franklin, Jr. both who were

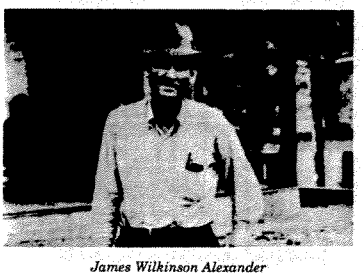
prominent bankers in Brownsville, 14) Chester Arthur (1885-1968) md. Vuna Lindsey. Their children: Snow; Icy; and Wanda.

The above history of the Alexanders was submitted by Mrs. Geneva Wolfe, daughter of John Alexander and granddaughter of James Alexander. See also the Alexander Family History Book.

ANDREW ALEXANDER

Andrew J. Alexander was born in 1798 in the portion of Warren Co., KY that after 1825 became Edmonson County. He was the son of Andrew Alexander and his wife Joanna Simmons whom he married July 20, 1797 in Warren County. In less than a year Andrew died and his widow remarried to John Wallace. On July 17, 1823 Andrew J. married Nancy Craig the daughter of Andrew Craig of Warren county. Their son Harrison 'Haz' was born in 1854 in Edmonson County where he married Sept. 28, 1875 Permelia 'Mealy' Johnson the daughter of James Wilkinson Johnson and Susannah Jane Warnell of Butler County. James was the son of Isaac Ewing Johnson and Permelia Wilkinson and Susannah was the daughter of William Warnell and Rebecca Skaggs.

James Wilkinson Alexander was born in 1876 in the Chalybeate Community of Edmonson County the son of Harrison Alexander and Permelia Johnson. At the age of 14 he left home to work at the Sulpher Springs Hotel. He and his first wife Ida Rutherford settled in the Joppa Community where their five children; Mary, Tom, Janie, Noah and Myrtle were reared. Here he farmed, worked in timber and was a special deputy at Mammoth Cave for 14 years (1928-1942). Later he was a land buyer for the National Park Service when the park was established.



James Wilkinson Alexander

After the death of his first wife James W. Alexander married secondly Apr. 1, 1911 Mrs. Lirtie (Page) Coates, the daughter of Robert Edward Page and wife Mary E. Holton of Hart Co., KY, by whom he had two sons Floyd and Raymon Harrison. Raymon 1914-1985 married Virginia Mae Campbell Jan. 4, 1937 and became the parents of Billy Ray Alexander who married and had two sons Donald Ray and James Franklin. by *Mrs. Mae (Campbell) Alexander*

JAMES P. ALEXANDER

James Percy Alexander was the third son born to James A. Alexander and his wife, Elizabeth S. Lindsey. J.P. was born on Dec. 20, 1907; he was raised in the Steep Hollow community. He was graduated from Brownsville High School and went on to attend Western Kentucky Teacher's College where he played ball under famed coach Ed Diddle; he was also a member of the W-Club.

A 1933 graduate of Western, he received a B.S. Degree with a major in biology and an Administrative certificate. After completing college he became a teacher in the Edmonson County School System. He also served as principal of the following Edmonson County Schools: Brownsville, Chalybeate, Kyrock, Sunfish and Asphalt. He served as the first principal of the consolidated Edmonson County High School. He also served 12 years as school superintendent. J.P. devoted a total of 38 years to the education of our youth.



James Percy and Mildred Kinser Alexander

He was married to Mildred "Kay" Kinser Aug. 2, 1935. Mildred was the sixth child of A.D. and Mary Alice Johnson Kinser. She was born May 25, 1907, and was raised in the Chalybeate community. She held a B.S. degree in elementary education from Western and taught school in Edmonson County.

Mr. J.P. and Mrs. Mildred devoted the majority of their lives to the children of Edmonson County. Ms. Mildred retired from teaching first grade at Brownsville Elementary in 1974 and then continued her educational career by working with the young handicapped children of the county.

J.P. and Mildred had three children:

Mary Jo born May 18, 1940 - married Leon Davis (a teacher)

Elizabeth Sue born Jan. 23, 1943-married Richard Sanders (County Clerk)

Jimmy born Nov. 20, 1945 - married Suzanne Mason (a teacher).

The family resided in the Chalybeate community and operated the Chalybeate General Store. The family moved to Brownsville in 1961 - on the Alexander's farm. J.P. died on Easter Sunday, Apr. 14, 1974. Mildred "Kay" Alexander died on Aug. 3, 1983. Both are buried in the Alexander Cemetery in Brownsville.

JOHN F. ALFORD

The second son of William and Elizabeth (Penner) Alford was John Franklin Alford. He was born June 20, 1827 either in Edmonson or Warren Co., KY. John married Charlotte Raymer (born 1831-32?) in Edmonson County on Apr. 16, 1851. She was a native of Butler Co., KY and the daughter of Richard Michael and Minerva (Goodman) Raymer. John and Charlotte were the parents of the following children:

1) Minerva E. (Lizzie) born 1852, married William E. (Ned) Davis, lived and died in Warren County. Buried in Warren County at Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ Cemetery, 2) Nancy Melvina (Nan) born 1853 and died 1930. She married James F. Doolin and lived in Warren County Also buried there at Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ Cemetery, 3) William H. (1855-1931) married Ruby Vincent of Edmonson County. They moved to Popular Bluff, MO around 1900. Most of the children stayed. 4) Martha J. (1857-1889) married Benjamin F. Norris. Buried at the Old Raymer/Alford Cemetery in Edmonson County, 5) John Franklin (1860-1939) married Elizabeth (or Lizzie) Toms. They lived in Edmonson County and were also buried in the Old Raymer/Alford Cemetery, 6) Mary Alice (1863-1901) married twice - Thomas J. Doolin and Benjamin F. Norris. Buried at Old Raymer/Alford Cem., 7) Josephine (1869-) married C.P. "Doc" Massey. Moved to Missouri, 8) Margaret (1871-).

John and Charlotte Alford lived in what is now the Segal/Asphalt Community of Edmonson County and on Green River. His farm was part of a 640 acre tract owned by Charlotte's grandfather-Abraham Raymer Jr. One can assume that her father-Richard Michael Raymer also owned it.

The Old Raymer Cemetery (or Alford) is the final resting abode of John and Charlotte Alford. For many years this was on the "Tommy Raymer Farm". The land is now owned by Gary Logdon. John died in February of 1882 and Charlotte died Aug.1, 1908.

One of the many descendants of John and Charlotte is Lloyd M. Raymer (author of this family sketch) of the Anna Community of Warren County. He is a great grandson of their daughter-Nancy M. (Alford) Doolin but is also a great grandson of Charlotte's brother-Phillip Alfred (Al) Raymer! submitted by *Lloyd M. Raymer*

WILLIAM ALFORD

The ancestor of all Alfords in Edmonson County (as well as Warren Co., KY) is William Alford. He was born Sept. 23, 1804 in Virginia (either Botetourt or Montgomery County). Little is known of his background or early years. Some say he was the son of William Alford of Botetourt Co., VA. Since young William married into the Penner family of Montgomery Co., VA and later of Warren Co., KY we assume he migrated to Kentucky with them.

William Alford first appears in Edmonson County records as a taxpayer on the 1829 Edmonson County Tax List. The 1830 Edmonson County census also list him. In the 1830's however, he moves to Warren County where he would spend the rest of his life.

The wife of William Alford was Elizabeth Penner (born 1797 in Montgomery Co., VA). She was the daughter of Christain and Mary (Whalin) Penner. Christain's parents were Peter and Margaret Penner. Mary (or Polly) Whalin Penner was the daughter of Patrick

and Susannah (Leach) Whalin of Fauquier and Montgomery Co., VA and later of Warren Co., KY. Patrick Whalin was a Revolutionary War Soldier.

William and Elizabeth Alford were the parents of the following children: 1) James Pleasant (1826-) married Elizabeth Goff and Martha Bratcher, moved to Ohio Co., KY; 2) John F. (1827-1882) married Charlotte Raymer and lived in Edmonson County; 3) Peter H. (1831-1902) married Nancy Smith. Lived and died in Ohio Co., KY; 4) Martha Elizabeth (1832-) married William Douglas of Warren County; 5) Mary Jane (1834-) married Isaac Jackson Goff; 6) Nancy M. (1835-) married Peter Smith; 7) William Thomas (1838-1906) married Serilda Smith. They lived and died in Warren County; 8) Wilson L. (1840-) married Mary _____. They lived in Warren County early but later in Edmonson.

Elizabeth Alford died in the 1860's (the exact date is not known) in Warren Co., KY. William died in 1876 at Richardsville in Warren County. submitted by: *Lloyd M. Raymer*

BONNIE J. GIPSON ANDERSON

Bonnie Jo Gipson was born in Edmonson County on Mar. 1, 1945. She is the only child born to Vergil and Leone Campbell Gipson. Vergil was the son of the late Jim and Meedie Merideth Gipson. Leone is the daughter of the late Rev. Gordon and Marie Lindsey Campbell.

Bonnie was married to Wayne Carroll on Jan. 28, 1961. To this union was born one child, Ricky, on Jan. 29, 1962. They resided a few years in Louisville. In 1965, Wayne and Bonnie were divorced.

In 1978, Bonnie moved to Gallatin, TN, and a couple of years later moved to Portland, TN. It was while she lived here that Bonnie received her G.E.D. While residing in Tennessee, she was employed at Gary Manufacturing Company in Gallatin.

Bonnie moved back to Edmonson County in 1984. She was married in 1986, to Denzil Anderson. He is employed at J.P. Enterprises, and Bonnie is employed at Nyloncraft, both businesses being in Bowling Green. They reside in the Richardsville area of Warren County. *Ricky Carroll*

CARL LEE ASHLEY

Carl Lee Ashley was born Jan. 29, 1921, in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the third of nine children born to Earnest and Rose Ashley of Bee Springs. Conard Ashley (Coon Rod) was the oldest of his family and was born Mar. 25, 1916, in Edmonson Co., KY. He was married to Phyllis Bullock. Conard passed away Nov. 1, 1967, and he was buried in Sweeden Cemetery. Wavie Ashley was the second child and was married to Docia. William Thorton Ashley (Bill) was never married - someone missed out on a good husband. William (Bill) was buried in Bee Springs Cemetery along side his mom and dad. Maxine was married to Raymond Hayes, and she was the fifth child and only girl to survive. There were two girls to die in infancy. Maxine yet resides in Bee Springs, KY. Odel Ashley was the sixth child and was married to Onita Meredith. Odel yet resides in Lindseyville, KY. Lenard (preacher) Ashley was the seventh and youngest child. Lenard was born Apr. 25, 1930, in Edmonson Co., KY. He was married to Rosealie Bullock. Lenard passed away Mar. 29, 1963, and he was buried in Sweeden Cemetery.



Carl Lee Ashley

Carl, better known as Sal, was liked by everyone who knew him, though he was wild at times. His personality when permitted was super. He was certainly one of a kind and is missed very much. He was married to Mary Charles McGrew on July 18, 1942, in Sweeden by Rev. John Conway at his home. Mary is a super person and one of the best mothers a person could have. Carl Lee Ashley (Sal) passed away Apr. 20, 1985, and was buried in Bee Springs Cemetery. Unto this marriage of Carl and Mary was born 11 children in order as follows: Patricia Ann, born Mar. 8, 1944. She married Billy T. Poteet on July 24, 1962. Carolyn Ealaine, born Feb. 21, 1945, and married Kenneth M. Salings on June 6, 1964. Carl Lee Ashley Jr., born Jan. 31, 1947, and married his first wife Helen Ann Cribbs. Ray Allen Ashley, born Oct. 30, 1948, and was married to Lola Logsdon on Apr. 25, 1970. Mary Helen, born Aug. 25, 1950, and married Leo Pate Oct. 1, 1971. Pamelia Charlene, born Feb. 24, 1952, and married Larry M. Childress on Mar. 16, 1973. Martha Jane, born Jan. 31, 1953, and married Douglas Booth on Sept. 29, 1972. Jeanette, born Apr. 11, 1955, married Charles Richard Kirby on July 5, 1976. Maxine Yvonne, born Feb. 19, 1957, married Gary M. White on June 19, 1976. Charles Damon, born Feb. 10, 1959, married Vonda Jeanette Brooks on Oct. 4, 1986. Mark, born Sept. 22, 1961, and married Theresa Jaggers on Oct. 9, 1982. May we all love one another forever. By *Charles Damon Ashley*

EARNEST ASHLEY

Earnest Ashley was born May 27, 1896, at Cubba Cove somewhere in Edmonson Co., KY. Earnest was the second of seven children born of Sol and Priscella (Vincent) Ashley. Maude the oldest was born Jan. 9, 1895, in Edmonson County and was married to Ed Musick on Apr. 8, 1914. Maude passed away July 15, 1981, and was buried in Sweeden Cemetery. The third of these children was Ruben Ashley, born Jan. 8, 1903, in Edmonson County and was married to Alline Cotes on July 4, 1924. Ruben passed away Aug. 13, 1942, and was buried in Sweeden Cemetery. Squire Ashley was the fourth child and was born Aug. 8, 1905, in Edmonson Co., KY, and he was married to Maggie Woodcock on Dec. 22, 1924. Squire passed away Dec. 10, 1963, and was buried at Sweeden Cemetery. Mae was the fifth child and was born Aug. 12, 1909, in Edmonson Co., KY, and she was married to Edward Harrison on Apr. 12, 1925. Mae passed away Jan. 1, 1956, in Leitchfield and was buried in Sweeden Cemetery. William Berthel Ashley (Bert Sol) was the sixth child and was born May 13, 1911, in Edmonson Co., KY, and he was married to Jewell Stewart on Jan. 19, 1934. Bert passed away Mar. 12, 1973, and he was buried in Sweeden Cemetery. Addie was the seventh and last child and was born May 20, 1913, and she was married to Blaine Musick on July 7, 1928. Addie and Maude married brothers. Addie yet lives and resides at Sweeden, KY.



Ernest and Rose Vincent Ashley

Earnest was married to Rose Vincent on Oct. 19, 1915. She was one of 19 children born in her family. Earnest and Rose were fine people and liked by all that knew them. Rose died before Earnest. Earnest passed away Feb. 16, 1972, and he was buried in Bee Springs Cemetery. May they rest in peace. *Charles Damon Ashley*

ESQUIRE B. ASHLEY

Esquire B. Ashley (Squire) was born in 1837, one of several children born to Welcome M. Ashley and Bashaba (Decker) Ashley of Shrewsbury, KY. Squire's brothers and sisters are as follows: Miles, born 1822, married Eliza Whobrey. William, born 1826, married Mary Jane Ramer. Nancy, born 1828, married William Cocktrill. Joseph, born 1830, married Harriett Stice. Joseph fought in the Civil War. John, born 1832, was killed in the Civil War. Esquire, born 1837, married Paradine Meredith. Esquire fought in the Civil War. Martha Jane, born Aug. 15, 1839, married George Fredrick Nelson. Adaline, born 1841, married Augusta Green. Harvey (Henry), born Sept. 1843, married Elizabeth Jane Stewart. Two older sisters born of Welcome's first wife (Frances Geary) were Susan Elder (Aunt Tudd) and Betsy Rice.

Esquire married Paradine Meredith on Feb. 16, 1857. Rev. W.R. Davis married them at his home in Edmonson Co., KY. Paradine was born Jan. 22, 1835, in Edmonson County



Esquire B. Ashley and Paradine Meredith Ashley

and passed away Feb. 27, 1922, and was buried at Bee Springs Cemetery. Esquire fought in the Civil War, and after serving most of his term, he was dismissed on account of illness. Ninety-seven year old Acie Carroll of Bee Springs recalls several stories of Squire told to him by his people, one of them being the time of his death. Acie said his father, John Carroll, and Squire were riding together on the same horse (a black horse, said Acie) when the horse jumped a gulley in what is now known as Broadway in Bee Springs, KY, causing a gun that Squire was carrying in his pocket to go off and shoot him in the side. John Carroll took him to the nearest house, but Squire passed away the next morning from the fatal wound. Squire died Sept. 19, 1880, and was buried at Meredith cemetery in the Jock Community. Squire was a good person said those that knew him, and it was a tragedy that his life was taken by a reckless accident. *Charles Damon Ashley*

SOLEMAN ASHLEY

Soleman Ashley was born Aug. 8, 1869, the third of seven children being as follows. Adaline, born 1860, and married Jack Gore. John, born 1862, and married "Babe" Carroll. Sol, born Aug. 8, 1869, and married Priscilla Vincent on Dec. 24, 1891. Rhoda, born April 1874, and married Tom Poteet. William (Bill) born Nov. 4, 1873, and married Lula Blanton. Martha Jane, born Apr. 27, 1877, and passed away Feb. 19, 1976. She married John Stevenson. Henry J. (Bubby), born May 29, 1879, and passed away Sept. 26, 1970. He was married to Martha Elizabeth (Teen) White on Apr. 19, 1899.



Sol Ashley and Priscella Vincent Ashley

Sol and Priscella (Priss) were married by Rev. Bob Lutrell at Sweeden, and to this marriage was born seven children - one of them being Earnest.

Sol was a good man and well thought of by those that knew him. Sol liked to sing - especially the old songs he learned as a child. Sol was a mason and one of the best. Sol was preceded in death by his wife, Priscella. She was born Jan. 22, 1839, and passed away Dec. 8, 1947. Sol passed away Feb. 21, 1956. They were both buried in Sweeden Cemetery. A great grandson, Damon Ashley, lives on the farm Sol once owned and feels privileged to own a piece of his past. May they both rest in peace. *Charles Damon Ashley*

WELCOME M. ASHLEY

Welcome M. Ashley was born in Virginia in 1801, the fourth child of several children. In 1821, he married Bashaba Decker and later moved to Kentucky. Welcome was a high-spirited man and apparently well-known around Grayson County. In the McCluor Journal found on display at the Grayson County Library is found Welcome's name and birth year, and below his name is written, "Was known for jumping over a covered wagon on the square in Leitchfield, Kentucky". According to 97 year old Acie Carroll of Bee Springs, his family had told him stories of Welcome's jumping ability.

Welcome's marriages produced 11 children that are known of - two of them being from his first wife, Francis Geary. One of the children from the second marriage was Esquire Ashley.

Welcome died around 1890 and was buried at Ashley Hill Cemetery in Shrewsbury, KY. Along with him are his wife, some children, and others of the family. Their sunken graves are covered with honeysuckle and bushes where they lie at rest. *Charles D. Ashley*

BACON-MARTIN

Woodford R. Martin and Mariah A. Bacon, were married Mar. 10, 1864, in Edmonson Co., KY. Woodford was born Aug. 21, 1839 - Butler Co., KY - died Sept. 22, 1899. Butler Co., KY. He was a son of John Lewis and Sarah Abigail (Cole) Martin. Mariah A. Bacon was born Apr. 8, 1840-died Dec. 18, 1922. All are buried at the Fannie Rone cemetery, Butler Co., KY. Mariah A. was the daughter of Johnathan Bacon (born ca-1815 in Massachusetts-?) married Feb. 8, 1839 in Warren Co., KY, to Abigail Whorley (born Mar. 26, 1815-Warren Co., KY-died Feb. 15, 1869-Butler Co., KY.)

Mariah's maternal grandparents were William Whorley (born-1790 in Montgomery Co., VA-died Nov. 16, 1850 in Butler Co., KY) married June 29, 1814 to Rosanna Likens (born-1796-died Dec. 10, 1859 in Butler Co., KY.)

Woodford and Mariah had children - J.L. "Bud" Martin (born-Feb. 2, 1868-) married Alma Decker. Burl "Jake" Martin (born-Apr. 23, 1870-died Dec. 31, 1953) married Barbara Florances Flener, Sept. 21, 1892. Charles C. "Bouse" Martin (born-Apr. 1, 1872) married Oct. 31, 1894 to Magnolia Snodgrass. Marcus "Mark" Martin (born Feb. 17, 1876-died 1953) married Jan. 2, 1895 to Dora West. Sarah Abigail "Abby" Martin (born-May 9, 1880-) married Joseph Fields Dec. 10, 1896. Noel E. Martin (born-Oct. 27, 1884-) married Annie Clark- Feb. 19, 1908.

Many people in Edmonson Co., KY today - descend from the surname Bacon. It connects with Whorleys, Raymers, Likens, Fields, Moores, Johnsons and many others.

William and Rosanna (Likens) Whorley are the great-great-great-grandparents of Alice (Shields) Hawkins of Morgantown, KY. Alice is the daughter of Jonell (Fields) Shields, Jonell was the daughter of Sarah Abigail "Abby" (Martin) Fields. *Irene Constant*

DR. JOHN HENDERSON BAKER

Dr. John H. Baker was born in 1800 the son of Jonathan and Sarah (Quisenberry) Baker of Clark Co., KY. His parents met and married in Clark County June 22, 1797 later migrating in 1808 to Warren County. They lived ten miles from Brownsville on the Old Bowling Green Road. His father Jonathan Baker was born c1773 in Surry Co., NC to Moses and Ann Baker. His mother, Sallie, was born c1779 in Orange Co., VA the daughter of John and Rachel (Henderson) Quisenberry who also removed to Warren County.

Dr. Baker married Mrs. Nancy D. Brooking of Hart County in 1836. She was the daughter of Byrd Duke Hendrick and wife Catherine and the widow of Samuel Scott Brooking. After Mr. Brooking's death in 1831, Nancy continued the operation of the Fountain Powder Mills, her husband's business. Dr. Baker, a close friend of Mr. Brooking, was co-executor of his estate which took 30 years to settle.

By 1846 Dr. Baker was insolvent and had moved to Nancy's 12,000 acre tract in Edmonson County retained from her late husband's estate. It lay along the Nolin River and was rich in natural resources. To this new home went their children: Elizabeth Ann (1839), John S. (1842) and Hendrick D. (1844). Catherine S. Brooking (1830), Nancy's only surviving child by Brooking, was boarding at Nazareth Seminary near Bardstown. She on March 16, 1847 married James Burtle of Grayson County.

To utilize the natural resources of this land a partnership was formed known as Craddock and Company, with Jesse Craddock of Hart County and Dr. Baker's nephew, Sterling Baker Barner as trustee for Nancy. Near their home was constructed an iron furnace which was to "manufacture castings and iron out of the ore, timber and coal on said land." Dr. Baker was to oversee the operation but the venture was short lived and by 1850 had ceased production. This was due to several factors; the death of Craddock in 1847, and others claim to the land in 1849, loss of a major shipment on the river in 1850 and numerous lawsuits arising from unhappy creditors.

Dr. Baker has been depicted as overbearing and a hard taskmaster. Minimal wages and an outside labor force did not contribute to this already tarnished image. During the War Between the States he

served in the Union Army under his son Capt. Hendrick D. Baker in Co. B. of the 35th Kentucky Regiment. It is believed that both he and his son made many enemies during the conflict.

After the war John and Nancy Baker finally settled her former husband's estate by selling her half interest in the 12,000 acre tract for $20,000 to some land and mineral speculators. Just as the long-standing litigations ceased, on the morning of Nov. 6, 1866 as Dr. Baker stood in his yard discussing business with neighbors, he was fatally shot. John VanMeter was at once suspected due to a long-standing feud between the two and that on occasion threats from VanMeter to kill Dr. Baker had been heard. Although there was overwhelming evidence against VanMeter, the defense created enough doubt to obtain his acquittal. To this day public opinion has been divided as to his innocence as others maintain that his death stemmed from an incident related to his past military career. Submitted by: *Joseph Stephen Hays*

GERTRUDE VINCENT BARBEE

Gertrude (Gertie) Vincent Barbee was born in Bee Spring, Edmonson Co., KY on June 18, 1902. She was the ninth child in a family of twelve having six sisters and five brothers. They were the children of Mitchell Vincent ("Uncle Mitch"—as everyone would call him) and Rose Van Meter.

Gertie began her early school years in a one-room country school that bore her family name, "The Vincent School". She attended Brownsville High School and later entered Bowling Green State Normal School (now called "Western State University"), a teacher's college in Bowling Green, KY.

After completing her degree program, Gertie became a teacher and taught for four years before making a career change. To better use her talent for writing, Gertie became a newspaper woman. She first worked for the *Henderson Gleaner* and later the *Evansville Press* where she became a feature writer and learned the newspaper business.

On Sept. 16, 1928, Gertie married C.R. Barbee and moved to Louisville, KY. In 1933, the Barbees bought their house at 101 East Garrett Street. This house became a refuge for many nephews and nieces who came to Louisville seeking employment.

In 1933 the Barbees joined the Victory Memorial Baptist Church. Throughout Gertie's life—to this present day—Gertie has been very active in church work. For many years Gertie taught Sunday school classes and has enjoyed participating in the fellowship shared by this congregation. *Eula Wood*

BARTLETT BASHAM

Bartlett Basham was born in Bedford Co., VA in 1783. About 1811 he came with his parents and family to Kentucky and settled near Hardinsburg. Bartlett lived there until 1826 when he moved to the Bewelyville District of Breckenridge County. He later moved to Warren County where he resided until his death in 1850. Bartlett served as a soldier in the Seminole War and afterwards engaged in agricultural pursuits in connection with the business of "ginning" cotton.

On Oct. 19, 1802, in Bedford Co. VA, Bartlett married Rachael Mayberry. She died in 1921. They had 11 children; George, Barbara who married Isaac Norton b. 1805 in Virginia, Polly, James H., Obadiah, Margaret, Elijah, Benajih b. @1820 married to Nancy Turner b. @ 1823 in Warren County and 2nd on May 21, 1884 Edmonson County to Harriet Gott b. Dec. 9, 1839 in Warren County & d. May, 29, 1906, Rachel, Savanna and Allen. Bartlett's 2nd marriage was in 1822 to Nicey Simmons. At her death on Apr. 18, 1873 she left ten children; Hiram b. Sept. 30, 1824 d. May 6, 1896 married Aug. 30, 1855 to Paradine Taylor b. Apr. 5, 1832 d. Feb. 22, 1920 dau. of Joseph and Polly (Hudnal) Taylor, Loretta married to Henry Milam, Lucinda married Feb. 25, 1847 to Joel P. Hardin, Napoleon b. 1835 d. 1857, Carroll C. married to Susan Morrell, Elihu married to Laura Bostick, Nancy married to John Allen Taylor, Margaret married to Thomas Yard, Samuel Wesley Green and Salina Candice Basham.

Obadiah Basham, the father of Bartlett, was a native of Virginia and a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in 1777 in Cumberland Co. VA under Capt. John Lee in the 1st Virginia Regiment of Col. Joseph Carrington's Company, then at Petersburg, was transferred to Capt. Tollivar's company, was taken prisoner at Charlestown, was sent by water to Williamsburg and was discharged in July of 1779.

Obadiah, born Apr. 7, 1760 d. May 28, 1840, was the son of Bartlett Angel and Sarah Basham. Bartlett Angel's mother was Agnes Angel dau. of William and Catherine Angel. He was married on Sept. 5, 1782 in Bedford Co., VA to Celia Dowell b. 1865 in Prince William Co., VA d. @ 1827 in Breckenridge Co., KY. They were the parents of; Bartlett, Joseph Dowell, James Dowell b. Mar. 24, 1788 d. in Warren Co., KY married to Elizabeth, Micajah b. 1797 married to Lucy & 2nd to Sarah Ann White, Margaret b. 1798 d. February 1850 married to John Milam, Henry D. b. July 25, 1800 d. June 9, 1878 in Breckenridge County married to Cassandra Hardin b. Nov. 30, 1812 d. Jan 22, 1894, Frederick b. 1802 d. 1884 married to Abigail Norton, Allen Dowell b. 1804 married 1st to Malinda Dolton, 2nd to Susan Pumphrey & 3rd to Elizabeth Wolf, Francis b. June 2, 1807 d. Apr. 22, 1893 in Breckenridge Co. married 1st to Thursey Hardin, 2nd to Nancy Barr and 3rd to Catherine Cart.

Obadiah was placed on the Kentucky pension roll at $8. per month under the Act of 1818 from July 25, 1818. Certificate 9411 was issued Apr.14, 1819. Obadiah died on May 28, 1840 and is buried in the Basham Cemetery near Lodiburg , KY in Breckinridge County.

EDWARD & LIMA BASHAM

Edward Calvin Basham, born Nov. 4, 1897, was the son of Samuel Green and Nancy Jane (Johnson) Basham. His grandparents were Benajah and Nancy (Turner) Basham & Carelton and Catherine (Johnson) Johnson. On May the 27th, 1924, Edward was married to Phlina Jane "Lima" Dalton, born Nov. 1, 1905 & died Jan. 31, 1949, daughter of William Robert "Bob" and Susan (Cline) Dalton. Her grandparents were Jesse Columbus "Little Jess" and Sally (Oller) Dalton & Harrison and Phlina (Elder) Cline.



Edward and Lima Dalton Basham

Edward and Lima were the parents of seven children; 1) Lloyd Kenneth born Mar. 15, 1925 and died Mar. 22, 1925. He is buried at the Threlkel cemetery at Roundhill; 2) Pauline born Feb. 18, 1926 and married 1st to Nicholas Telch and 2nd to Richard Johns born Dec. 14, 1927 son of Harry and Eunice (Caron) Johns. Pauline and Richard lived in Massachusetts for many years but have recently moved to Louisville, KY; 3) Earline born Apr. 3, 1927 (on a house boat on Bear Creek in which the family lived). She married on May 22, 1944 to William Elbert Davis born Oct. 6, 1924 at Huff, KY son of Otto and Lelia (Jones) Davis. They lived most of their lives at Roundhill but moved to the Plumb Springs area of Warren County about ten years ago; 4) Artie Mishie born Feb. 22, 1930 married Dec. 19, 1945 to Elbert Johnson born Feb. 2, 1918 son of Wiley and Racheal (Phelps) Johnson. They lived in Illinois for a short while but have lived most of their lives in Roundhill; 5) Wanda Murle born Apr. 30, 1931 married 1st to Hillery Kinser son of Godfrey and Pearlie (Dalton) Kinser and 2nd to Gene Allen b. Aug. 7, 1933 son of William Henry and Belle (Underwood) Allen. They live in Louisville; 6) Ola Marjorine born May 10, 1933 married 1st James Jennette b. Dec. 10, 1923 son of Roy Edward and Elizabeth Gertrude (Jennette) Jennett and 2nd to Richard Wolf b. Nov. 2, 1942 son of Milford and Pauline (Harrison) Wolf. They live at Fairdale, KY; 7) Charles Edward born Sept. 21, 1936 and died Oct. 24, 1968 in Cushing, OK married 1st Gladys Barber born in Lawton, OK and 2nd to Teresa Vincent daughter of Norman and Wanda (Sego) Vincent. His 3rd marriage was to Polly Carnley of Cushing, OK. Charles is buried in Threlkel cemetary at Roundhill.

Edward and Lima owned and lived on a farm on Bear Creek near the Rockhouse Bluff and Ferry. Edward farmed, worked at Black Rock, ferried people across Bear Creek, moonshined and like most Bashams,

loved to hunt, trap and fish. He was killed accidently while hunting on August 2, 1954 by Raymond Whalin. Lima died of a stroke at Bowling Green at the home of her daughter, Earline Davis. They are buried in the Threlkel cemetary at Roundhill.

SAMUEL GREEN BASHAM

Samuel Green Basham, born Sept. 10, 1855 in Warren Co., KY, was the son of Benajah A., born @ 1820 in Breckinridge Co., KY and Nancy (Turner) Basham, born @ 1822 in Warren Co., KY. His grandparents were Bartlett b. 1783 in Virginia d. 1850 in Warren County and Rachael (Mayberry) Basham & Reubin and Elizabeth (Likens) Turner.



Basham Family. Samuel Green and 3rd wife Alta Lamastus. Standing in back, Morgon. Children in front: Millard, James Maion, Pearl, Dollie.

On Apr. 5, 1877 Green Basham married Nancy Jane Johnson, born Dec. 24, 1861 & died Dec. 13, 1903, daughter of Carelton b. Apr. 9, 1844 in Barren County and Cathern Johnson b. April 10, 1843 in Butler Co, KY. Her grandparents were Thomas b. 1802 and Lucinda (Dalton) Johnson b. 1824 (both of Barren County) and William b. 1801 and Nancy (Nusley) Johnson born 1801 and married Jan. 21, 1891 in Logan Co., KY.

Green and Nancy were the parents of; (1) Mary Isabell b. May 22, 1878 d. Feb. 22, 1960 married to Clint Miller b. Aug. 23, 1880 d. Jan. 3, 1957; (2) William Henry Evans "Evans" b. Nov. 16, 1881 d. 1964 married to Lillie Ann Miller b. 1884 d. 1960; (3) Riley Palistine "Tiny" b. 1884 d. 1964 married to Minnie Davis; (4) Eller Paradine b. Nov. 11, 1885 d. Mar. 20, 1928 married to James R. "Jim" Houchins b. Dec. 4, 1878 d. July 19, 1935; (5) Nellie Caroline b. Apr. 11, 1890 d. Dec. 23, 1946 married to Felix Dalton b. Dec. 19, 1893 d. Feb. 2, 1984 son of Jesse and Sarah (Keown) Dalton; (6) Lonnie Valentine b. Nov. 23, 1892 d. Dec. 12, 1978 married to Tempie Vincent b. Sept. 20, 1898; (7) Bennie Jane b. June 21, 1895 d. Sept. 3, 1937 married to John Reason Roof b. June 30, 1891 d. Mar. 1, 1972 son of Daniel and Louisy (Lucas) Roof; (8) Edward Cavin b. Nov. 4, 1897 d. Aug. 2, 1954 married to Phlina Jane "Lima" Dalton b. Nov. 1, 1905 d. Jan. 31, 1949 daughter of William Robt. Susan (Cline) Dalton.

After the death of Nancy Jane (Johnson) Green married Nancy Jane Allen b. 1890 at Shrewsbury in Grayson County d. 1914 (she and two infant children are buried in unmarked graves on Pillow Hill in Roundhill. Green's 1st wife is also buried there.) She was the daughter of Tolliver and Eliza Jane (Preston) Allen. Eliza was the dau. of Wm. Preston.

Green and Nancy (Allen) were the parents of three children; Tony Bedford (died in infancy); Morgan Mayberry b. May 10, 1910 married to Vivian Dalton b. Apr. 20, 1911 daughter of Robert Marion; and Callie (Meredith) Dalton, Velmer (died in infancy).

On June 30, 1915 Green married for the 3rd time to Alta Florence Lamastus b. Nov. 26, 1895 d. Jan. 10, 1958 daughter of George and Laura Belle (Phelps) Lamastus. They moved to the Butler County side of Roundhill. Their children were; (1) Minnie Pearl b. Mar. 12, 1916 married 1st. July 8, 1933 to J. Holis Kinsey son of Mat and Lizzie Kinsey and 2nd to Jesse Martin; (2) Millard Thomas b. Sept. 21, 1917 married Sept. 11, 1940 to Helen Ramsey b. May 12, 1924 daughter of Arthur and Lona (King) Ramsey; (3) James Marion b. July 24, 1919 married 1st to Zadie Nash daughter of Oscar Nash. He was married 2nd to Loraine Hayes b. Mar. 20, 1929 daughter of Caleb and Lena Hayes. (4) Dollie b. Apr. 21, 1921 married 1st to Jack Basham b. May 6, 1923 and 2nd to Zeller R. Perkins b. May 15, 1915; (5) Pansy Irene (buried in unmarked grave by her father); (6) John Vollie b. July 7, 1924 d. Sept. 22, 1969 married Dec. 13, 1952 to Mary Keown b. Feb. 24, 1936 daughter of Elliot "Red" and Sarah (Mitchell) Keown. (7) Samual Green "Sam" b. Mar. 3, 1926 married Dec. 27, 1943 to Geneva Dotson b. Sept. 4, 1928; (8) Charles Frank b. Feb. 5, 1930 d. Sept. 25, 1987 married to Ann George b. June 23, 1934 daughter of Wm. Noah and Mary Lee (Beuley) George; (9) Ollie b. June 11, 1933 married 1st to Lloyd Alnut and 2nd to Bill Woodall b. Nov. 16, 1934; (10) Verlin Gale b. Mar. 12, 1935 married Sept. 2, 1950 to Erma Lee Jones b. 1935 daughter of Woodrow and Ruth (Kitchens) Jones.

Green Basham died on July 5, 1936 and is buried at Threlkel cemetary at Roundhill. Two infant children are buried by him.

BIRD

Norma Lee Davis was born October 1921. She was married to William Anderson Davis March 1942. She is the daughter of Norman and Peachie Stice Bird. Norman was born September 1885, died February 1963. Peachie was born December 1886, died March 1959. Other children are Nellie born 1903, died 1987, Lennie born 1906, died 1986, Letty born 1908, Andrew born 1924 and Mary born 1927.

Norma Lee's paternal grand-parents were Robert Milton and Sarah Jane Lindsey Bird. Robert was born in Barren County November 1859, died February 1934. Sarah Jane was born in Edmonson County July 1863, died July 1890 at age 27.

Robert was the son of Joseph Alexander and Mary Ann Campbell Bird. Joseph was born June 1826, died June 1903. Mary Ann was born June 1823, died April 1899. Joseph was the son of Thomas and Jane Davenport Bird. Thomas was born in Virginia, May



Joseph Alexander Bird, Mary Bird, Norman and Thomas Bird.

1778, died in Barren County January 1845. Jane was born in Virginia 1788, died July 1870. She was the daughter of Martin Davenport.

Mary Ann Campbell Bird was the daughter of William and Polly Davenport Campbell. Polly was born in Virginia 1795, died 1878. She was also the daughter of Martin Davenport.

The Birds and the Davenports came to Adair Co., KY about 1800, settling on Harrods Fork and Pettets Fork of Russell Creek. The Birds moved on Barren and then to Edmonson County about 1879.

Sarah Jane Bird was the daughter of Leander and Elizabeth Jones Lindsey. Leander was born October 1844 and died in Missouri March 1925. Elizabeth was born March 1845, died in Missouri or Kansas after 1925. Following the Civil War, this family followed the great Migration Westward. They lived in Wellington, KN for many years, later moving to Missouri to be near a daughter.

Leander's parents were Charlie and Sarah Meredith Lindsey. Charlie was born 1820 and Sarah was born 1824. They were married in Edmonson County, November 1843.

Elizabeth Jones Lindsey was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Capps Jones. They were married in Edmonson County 1835.

Norma Lee's maternal grand-parents were William and Rutha Lindsey Stice. William was born February 1843, died May 1921. Rutha was born April 1847, died June 1920. They were married February 1868. William served in the Civil War. His parents were Andrew and Nancy Meredith Stice. Andrew was born in North Carolina November 1803, died August 1869. His parents were Philip and Mary Haines Stice. The first of the Stice Family came to America from Germany circa 1759. Philip and Mary were born in North Carolina. Andrew Stice, along with other members of the family, came to Kentucky about 1816.

Rutha Lindsey Stice was the daughter of William H. and Jane Meredith Lindsey. William was born January 1818 and Jane was born 1820. They were married in Edmonson County November 1837. William's father was Hayden Lindsey, born in North Carolina 1796. His wife was Mary, born in Kentucky 1801.

BLAIR TWINS

I am George one of the twin sons of Eliz-

abeth and Edward Blair. We were born in Edmonson County in 1910. My twin brother Jasper, married Anna Mae Troxel, they have four children three girls and a son, Marelene Brown, Nancy Poole, Janett Pierson, a son Jasper Jr. who is an accountant.

I George married Florence Dowell. We have one son Larry. Larry graduated from Southern High School, and University of Louisville. Larry married Brenda LaChapple. They have two daughters, Lisa and Susan. Larry is a physicist and works at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, at Los Alamos, NM.

My brother and I have fond memories of our childhood on our dad's farm, playing with our six sisters, and of a loving Mother and Dad.

We had a dog named Watch, and he really watched after Jasper and me. And we had a little mule. I remember going down the road to our grandmother's; we would help her in her garden, and she would give us strawberries and cream.

There was another set of twins, ten years younger than us, Mike and Ike. They were in the army, Mike was killed in World War Two.

Our dad sold the farm when the government was buying up the land for Mammoth Cave Park. We came to Louisville in 1925. Jasper and I went to work at the Louisville cotton mill when we were 16 years old. I retired from Cheathem Electric Co. in 1976.

Florence and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in 1986. *George and Florence Blair*

ARNOLD RAYMOND BLAIR

On Jan. 22, 1910, Arnold Raymond Blair was born to "Vessie" and "Pernie" Dossey-Blair, in Kewanee, IL, becoming the only person of his generation to be born out of Edmonson Co., KY. He was the fifth born child of these parents. Soon after his birth this family moved back to Edmonson Co., KY. Later, they moved to Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY where "Vessie" Blair was killed by a train in 1913. "Pernie" Blair, being widowed when Raymond Blair was only three years old, moved back to Edmonson County with four young children, to live on the farm of her parents; Raymond Blair being the youngest. Then and there began the memories of Edmonson County days.

The homestead of Parker Murphy Dossey, the father of "Pernie" Dossey, was located atop the river hill from the original Mammoth Cave, Green River ferry. Parker Murphy Dossey built and operated a general merchandise store and attended to the ferrying of people and wagons at this ferry. After the demise of Parker Murphy "Uncle Cruter" Dossey, the store and ferry was operated by "Lennie" P. Dossey, a son, who was a brother of "Pernie" Dossey-Blair. Five girls and two boys were the issue of P.M. Dossey and wife.

On Jan. 20, 1873, Parker Murphy Dossey, of Barren Co., KY married Alice Holman, of Warren Co., KY. In 1884 P.M. Dossey homesteaded a tract of government land in Kiowa Co., KS. At that time three girls and two boys



Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Blair



Carol and Della Blair

made-up the family of Mr. & Mrs. P.M. Dossey. The homesite consisted of a sod covered dug-out, for protection against prairie grass fires.

While farming his tract of land, in Kansas, another girl was born to this family. Still later, twins were born to Mr. & Mrs. Dossey; a boy and a girl. The twin boy died, in infancy, and was buried on the prairie, near his place of birth. Soon after the death of this boy, P.M. & Alice Holman-Dossey moved back to Edmonson Co., KY. Thereafter, these children grew to adulthood, married and raised their families in Edmonson Co., KY.

In 1916, Raymond Blair was enrolled in Corner School, near Good Spring church, in the Forks of Nolin and Green Rivers, then known as the Flat-head Nation. Many lifelong friends were made there.

Upon the acquisition of a great portion of Edmonson County, by the U.S. Government, for the establishment of Mammoth Cave National Park, many families were separated when seeking new homes. An annual home-coming is celebrated at Good Spring church each Springtime. A search of the ancestry of these people continues today. submitted by *A. Raymond Blair*

MS. CAROL BLAIR

I was born at home in Edmonson County on Feb. 6th., 1907. My parents were Eddie and Lizzie Blair. The best parents a little girl could ever have.

We, there were 11 of us children, were raised Baptist and attended the Good Springs Baptist Church. All but two of us, which were too small, went to the Corner School.

Some of my earliest memories are of that little school. We had lots of teachers and I remember one that wasn't too nice. She gave my brother Jasper and me a whipping for fighting with two other kids over a ball game. Our side won. She was not really a bad teacher I guess. We needed that licking because our side had cheated a little.

My Father worked hard to feed and cloth us. He worked our farm in the summer and fall. In the winter and early spring he logged trees and made ties for the railroad. He was busy all year around.

My mother and us older kids worked along beside my father in the fields. I can remember helping my mother canning fruit and vegetables which we had grown on our farm. Winters were hard in those days, we didn't have much money but we had lots of love.

There was no television or radio back in those days. We entertained ourselves by talking, telling stories and playing games. We had little quarrels from time to time but Mom was always there and did a good job of stopping them.

I don't know how she did it. I think back now and I know that she had a Bible in one hand and a switch in the other. I can still remember how I hated that little switch that always set by her chair. I used to think that she gave me more whippings than I deserved. Now I know that she owed me some.

I am proud to say that I am a country girl from Edmonson County and also a Blair.

HENRY BROWN BLAIR

Henry Brown Blair, bn. May 15, 1801, in Warren Co., KY, (unconfirmed) in that part of Warren Co., which, in 1825, became Edmonson Co., KY. The earliest known records of Henry Brown Blair is that he was a member of Beaver Dam Church, in Rhoda, KY in the early part of the 19th century. Beaver Dam Church is the oldest Baptist church in Edmonson County, being established in 1802 in Warren Co., KY, now Edmonson Co., KY.

Henry Brown Blair married Mary Pace, Dec. 23, 1824. They attended Beaver Dam Church as charter members. Their place of residence is not known during their attendance at Beaver Dam Church.



Edward "Ned" Blair, Susan Blair Meredith, James Riley Blair

On the 3rd Saturday in February in 1842, Good Spring Church was organized in Edmonson County. The charter members were:—Henry Brown Blair; Mary Blair, (likely Mary Pace-Blair); Isaac Blair; Lucy Blair, (likely Lucinda Lee-Blair, wife of Isaac Blair.); David H. Blair, (who md. Elizabeth Sanders) and "Betsy" Blair. "Betsy" Blair, is believed to have married Charles Houchin. It is traditionally believed that Henry Brown

Blair, Isaac Blair, David H. Blair and "Betsy" Blair were brothers and sister. "Polly" Blair who md. John D. Houchin and John Blair, who md. Mary—?— is believed to be a brother and sister to the charter members. "Polly" Blair and John Blair were not charter members of Good Spring Church. The remaining charter members are unidentified by the compiler of this biography. The remaining charter members were; J.L. Smith; Sarah Smith; Rachel Pace; William Skaggs; J.D. Sanders; Sally Sanders; Thomas Merideth; Esaline Smith and "Pega" Davis. Other descendants can identify the above named persons.

The issue of (1) Henry Brown Blair and Mary Pace-Blair were: (2) James Riley Blair, md. Ellen Purna Houchin:— had issue: (3) John "Ed" Blair, md. Catherine Jane Houchin: —had issue: (4) "Vessie" Blair, md. "Pernie" Dossey;—had issue: (5) A. Raymond Blair, md. Jane Sandmeyer:—had issue: (6) Richard A,; David E.; Stephen A. Blair: no issue.

The ancestry of the above is still being researched by the compiler. Anyone knowledgeable of these Edmonson Countians please contact compiler. compiled by: *A. Raymond Blair, founder of EDMONSON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

IKE BLAIR

My name is Ike Blair. When I lived in Edmonson County I was not very old. But something unusual did happen to me there.

My brother and I were born twins on Aug. 22, 1920. My mother and father already had nine children and were not expecting twins again. They did not have names ready for us.



Mike and Ike Blair (twins)

They sent word to our cousin, Little Bill Ritter, who was the county clerk at that time. He suggested that we be called Mike and Ike until permanent names could be determined.

When he returned to his office he recorded our names as Mike and Ike and our birthday as September 1st. which was the day that he made the record.

As we grew up our family called us Edward and Edmond. We went through school known as Edward and Edmond. When we were 16 we needed birth certificates to apply for summer jobs.

We went down to the old Board of Health at 3rd and Chestnut to get our birth certificates. The lady that helped us searched many files and found that Mike and Ike were born to the same parents in Edmonson County on Sept. 1st, 1920. After some discussion she suggested that we go home and talk to our parents about our names and birthdays.

After telling Mom what happened at the Board of Health, she told us the story of our cousin, Little Bill Ritter.

The next day we went back to the Board of Health to get our certificates and new names. As we were riding up there on the street car, my brother and I could not reach an agreement on who would be named Mike.

When the street car stopped, we raced to the Board of Health. My brother arrived there first and he received the name of Mike and I received the name of Ike. We never did get our birth dates changed to the correct date.

My brother and I enlisted in the army in 1938. After basic training we received orders of movement to the Philippines. This was before the attack on Pearl Harbor. As luck would have it, these orders were rescinded at the last moment. My brother eventually died on the beaches of Normandy during the Invasion of Europe.

After the war I found work here in Louisville at Oertles Brewing Company as a salesman. I married my childhood sweetheart a lovely and wonderful woman, Paulien Chesser. She worked at Reynolds Metals Company for 30 years until retirement.

We acquired a lot near our parents and my father Eddie Blair helped me build our first house. We filled it with two wonderful children. A son Jerome C. Blair and a daughter Remona E. Blair.

My son and I visited Edmonson County about 1960. We took my father who was very old at that time. We took him to the old place which bordered Mammoth Cave Park and to visit relatives in the area.

These are my recollections of Edmonson County.

REV. J.W. BLAIR

"Jim" Blair (1889-1956) was the son of John R. and Martha Blair. He professed faith in Christ at an early age and began preaching about 1924. He married Mary Gipson: Children: Lillie; Edgar; Robert; Pete; Randy; Windy; Zula; Flossie and McKinley Blair.

Under the preaching of Bro. Blair, many a dull sinner woke up and felt the touch of the Gospel sword.

Rev. Barlow Page related the following story to the writer several years ago.



Rev. J.W. Blair

A merchant who operated a store in the Goodluck Community of Metcalfe Co., KY had attended revival meetings over most of the county and adjoining counties of Barren and Monroe. He would hear of a revival meeting and go listen to the preachers and had become somewhat of an authority on who were the best "lettered" preachers in that area. However, the Gospel had never penetrated his hard heart and he remained an open sinner.

Word was circulated that a revival was to begin at Little Barren and that a preacher from Edmonson County was to help in the services. The merchant decided to go see what kind of preacher that Edmonson County produced.

The night for the beginning of the revival soon came around and when the merchant arrived at the meeting there was a great assembly gathered. He took his seat and looking around, reflected on where the "preacher" from Edmonson County was. Looking in the direction of the pulpit, he noticed several preachers; one particularly small man in plain garb caught his eye. He said to himself, "surely that's not the preacher from Edmonson County. If it is they have run out of preachers over there."

When time came for preaching, the "little man," much to the surprise of the merchant, arose with Bible in hand. The "little man" needless to say was Rev. Jim Blair; and as he began to read from God's Word in his stammering way, the merchant remarked to those sitting around him that, "they had truly run out of preachers in Edmonson County."

However, when Bro. Blair ceased reading and began to look over the much affected assembly that was present, and began to preach and proclaim to the people the Gospel, the Spirit of God came down with great power upon the people. So great and manifest was the out-pouring of the Spirit that it occurred to the merchant that the great day of God was at hand and he unprepared; from this stroke, this dear man never recovered until he obtained peace through a Saviour. The merchant was baptized and became a faithful member of Little Barren Baptist Church and remained faithful until death."

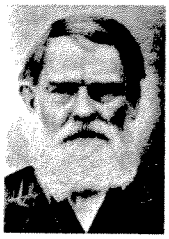
On all his fields of labor, Bro. Blair was crowned of God with success by making them effectual in bringing into the Church a rich harvest of souls. Perhaps under the labors of no one, in his day, were the borders of Zion more enlarged in the lengthening of her cords and the strengthening of her stakes.

JAMES RILEY BLAIR

James Riley Blair, being born Feb. 29, 1824, in Edmonson Co., KY, had the unique distinction of celebrating his birthday every fourth year. Had he lived 50 more days, he would have celebrated his 25th birthday. He was a veteran of the War Between the States, as were his two brothers, George Edward and Henry B. Blair. A sister, Susan was previously married, Dec. 27, 1849, to Louis W. Merideth, a native born Edmonson Countian. Each of the previously named children had issue before the C/W began.

Traditional stories indicate that while these brothers were in the Union Army, their wives, together with their children, lived in one common dwelling house until each veteran came home. All three brothers returned to Edmonson County, uninjured.

In 1847, Henry Brown Blair, the father of the above named children, deserted his wife, Mary Pace-Blair and his family. He took a young girl with him and left Kentucky. Henry Brown Blair raised a family of three boys and three girls in Missouri. John Brown Blair, the 1st. child born to Henry Brown Blair and his consort, survived the C/W as a Confederate soldier. Traditional stories relate that Henry Brown Blair and a handicapped son, were waylaid by bushwhackers and killed. No evidence of a Christian burial has been found.



James Riley Blair

James Riley Blair outlived three wives. He had issue by the first two wives; no issue by the 3rd. wife. He married, 1st Ellen Purna Houchin, a native born Edmonson Countian, to whom were born three boys and four girls. John Ed Blair, the 1st. born child of James Riley Blair was bn. Feb. 3, 1850. He married Catherine Jane Houchin, of Edmonson County, to whom four boys and no girls were born. Jesse Sylvester "Vessie" Blair was the last born child. "Vessie" Blair md. Capernia "Pernie" Dossey, to whom four boys and one girl were born. Arnold Raymond Blair, the compiler of this biography was bn. Jan. 22, 1910, in Kewanee, IL becoming the only one of this family that was not born in Edmonson County, KY. Raymond Blair md. Jane D. Sandmeyer, a native born (Louisville) Jefferson Countian. To this union, three boys were born, all in Jefferson County. No grandchildren resulted from this union.

"Vessie" Blair was killed, in a railroad accident, in 1913 in Louisville, KY. "Pernie" Dossey-Blair, his widow, moved to Edmonson Co., KY with her children, to live on the farm of her parents. They attended Corner School, near Good Spring church. Later, they attended Maple Spring School.

In 1916, rumors of war with Germany was the topic of the day. That was the year that Raymond Blair enrolled in Corner school, in the Forks of the Rivers; the confluence of Nolin and Green Rivers. That portion of Edmonson County has since been incorporated into the Mammoth Cave National Park and has reverted back to a wilderness. Few landmarks are recognizable today.

Stories of the war was accentuated by the return of young men being sent "back-home" for interment in the cemetery of Good Spring Church.

A natural event, "The Big Snow" of 1918 is still talked about by those who remember. An 18 inch snow became crusted over by sleet and rain that supported grown men. The legs of mules were wrapped with "grass sacks" for protection against the crust on the snow. Water had to be hand carried for other stock. Trails were hand-broken to the springs and barns.

The paternal lineage of A. Raymond Blair is as follows:—(1) Henry Brown Blair, (ancestry unknown) had son: (2) James Riley Blair, who had: (3) John Ed Blair, who had: (4) "Vessie" Blair, who had: (5) Arnold Raymond Blair, the biographer.

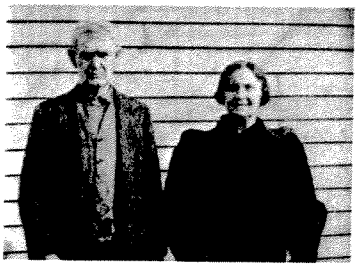
The maternal lineage of A. Raymond Blair is as follows:—(1) Kintchen Dudley Dossey, (ancestry unknown) had son: (2) Parker M. Dossey, who had: (3) Parker Murphy Dossey, who had: (4) "Pernie" Dossey, who had: (5) Arnold Raymond Blair, the biographer.

The ancestry of these people is still being pursued. *Compiled by A. Raymond Blair*

JASPER BLAIR

It was an early spring day in 1925 when Eddie and Lizzie Blair packed up the remnants of their family and left Edmonson Co., KY. Six of their older children had already left the small farm house to establish families of their own or begin work in Louisville. Now with five young children, one daughter and four sons, they loaded into a black touring car owned by a son-in-law and whistling for their pet dog, Watch, to join them began the journey to Louisville.

Behind them the Blair family was leaving a legacy of memories in Edmonson County. Their land which had recently been sold to the federal government to become part of Mammoth Cave National Park had been homesteaded by Eddie's father, "Ned" Edward Blair. Born Aug. 22, 1931, Ned had married an Edmonson County girl, Martha Miles, born Jan. 18, 1842, and had raised his family on the land along Green River bordering the cave. Two of Ned's sons, Eddie and Elijah ("Lijie"), married and raised their families in houses built on the homeplace...one on either side of their father's farm. A daughter, Renee, lived at home with her parents until both their deaths, Ned on Oct. 11, 1908 and Martha, June 18, 1919.



Eddie and Lizzie Blair. Photo taken in Louisville in early 1940's.

George Edward "Eddie" Blair had been born on the family homestead on Apr. 19, 1876. On May 22, 1897, he had married an Edmonson County girl, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Wright, born Feb. 12, 1879. Lizzie bore 11 children, seven daughters, Cella, Della, Stella, Martha, Tanda, Carol, and Billie, and two sets of male twins, Jasper and George, and Mike and Ike. The children were delivered by a mid-wife as there were no doctors in the community. The first set of boy twins, George Washington and Jasper Newton, born Oct. 23, 1910, weighed only 2 and 2 1/2 pounds at birth. They were cared for during infancy by being placed on a pillow and warmed on the open oven door of the family's wood burning cook stove.

The family's two-room "box" house was located at Cade, KY. The children attended early grade school at the Corner School and church at the Good Springs Baptist Church.

The Good Springs Baptist Church had been built on land donated by "Grandpap" Ned Blair. Eddie had been a member since 1894. Lizzie moved her membership from the Methodist Church to Good Springs in 1910.

The Blair family always had food from the garden that Lizzie and her daughters canned and dried for winter meals. The boys often raised pets, pigs, chickens, or a calf, which would later show up on the table as food for the family. Grandma and Grandpap raised laying hens, so there were always eggs for everyone. Eggs were also good for swapping for candy at the store. Even when Grandma found out the boys were trading eggs for candy, she said there were plenty, and those boys could have eggs anytime they wanted.

Eddie often would leave his family during the week to work at Brownsville at "Black Rock" mining the natural asphalt or at Louisville. Weekends would find him returning home with sticks of candy and treats for his children. While he was working, the boys, Jasper and George, would cut wood and plow the garden with miniature plows their father, Pappy, had made "just their size."

Recreation was family made. There were many cousins to play with and some nights there were hunting trips for possum with Pappy. Twin brothers were especially close and could always be found together. One time around 1918, they were together on George's horse returning from the blacksmith's when the horse became startled and bucked the boys off. Jasper suffered a broken leg which was treated by resting him in the bed and regularly turning him from side to side. No doctor was available to set the fracture.

At the age of nearly 15, Jasper and George Blair, were in that touring car on their way to Louisville leaving their Edmonson County home. The family would settle in the Highland Park area of Louisville. Eddie and Lizzie Blair lived a long life there. Eddie died at the age of 100 in 1976 and Lizzie at the age of 87 in 1967. All except three of their children still survive. Cella died as a young woman during childbirth, Mike was killed in

battle during World War II, and Della died of an extended illness in 1987.

Jasper and George have maintained those close bonds of childhood throughout their live. They both still live in Louisville. Jasper married Anna Mae Troxle and they have four children, Marlene, Jasper, Nancy and Janet. They have ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, all living in Louisville. By *Janet Blair Pearson*

MORA LOUISE CARROLL BLAIR

Mora Louise Carroll was the oldest daughter of Pete and Ellen Donnelly Carroll. Pete Carroll was born in Edmonson Co. KY, to Jack and Annie Carroll. Mora's mother, Ellen, died in 1929 when Mora was five years old. She then lived with her father for about a year and a half. She also spent time with her grandparents, Jack and Ettie Carroll, in Defiance, Perry Co., KY. She remembers when her Uncle Chester was killed by a train and also has vague memories of her Uncle Dempsey Carroll.

After her father remarried, Mora went to live with her grandparents, William L. and Margaret Donnelly. When she was ten years old, she made her home with her Uncle and Aunt, Jack Guy and Margarite Donnelly Pittman, at Kona, in Letcher County.

Mora attended Millstone School, Kona Grade School, and Fleming High School - all in Letcher Co., KY.

On Apr. 3, 1946 she married William L. Blair, Jr. at the home of his parents, William L. and Hattie Franklin Blair. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harlan Kendrick at Fleming, KY.



Mora Louise Carroll Blair and husband, William L. Blair, Jr.

To this union was born three children: Sondra Jill, born Feb. 9, 1947, Jack Rogers, born June 20, 1948, both born at Fleming Kentucky Hospital. Belinda Carrroll Blair was born Jan. 13, 1950, at Seco Hospital. All three were born in Letcher County.

William L. and Mora Louise Carroll Blair moved to Detroit, MI, in October, 1950. They lived there 33 years. They are now retired and living in Jackhorn or Hemphill in Letcher Co., KY. They enjoy coming to Edmonson County to visit with her people - Uncle Acie Carroll and others.

Their daughter, Sondra Jill Blair, was elected as Miss Northwest Detroit in a beauty pageant in Detroit when she was 18 years old. She was also a dancing teacher and a model. She married Rodney Clayton Jones on Nov. 30, 1968 in Detroit, MI, at the West Outer Drive Methodist Church. They have two children: Denise Hope, age 21, and Thomas Beake, age 18. They are currently living in Brighton, MI.

Their son, Jack Rogers, married Marianne Miller in 1973 in Detroit, MI. They have one child, Melanie Kay Blair. Jack and Marianne were divorced, and he married Delma Jean Mullins of McRoberts, KY, in 1978. They have two daughters, Devin Nicole, born July 22, 1979, and Ashley Hope, born June 17, 1982. They reside in McRoberts, KY.

Their youngest daughter, Belinda Carroll Blair, known as Wendy, was given her mother's maiden name as her middle name. On Sept. 25, 1971, she married William Bray at the West Outer Drive Methodist Church in Detroit, MI. They were divorced in 1972. She currently lives in Ypsilanti, MI. by *Mora Louise Blair*

NEVA BLANTON BLAIR

Neva (Blanton) Blair was born in Edmonson County Nov. 23, 1914. She is the eldest daughter of Riley and Clara (Blair) Blanton. Her brothers and sisters are: Orion (deceased), Ergo, Rudolph (Rudy), Nina (Blanton) Madison and Melba (Blanton) Madison. Neva attended her first year of school at Temple Hill which was later demolished in the Mammoth Cave Park area. The family then moved to the Ollie community where she finished grade school and then entered Lincoln High School for three and one-half years and later received her diploma from Brownsville High School.



L to R: Leora Blair Perri, Ergo Blanton and Neva Blanton Blair.

While attending Lincoln school she was seen riding her pony to school as there were no school busses at that time. She is a member of Ollie Baptist Church. She was married in 1936 and moved to Louisville, KY. and divorced in 1968. Neva worked at several jobs before going to work for the City of Louisville and later for Jefferson County Government where she retired after 17 years. She was made Honorary Captain of the Belle of Louisville. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star since 1944, the American Association of Retired Persons, The Salvation Army Senior Citizens and Southern Star Social Club. During World War II she took a course in Red Cross Home Nursing, which has been very helpful while attending to friends and relatives. She has a certificate for three years of outstanding service with the Optometric Team. Neva still resides in Louisville, KY. *Neva (Blanton) Blair*

ERGO E. BLANTON

Ergo Blanton was born on a farm in Edmonson County which is now a part of the Mammoth Cave National Park. He was born on Feb. 23, 1913, to James Riley Blanton and Clara Blair Blanton. His maternal grandparents were Ben Blair and Rebecca Sanders Blair. His paternal grandparents were Asa Blanton and Mary Francis Rich Blanton.

Ergo was the second born in the family of three boys and three girls. Orin was the oldest son and is deceased. Neva Blanton Blair lives in Louisville; Nina Blanton Madison lives in Brownsville; Rudolph, the youngest son lives in Upton, KY; and the youngest sister is Melba Blanton Madison of Chalybeate Springs, KY.



Ergo Blanton

Ergo was 18 when he left Edmonson County with 25 cents in his pocket. He arrived in Louisville and spent many nights on a park bench, eating candy bars until he found work.

He married Nanie Morris, who is a native Edmonson Countian, in 1935. They have resided in Louisville since their marriage and they have three daughters. Carol Keim and Janet Crady of Louisville and Doris Wyatt Hawley of Fayetteville, NC. They have seven grandchildren.

Ergo worked for various plants in Louisville and during the World War II, he was commended for the work he did for the war effort. He was a Louisville city bus driver for eight years and was written up in the Courier Journal for his jolly humor and good-ole-boy way with passengers. He became a carpenter in the 1950's and worked in the trade until his retirement in 1977.

Ergo is an ordained Baptist minister and has served as pastor for several churches both United and General Baptist churches.

He is a thirty-second degree Mason and has lectured many men for the Masons. He received his 40 year pin at Sunset Lodge # 915 in 1980.

Ergo and Nanie are the proud owners of the Morris farm at Windyville and are looking forward to spending time there and renewing old friendships in Edmonson County. *Ergo E. Blanton*

NANIE MORRIS BLANTON

Nanie Morris was born Mar. 13, 1915, on a farm near Bee Springs, KY. She was the seventh child born to Virgil Walter Morris and Moria Meredith Morris. Her eldest brother was Noel, next was Lester, Mabel, Virginia, Fred, and Chester. After Nanie came the youngest daughter, Maggie, then two more boys, Edwin and Earl, making a total of ten children born to the Edmonson County family.

Nanie's maternal grandparents were Mary Elizabeth Sanders Meredith and Fredrick Meredith. They came from Virginia to Edmonson Co., KY. Her paternal grandparents were Nancy Conway Morris and Ruben Morris. Her paternal great grandparents were Hiram and Lucy Morris who came from North Carolina in about 1815. Grandfather Ruben Morris was a Union soldier in the Civil War.



Nanie Morris Blanton

When Nanie was about six the family moved by wagon to a larger home and farm near Windyville where the children went to school at Grassland, KY. They attended Sunday School at Holly Springs Baptist Church and later joined New Home General Baptist Church where Nanie is still a member.

The family's home burned to the ground just weeks after they moved. Edwin was a newborn infant and the oldest son, Noel, was at home from World War I. Noel was approximately nineteen years old at the time and he became seriously ill with typhoid fever while the house was being rebuilt.

Nanie enjoyed school at Grassland from the first grade through the eighth grade and represented the school at various times in spelling bees and public speaking competitions, winning a trip to Lexington, KY, on one occasion. She passed a test in order to attend Brownsville High School where she graduated in January, 1933.

After graduation Nanie worked in Louisville and in Hamilton, OH until returning to Edmonson County to be married in 1935.

Nanie married Ergo E. Blanton, son of James Riley Blanton and Clara Blair Blanton, on June 15, 1935. They were married by the Reverend Leland Patterson at her parents home and then the newlyweds left for Louisville where they have always lived.

Nanie and Ergo have three daughters and seven grandchildren. The oldest is Carol Keim and the youngest is Janet Crady, both reside in Louisville. Doris Wyatt Hawley is living in Fayettville, NC.

Nanie has always been interested in politics and worked as a precinct captain for the Republican Party in 1952 for the first time and helped to get Dwight D. Eisenhower elected President in a heavily Democrat area.

She also belongs to the Southern Star Chapter #154 of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member for 45 years. She and her husband belong to several senior citizens clubs.

In 1987, Nanie and Ergo purchased the Morris family farm which has been in the family since the early 1900's. They are looking forward to spending a lot of their summers in Edmonson County and renewing old friendships. *Nanie Morris Blanton*

RUDOLPH DEWEY BLANTON

Rudolph Dewey Blanton was born Nov. 27, 1922, in the forks of Nolin and Green River, son of the late James Riley and Claira Bell Blair Blanton. Rudolph professed faith in Christ in 1938 and joined Fairview United Baptist Church. Rudolph went to grade school at Ollie, Lincoln and Chalybeat Springs. Joined the Army Jan. 4, 1940. Served with the 1st, 4th, 5th Armored Division; wounded in action Nov. 29, 1944 Germany. Three months in Cardith Wales, British Hospital, and three months in Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, TN. Then discharged Sept. 25, 1945, with five years and nine months of military service.

First marriage in New Mexico to Dora Manula Tellez (Blanton); one daughter born in Deming, NM 1947, Patsy Blanton Mathlouthi who lives in California. Patsy has one daughter, Dini Mathlouthi. Rudolph's marriage ended in divorce after two years and he joined the Merchant Marines, sailing with the U.S.S. Bull Lines, Texaco and Gulf Oil tankers. Rudolph returned home in 1951 after sailing around the world. After a short vacation in Edmonson County, Rudolph returned back to the sea.



Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph D. Blanton

He returned to Edmonson County in 1954, met a Hart County native, Anna Elizabeth Wooden, and was married Aug. 25, 1955. To Rudolph and Anna, Sheila Ann Blanton was born June 12, 1956. Sheila married Mark Edward Matthews, a native of Arkansas. To them one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Matthews, was born May 19, 1984.

Rudolph and Anna moved to Phoenix, AZ for about two years and returned to Kentucky. On Apr. 6, 1960 was born a son, Scottie Blanton. Scottie married an Edmonson County girl, Paula M. Avery, daughter of Gene and Peggy (Vincent) Avery. To Scottie and Paula two children, Cloia Nichole born Nov. 23, 1981 and Brandon Lee Blanton born June 20, 1984. Now living at Ollie in Edmonson County.

Rudolph joined the Masonic order in 1956 and went on up to 32° Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shriner. Also, 1969 joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Brownsville Lodge No. 164, then the Encampment Degrees and the Royal Purple Degrees. Member of the Order of Kentucky Colonels, Ruiton Club, V.F.W., D.A.V., 5th Armored Division Association.

Rudolph was four times Noble Grand and three times District Deputy Grand Master and Past Worthy Patron. Rudolph's wife, daughter, son and daughter-in-law are members of the Order of Eastern Star. Paula Blanton is Worthy Matron Nolin Chapter 574 Cub Run, KY. Rudolph's son, Scottie, is a member of Cub Run Masonic Lodge No. 910.

Rudolph retired from Civil Service on Jan. 12, 1974 and now lives in Larue County.

BLEDSOE

Joel Franklin Bledsoe was born in Warren County 1826 and died in the Oak Grove community of Edmonson County 1915 and is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. He has the distinction of being the progenitor of the Bledsoe family in Edmonson County. He is believed to have been the son of James Bledsoe and Polly Womack who lived in Edmonson and Warren Counties for a brief time. James and Polly were married in Edmonson County 1826. Their marriage was short lived, however. In a settlement at the Brownsville court (1838), Polly stated that James had went to another state.



Joel Franklin Bledsoe

Five days before Christmas 1843, Joel married Cyntha Graham in Warren County. Cyntha was born in Virginia 1819 and died 1895 in Edmonson County. Joel was in the Civil War, Co. G. 17 KY Cav. Joel and Cyntha Bledsoe's children: 1) James (born 1845) married Elizabeth Davis; 2) Mary (1849); 3) John F. (1851) married Mary Alice Wells Jan. 26, 1872. They had at least one son that the writer knows of Eugene Bledsoe. Eugene was the father of: (a) Noah Bledsoe, Sr. who married Leydia Hunt: their children; Noah W.; Willodean; Ruth; Pauline; Nola; James

P.; David; Jean; Charles; Betty; Larry; and two sons dead.: (b) Hallie Bledsoe married Hollie Wilson. They had one son, Melvin Wilson: (c) Mossie Bledsoe married Jim Warnell. They had two sons, Rex and Edward, and a daughter Lucille Lawson: (d) Huie Bledsoe: (e) Florence Bledsoe married Everett Watt: Children: Guy and Willis; 4) William (1853); 5) Joseph (1856); 6) Charles (1858); 7) Edd Franklin (1860-1927) married George Ann Houchin, daughter of Alexander and Palastine Brown Houchin. Palastine was the daughter of John T. and Lucy Brown who are buried on the Rumsey James farm. Children of Edd Franklin and George Ann: Tom (father of Hushel Bledsoe); Luther; Joe (Joe was a Baptist minister); Alice; Nealie(married Fritz Skaggs); Mary (married Edd Harper); Lena (married Sam B. Johnson). Rev. Joe Bledsoe had two sons: Eldridge and Harley; and several daughters; 8) Robert (1862) *Norman Warnell*

BOLTON-WOOSLEY

Haile Bolton was born on Feb. 12, 1813 in Grayson Co., TN. He later moved with his family to Campbell Co., TN. His father John Bolton was born in 1787 in Halifax, VA and died 1855 in Campbell Co., TN. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Haile's mother was born in Tennessee.

In 1816, Haile was married to Dinah Woosley, born Dec. 25, 1815 and died Dec. 29, 1883. She was the daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Bailey) Woosley of Whitley Co., KY. This union was blessed with ten children. 1) Lewis F. born Sept. 23, 1837 in Whitley Co., KY and died on June 17, 1915 in Edmonson County. He was married to Mary V. Thacker on Dec. 13, 1866. She was born on Dec. 10, 1847 and died on July 11, 1921. She was the daughter of Dillingham and Prudence A. (Kelly) Thacker of Warren County; 2) Josiah born - in Whitley County; 3) Martha Jane born Feb. 5, 1841 and died Dec. 12, 1930. She was married on May 2, 1860 to Walker Hunt. Her second marriage was on Oct. 5, 1889 to Joab Jones b. Jan. 18, 1828. and d. June 11, 1897; 4) James M. born Apr. 18, 1843 and died on Sept. 3, 1858; 5) Elizabeth born on Nov. 4, 1844 and married on Jan. 3, 1967 to Julin Jones b. May 18, 1849. He was the son of Joab and Nancy Jones; 6) George W. born Jan. 26, 1845 and died on June 12, 1917. He was married on Aug. 8, 1863 to Elizabeth Wilson and 2nd on Oct. 27, 1864 to Rebecca Nash born May 30, 1847 and died May 16, 1878. His third marriage was on July 9, 1896 to Elizabeth Woodcock born Mar. 9, 1851 and died Nov. 26, 1924; 7) Julia Ann born Nov. 4, 1848 and died Sept. 12, 1854 of a fever; 8) Samuel Hale born Apr. 4, 1854 and died on Mar. 22, 1931. He was married on Aug. 12, 1879 to Sarah A. Forman born Dec. 10, 1860 and died Aug. 9, 1930; 9) Beverly L.; 10) John Riley born Oct. 24, 1850 and died on Jan. 28, 1857.

In 1841 Haile, Dinah and their two first children moved from Whitley Co., KY to their farm located on Big Reedy Creek where they lived for the remainder of their lives. Haile died on Aug. 10, 1889 and he and Dinah are buried in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery in Edmonson County.

Haile Bolton also had two children by Mary Johnson. Their names were 1) Morgan Bolton married to Sarah Lawrence, daughter of Woodford and Phoebe A. (Haynes) Lawrence; 2) Jefferson - married to Priscilla Oliva Statton on Apr. 18, 1880. These two children were also raised by Dinah. *Howard Jones*

ALICE HUFF BOLTON

Alice Huff Bolton was born Oct. 31, 1878 in Grayson Co., KY. She was the only girl in a family of five. Her parents were Sidney and Martha Jane Woosly Huff. Her father died when she was eight years old, and her mother was an invalid. With the help of her uncle Tom Woosly, and brothers she cared for her mother until her marriage to Virgil (V.G.) Bolton in 1906.



Alice Huff Bolton

The couple had eight children: Sidney, who died in 1980; Gladys Johnson; Elwood; Elvis; Eugene; Elbert; Nola Mae Mills; and Helen who died at the age of three. In 1913 she moved with her husband to a farm in southern Edmonson County on the Shadyland Church Road.

Her four brothers were: Jess, T.C., Gene, and Matchless. She was a wonderful person and loved dearly by her family and everyone who knew her. She was known as "Mamaw" to her 11 grandchildren. She was a faithful member of the Shadyland Church of Christ. On Apr. 4, 1960 she died at the age of 82. She is buried at Kinser Cemetery.

VIRGIL (V.G.) BOLTON

Virgil Bolton was born May 15, 1882 in Butler Co., KY. His parents were Sam and Sarah (Forman) Bolton. He had five brothers: Bill, Kelly, Dock, Tuck, George; and two sisters: Emma Lindsy and Benny Tomes.



Virgil (V.G.) Bolton

He married Alice Huff, daughter of Sidney and Martha Jane Huff in 1906. Eight children were born to this couple: Sidney, Gladys, Elwood, Helen, Elvis, Elbert, Eugene and Nola Mae. In 1913 they moved from the Big Reedy Community to a farm on the Shadyland Church Road. He was a director at the Smiths Grove and Brownsville Deposit Banks for years. He was an elder at the Shadyland Church of Christ and a faithful member until his death Jan. 11, 1978 at the age of 95. He was called "Papaw" by his 11 grandchildren. He is buried at the Kinser Cemetery.

THE REV. LAWRENCE BRATCHER

Lawrence Riley Bratcher was born June 15, 1938 in Hart Co., KY. He is the son of the late Chestine and Dorothy Constant Bratcher. Lawrence is the fourth born from a family of nine children, five boys and four girls.

Lawrence's paternal grandparents were John Wesley and Mary Elizabeth Gonterman Bratcher. His maternal grandparents were Rector and Florence Stinson Wood.

On Sept. 1, 1962 Lawrence was married to Madge Newton. Madge was born Sept. 24, 1943 in the Nolin community of Edmonson County. She is the daughter of the late Percy and Avis Brooks Newton. Madge was the seventh born from a family of 11 children, three boys and eight girls.



The Rev. Lawrence and Madge Newton Bratcher

Madge's paternal grandparents were Matthew and Maude Constant Newton. Her maternal grandparents were Norman and Martha Ann Meredith Brooks.

Lawrence and Madge have four children: Lisa Bratcher Carroll, born Nov. 29, 1964; Donna Bratcher Ray, born Mar. 12, 1967; Connie born June 23, 1974; and Amy born Mar. 6, 1977.

Lawrence and Madge are both members of the Union Light Missionary Baptist Church. In 1968, Lawrence owned his calling to preach; he was ordained in 1971.

Lawrence worked at Brownsville Manufacturing Co. for 11 years. In 1979, he went to work for Campbell Hausfield in Leitchfield, where he is currently employed.

Madge was a housewife until her children grew up and were enrolled in school. In 1987, she began work at Wilkes Clinic in Brownsville.

BROOKS

Simeon Brooks was born Sept. 26, 1806,

and died June 10, 1898. He was the father of six children born to his first wife. Later, he married Mary M. Brooks and they were the parents of Simeon Thomas Brooks and Ida Bell Thacker, also a son who died in infancy. He was jailer of Edmonson County for many years. Simeon Thomas Brooks was born Mar. 29, 1864, and died Apr. 20, 1954. He was married to Caroline Kinser, daughter of Uncle "Boss" Kinser and to this union was born Willard Dennis Brooks born Oct. 29, 1885 and died Jan. 11, 1945. His mother died when he was a small boy and he was raised by his loving step-mother Elizabeth Brooks. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Brooks was married to Sophia Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Melvin and Julia Houchen Johnson. She had a brother, C.S. Johnson and sister, Florence Lindsey. They were the parents of four children, Lola Brooks who married Conrad Vincent and they were the parents of four children, Mary Mabel Brooks who married Pleas Sanders, parents of four children, Paul Brooks married to Edna Johnson, parents of four children, Ruth Brooks married to V.R. Logan, parents of four children. Den Brooks was married to Theresa Houchin, parents of three children, there were 19 grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. S.T. "Uncle Tom" Brooks

Mr. Brooks spent his early years as a teacher. In 1890 he bought a drug store which he operated for more than 60 years. At the time of his death he was the only registered pharmacist in the county. "Uncle Tom Brooks" as he was affectionately known was a devout Christian, never known to refuse his help to anyone and was never known to speak anything but good of his neighbor. Mrs. Brooks was also a devout Christian and was known for her kindness to neighbors and helping to care for the sick. They were charter members of the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church and remained members until the time of their deaths. Mr. Brooks was treasurer of the church for many years and their home located near the church was home for the visiting preachers. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were married for more than 60 years and never spent a day of their married life alone, there being some member of the family or relative receiving their caring during their entire wedded life. *Ruth Logan*

ABE "CATTY" BROOKS

Abe "Catty" Brooks was born about 1848 in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the son of William "Bill Catty" and Susan Meredith Brooks.

His paternal grandparents were Smith (1800-1859) and Elizabeth Betty Meredith Brooks (1803-1885). Smith was the son of William and Dorothy Darcus Gordon Brooks. Elizabeth Betty was the daughter of Joseph (1760-1840) and Nancy Skaggs Meredith (died 1840).

His maternal grandparents were Thomas (1784-1860) and Rhoda Bales Meredith (1792-1870). Thomas was the son of Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith. Rhoda was the daughter of Jacob Bales I and Sophia Snooks.



Abe "Catty" and Lydia Brooks

Abe married Lydia Brooks on Jan. 30, 1873. She was born in 1858 in Edmonson County, and she was the daughter of John and Rhoda Sanders Brooks. John died in October of 1859 at the age of 24 leaving Rhoda with two small children, Lydia and her brother, John. Later, Rhoda married Thomas Meredith.

Lydia's paternal grandparents were Smith and Betsy Meredith Brooks. Her maternal grandparents were Thomas and Susan Saunders.

Abe and Lydia raised nine children: Rebecca, Rhoda, Ida Bell, Thomas, Lula, James, Anne, Minnie, and Simeon. Simeon moved out of the state when he was young and never returned. The remaining children lived, raised families, and died in Edmonson County.

Abe was a harsh man who often abused his wife and children. On one such occasion, Abe threw a corn cob end over end at his wife as she sat milking the cow in the front yard. It hit her on the head and knocked her unconscious. Lydia fell off the stool, and Abe left her lying in the sun until she came to. At that time, she got back on the stool and finished milking. Another time after Lydia had given birth to one of the younger children, Abe refused to let her have anything to eat. When he left going somewhere, the oldest girl, Rebecca, sat one of her younger siblings on a stump to watch for Abe to come back, while she slipped and fixed her mother something to eat.

Abe died Apr. 4, 1926, and is buried in a cemetery on Cave Hollow Bay Road where his parents are also buried. Lydia died on Jan. 26, 1929. Because Abe had abused her and her life had been such an ordeal, she didn't want to be buried in the same cemetery as he was. She was buried in the Rich Cemetery near Nolin Dam beside her son, Thomas. by *Donna Brooks & Billie Jo Rich*

AMOS LEE BROOKS

Amos Lee Brooks was born Aug. 9, 1923, at Dog Creek, in Edmonson Co., KY. He is the son of George Chatfield and Ellar Mrytle Harp Brooks.

His paternal grandparents were W.W. and Martha Crews Brooks.

His maternal grandparents were Issac Marshall and Mary Lutisha Allen Harp.

Amos was raised in a large family with seven brothers and sisters and two half-brothers and one half-sister. He was born between two sisters and often got blamed for everything that happened which often resulted in punishment for Amos. He also had an older brother who liked to play pranks on him, but Amos was able to hold his own with his siblings.



Wanda and Amos Brooks

In 1940, Amos was employed by the U.S. Postal Service. He carried the mail on horseback from Dog Creek Post Office to a post office in Hill Grove. Amos rode an intelligent horse-if the flag on the mailbox was raised, he would stop; if the flag was down, he passed it up.

In 1943, Amos was drafted in the Army. He was classified as an expert rifle marksman.

On July 12, 1944, he left going overseas to Normand, Northern France, with the 3rd Armored Division. Shortly after he landed in France, he was in a battle and received a serious injury-a concussion which left him unconscious for a week in a field hospital. When he was able to be moved, he was transferred to a rest camp for six months. After recovering from his injury, he was then transferred to Military Police School in Paris, France.

Amos returned to the United States on Mar. 21, 1946. On Mar. 26, 1946, at Atterbury, IN, he received an honorable discharge as Private First-Class with the 32nd Military Police School. He had the following metals: EAME Theater Ribbon with two bronze stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal.

On July 10, 1948, in Jeffersonville, IN, Amos married Wanda Duvall. Wanda was born Sept. 4, 1929, in Edmonson Co., KY. She is the daughter of Arthur VanMeter and Vira Duvall.

Her paternal grandparents were Ralph and Ida Stinnett VanMeter.

Her maternal grandparents were Richard and Priscilla Meredith Duvall.

Amos was employed by Louisville Gas and

Electric (4 1/2 years), Civil Service (retired disability after 16 years), and Reliable Wood Service (12 years).

Wanda has also worked outside the home and is good to care for the sick - a trait she received from her grandmother, Priscilla.

Amos and Wanda had the following children: Steve, Ronnie, Larry (died in infancy), Jimmie, Michelle, Vonda and Jeffery. They raised their children in a Christian home with discipline and lots of love. They have eight grandchildren.

Amos and Wanda are members of Jock United Baptist Church. Amos was ordained a deacon in 1975, and he has led the singing at Jock for 30 some years.

Amos and Wanda have lived in the Jock Community most of their married life.

Amos and Wanda have earned the respect of their neighbors in the community for they have always tried to be available to help those who are in need. by *Donna Brooks*

CHESTER BROOKS

Chester N. Brooks was born on July 1, 1947, down on Nolin River in the Jock Community. The property is now owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. He was delivered by a midwife whose name was Anna Carroll - the wife of Acie Carroll.

Chester is the son of Arlie and Iva Mae Brooks. He is one of seven children- Irene Carroll, Kenneth (Sam) Brooks, Oleta Mae Hill, Christine Brooks, Erma Jean Vincent, Chester Brooks, and one deceased brother, John Brooks, who drowned in 1961, at the age of 24.

Chester's paternal grandparents were John T. Brooks and Alice Stinnett Brooks. John T. was the son of Abraham and Mary T. Thompson Brooks. Alice was the daughter of Sidney and Eliza Jane Gore Stinnett.

His maternal grandparents were Miles Palmer Hunt and Rebecca Brooks Hunt. Miles was the son of John Thomas and Rhoda Meredith Hunt. Rebecca was the daughter of Abe (Catty) Brooks and Lydia Brooks.

On Sept. 8, 1972, Chester married Judy Hurn Brooks in Louisville, KY. Judy's parents are Arthur B. Hurn and Mary Thelma Waddle Hurn. They are from Meade County. Judy was one of five children- Patricia Ann Middleton, Glenda Jean Sarver, Judy B. Brooks, Kathy Lynn Denison, and Arthur Daniel Hurn.

Judy's paternal grandparents were James Henry Hurn (born Apr. 30, 1874), and Anne Luella Logsdon Hurn (born Dec. 22, 1893). Anne was the daughter of Mary Ellen and John Logsdon.

Her maternal grandparents were Virginia Dorothy Heavrin Waddle and George William Waddle. Virginia was the daughter of Elizabeth Greenville Heavrin and Christopher Eugene Heavrin. George William was the son of Cora Myers Waddle and George Waddle - believed to be from Dexter, IN.

Chester and Judy both graduated from high school. Judy graduated in 1970 from Butler High School in Shively, KY, in Jefferson County. Chester graduated from Edmonson County High School in Brownsville, KY, in 1966. After school, he spent two years in the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman.

On June 17, 1973, they moved to Lindseyville, KY, where they have resided ever since with their three children-Bobby Lee Brooks (born April 26, 1974), Melissa Ann Brooks (born Jan. 11, 1977), and John Derek Brooks (born July 7, 1982).

Chester Brooks is a Switchman for the CSX Transportation Company, formerly the old L & N Railroad. Judy is self-employed at Broadway Market where Jock Road runs into North 259.

ELLAR MYRTLE HARP BROOKS

One of the older residents of the Bee Springs Community is Ellar Brooks. She is called Grandma or Aunt Ellar by all that know and love her. She is a very generous, loving, concerned person who has always tried to help those in need.

Ellar Myrtle Harp Brooks, one of eight children, was born June 20, 1893, in Hart County, the daughter of Issac Marshall and Mary Lutisha Allen Harp.

Ellar's father was born June 10, 1855, in Grayson County. He was a minister, a Mason, played the accordian, and had a fine singing voice. He died in a train accident at Sonora, KY, on June 4, 1923. Her mother, Tisha, was born Sept. 6, 1855. She died of pneumonia Dec. 27, 1913.

Ellar's maternal grandparents were William Henry and Mary Wilson Harp. Mary Harp lived a very long life. Ellar remembers that when her grandmother was in her 90's her second eyesight returned. Merle Haggard, who is a descendant of William and Mary Harp, wrote a song about Grandma Harp who lived to be 103.



Standing l to r: Dona Vincent, Wren Brooks, Amos Brooks, Curtis Brooks, Porter Brooks. Sitting: Rena Shreve, Stella Burba, Ellar Brooks, Lestie Wilson.

When Ellar was a young girl, her father moved his family by train to Rock, KA. Two uncles, Thomas Franklin and John Tipton Harp, along with Grandma Harp, who was in her 90's, moved also. There, her father and uncles worked on different farms taking care of cattle, making molasses, thatching wheat, and odd jobs. The first school Ellar attended was Rock School in Cowley Co., KS. After living in Kansas four or five years, Issac Harp moved his family back to Kentucky on a train called the Lightening Express.

At the age of 16, on Feb.15, 1909, Ellar married George Chatfield Brooks, a widower with three small children. Chat was born Aug. 14, 1870, the son of W.W. and Martha Crews Brooks. Chat's maternal grandparents, Crews, owned slaves.

After several moves, they settled on a farm in the Longfall Community and raised their family. They had 12 children including Chat's three: Proctor, Stella, Virgil, Wren, Lestie, Lawrence and Florence (twins died in infancy), Curtis, Rena, Amos, Dona, and Porter.

Chat was a stout, quiet, hard-working man who loved his home. He died Aug. 17, 1954 at the age of 84. He is buried at Hill Grove.

Ellar remained on the farm for about a year after Chat's death. Until recently, she managed to have her own home, a small trailer which she would set up at one of her children's home. She sold her trailer and now resides with her daughter, Dona Vincent.

At 94, Grandma has a very keen mind and sense of humor. She is a very spiritual woman and goes to church when she is able. With 34 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren, Grandma Brooks has lived a very full and rewarding life with many good years yet to come.

JOHN T. BROOKS

John T. Brooks was born July 14, 1873, in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the son of Abraham and Mary E. Thompson Brooks.

John's paternal grandpartents were Smith and Betsey Meredith Brooks. Smith was the son of William and Dorothy Darcus Gordon Brooks. Betsey was the daughter of Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith.

John's maternal grandparents were James and Bridget Thompson.

John's father, Abraham, sided with the Union during the Civil War. He was a Private in Company "B", Thirty-Fifth Kentucky Volunteer Mounted Infantry. He enrolled May 22, 1863, mustered in Sept. 16, 1863, at Munfordsville, KY, for a period of one year. He mustered out Dec. 29, 1864, in Louisville, KY.

John T. married Alice Stinnett on Nov. 14, 1895. She was born Nov. 17, 1880, in Edmonson Co, KY. Alice was the daughter of Sydney and Eliza Jane Gore Stinnett.

John and Alice lived on the family farm on Nolin River. The farm belonged to his parents and grandparents. There they raised the following 11 children: Leora, Elmer, Arlie, Gracie, Smith, Lilly, Elva, Daphna, Mary Jane, Effie Mae, and Guy Willard.

Alice died on Feb. 6, 1929, when Guy Willard was a small child. She is buried at the Jock Cemetery. John died on Mar. 8, 1935. He is also buried in the Jock Cemetery. by *Donna Brooks*

MARY (POLLY) MORRIS BROOKS

Mary (Polly) Morris was a daughter of Hirum and Million Morris and she married James Brooks.

Their children were Million, Smith, Nancy, and Martha. Polly and James Brooks



Mary Polly Morris Brooks

lived many years in Oklahoma and little is known of this family. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

PORTER BROOKS

Porter and Christene Brooks were married on December 28, 1951, in Jeffersonville, IN.

Porter is the son of George Chatfield and Ellar Myrtle Harp Brooks. His paternal grandparents were William W. and Martha Crews Brooks. His maternal grandparents were Issac Marshall and Mary Lutisha Allen Harp.

Christene is the daughter of Arlie Washington and Iva Mae Hunt Brooks. Her paternal grandparents were John T. and Alice Stinnett Brooks. Her maternal grandparents were Miles P. and Rebecca Brooks Hunt.



Standing: Patty, Doug, Scott. Sitting: Christene, Janice, Lisa, Porter.

Porter has three brothers: Amos, Wren, Curtis, and two half-brothers: Virgil and Proctor. He has three sisters: Lestie Wilson, Rena Shreve, Dona Lynch Vincent, and one half-sister: Stella Burba. Porter went to school at Longfall.

Christene has three brothers: Kenneth "Sammy", Chester, and John (drowned in 1961). She has three sisters: Irene Carroll, Oleta VanMeter Hill, and Erma Vincent. Christene attended Anderson School.

To the union of these two were born five children: Patty, Doug, Janice, Lisa, and Scott.

Porter was drafted into the U.S. Army on Nov. 26, 1952, and was honorably discharged on Nov. 26, 1954. He was not involved in combat but remained stateside to train new army personnel.

Porter and his family have lived in Edmonson County most of their lives. They spent 15 years in Louisville, KY, while Porter worked at Globe Union. He has worked at Holley Carburetor in Bowling Green, KY, for 20 years at the time of this writing.

Christene was a homemaker until her children were grown and then she went to work for the Edmonson County School System as a cook.

The Brooks family were members of Jock United Baptist Church and reside presently at 489 Salem Church Road in Bee Springs, KY.

Porter and Christene have six grandchildren. by *Scott Brooks*

RONNIE LEE BROOKS

Ronnie Lee Brooks was born Oct. 31, 1950, in Edmonson Co., KY. He is the second son of Amos and Wanda Duvall Brooks. His brothers and sisters are Steve, Larry (died in infancy), Jimmie, Michelle, Vonda, and Jeffery.

Ronnie's paternal grandparents are George Chatfield and Ellar Myrtle Harp Brooks. George Chatfield was the son of W.W. and Martha Crews Brooks. Ellar is the daughter of Issac M. and Mary Lutisha Allen Harp.



Joshua, Roni Leigh, Ronnie and Donna Brooks holding Ben.

Ronnie's maternal grandparents were Vira Duvall and Arthur Van Meter. Vira was the daughter of Richard and Priscilla Meredith Duvall. Arthur was the son of Ralph and Ida Stinnett Van Meter.

Ronnie attended Anderson School, Kyrock Elementary, and graduated from Edmonson County High School in May 1969. After graduation, he moved to Louisville and worked for Meredith Construction and Independent Box Company.

In May 1970, Ronnie was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was classified as an expert heavy vehicle driver and was stationed in Seoul, Korea. He was honorably discharged as a Spec 4 in December 1971.

On May 5, 1973, Ronnie married Donna Lee Carroll at Jock Church in Edmonson County. Donna is the oldest daughter of Clyde and Irene Brooks Carroll. She was born on May 7, 1953, at Glasgow, KY, in Barren County. Her brothers and sisters are Billie Jo, Jesse, Jeffery, and Glenna.

Donna's paternal grandparents were Joseph Edward and Gipsy Farris Carroll. Joseph was the son of Jackson and Annie Meredith Carroll. Gipsy was the daughter of James and Martha Key Farris.

Donna's maternal grandparents were Arlie and Iva Hunt Brooks. Arlie was the son of John T. and Alice Stinnett Brooks. Iva was the daughter of Miles Palmer and Rebecca Brooks Hunt.

Donna's family moved around because her father was a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. She has lived in Washington D.C., California, Maryland, and finally made their home in Grayson Co., KY. She attended school at Peonia in Grayson County, Bainbridge Elementary in Bainbridge, MD, and graduated from Clarkson High School in May, 1971.

Ronnie and Donna made their first home in an apartment above York's Grocery in Grayson County. In October, 1973, they bought a home on three acres in the Jock Community in Edmonson County. In 1985, they purchased an additional 17 acres next to their property.

Ronnie has been employed by Chrysler Corporation in Bowling Green, Vermont America in Elizabethtown, and currently works as a heavy equipment mechanic for TVA at the Paradise Power Plant in Drakesboro, KY. He graduated from Bowling Green Business College in 1978.

Donna is a housewife and seamstress. She enjoys reading and has an interest in genealogy.

Ronnie and Donna have four children. Roni Leigh born June 11, 1974, Joshua Adam born Dec. 25, 1976, Benjamin Issac born Mar. 12, 1987, and one on the way. Ronnie, Donna, Roni Leigh, and Joshua are members of Jock United Baptist Church. Ronnie and his family reside in the Jock Community where they have lived for the last 14 years. by *Donna Brooks*

BROWN

John T. Brown married Lucy Townsend Apr. 17, 1821 in Warren Co., KY. John and his brother, William S. Brown (married Ann Townsend in 1846) both lived in the Oak Grove community. Their father had immigrated to America from Scotland, and the boys had been born in North Carolina.

John T. and Lucy Brown had the following children: 1) Harriett who married a Ray; 2) Mary A. who married James Wingfield, Jr. about 1848; 3) Palestine married Alexander Houchin in 1853. Children: a) James L. Houchin (1855-1869); b) George Ann (1858-1940) married Edd F. Bledsoe; c) Alexander W. (born about 1860); Palestine Brown Houchin died after 1870 and was buried in the Brown-Kinser Cemetery on what is now the Rumsey James farm in Oak Grove. Alexander then married Julia Skaggs in 1879 and moved to Red Cloud, NB; 4) Cassaden Brown died prior to 1867; 5) Tilford born ca 1832 married Sarah Kinser. Children: a) Amanda "Dee" married Anderson (Andrew) Johnson. They were the parents of Mary Alice Johnson who married A.D. Kinser; b) James Brown married Permelia Johnson. Uncle "Jimmy" owned and operated a water mill on Beaver Dam Creek. He was a deacon in the Oak Grove Baptist Church; c) Tilford (J.T. Brown, Apr. 11, 1864—Feb. 2, 1913) married Vernia Johnson: Their children: Eula married Eugene Graham (no children); Stella (1897-1944) married James Ira Wing-



Jimmy and Permelia Johnson Brown. The little girl is unidentified.

field; Nola married Willard Watt; Johnnie Brown married Elizabeth Pigeon. They had a son named Jimmie.

John T. Brown, husband of Lucy Townsand Brown died prior to 1850. Lucy died after 1880. They were both buried in the Brown-Kinser Cem. Also buried in this cemetery is Margaret Brown Cayton (1815-1895) wife of George Cayton.

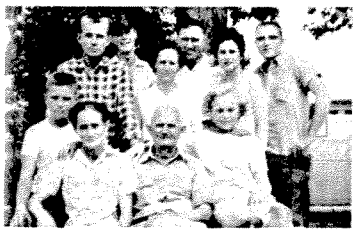
William S. Brown (Dec. 17, 1803-Feb. 2, 1886) married Ann Townsand. After her death, he married Mary Jane Stice, daughter of David Stice.

William S. and Mary Jane Brown were the parents of Harriett, Rose, William (Bill) and John Brown. John was the only one out of the four children that married. He had no children, thus this line of Browns ended at their death.

The names of John T. and Lucy Brown's children came from Court case # 668 at Brownsville; dated Mar. 29, 1867: "Alex Houchin vs. Lucy Brown & Co. *Norman Warnell*

PAULINE SKAGGS BROWNING

Pauline was born in a two-room log cabin at Lindseyville, KY on Sept. 8, 1907, to James Thomas and Sarah Davis Skaggs. She had one half-sister, Mary, and a half-brother, James Thomas, from her father's previous marriage and 12 brothers and sisters: Eugene, Palestine, Lucy, Della, Sherman, Paul, Charlie, Claudie, Lance, Willard, Audie and Chloie.



Dewey and Pauline Browning and children.

Her father, James, was a farmer who also raised some cattle. Pauline grew up around animals and could often be seen riding the horses and occasionally a cow. The family owned a buggy which they would hitch-up when they wanted to go somewhere.

Her mother, Sarah, died when Pauline was 12 or 13 years old leaving her to take care of and help raise the remaining children at home. When Pauline was 19, she met George Dewey Browning at Midway Church. They fell in love and wanted to get married. Her father didn't want her to leave home and marry, but on Halloween night, Oct. 31, 1926, she eloped with Dewey to Gallatin, TN, where they were married.

Dewey was born in Edmonson County on Sept. 26, 1900, to William Thomas and Orela Vincent Browning.

When Dewey was 19, his right arm was shot off in a hunting accident, but it didn't stop him from raising and supporting a large family. Pauline and Dewey had eight children: William Thomas, Delta Ruth Browning Ray, Lucy Myrtle Browning Jaggers, Howard Frank, Stoy Edmon, Douglas Dewayne, George Anthony, and Brenda Browning Ray.

They made their first home north of Green River at Steep Hollow. They moved to Indian Creek for a short time and then to a farm at Salem. Their last home where they lived most of their lives is at Lindseyville. Dewey worked at the Kyrock Asphalt Company. His main job was to carry water to the workers, but he also carried steel pipes across his shoulders. Pauline made him a pad to wear on his shoulders to help ease the pain from the heavy loads he carried. At one time, Pauline worked at a sewing factory at Sweeden where Lane's Store is located. She made men's overalls. She had to walk across the hollow from Lindseyville to get to work. They also farmed and raised tomatos to sell. They took them to Brownsville and sold them by the bushel.

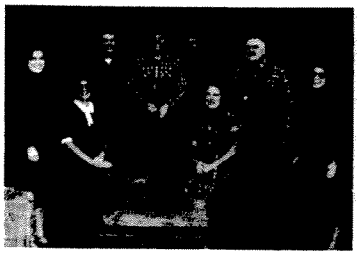
Pauline and Dewey had a strong desire to see that their children were raised in a Christian home. Pauline was saved during a revival at Steep Hollow when she was 13 years old. She was baptized by Rev. Cal Vincent. She is currently a member at Midway Baptist Church.

Dewey suffered from heart disease and on July 12, 1960, died from a blood clot. He is buried at Midway Cemetery. Pauline resides at Lindseyville and is loved and cherished by her family. by *Wilma Browning, Billie Jo Rich*

DENZIL MAURICE BULLOCK

Denzil Maurice Bullock was born on June 5, 1937, in Edmonson Co., KY. Denzil is the only surviving son in a family of nine children; three boys and six girls born to Clarence Wilford and Mae Vonnie Coates Bullock. Clarence Bullock, born Oct. 8, 1896, was the son of Robert Walker and Rutha Ellen Vincent Bullock. Clarence married Mae Vonnie Coates on Nov. 30, 1919, in Edmonson County. Mae Bullock, born on May 3, 1903, was the daughter of Stephen and Ivy Burnett Coates. She died on Feb. 14, 1975. Clarence died on May 31, 1987.

Denzil's paternal grandfather, Robert Walker Bullock, was born on Nov. 4, 1875, and died on Mar. 23, 1962. He was the son of James and Nancy Lindsey Bullock. His grandmother, Rutha, was the daughter of James K. Polk and Georgeann Lindsey Vincent. Robert was raised by his maternal grandfather, Joe Lindsey, because his father was accidently killed when his gun fell and discharged. James Bullock was a Civil War Veteran. He served in Company H 52nd Kentucky Mounted Infantry. Nancy Bullock died from burns she suffered when sparks from a fireplace caught her apron on fire.



Denzil and Reva Bullock family. L to R: Melinda, Cindy, Robert, Jimmy, Stephen, Reva, Denzil, Sherry.

Denzil Bullock married Reva Agnes Willis on Sept. 7, 1957, in Jeffersonville, IN. Reva Willis, born Sept. 7, 1939, is the youngest of three children born to Virgil Raymond and Ruth Davis Willis.

Denzil and Reva have lived in Edmonson County all of their lives. Denzil is a stock handler at Holley Automotive in Bowling Green, KY, where he has worked for 31 years. A Baptist minister, Denzil is currently the pastor of Pine Knob Baptist Church in Grayson County. Reva is the postmaster of the U.S. Post Office in Huff, KY. They live on a farm in Grassland Community.

Married for 30 years, they have six children and eight grandchildren. They are as follows: 1) Cynthia Ruth, born Sept. 21, 1958, married Kelvin Dean Stanton on Feb. 14, 1976. They have three children; Amy Nicole-Oct. 19, 1978, and twins Rebekah Jayne and Joshua Dean-Jan. 21, 1987; 2) Robert Walker born Mar. 3, 1961; 3) Stephen Maurice, born May 27, 1963, married Kimberly Renee Woosley on June 4, 1983. They have two children; Brittany Michelle-Sept. 15, 1985, and Bridget Renee-Jan. 26, 1987; 4) Sherry Ellen born Apr. 23, 1965, married Russell Keith Riggs on June 4, 1982. They have one child; Nicholas Keith-Sept. 27, 1987; 5) Melinda Mae born Oct. 27, 1966, married Kevin Lee Jordan on Sept. 1, 1982. They have two children; Tiffany Renee - Nov. 17, 1982, and Jacklyn Ann - Aug. 9, 1987; 6) James Denzil born July 25, 1970.

FREDRICK A. BULLOCK

Fredrick Anderson "Fred" Bullock was born Jan. 26, 1885 in Grassland, KY, in Edmonson County. He was the son of Charles McDonald "Mac" and Charity Ann McQuillon Bullock. Mac was the son of Charles and Sally Lindsey Bullock. Fred was one of 12 children. Fred married Bessie Lindsey (daughter of Wood and Elizabeth Likins Lindsey), on Oct. 31, 1907. They first lived on the Noah Skaggs Farm, located on

the North side of Brownsville, KY, where he worked as a tenant farmer.

Fred and his family lived and worked on several different farms in the Edmonson County Community such as: The Wood Lindsey Farm in Grassland (Lindseyville) where he raised crops, the Willie Potter Farm (known now as the John L. Vincent Farm) in Grassland (Lindseyville), the Wood Lindsey Farm in Bee Spring, and the Warner Duvall Farm (known now as the Glen Duvall Farm) in Bee Spring at two different times. Fred also lived at Steephollow, on what is called the Sandy Flat Road in Lindseyville, KY.



Fred and Bessie Bullock

Fred worked in Timber Woods cutting saw logs. He hacked and hewed ties with a broad ax and a wooden maul, that he made himself. Fred's son Loyd still has his broad ax and his wooden maul, that he had made. He worked at a saw mill for Miles Duvall. He also had a job where he cradled wheat.

Fred died of a stroke, on Feb. 2, 1950, while still living on the Warner Duvall Farm. Bessie, his wife, died on Sept. 26, 1980. Fred's brothers and sisters are: Rose, Florance, Melvin, Charlie, Callus, Emmons, Odie, Willard, Lona, Luther, and Jimmy.

Fred and Bessie are both buried in the Pleasant Union Church Cemetery. Fred and Bessie had six children: Elva Mae, born Sept. 24, 1909; Loyd, born Sept. 14, 1911; Clara Roseanna, born Dec. 23, 1913; died Dec. 6, 1987; Howard Anderson, born June 1, 1916; Talmage, born Aug. 21, 1918; died Dec. 31, 1960; Willard, born Sept. 21, 1921, died May 15, 1981. *Loyd Bullock*

JAMES BULLOCK

James Bullock was born around 1846 in Edmonson County. He was the son of Charles and Sarah (Sally) Lindsey Bullock. Charles was born in 1818 and was the son of John and Ruthey Bullock. Charles and Sarah were married Apr. 17, 1839 in Edmonson County. John and Ruthey were married June 5, 1817 in Warren County. Ruthey was the daughter of Charles Stice and Catherine (Caty) Long and the widow of Rueben Alexander.

James fought for the Union in the Civil War. He was in Co. H. 52 KY Volunteer Mounted Infantry. He was mustered in at Franklin, KY on Mar. 3, 1864 and mustered out Mar. 11, 1865 at Bowling Green. He was 18 years old and described as being 5'10", blue eyes, and fair complexion. This regiment was mounted and stationed in lower and central Kentucky. They protected the governments line of communication with the army at the front. They were gallant in protecting our state from invasion by the guerrillas and protecting public property.



James Bullock

After being mustered out of service on March 11, James married Nancy Frances Lindsey on Mar. 3, 1865 in Edmonson County. He was 19 years old and she was 16. Nancy was the daughter of Joseph L. and Sarah J. Lindsey. James and Nancy had three children: Sarah Dolphus, b. February 1870 died 1923, md. James Thomas (Tom) Skaggs; Mary Ann, B. Apr. 18, 1872 died Feb. 28, 1950 md. Marshall Newkirk; Robert W., d. Nov. 4, 1875 died 1962 md. Rutha Ellen Vincent.

In 1877 Nancy backed into a fireplace, caught her clothes on fire, and burned to death. Just a few months after that, James accidently shot and killed himself when his gun went off when he was getting ready to go hunting. Nancy's father, Joseph and his second wife Mary raised their three children. James, Nancy, and all three children are buried at Holly Spring Cemetery, as is Charles Bullock, and Joseph, Sarah, and Mary Lindsey. Written by *Opal Harris Meredith*

LOYD BULLOCK

Loyd Bullock was born Sept. 14, 1911 in the community of Grassland in Edmonson Co., KY. He was born to Fred and Bessie Lindsey Bullock. Loyd was the second oldest of six children. He attended school in Grassland and later attended the two room school in Bee Spring, KY. At age nine, Loyd and his parents moved onto the Warner Duvall Farm (later known as the Glen Duvall Farm), located in Bee Spring, KY. Not only did Loyd work with his father as a share cropper, he also worked at the Kyrock Asphalt Company. As a young man, he enjoyed playing ball, fox hunting, and fishing.

At the age of 21 Loyd married Helen Lindsey (daughter of Jack and Annie Luttrull Lindsey). They were married by Rev. Charles Ray on his farm in Sweeden, KY on June 6, 1931. Loyd and Helen then moved in with his father-in-law and helped him on the farm where he share-cropped. He was still working for the Kyrock Asphalt Company. Later Loyd found work with the Works Progress Administration (WPA). WPA were government programs which provided jobs building highways, streets, bridges, parks, and other projects. While working for the WPA, Loyd worked at a Rock Quarry and helped with the construction of highways 238 and 187 in Edmonson County. Loyd worked for the McClellan Stone Company and helped on the construction of highway 259 also in Edmonson Co. Loyd and his family moved around quite often in the Edmonson County area in search of work to provide for his family. Loyd raised his first crop of tobacco in 1943.



Loyd and Helen Bullock 1930

In February 1950, Loyd and his family moved back to the Warner Duvall Farm (the Glen Duvall Farm), where he had once lived while growing up. Loyd worked for Glen Duvall until Glen died in 1982. Glen Duvall left Loyd a life time diary to the house in which he and Helen live, due to the fact that Loyd had worked on this farm for 44 years. Some of the other jobs that he has had throughout his life are: digging graves for Don Sharer's Funeral Home, he worked at a saw mill, he drove an Edmonson County School Bus, he hauled coal and cattle for people, and for a short time he worked at Michelin Tire Co. in South Carolina, doing construction work.

Out of this marriage came four daughters and five sons: Paul Edward, born Aug. 15, 1933; Martha Jane, born July 17, 1935; Mary Ann, born July 17, 1935; Rosalie, born Oct. 5, 1937; Anna Marie, born June 9, 1939; William Fredrick, born May 28, 1943, died Apr. 25, 1977; Anderson Woodford, born Sept. 21, 1946; Loyd Thomas, born Aug. 25, 1948, died Aug. 25, 1948; James Walker, born Aug. 1, 1950 (Loyd's grandparents were Charles McDonald and Chasity Ann McQuillan Bullock, and Wood and Elizabeth Likens Lindsey) (Helen's grandparents were John W. and Sarah Ann Lindsey Luttrull, and Jane Lindsey).

WILLIAM F. BULLOCK

William Frederick Bullock was born on May 28, 1943, in Rockfield, KY, in Warren County. He is the son of Loyd and Helen Lindsey Bullock. His grandparents were: Frederick (Fred) Anderson and Bessie Lindsey Bullock, and Charles McDonald (Mac) and Charity Ann McClane Bullock. He was the sixth of nine children. He had four brothers: Paul Edward, Woodford Anderson, Loyd Thomas (Died at Birth), and James Walker; and four sisters: Martha Jane, Mary Ann, Rosalie, and Anna Marie.

On Apr. 1, 1960, Frederick was married to Francis Arlene Vincent at Rev. Willard Saltsman's home in Bee Spring, KY. Arlene

was born on Dec. 27, 1945, in Edmonson Co., KY. She is the daughter of Paul Shedrick and Dulcie Elizabeth Saling Vincent. She has one sister: Helen Marie; and one brother: Randall Granvil (Died January 1985).



Frearick and Arlene Bullock

Frederick and Arlene had three children, one son: Timmie Lee; and two daughters: Donna Gail and Cindy Kaye. Frederick worked as a farm hand on the Glen Duvall Farm with his father up to the time of his marriage and for about a year afterwards. He was then employed as a laborer with the Hays Feed Mill in Warren County, where he and Arlene lived for many years. They then moved back to Edmonson County to Bee Spring. He continued to work at the Feed Mill for nine years. During this time, he also worked at Firestone on the Swing Shift for several months. In 1970, he was employed by Floyd S. Pike Electrical Contractors of Mt. Airy, NC, as a contractor for Warren Rural Electric Company Corporation (WRECC), where he was a truck driver and equipment operator. He was often sent out on storm breaks. He has worked on jobs in several counties in Kentucky and even on some jobs out of state. He worked for WRECC until he was accidentally electrocuted while on an electrical contracting job at Olaton in Ohio Co., KY, on Apr. 25, 1977. He was buried on Apr. 28, 1977, in the Luttrell Cemetery just north of Brownsville, KY.

During Frederick's life, he professed religion on Thanksgiving Day 1959. He chose not to join a church at that time. Thirteen years later he joined Cedar Grove General Baptist Church in Sunfish, KY. He was baptized with his son in June, 1972. Later that year on Oct. 28, 1972, he was examined for a Deacon of the church. On Nov. 4, 1972, he was ordained as a Deacon of Cedar Grove General Baptist Church, where he remained as an active member and Deacon until the time of his death.

Frederick has two granddaughters, and three step granddaughters. *Donna Gail Bullock Meredith*

NATTY BUMPPO

Natty Bumppo, a native Hoosier with Kentucky ancestry, migrated to Edmonson County on Nov. 11, 1974, to practice law in partnership with Victor Hubert Logan, then Edmonson County Attorney, in Brownsville. Bumppo and his wife, Dorothy, resided first in Sunfish but built a house on Pewee Ridge, in Mohawk, south of Brownsville, in 1976.



Malachi Bumppo and Natty Bumppo

Bumppo served as County Attorney himself, after Mr. Logan's death in 1976, from 1978 to 1982, and then resumed the private practice of law in the former house on Pewee Ridge, having moved into a newer structure he built 130 feet deeper into the woods.

Natty and Dorothy Bumppo were divorced in 1982, and Bumppo married Jennifer Coffee the same year. Natty and Jennifer had one child, Malachi Bumppo, a son, born October 24, 1983. Natty and Jennifer were divorced in 1988.

BURBA-BROOKS

Reverend Ralph and Estella Brooks Burba have been Edmonson County residents for nearly a century.

Ralph was born to Henry and Catherine E. Wilson Burba on Aug. 16, 1898 in Hart County. They soon moved to Edmonson County where he grew up with four sisters and five brothers.

At about age 14, Bro. Ralph professed faith in Christ. When he was 35 years old he was called to preach the gospel and in 1935 he was ordained. Bro. Ralph pastored churches all over Edmonson County and has helped many people to find the Lord. He walked in the heat and cold of the night carrying a lantern and sometimes riding a horse; staying away from home sometimes two weeks at a time. Bro. Ralph has been and still is a true and faithful servant.



The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Burba

Estella Brooks Burba was born to the late Chat and Liddy Hayes Brooks on June 4, 1902 in Grayson County. They moved to the Longfall community in Edmonson County where Estella and two brothers, Prock and Virgil grew up. When Estella was four years old her mother passed away leaving them heartbroken.

In 1908 when Estella was six years old her father remarried to Ella Harp. To this union was born four boys and three girls. Grandma Ella still lives in the Bee Springs Community and is 96 years old.

When Estella was 15 years old she professed faith in Christ at the old Pleasent Hill Church where she remained a member until the church disbanded.

On Feb. 1, 1919 Ralph and Estella were united in marriage. To this union 18 children were born; five of which died at infancy. The remaining thirteen children are as follows: Ruby L. Rich, Dorothy M. White, Mary V. Gregory, Ralph H. Jr., Sylvestor, James C., Kenneth, Rita A. Burgin, Leta I. Jones, Betty J. Norbury, Harold T., Larry G., Gary L.

This home was always full of children, company and love. The joy of Estella's life was "waiting on" her children. She never knew who would be sitting at her table when meal time came, but she always had plenty to eat.

This couple are my grandparents and I am proud to put their history in the Edmonson County History Book. *Anna J. Sanders*

JOHN A. BUTTRUM

John A. Buttrum was born Jan. 27, 1849, in Scott Co., TN. John was the fourth son born to William and Jenny Parker Buttrum, both natives of Scott County. William and Jenny P. Buttrum had a family of seven boys and three girls. William Buttrum was the son of James and Gillie Keeton Buttrum, who were of Irish and Dutch descent.

At the age of 14, John A. Buttrum enlisted in Company H of the 52nd Kentucky Volunteer Infantry and served until the end of the war. On Feb. 20, 1865, John married Sarah A. Johnson. Sarah was the daughter of John and Mary Wells Johnson.

John A. and Sarah A. Buttrum were the parents of eight children. Their children were: Laura J., Mary E., William D., Edward V., Benjamin C., Marcellus A., Jesse A., and Junietta.

John Buttrum held several Edmonson County public offices in such capacities as marshal, constable, deputy sheriff and assessor. He owned 140 acres of land, 70 of which were under cultivation; he also operated a saw and grist mill. John A. Buttrum cast his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant. *Rick Carroll*

DANIEL CAMPBELL

Daniel Campbell, the first of his family to settle in Edmonson County, was born Jan. 7, 1814, in Monroe Co., KY the son of Moses and Jane Campbell who were born 1788 and 1785 respectfully. Moses was the son of James Campbell who was born 1753 in Lancaster Co., PA. James served in the Indian Wars and was a private in the North Carolina line during the Revolutionary War.

Daniel married Thursey Jane Walbert who was born July 25, 1822 in Adair County the daughter of David and Rachel Walbert who later moved to Monroe County. David was a son of John and Charity Walbert who settled circa 1800-1810 at Burkesville, KY. Soon after Daniel's marriage they moved to the Silent Grove Community of Edmonson County where they lived out their lives.

Their children were Watt, Moses, Abram, William, Robert, Ellen, Sarah, Matishia "Tish" and Rachel. Daniel died Oct. 21, 1895 and Thursey died May 15, 1896.



Moses Campbell and second wife Lizzie Logan

Moses Campbell, son of Daniel, was born July 22, 1849. He married Elvira L. Merritt the daughter of Larkin H. and Emily Merritt of Barren County. She was born May 19, 1846 and was the mother of Emily, Timey, Ella, William Harrison and Brooks. After the death of Elvira on Apr. 7, 1900 Moses married Lizzie Logan who survived him. Moses died Nov. 11, 1922 and was buried beside his wife in the Silent Grove Cemetery.

William Harrison Campbell, son of Moses, was born Feb. 1, 1878 and married June 11, 1899 Frances Madison who was born Mar. 11, 1884 the daughter of Green Wiley Madison and Nancy Davidson. Their daughter Virginia Mae, born 15 July 1915, married Raymon Harrison Alexander Jan. 4, 1937 and had a son Billy Ray Alexander who married and had two sons Donald Ray and James Franklin. by *Mrs. Mae (Campbell) Alexander*

REV. GORDON CAMPBELL

The Rev. Robert Gordon Campbell was born Feb. 22, 1896 in Edmonson County. He was the son of Robert "Bob" and Clara Roof Campbell. Gordon had a brother, Jack, and a sister, Eva. He had three half-sisters, Mary, Ima, and Ora, and one half-brother, Eugene Campbell. These children were born out of a previous marriage of Robert Campbell.

Gordon was united in marriage to Marie (Rhee) Lindsey (born Nov. 28, 1900) on Feb. 1, 1914. She was the daughter of Washington and Ollie Johnson Lindsey. When Gordon and Rhee were both children, they lived in and around the Mohawk community and both attended the Oak Grove School.



The Rev. Gordon and Marie Lindsey Campbell

To this union were born nine children, five sons and four daughters. They are: Howell (Crock), Ray (Fudge), Ben, Billy, and Lindsey Robert, Georgia, Leone, Ruth, and Eva. Lindsey Robert died in infancy, living only four days. The rest of the children are still living with the exception of Howell, who died in 1986.

At the age of 17, Gordon professed faith in Christ and joined the Oak Grove Baptist Church. His membership remained here until a few years before his death, when he moved his membership to the 22nd Street United Baptist Church in Louisville. He had served as pastor since the organization and establishment of the church.

For over 30 years, Gordon pastored churches in Edmonson and many neighboring counties. He was also engaged in evangelical work over a wide area of Kentucky.

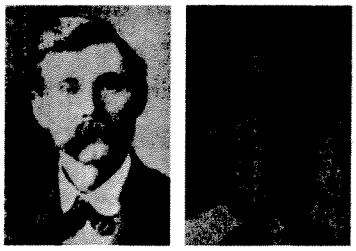
Because of declining health, Gordon retired from the Reynolds Metal Co. in Louisville and returned to their home in Brownsville. On July 29, 1963, he had walked to the farm in the Mohawk community to do some plowing. When Gordon didn't return home for lunch Rhee became worried. Their son Howell and son-in-law Vergil Gipson drove to the farm and found what they feared. They found Gordon lying behind the plow with his hat pulled down over his eyes, as if he were taking a nap. The mule was standing staring onward as if to be waiting for instructions to begin plowing. However, God had called Gordon home.

Rhee continued to live in her native Edmonson County the remainder of her life. She passed away in Louisville on Apr. 25, 1985. Gordon and Rhee are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, located next to Oak Hill Church.

Campbell's Chapel Baptist Church in Louisville, KY, was named in honor of the Rev. Gordon Campbell. *Ricky Carroll*

ROBERT B. CAMPBELL

Robert "Bob" B. Campbell was born July 29, 1861. He was the son of W.M. and Mary C. Young Campbell, both being born in Cumberland Co., KY.



Robert B. Campbell and Clara Roof Campbell

From Robert's first marriage four children were born - Mary, Ima, Ora and Eugene. Robert's second marriage was to Clara Roof, daughter of James A. and Mary Louisa James Roof. Clara was born Apr. 9, 1871 in Edmonson County. James A. was the son of John R. and Sally Skaggs Roof. Mary Louisa was the daughter of Roland and Jane Cayton James.

Robert and Clara were the parents of three children-Gordon, Jack and Eva. Robert died Sept. 20, 1903. Clara died Mar. 17, 1936. They are buried in the Bell Key Cemetery at Rhoda.

WILLIAM B. & MARY JANE CAMPBELL

William Benjamin Campbell was born Aug. 5, 1860 in Warren Co., KY. He was the son of Daniel and Thursie "Walbert" Campbell and they were born in Monroe Co., KY.

Daniel and Thursie Campbell had at least nine children. They were William B. Campbell, Robert "Bob" Campbell, Watt Campbell, Sarah Spradlin, Ellen Hazelip, Rachel Dowell, Moss Campbell, Abraham "Abe" Campbell and McTisha Simmons.

Mary Jane Wells was born Oct. 5, 1858 in Edmonson Co., KY. She was the daughter of John and Nancy "Moon" Wells. John Wells was born in Butler Co., KY and Nancy Moon was born in Edmonson Co., KY.



William B. and Mary J. Campbell

On Aug. 25, 1880 William B. Campbell and Mary Jane Wells were married at the home of the bride's parents in Edmonson County.

The family portrait above was taken by Borst Photography a traveling photographer. Seated: Danial Payton Campbell, William B. Campbell (father), Mary Ellie Cassady (in her father's lap), Idena Thursie Renfro, Mary Jane Wells Campbell (mother), and John W. Campbell. Standing: Lena Smith Hulsey, Lida Bell Ferguson Pace, Ella Williams, Florence Hazel Hays, Sarah Jane Moody, Myrtle Moody (grandchild), Clint Moody (son-in-law), and Julia Franklin Cassady. Photograph taken around December 1902.

William B. Campbell was a farmer and took a special pride in his chestnut trees on his farm near Rhoda. William "Bill" and Mary Campbell would entertain their children and friends by playing music. Bill would play the fiddle and Mary would play percussion by using two turkey feathers.

William B. Campbell died Dec. 26, 1937. In the Edmonson News the following was wrote of him. "Spledid Citizen of Rhoda Community Passes Away the Day After Christmas. Christmas week with all its joys brought sadness to many hearts when it

became known that W.B. Campbell died Sunday, December 26, at his home one mile East of Rhoda. "Uncle Bill", as he was known to all acquaintances, was one of the best citizens of the county. He was of quiet disposition, was industrious, a good neighbor and above all a Christian gentleman and will be greatly missed. He was a member of Silent Grove Church."

Mary J. Campbell died at her daughter's home Ellie Cassady of Rhoda on Sept. 16, 1950 at the age of almost 92 years. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and united with Beaver Dam Baptist Church, later moving her membership to Silent Grove Baptist Church. William B. and Mary J. Campbell are buried in the Hawkins Cemetery in Edmonson County.

JOSEPH VIRGIL CARDER

Joseph Virgil Carder was born Nov. 12, 1878, in Warren Co., KY. He was one of seven children born to Isacc and Almeda Potter Carder. Isacc was born, 1851, in Washington Co., TN. Almeda was born, 1851, in Warren Co., KY.

At the age of ten, Virgil lost his left leg just above the knee. Although he had only one leg, this did not prevent him from playing, riding horses or getting an education. After completing the eighth grade, he went to Glasgow, KY to the normal school there, where he received a teacher's certificate.



J.V. Carder

In 1904, he came to Edmonson County and taught his first school year at Capitol Hill. In 1905, he taught at the Oak Grove School. It was there he met and married Nina Denham, Feb.18, 1906. The following year, Nina died from child birth, the baby, a boy named Nina for his mother, lived only six months.

After leaving the Oak Grove school, he went to Grassland and taught two terms. It was there he met and married Florence Bullock. Florence was born, Nov. 15, 1887, one of twelve children to C.M. (Mac) and Charity Ann Miller Bullock, both born in Edmonson Co., KY.

Joseph Virgil and Florence Bullock were married Sept. 3, 1908 in Grassland, at the home of M.D. Lindsey, by the Reverend C.A. Alexander. Lucy Alexander and Ida Potter were witnesses.

In 1909, they moved to Brownsville, where he began working in the courthouse for different officials. Later he was elected Circuit Court Clerk, at which he served one term. In 1916, he went to Leitchfield, KY, where he passed the Bar examination, he then began practicing law. Later he was appointed Postmaster, he served several years, most of them during World War I. After his term as Postmaster, he returned to his teaching career, going to Blanton and then to Rhoda schools.

In 1926, he went to Frankfort, KY and worked two years in the automobile department. Returning to Edmonson County, he again resumed his teaching career, going to Longfall, the next year to Ollie. After that school year, he retired from teaching and returned to his law practice with Pleas Sanders as his partner.

He was an active member of the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church, serving as Deacon from July 1938, until his death. He also served as master commissioner in the latter 1930's until his appointment as Postmaster again in 1940, he held that position until his death, Mar. 22, 1944. He is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, near Brownsville.

Joseph Virgil and Florence were the parents of five children: Unie Carder 1909-1980 married Grace James; Beulah Carder 1910 - married James Z. James; Garnett (Billy) Carder 1913 - 1968 married Norma R. Johnson; Lona Carder 1919 - married Wilbur T. Vincent; Almeda Carder May 18, 1925 - Dec. 18, 1925.

Florence Carder died Sept. 29, 1965. She is also buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery. *Lona Carder Vincent*

CARDWELL

Julius Neail Cardwell was born Jan. 5, 1903 in Woodbury, KY. He is the son of Van Buel Cardwell and Pricella Josephine Booth Cardwell. Julius married Lonis Basham, daughter of Will and Cordelia Vincent Basham. Lonis was born in Owensboro, KY on Apr. 3, 1905.

Mr. Cardwell came to Edmonson County when he was 18 years of age, and has been a resident since. He still lives in the Old Kyrock Asphalt Co. Hospital building on Blue Town Hill in Kyrock.



Julius Neail and Lonis Basham Cardwell

At 16, he worked for the government for a short time; then went on the riverboats for two years. Then, he started to work for Kyrock Asphalt. He took a two year leave and worked at Ft. Knox during WWII. Came back and stayed until Kyrock closed at both the Kyrock and Sweeden plant. Then went to Middle West Construction and on to Paradise, KY with TVA to retire. Mrs. Cardwell is deceased; she was a housewife. They had six children: Madgelene - Sweeden, KY; Neail Owen - Sweeden, KY; Peggy C. - Sweeden, KY; Carolyn J. - Louisville, KY; Charles H. - California; Regina L. - Tennessee.

They had 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. *Madgeline (Madge) Raymer*

CARROLL - BROOKS

Clyde Carroll was born on Apr. 4, 1923, at a small coal mining town called Scuddy, KY, in Perry County. His parents were Joseph Edward (1896-1973) and Amanda Gipsy Farris Carroll (1899-1980). His brothers and sisters are Gene, Henry (a half-brother), Louise, Herbert, Jesse (killed Feb. 23, 1945 during World War II), America Jane, Bonita, and Albert Burl. He also had three sisters who died in childhood or infancy - Hannah, Rena, and Millie.

His paternal grandparents were Jackson and Nancy Anne Meredith Carroll of Edmonson County. Clyde's maternal grandparents James A. and Martha Ann Key Farris were also from Edmonson County.



Clyde and Irene Carroll

In 1937, Clyde helped his family build a two-room log house in Grayson County. At the age of 16, he was making railroad ties for 50 cents a day.

On Oct. 14, 1948, Clyde married Irene Brooks in Warren County. Irene was born in Edmonson County on Apr. 18, 1927, to Arlie Washington (1903-1978) and Iva Mae Hunt Brooks (1904-1966). Her brothers and sisters are Kenneth, Oleta Mae, Christine, John Henry (who drowned in 1961), Erma Jean, and Chester.

Irene's paternal grandparents were John T. and Alice Stinnett Brooks of Edmonson County. Her maternal grandparents were Miles Palmer and Rebecca Brooks Hunt were also from Edmonson County.

Clyde joined the United States Navy at the age of 19 and made a career out of the service. He achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 1961. During his career, he served on eight different ships. After 23 years of active duty, he retired in 1966 with many honors including six stars for Good Conduct, five stars for Korean Service, American Theater Medal, European Middle Eastern Medal, Pacific Theater Medal, World War II Victory Medal, China Service Medal, Naval Occupation European Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Antarctica Medal, and the Republic

of Korea Presidential Unit Citations. After retirement, he went to work as an electronics specialist at Fort Knox, KY. He is presently employed as a Security Guard at the Grayson County Hospital.

Irene went to work at the age of 17 to help support her brothers and sisters since her father was seldom at home. She worked as a waitress at the Blue Boar Restaurant in Louisville, and as a sewing machine operator who worked on Army uniforms at Leitchfield. After she married, she stayed at home with their children - Donna Lee (born 1953 in Barren County), Billie Jo (born 1955 on the naval base at Bainbridge, MD), Jesse Robin (born 1957 also at Bainbridge), Jeffery Edwin (born 1960 at the Wilkes Clinic in Edmonson County), and Glenna Marie (born 1965 in Grayson County).

Clyde and Irene presently reside in the Anneta Community of Grayson County where their house was built in 1957. They are both well-known and respected in their community. They are members of the Jock United Baptist Church in Edmonson County. They have nine grandchildren-five of which live in Edmonson Co., KY. by *Billie Jo Rich*

CARROLL-FARRIS

Joseph Edward Carroll (known as Joe) was born in Edmonson Co., KY, on Aug. 3, 1896, to Jackson Carroll (1877-1952) and Nancy Anne Meredith (1878-1921). Joe's siblings were Pete, Mona, Chester, Essie, a half-sister, Lillie, and a half-brother, Dempsey.

Joe's paternal grandparents were John Euron Carroll and "Sis" Meredith.



Joseph Edward and Amanda Gipsy Carroll

Joe's maternal grandparents were Pete Joe Meredith and Amanda Hazelwood.

On Mar. 10, 1915, Joe was married to Amanda Gipsy Farris by J.E. McGrew at his residence.

Gipsy was born on May 13, 1899, to James A. Farris (1875-1954) and Martha A. Key (1863-1950) of Edmonson County. Her siblings were Catherine and James Calvin Farris.

Her paternal grandparents were Watson Farris and Rachel Wilson.

Her maternal grandparents were Robert Key and Catherine Russell.

Joe and Gipsy had the following children: Gene (lives in Utah), Clyde, Louise, Herbert, America Jane, Bonita, Albert Burl (all live in Grayson County), Jesse (killed Feb. 23, 1945, during World War II), Hannah Rose who died at age six, Rena who died at 11 months (both are buried in Defiance, KY, in Perry County), and Millie (an infant buried in Grayson County). Joe also had another son, Henry, but he was not Gipsy's child.

After Joe and Gipsy married, they moved to Brownsville, TN, where he worked for a lumber company cutting timber. In 1918, they moved to Perry County where he worked in the coal mines. Gipsy ran a boarding house to help support the family. During this time, she wore a pistol around her hips for protection. Once Gipsy ran a prostitute out of town because Gipsy's brother had been threatened by a group of men who frequented the prostitute's house. Gipsy was very protective of her family, and she had a strong will which helped her endure many hardships. When Joe was ill with typhoid fever and wanted fish to eat (against doctor's orders of only a biscuit and a cup of buttermilk a day), she caught a white perch and fed him small bites until he was full. He soon recovered.

In 1937, they moved to Grayson County where Joe purchased 79 acres of land for nine dollars an acre from his father. With the help of his sons, he built a two-room log house on the property. Joe helped build the railroad from Jeff to Vicco, KY. He made railroad ties, and in his later years, he made hand-split tobacco sticks.

He was a kind-hearted, cheerful man who had a good sense of humor. He loved dogs, liked to hunt ginseng, and enjoyed telling scary stories to his grandchildren.

Gipsy was a good mother, she helped care for the sick, she delivered many babies, and she enjoyed talking and visiting with people.

Around 1953, they built a larger frame house on the same property. They lived there the rest of their married life. Joe died on June 20, 1973, from a stroke. Gipsy died on Mar. 29, 1980, after a long decline in health. They are buried in a family cemetery off Dickey's Mill Road in Grayson County. By: *Billie Jo Rich*

CARROLL-MEREDITH

Louis B. Meredith was born Dec. 29, 1889, died May 2, 1962, both in Bee Spring. He was the son of Bradley (Brite) and his second wife, Sudie Brown.

Louis grew up with many brothers and sisters on the family farm on the east side of Bear Creek. His forefathers can be traced back to the "Long Hunters" coming into Kentucky. His life was not very worldly-wise. He remained within several miles of his birth place through his lifetime.

He married Eva Carroll Feb. 21, 1912 at her home in the New Salem Community of Edmonson County. Eva was the daughter of Thomas W. Carroll, the son of William Albert and Lucinda Thompson Carroll from Larue Co., KY. Her mother was Betty VanMeter the daughter of John and Polly Brooks VanMeter. Both were descendants of "Ole" Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith.

Louis and Eva were lifetime members of the New Salem General Baptist Church. Eva served as Church Clerk for many years. She



Louis B. and Eva C. Meredith

was a homemaker, doing any kind of chores that went with that job in those years. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Louis made their living from the farm. He had a team of mules for the crops he raised, which was mostly corn and cane. The cane was cut and the juice removed for making molasses that was used by the family during the year for food and sweetening.

Louis did work at Kyrock Company for a few years.

There were eight children born to this union: Sherman (see book); Maudie; Moman (see book); Layman (see book); Jack A., a veteran of World War II; Nova; Delphia; and Nelson.

Maudie died when only a day old. Nelson, born Jan. 19, 1938, grew up as the youngest child of the family, even had a niece when he was born, as his oldest brother had already been married for three years. Nelson learned to follow in his older brother's vocation of driving and operating heavy trucks and equipment. He was married to Carolyn Cardwell for a very short time when the dump truck he was driving was involved in an accident and he was killed Oct. 3, 1957.

Louis and Eva, with their children, are buried in the New Salem Church Cemetery where one can find six generations of this enduring people of early Edmonson County! Composed and written by: *Betty Peger, B-ville*

ACIE CARROLL

One of the remaining patriarchs of the Carroll family who resides in Edmonson County is Acie Carroll. Acie has been a veritable warehouse of information about people in this county. He has helped numerous families with their histories, and even people from outside of Kentucky enlist his aid in searching for their ancestors.

Acie was born on Dec. 5, 1890, in Edmonson County. He is the son of John Euron Carroll and Delphia "Dell" Decker. John and Dell were married on Jan. 9, 1878. Acie's siblings were Jackson (a half-brother), Pat, Willie, Jim, Lawson, Emma, Ellie, Minnie, and Charlie.

His paternal grandparents were Miles and Unicey Constant Carroll. Miles was the son of John and Francis Franklin Carroll.

His maternal grandparents were Squire Jefferson Decker (1826-1864) and Elizabeth Saltsman (1826-1873). Squire was the son of Loddick Martin Decker, Sr., and Martha (Patsy) Decker. Elizabeth was the daughter



Acie Carroll



Thomas Carroll

of Dan Saltsman. Squire died during the Civil War on Dec. 12, 1864.

Acie went to school at the Goff School and attended no further than the fourth grade. At the age of 15, he joined the Hickory Grove Baptist Church which was located in Grayson County near the Edmonson County Line. At the age of twenty-six, he converted to the Holiness religion, and today his membership is at the Hubsville Holiness Church in Edmonson County.

Acie married Annie Cook on Dec. 13, 1912. Annie was the daughter of Gabe and Sarah Bell Cook. Her siblings were Lucy, Charlie, Harrison, Anna, Elsie, Lula, Leva, Mollie, and Rhoda.

Acie and Annie had ten children: Mae, Sherman, Wavy, Trula, Effie, Marlowe, Texie, Ray, Elba, and Randall. Acie supported his family by farming the same land he was born and raised on. Annie was a midwife in the community.

Annie died in April of 1947 and is buried at the Hubsville Church Cemetery.

Acie married his second wife, Celestial Mae Carter, on Feb. 20, 1954, in Breckinridge County. She was 65 years old and a widow. She died several years ago and is buried at the Yeamon Cemetery at Caneyville, KY.

Acie was 97 on Dec. 5, 1987. He attributes his long life to living as a Christian and keeping the Ten Commandments-especially the one that says, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee". By:*Billie Jo Rich*

ELBERT THOMAS CARROLL

Elbert Thomas Carroll born 1879-died 1942. Parents are Ton Carroll 1856-1918, and Eve (Scott) 1862-1926. Grandparents Frank Carroll and Crissie (Miller). Great-grandparents John Carroll and Fannie (Franklin). Elbert Thomas Carroll's brothers and sisters are: Noah 1883-1929; Jack 1884-1962; Melvin 1887-1955; Willie 1890-1967; Lula 1894-1949; Nannie 1896-1969; Rosie 1898-1971; Carlie 1901- ; Harlon 1903-1976; Elbert Thomas born 1879 was a twin. His twin died young. Elbert Thomas' occupation was a farmer. He lived on a farm located off Salem Road, Bee Spring, KY. He married Adie (White) on Dec. 20, 1901. Adie born 1887- death ——. Their children: Ida May 1902-; Charley E. 1905- ; Adie; Ida; Charley died and are buried at Salem Cem.

Thomas married Pearlie (Mingus) 1890-1939. Their children are Eddie 1914-1934; Goudis 1916 - ; Gladys 1919-1985; Hannah 1924-1981; Edward 1927-1980; Arthur 1929-; Bobby 1932-1932; Wilford 1934- ; Gracie 1936- .

Bearlie Mingus occupation was a housewife. Her parents are Isaac Mingus. Born 1872 in Breckenridge County and Margaret (Mudd) 1873-1910. Grandparents William Joseph Mingus born 1845, Hardin County, died 1932, and Amanda (Armes) Mingus, married Dec. 22, 1862. Borned 1843-1928, Breckenridge Co., Alexander (Alex) Mudd 1846 - .

Great-grandparents Isaac Mingus, and Francis (Tucker) Mingus both born in Hardin County, Ambrase Mudd, and Letetie (Hayes) Mudd.

Pearlie's brothers and sisters are Virgil 1896-1975, Naomi 1899-1987, Percy 1902- , Herbert 1904- , William 1907-1961, Louvetta.

ELIGAH ALEWINE CARROLL

Eligah Alewine "Ale" Carroll was born on Mar. 15, 1815, in North Carolina, the son of John Wilson Carroll and Frances "Fannie" Franklin. His father was a veteran of the War of 1812 against Great Britain, serving in a North Carolina regiment.

Ale's youth was filled with constant travel as his talented and skilled father journeyed to a half-dozen states, including South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Indiana, before finally permanently settling in Kentucky. By trade, Ale's father was a carpenter, cabinet-maker, mechanic and blacksmith. As a youngster, Ale traveled with his father almost incessantly by packhorse or wagon to apply his trade in the settlements and even Indian reservations.

Ale Carroll married Sarah Ann Wilmoth in 1836 in Nelson Co., KY. Sarah was the daughter of George and Sarah Wilmoth. Most of the Carrolls, including Ale, moved from Larue County to settle near Longfall Creek in the "Forks" of Edmonson County around 1857.

Two of the sons of Ale and Sarah served in the Union Army during the Civil War, but only John E. returned home. Unfortunately, Lewis Miles Carroll, who served in the 4th Kentucky Cavalry's Company F, was captured and taken prisoner on Sept. 21, 1863 at Crawfish Springs, GA during the Battle of Chickamauga. Lewis died not long afterwards in the notorious Confederate prison at Andersonville, GA.

Eligah Alewine Carroll died at Longfall in 1895.

The children of Ale and Sarah Carroll included: Elizabeth Lurena (1837-1892) married Henry M. Skaggs; John E. (1838-1900) married Elizabeth W. Meredith; Eliza Jane (1840-1897) married William Molohan and moved to Illinois; Lewis Miles (1844-1864); Perlina (1846-) married John M. Sanders; Melvina (1853-1856); Elijah E. "Lije" (1856-1937) married first Mary Angeline Hogan and second Sarah Elizabeth Hogan; Henry M. (1858-1931) married Nancy Brooks; Arabella "Belle" (1863-) married Stroud Meredith. *Barry W. Downs*

ELIJAH E. CARROLL

Elijah E. Carroll was the son of Elijah Alewine "Ale" Carroll and Sarah Ann Wilmoth. He was born in Larue Co., KY on Apr. 11, 1856.

Elijah married Mary Angeline Hogan on Nov. 18, 1875. She was born around 1856 in Edmonson County, the daughter of George Washington Hogan and Louisa Binkley. Mary Angeline died around 1881 while giving birth to a child.

Elijah next married the sister of his first wife, Sarah Elizabeth Hogan, on Oct. 27, 1881. Sarah Elizabeth was born on Sept. 11, 1858 in Edmonson County.



Elijah E. Carroll Family. Bottom row l to r: Lewis, Jim, Lizzie, Elijah, and Ida. Top row l to r: Eliza, Frances, Floyd, Silas, Forest, Melvina, Martha and Janie.

Elijah was very talented and skilled, traits which he undoubtedly inherited from his grandfather, John Wilson Carroll. Elijah, who was nicknamed "Lije", was a good blacksmith and carpenter who built houses, furniture and caskets. He also was a country veterinarian who doctored his neighbor's horses. In politics, he was a "died in the wool" Democrat.

Elijah lived on Longfall Creek in the "Forks" of Edmonson County as did his father and grandfather before him. He died on July 16, 1937, and was laid to rest in the Union Light cemetery beside his wife, Sarah Elizabeth, who proceeded him in death on May 9, 1936.

The children of Elijah E. Carroll were: Lewis (1878-) married first Sarah Priddy and second Rose Keith; James McClellan (1880-1950) married Wardie Thomas Dunn; Melvina (1882-1924) unmarried; Silas (1884-1913) married Daisy Bell Stinson; Forest "Toad" (1887-1924) married Mary Ward Kidwell; Floyd (1888-1961) married Catherine Stinson; Frances (1890-1963)

married Dick Brown; Martha Belle (1892-1952) married Lennie Jefferson Sanders; Eliza Ellen (1894-1980) married first James Artie Sanders and second Della G. Williams; Janie (1897-1942) married Ed McDowell; Ida Nell (1900-1976) married John M. Cain *Barry W. Downs*

JACKSON CARROLL

Jackson Carroll was born Nov. 29, 1877, in Edmonson County. He was the son of John Euron Carroll and "Sis" Meredith. His mother kept him until he was about two years old. They lived under a bluff or whatever shelter was available. At the time his father, John, was married to Delphnia "Del" Decker, and they had a small son named Pat. John talked to Del about adopting his child by this other woman. Del was a very generous woman offering to take this child into her home and raising him as her own. She told her husband that when she gave their baby Pat a biscuit, she would give Jack a biscuit also.

Jackson's paternal grandparents were Miles and Unicey Constant Carroll. Miles was a son of John and Francis "Fannie" Franklin Carroll. His maternal grandparents were Pete and Charlotte VanMeter Meredith.



Jackson and Annie Carroll

On Nov. 2, 1895, Jackson Carroll was married to Nancy Anne Meredith at the Bee Springs Church in Edmonson County. Nancy was born Jan. 6, 1878, in Grayson County. She was the daughter of Pete Joe Meredith and Amanda Hazelwood. Her paternal grandparents were Joseph and Edy Vinson Meredith. Her maternal grandparents were Thomas and Emily Hazelwood of Grayson County.

Jack and Annie Carroll had five children: Joseph Edward, Pete, Mona, Chester, and Essie. They owned a farm on Conoloway Creek in Grayson County for a while. About 1918 or 1919, they moved to Perry County and Jack worked as a coal miner. While living in Perry County, their son Chester died in a train accident. Annie and the baby Essie died of typhoid fever in 1921. Annie was brought to the McGrew Cemetery in Grayson County and buried. Two weeks later the baby Essie was brought to the same cemetery and buried.

In the late 1920's, Jack remarried Seattie Grisby, and they had two children, Lillie and Dempsey. They moved back to Grayson County. Jackson Carroll lived in Grayson County until his death July 5, 1952. He is buried at a family cemetery on Dickey Mill Road in Grayson County. by *Donna Brooks*

JAMES MCCELLAN CARROLL

James McClellan "Jim" Carroll was born Jan. 11, 1880 in the Longfall Creek area of Edmonson County. He was the second son of Elijah E. Carroll and Mary Angeline Hogan.

On July 14, 1899, Jim married 16 year old Wardie Thomas Dunn, the daughter of Kitty Ellen Skaggs and Thomas Dunn. The young couple moved into a new house built by Jim and his father on land which the Carrolls had owned since the late 1850's. The remainder of his life, Jim lived in that house.

Jim was a small (5'7", 130 pounds), frail man who did not enjoy good health much of his life. He lost vision in one eye when it was pierced by a thorn as his frightened horse ran under a tree. Most of her life, Wardie was a woman with robust health and exceptional physical and emotional endurance.



Jim and Wardie Carroll

While Jim was not the skilled craftsman that some of his ancestors were, he supplemented his farm income as a blacksmith and carpenter. He was also the local barber. Jim and others in the community cut timber, and made railroad ties which they rafted down the Nolin to Evansville. During part of the depression, he was a W.P.A. worker.

In addition to rearing a large family, Wardie worked in the fields and had a large garden. She was a talented seamstress for her family and others. Many people in the community turned to her in times of illness. She treated the sick with drugs and teas made from herbs which she gathered.

James McClellan Carroll died on Mar. 28, 1950. After his death, Wardie moved to Louisville where most of her children resided. Wardie who was born April 4, 1883, died Dec. 28, 1962. They were buried at Union Light Cemetary.

Jim and Wardie Carroll were the parents of the following children: Wilburn Owen (1900-1980) married Nova Wilson; Riley Edward (1901-1922) unmarried; Claudie Everett (1904-1982) married Ollie Wilson; Angie Mae (1907-) married James Hollis Templeton; Elsie Marie (1909-) married first Noel Higdon and second Guy William Dawsey; M. Vera (1911-1911); Nathel Thomas (1913-) married Herbert Wilson; Audie Edna (1916 -) married Odie Lee Blissit; Mary Willie (1919 -) married Earl McCullough; Flossie Lorene (1921 -) married Ernest Craddock; Emma D. (1924 - 1924); James Ewell (1928 -) married Mary Frances Brooks. *Faye Carroll*

JOHN WILSON CARROLL

John Wilson Carroll was born in 1793 in North Carolina. On June 20, 1812, John enlisted for an 18-month term in the 8th Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers during the War of 1812 against Great Britain, and was honorably discharged at Savannah, GA on Dec. 29, 1813.

Less than two weeks after his discharge from military service, John married Francis "Fannie" Franklin on Jan. 8, 1814, exactly one year before the Battle of New Orleans occurred. Residing in Georgia at the time of their marriage, the couple found it necessary to elope across the border into neighboring South Carolina to be married by a justice of the peace, Squire Kidd, because of the objections of Fannie's parents, who felt she was too young for matrimony at the age of 14.

John Carroll was a lanky man who stood six feet tall, with blue eyes and dark hair. He led a much-traveled existence, having resided in a half-dozen states and an Indian territory, where he applied his exceptional skills as a carpenter, cabinet-maker, blacksmith and mechanic. Following brief respites in Tennessee and Indiana, John finally settled near an iron furnace in present-day Larue Co., KY around 1835. Eventually, he moved to Longfall Creek in Edmonson County around the year of 1857 to live on a 100-acre farm, where he died on Aug. 28, 1862. Fanny Carroll survived her husband and lived to be over 80 years old.

The children of John and Fanny Carroll were: Eligah Alewine "Ale" (1815-1895) married Sarah Ann Wilmoth; Evaline (1821-) married David Potts; Frances Mahala (1822-) married Benjamin Benedict Wilmoth; Delilah (1825 -) married William Bryson Constant; John Miles (1827 -) married Eunicia Constant; Eliza (1829 -) married Frederick Meredith; William (1831 -) married Lucinda Thompson; Elbert Franklin "Frank" (1833-) married Lucretia Burnett; Amanda (1837 -) married Isaac William Gore; Tyler Wilson "Sol" (1840-1918) married Sarah "Sally" Stinnett; Jack (?) drowned at a young age. *Barry W. Downs*

PETE CARROLL

Pete Carroll, second son of Jack and Annie Meredith Carroll, was born Jan. 21, 1903, in Edmonson Co., KY. About 1920 or 21, Pete married Ellen Donnelly in Perry Co., KY, after moving with his parents from Edmonson Co., KY.

Ellen Donnelly was the daughter of William L. and Margaret Young Donnelly.

Pete and Ellen had three children: Mora Louise, Helen Christine, and Winford Rogers Carroll. While living in Perry County, Helen Christine died at the age of one year and nine months on Sept. 1, 1928. On Jan. 16, 1929, Ellen Donnelly Carroll died of pneumonia - 13 days after the birth of baby son, Winford Rogers. Ellen and daughter,



Pete Carroll





Ricky L. and Lisa Carroll and Chadrick Carroll



The Carrolls May 1977

Helen Christine, are buried in the cemetery at Defiance in Perry County, KY.

After the funeral, Winford Rogers Carroll, the only son of Pete and Ellen Carroll, was taken to his grandparents home at Millstone, KY, in Letcher County. He was raised by his grandparents, Wm. L. and Margaret Young Donnelly. At the age of 16, he forged his grandmother's name and joined the Air Force.

Mora, the oldest child, lived with her father for about a year and a half. In 1930 or 31, Pete married Nora Hodge, and Mora went to live with her grandparents, William and Margaret Donnelly.

Pete died in the 1970's and was buried in Perry Co., KY.

Pete's son, Winford Rogers, made a career out of the Air Force. In the late 50's or early 60's, he married Murial June Wilder, daughter of John and Bobbie Walker Wilder of Neon, KY, in Letcher County. While serving in the Air Force and stationed in Texas, they adopted a five month old baby boy and named him John Carlton Carroll. After serving 25 years in the service, Winford R. Carroll retired, and he and his family are currently living outside Gunterville, AL. by *Mora Louise Blair*

RICKY L. CARROLL

Ricky L. Carroll was born Jan. 29, 1962 at Glasgow, KY. He was the only child born to Bonnie Jo and the late Wayne Carroll. Wayne and Bonnie were married Jan. 28, 1961. They were divorced in 1965. Bonnie and Ricky then made their home with Bonnie's parents, Vergil Walker and Leone Campbell Gipson. Ricky grew up in the New Grove and Chalybeate communities of Edmonson County. Bonnie Jo married in 1986 to Denzil Anderson; they reside in the Richardsville area of Warren County.

All of Ricky's grade school years were spent at Brownsville Elementary and Brownsville Jr. High School. He was graduated in 1980 from Edmonson County High School. He went on to attend college and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Western Kentucky University in 1984.

In 1980, Ricky began working at Mammoth Cave National Park. He was a seasonal employee there until 1985 when he began working for Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corp.

Ricky was married Sept. 16, 1984 to Lisa Bratcher, the daughter of the Rev. Lawrence and Madge Newton Bratcher. Lisa was born Nov. 29, 1964 at Glasgow, KY. She grew up in the Nolin community of Edmonson County. Lisa is a member of Union Light Missionary Baptist Church.

Lisa's formal education began at the Lincoln School. After that school's closing, she attended Kyrock School. In 1982, Lisa was graduated from Edmonson County High School. She attended Western Kentucky University for two years; she studied business administration.

Lisa began working at Mammoth Cave in 1981. She left the Park Service in 1984 and began working for the Brownsville Deposit Bank.

For two years, Ricky and Lisa lived in the Silent Grove community of Edmonson County. In 1986, they bought a home in Cedar Springs, where they currently reside.

On July 20, 1988 their first child was born, a son, Chadrick Riley Walker Carroll. Chad was born at the Medical Center at Bowling Green. He was given two middle names representing his maternal grandfather, Lawrence Riley Bratcher, and his paternal Great-grandfather Vergil Walker Gipson. Vergil passed away two months before his great-grandchild was born.

Ricky has served as president of the Edmonson County Historical Society since 1986.

WILFORD RAY CARROLL

Wilford Ray Carroll is a native of Edmonson Co., born Apr. 18, 1934. Parents Elbert Thomas 1879-1942, and Pearlie Mingus 1890-1939. (Grandparents listed under Elbert Thomas Carroll's.)

Wilford's brothers and sisters are Ida May 1902- , Charley 1905- , Eddie 1919-1934, Goudis 1916- , Gladys 1919-1932, Hannah 1924-1981, Edward 1927-1980, Arther 1929, Bobby 1932-1932, and Gracie 1936- .

Wilford attended Prosperity Elementary School, Bee Springs, KY. He went to Jefferson Co. to work at Leaman Nursery, American Tobacco Co., (12 years) entered into U.S. Army 1955-1957, spending 17 months in Okinawa, and retired 1985 from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with 14 years of service. Wilford is a deacon at Hopewell Baptist Church, Huff, KY.

Wilford married Mary Elizabeth Davis on 12-21-1957 at Bee Springs, KY. Mary was born Aug. 7, 1939. Parents are Otto Davis 1898-1967, and Lelia Jones 1900-1987. Grandparents are William Tandy Davis 1875-1938, and Alice (Gains) 1897-1947. Isaac Allison Jones 1867-1958, and Mary Jane Ward 1877-1951. Mary's brother and sisters are Winnie Alice 1918-1918, Eltie Murtle 1919- , William Elbert 1924- .

Mary graduated from Sunfish High School in 1958. She is employed with the Edmonson County Board of Education since 1970, working as Lunchroom manager at Brownsville Elementary School, Brownsville, KY.

Wilford and Mary's children are James Thomas Carroll born 1959, and Donavon Ray Carroll born 1964. J.T. graduated from Edmonson Co. High School 1978, married Tina Lynn Jones. Their daughter Deanna Lynn born 1981. They divorced and J.T. married Debrah Williamson in 1987. Her daughter Kristine Hope born 1984. He is employed with Desa in Bowling Green, KY.

Donavon graduated from Edmonson Co. High School 1982. Attended Bowling Green Vocational School as a diesel mechanic. Is now employed with Command Trucking Co., Bowling Green, KY. He married Phylis Ann Becker in 1984. Their daughter Christina Elizabeth born 1988. *Wilford Carroll*

CASSADY-CAMPBELL

James "Willie" Cassady was born May 20, 1896, in Edmonson Co., Ky. He was the son of James Thomas and Kitty Ann Hagan Cassady. Mary Ellie Campbell was born May 13, 1899, in Edmonson Co., KY. She was the daughter of William Benjamin and Mary Jane Wells Campbell.

On Jan. 24, 1918 snow covered the hills of Edmonson Co., KY. Willie and Ellie's parents lived less than two miles from each other and this was the day they would be married. Willie had to replace the regular shoes on the horse with ice shoes to avoid an accident on the ice covered roads. He also placed heated rocks in the floor board of the buckboard "buggy" to help keep them warm.



Willie and Ellie Cassady 1918

Willie then headed down the road to Ellie's home. Willie was 21 years old and Ellie was almost 18 years of age on their wedding day. Willie picked Ellie up and they headed back down the same road to the log home of the Reverend John Wesley Lewis. The ceremony was held outdoors in front of Rev. Lewis's Log home. Willie and Ellie repeated their vows still seated in their buggy with Henry Renfro and Porter Cassady serving as witnesses.

After they were married Willie and Ellie Cassady lived their entire lives in or near the Rhoda Community. They had seven children, Bennie Cassady, Bruce Cassady "died in infancy", Mary Sturdivant, Maggie Cowles, Ella Madison, Thomas Cassady and Eva Huffman.

Willie Cassady was a WWI Veteran, his serial number was 3091071 serving in the 26th Engineers Company from Camp Forrest, GA. Willie's other trades in life were a carpenter, farmer and trader. In his retirement years he enjoyed trading knives, sharpening knives and winning at checkers.

Ellie prepared all their meals on a wood cookstove until 1965 and then she still insisted on using the wood cookstove many years after getting her first electric range. Ellie knew the Holy Bible as well as anyone and read the Bible at least seven times through, which included the old and new Testaments.

The photograph of Willie and Ellie Cassady that appears was taken May 1918, a few months after they were married.

Ellie died Jan. 11, 1981 and Willie died Feb. 10, 1983. They were both members of Beaver Dam United Baptist Church and their final resting place is at Bell Key Cemetery located in the community of Rhoda. Their cemetery plot is located only a few feet from their earthly home.

Over 80 years spread in the lifetimes of Willie and Ellie Cassady, they saw many technological changes throughout their lifetime but they always had that pioneer spirit to lend a helping hand and prayer for the neighbors.

JAMES T. & KITTY A. CASSADY

James Thomas Cassady was born Aug. 1, 1864 in Warren Co., KY. He was the son of Pete and Minerva "McCoin" Cassady. Pete and Minerva were born in and from Nashville, TN. They probably moved to Kentucky due to the possibility of the upcoming Civil War. Pete Cassady was a Civil War Veteran for the Union.

Kitty Ann Hagan was born Dec. 5, 1870, in Monroe Co., KY. She was the daughter of John and Sarah "Cobbler" Hagan. John Hagan was a Civil War Veteran for the Union Forces. John and Sarah Hagan are buried in Cole Cemetery near Highway 422 "known as The Pigg Road" in Edmonson County.

On Apr. 17, 1888, James T. Cassady and Kitty Ann Hagan were married at the bride's father's home in Edmonson County.

To this marriage were born nine children. Virgil T. born Mar. 16, 1889, Mary Belle born



James T. and Kitty "Hagan" Cassady

and died Feb. 28, 1890, Porter A. born Dec. 31, 1892, Homer born Feb. 23, 1894, James Willie born May 20, 1896, Dewey F. born July 13, 1900, Johnnie H. born February 18, 1902, Myrtle J. born Feb. 28, 1904 and Marion E. born July 5, 1906.

James T. Cassady had the nickname "Gene Pompey." James T. would entertain his family by playing the fiddle. James T. and Kitty Ann Cassady lived their entire married lives in the Rhoda Community of Edmonson County.

James Thomas Cassady passed away on Feb. 8, 1945. Kitty Ann Cassady died June 18, 1956. They are buried at Fairview Church Cemetery near Brownsville in Edmonson County.

CASWELL-DAVIS

George Ann Davis was born in Edmonson Co., KY, in 1850. She was the daughter of Robert M. Davis (born 1810-) Hart Co., KY, and Sarah (?) Davis (born 1813), George Ann had brothers and sisters - Alphonso (born-1830), John F. (born-1834), Sarah F. (born-1838), Nancy (born-1843), Ann E. (born-1845), William S. (born-1848).



Wm. T. and George Ann Davis Caswell

George Ann Davis married Sept. 18, 1864 in Edmonson Co., KY to W.T. Caswell (born-July-1844) Hart Co., KY, son of Samuel Caswell (born -1818) Hart Co., KY and Sarah (?) (born-1818).

Samuel and Sarah Caswell's other children were-Mary A. (born-1840), Nancy E. (born-1842), W.T. (the subject, 1844), Harriett (1847), Waytt (born 1848). There could have been other children.

Wm. T. and George Ann were married 34 years and lived those years in Edmonson Co., KY. They had nine children but only five were living on the 1900 census. Their children were Alexander (born 1870) Sally (born 1873-) See Constant and Clark history. William (born September-1878) Susan E. (born April-1886) Murtie J.(born-January-1889) Emma G. (born April-1893) Emma married Cleveland Constant. See Della Constant history.

JOHN L. CAYTON

John L. Cayton was born in the Oak Grove community May 26, 1871. He was always very interested in all civic and social work, but his main interest was in school work. He entered the teaching profession in 1892 and continued in this work until Jan. 1, 1910 when he became Superintendent of the Edmonson County School System. He held this position for four years. During his term as superintendent he was very instrumental in building the following schools: Age, Bee Spring, Cedar Spring, Cove Hollow, Icy Sink, Independence, Mount Zion, Ollie, Rhoda, Salem, Silent Grove, Stockholm, and Sunny Point.



John L. and Sarah Jane Madison Clayton

After his term as superintendent he returned to teaching, and played a large roll in getting the schools of Glessman, Lebana and Oak Hill consolidated into Chalybeate School in 1917. He also played a great part in getting a High School at Chalybeate in 1927. He continued school work until 1945, when he was forced to retire due to his health.

John L. Cayton was married to Sarah J. Madison on Oct. 13, 1892. They had eight children: Elbert, Lula, Hattie, Annie, Hubert, Ethel, Ellen and Frankie. There are only two living children; Annie of Bowling Green and Ellen of Tocoma, WA.

John L. Cayton died Mar. 20, 1951. He is buried, along with Sarah J. Cayton, in the Kinser Cemetery. After his death, the Chalybeate School was so grateful for his interest in their school, they dedicated their first annual to his memory in 1957.

HARVEY LEANDER CHAMBERS

Harvey Leander Chambers (1893-1973) belongs to that volume of Edmonson County history beginning with the post World War I era and extending more than a quarter of a century beyond World War II. This man, another of those from afar responding to the work whistle at the asphalt mines at Kyrock, was a transplant. Over a large part of the county, he became known as Lee.

The year was 1924 when Lee, a worker in the iron-ore mines of Alabama, decided to follow brothers—Will and Robert—to Ed-

monson County. He came from Russellville with his wife, the former Mary Lindy McDougal (1897-1934), and their three children. They got down from the train at Rocky Hill, loaded their household furnishings onto a waiting wagon, and began the last part of their journey in pioneer style.

To Kyrock, Lee brought a pair of capable hands, a muscular frame, a somewhat Puritan work ethic, and a concern for his fellow man. He immediately began working for the Kentucky Rock Asphalt Company where he remained until the company went defunct in the late 1950's.

This humble Baptist preacher reserved his weekends to travel about the county to preach. He and a very good friend, Kelly Pierce, with the help of some of the local folk, organized Jock United Baptist Church in 1956. Both were active pastoring churches and traveling about to help in revivals.

A number of Lee's grandchildren, great, and great-great grandchildren live in Edmonson County this year of 1988. Chambers's blood is blended with the blood of Whittinghills, Merediths, VanMeters, Vincents, Lashleys, Duvalls, Johnsons, Sandlins and others.

ROBERT & MARY CHAMBERS

Robert Clay Chambers was born in Iuka, MS, on Sept. 9, 1889. He lived with his parents until their deaths. At the age of 14 he had to take the responsibility of raising his 3 brothers and sisters.

After deciding to leave Iuka, MS, he journeyed to Russellville, AL. There he met and married Mary Fisher.



Robert and Mary Chambers

Miss Mary Fisher was born in Russellville, AL on Dec. 23, 1893. Robert and Mary were blessed with eight children, listed below:

Bessie (Chambers) Vincent July 4, 1912; Hazel (Chambers) Lindsey Dec. 16, 1915-Apr. 10, 1967;Lee Chambers Jan. 16, 1918-May 19, 1986; Opal (Chambers) Slaughter Nov. 3, 1920; Illa (Chambers) Jaggers Nov. 10, 1922; Russell Edward Chambers July 27, 1925; Odis Robert Chambers Feb. 26, 1929; Margaret Evelyn (Jean) (Chambers) Spencer July 27, 1932.

After their marriage, Robert worked in an iron ore mine and farmed; growing cotton and vegetables.

Several years passed, and after hearing about a job as a mechanic at Kyrock Asphalt Co., from Robert's cousin, Charlie Dennis, he moved his family to Kyrock, KY in the fall of 1924. He was employed there until the company went out of business. This was the reason for another move, to Charleston, IN. He worked there in a bag plant. After World War II, he retired and moved the family to Grayson County, and stayed only for a few years. From there he decided to move back to Edmonson County.

"Papa", as his children called him, was a model person. Mary, also, being an equal companion. They both were loved and respected by family and friends.

Papa would bless each meal with a special prayer he would say each time. We, the family, call it, "Papa's Prayer".

Righteous Master, Bless and Sanctify
this Food to the better nourishment
of our Bodies, and Us to Thy Services
Pardon and Forgive Us of our Sins.
We ask This in the Name of Jesus, and
for His Sake.
Amen

Robert and his family joined Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church. He and Mary remained faithful members until their deaths. They were buried at Sweeden Church Cemetery. *Cindy Wood & Elizabeth Lindsey*

CHILDERS - SKAGGS

Angeline Skaggs was born in Edmonson Co., KY. (Jan. 16, 1864-died Dec. 6, 1938) near Leonard Oak, KY, Butler County. She was the daughter of William Harrison Skaggs (born-1819-in Green Co., KY-died in Edmonson Co., KY). He married America Elizabeth Raymer (born-1830). Angeline's maternal ancestors were-John A.? born ca 1800. Abraham Raymer Jr. (born ca 1765 in Pennsylvania) married Margaret Cruse or Crews in Nelson County, Mar. 8, 1787. Abraham Raymer Sr. came from Pennsylvania, lived in South Carolina during the late 1770's brought his family into Kentucky, around 1780. Abraham Raymer Sr. had 250 acres of land on the South Fork of the Nolin River in 1785. (see Lloyd Raymer). Angeline Skaggs married-Feb. 28, 1883-Edmonson Co., KY, to Thomas Nathan Childers (born Mar. 3, 1837-Warren Co, KY-died May 7, 1925, Butler Co., KY). Thomas Nathan served in the Civil War as a Private in the Union Army, he was a volunteer. He was a son of Elisha Childers (born 1806-Goochland Co., VA, who married July 31, 1828 to Judy Glass (born 1806-died in Warren Co., KY. (See Childers-Goodall, in the Butler Co., KY, History-1987)



Standing: Eva Childers Martin, her father Thomas Nathan Childers. Seated: Laura West Childers and her husband Wm. Childers and their child.

Thomas and Angeline had one daughter - Eva (born Apr. 21, 1887- Butler Co., KY-died July 12, 1969-Butler Co., KY) married-1916 Butler Co., KY to Euclid Crittendon Martin (born Sept. 28, 1854-died ca 1931). They are all buried at the Fannie Rone Cemetery, Butler Co., KY. Euclid "Critt" and Eva had three children-Charles Rebus Martin (1917-1979) married Lona Lindsey, they had three children-Beverly-Rebus Jr. and Larry. The second child was Sally (born 1921) married Artie Bratcher, they have one son Artie W. Bratcher, (born-1949). Mildred the third child of "Critt" and Eva, was (born Jan. 22, 1925) married Preston Clark. (see Clark-Martin-in Butler Co., KY History, 1987) *Irene Constant*

CLARK - SANDERS

Ancestors of Benjamin Franklin Clark were-Joseph Clark (born ca 1750-died 1820) married Mary. Court records show that Joseph Clark left a will (probated Feb. 14, 1820) naming his wife Mary, three daughters, three sons, Benjamin, Davis and Lewis. Lewis was the subject's ancestor (born ca 1785-died 1845, court records) married Mary. Lewis and Mary had son Harrison (born 1818-living in 1870 census) married Aug. 8, 1839 to Martha Clark (court records). Harrison and Martha Clark were the parents of the subject, Benjamin Franklin Clark who came into Edmonson Co., KY as a United States Marshall, the year of 1881. His first marriage was to Nancy J. (Dowdell?) Jan. 11, 1864, they had two sons. His second marriage was to Parasady (Sadie) Sanders, Mar. 5, 1883 in Edmonson Co., KY, (born 1864-died 1956.)

Benjamin Franklin Clark was born May 9, 1840-died July 28, 1917 at Ollie, KY. He enlisted in the Civil War as a volunteer for the Confederate Army, Company H. 6th Kentucky Infantry, at Bowling Green, KY, in the spring of 1861. His company commander was Col. Martin Cofer who later formed force with Col. Joseph H. Lewis. He was discharged in Mississippi, year of 1863 because of a disability.



Benjamin Franklin and Parasady "Sadie" Sanders Clark

Benjamin F. and "Sadie" lived all their married years near the Nolin Forks at Ollie, KY, they are buried in the Ollie cemetery, Edmonson Co., KY. Their children were - Elizabeth "Betty" (born April-1886) married

Charley Gibson-Mar. 25, 1903. Martha (born April-1886) married Louis Meredith-May 18, 1905. Lillie Mae (born January-1888) married Willis Vincent-May 13, 1909. Joseph (born February-1890 married Emley Meredith-Sept. 27, 1910. Mary Lee (born November 1892) married Art R. Hunt-Jan. 27, 1909. Samuel (born Aug. 3, 1894) married Stella Houchin-Feb. 22, 1915. Stella was born Oct. 25, 1894-died Apr. 14, 1988. Lucretia "Lue" (born Sept.-1896) married Nelson Houchin-Mar. 8, 1915. Alice (born Dec. 10, 1899-died Sept. 10, 1983) married Hobert Meredith-Jan. 20, 1921. Hobert was born June 16, 1896-died Nov. 16, 1960. Ollie (born Apr. 1, 1901-died Sept. 14, 1931) married Elmer E. Constant-Nov. 1, 1922. Elmer E. was born Dec. 2, 1899-died Sept. 13, 1978. Charlie (born June-1904-died-1973) married Oct. 18, 1927 in Jeffersonville, IN to Virginia Kersey (born 1911-died 1980) buried at Ollie Cemetery, Lige Clark (born 1906-died July 6, 1981) married Mary Minton (born Mar. 18, 1913-Feb. 8, 1986) Ollie Cemetery, Floyd Clark (born-July 8, 1908-died Jan. 11, 1986) buried at Poplar Springs, Edmonson Co., KY. *Irene Constant*

CLINE - ELDER

Harrison Cline was born in 1843 in Grayson Co., KY and died in 1932 at Roundhill in Edmonson County. He was the son of Peter and Elizabeth (Bratcher) Cline. He was married @ 1868 in Grayson County to Phlina Elder born Jan. 17, 1847 in Grayson County and died on Jan. 30, 1916 at Roundhill. She was the daughter of Noah and Susanna (Ashley) Elder. Her grandparents were W. & Frankie (Geary) Ashley and Thomas, born 1785 in Pennsylvania, and Mary "Polly" (Smith) Elder, born in Virginia. Thomas and Polly (Smith) Elder were married on Sept. 17, 1806 in Warren Co., KY. Phlina's brothers and sisters were; Robert, born Oct. 28, 1842 & died Mar. 2, 1889 married to Judy Bozarth; Jane, born 1845 in Grayson County; Margaret, born 1850 in Grayson County; Silas, born July 25, 1852 in Grayson County; John R., born 1854 in Grayson County; Ginssa, born 1856 in Grayson County; Mary F., born 1856 in Grayson County married to John Johnson, born 1862 in Grayson County, son of Joe E. & Elizabeth (Roades) Johnson, Ginsey, Cary, Wesley (all born in Grayson County) and Emma born 1870 married on June 2, 1906 to John Johnson born 1862 son of Joe E. & Elizabeth Johnson.

Harrison and Phlina were the parents of the following children; Naioma born Nov. 1869 married on Dec. 23, 1890 to R.N. Yates, Mittie M., Lark, Lottie married on Nov. 23, 1909 to Jeff Clines son of John and Liddie (McDaniel) Cline; Mary Margetta married on Sept. 1, 1885 to William A. Johnson; Sarah married on Dec. 22, 1898 to W.T. Blair; Viola married on Sept. 25, 1902 to Abraham Miller; Susan born July 22, 1878 & died July 20, 1950 married on Oct. 10, 1902 to William Robert Dalton born Oct. 16, 1878 & died May 7, 1937 son of Jesse and Sally (Oller) Dalton; Learh Ellen married Jan. 1, 1898 to Samuel Monroe Davis, son of Dred Boland and Mary "Polly" Ann (Honaker) Davis; Halic W. born Mar. 16, 1885 & died Dec. 3, 1954 married on Feb. 29, 1912 to Maria Rogers, daughter of Ancil & Leuna (Drake) Rogers; and Segal married to Joey Suddith.

Harrison Cline was a veteran of the Civil War in which he fought for the Union. He and Phlina are buried in the Farris Cemetery on Cub Creek at Roundhill, KY not far from where they lived.

J. D. CLINE

J. D. Cline was born in Edmonson Co., KY on Jan. 16, 1932. He was the youngest son of the late Herman and America Cannon Cline. He has two brothers, James and Ralph Cline, both deceased. He also had four half-brothers, W.A., Coy, Lawrence, and Elmer Cowles, all deceased. J. D. graduated from Brownsville High School in 1950. He also attended the Drough Business College in Nashville, TN. When he returned to Edmonson County, he started farming.



J.D. and Delma Cline

On June 16, 1951, he married Delma Joyce Rone, from Butler County. She was born on October 10, 1935. She was the daughter of Eathel D. and the late Bessie D. Raymer Rone. Both were natives of Butler County. J. D. and Delma have three children. Joyce, Jackie, and Michael, along with their parents, live on a farm in the Otter Gap Community of Edmonson County. On their farm, they produce corn, soybeans, cattle, hogs, and tobacco. Their operation includes about 900 acres. In 1955, J.D. started working for the Edmonson County ASCS Office as a Program Assistant. In 1980, he was selected to be the County Executive Director. He has been a director of the Edmonson County Farm Bureau for over thirty years, and he is also presently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chalybeate Volunteer Fire Department. He has held the latter position for six years. *J. D. Cline*

CONSTANT

In Edmonson Co., KY on the 1860 census, Charlotte Constant was living with her daughter, Mrs. Miles (Unicy Constant) Carroll. Elijah Constant was on the 1810 Kentucky tax list, living in Green Co., KY (born ca 1783). He did not show on any records later but his Christian name "Elijah" has been a much used name down through the Constant descendants. Charlotte Constant (born ca 1784) is believed to have been his widow. Charlotte was on the 1850 Larue Co., KY census, living alone. Her children had married earlier. The children were William Bryson "Brice", Unicy and Nancy Jane Constant.

William Bryson "Brice" (born ca 1819) was on court records in Larue Co., KY in the year of 1847. On Hart Co., KY census on July 7, 1870, living at Hammonsville, with wife Deliliah "Lettie" and children. The Edmonson County School census, Apr. 25, 1877, district No. 36, lists William "Brice" Constant with children. He is on the 1880 Edmonson Co., KY census with wife and children.



Elijah Wilson "Wilks" Constant and family. Back row: Wilks, Sally, Elmer, Effie, Jim. Front row: Daniel "Dewey", Dan and Everitt.

He married Deliliah Carroll (born ca 1825) in Hart Co., KY, ca 1843, the daughter of John Wilson and Francis "Fanny" (Franklin) Carroll. They came from North Carolina. The children of William "Brice" and Deliliah were: William A. (born 1844), Nancy J. (born 1850) married James Kidwell, July 11, 1878 Edmonson Co., KY, Thomas Franklin (born Aug. 8, 1853-died Mar. 20, 1925) married Margaret F. Decker (born Aug. 12, 1852-died Feb. 4, 1929). Both are buried at Hill Grove Church, Edmonson Co., KY. Sarah Elizabeth (born 1857) married George Richard Davis, June 21, 1877. James R. (born 1859) married Elizabeth Kidwell, Dec. 27, 1877. Isabell (born 1863-died Oct. 1918) married John Anderson Davis, Oct. 17, 1880. Both are buried in the Buffalo Cemetery, near Good Springs Church. Elijah Wilson "Wilks" (born 1867, Hart Co., KY-died 1943 in Edmonson Co., KY) married Sally E. Caswell, June 12, 1890 in Edmonson Co., KY. Sally was the daughter of William T. and George Ann (Davis) Caswell, who married Sept. 18, 1867, in Edmonson Co., KY. Alice Adaline (born 1867) married H. Robert Rigden, Aug. 30, 1891. Robert L. "Bob" (born 1871) married Rose Carroll May 14, 1891. Nancy Jane (Dau. of Charlotte and Elijah) born ca 1824-married Jasper Jones, Dec. 18, 1847 in Larue Co., KY. William "Brice" Constant as surety. Unicy (Dau. of Charlotte and Elijah) born ca 1827-married John Miles Carroll Dec. 12, 1848 in Larue Co., KY, William "Brice" Constant as surety. John Miles Carroll was a son of John Wilson and Frances (Franklin) Carroll. John Wilson and Frances (Franklin) Carroll were the Great-Great-Grandparents of Wayne Constant of Bowling Green, KY. Warren County.

Elijah and Charlotte Constant were the Great-Great-Grandparents of Wayne Con-

stant. Charlotte Constant is buried in an unmarked grave at the Hubsfield Church in Edmonson Co., KY on Highway #256 near Broadway. She died at age 76 years.

John Wilson and Frances are buried at Hill Grove Church in Edmonson Co., KY.

CONSTANT-CLARK

Elmer Edward Constant was born (Dec. 2, 1899) at Stockholm in Edmonson Co., KY, near the Old Good Springs Baptist Church, that was organized in the year of 1842. Elmer was the fourth of six children born to Elijah Wilson "Wilce" (born 1867-died 1943) and Sally (Caswell) Constant (born September-1872-died-1936). They are buried along with two sons-Frank and James E. "Jim" and some of Jim's family, in the cemetery at Good Springs Church. The church is now in the Mammoth Cave Park. Elmer's brother Frank (born April, 1896-1910). Elmer married Ollie Clark, Nov. 1, 1922 in Jeffersonville, IN. Ollie was born Apr. 1, 1901, at Ollie, KY (died Sept. 14, 1931) buried in Ollie Cemetery, Edmonson Co., KY, near the Forks of Nolin. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Parasada "Sadie" (Sanders) Clark. (See Clark and Sanders) Elmer and Ollie had three children, J. Wayne (see Wayne Constant and family) married the former Irene Martin, Butler County. Maxine (born Apr. 16, 1925) married Ralph Kessinger, they have two sons, Gregory and Mark. Mark has blessed them with a grandson; they all live in Lexington, KY. Grace Dean (born July 31, 1930) married Robert Evitte (now deceased) of High Point, NC. They had three children, Tony, Tina, and Tessie (Evitte) Moore.



Elmer Edward Constant and Ollie Clark Constant

Elmer's brothers and sister were-James E. "Jim" (born Mar. 8, 1893-Died Aug. 7, 1957). He married Clella Blair (born Apr. 29, 1898-died Jan. 27, 1928). Their children were Nelson (born 1923) and Helen (born January 27, died December 1929), James "Jim" married 2nd wife, Vera Cobb, in Henderson, KY, July 27, 1931, to this union was born-James Kenneth (born Sept. 14, 1932-died Oct. 6, 1942) Romie Gene, Brenda Kay and Larry. Elmer had one sister, Effie (born May-1894) married Ralph Meredith, Mar. 5, 1913 in Edmonson Co., KY. Their children were Herman and Pearl.

Daniel Dewey "Dan" (brother to the subject) was (born Sept. 30, 1904-died Mar. 31, 1975) married Roxie Wilma Lindsey, Sept. 14, 1935 (born Jan. 24, 1915) who survives. Dan and Roxie had, one son, Mickael Dan (born June 27, 1946) and one granddaughter, Jessica Leigh (born Sept. 6, 1969). Dan is buried in Louisville, KY, where they had made their home. Everitt the youngest of Elmer's brothers (born-1906) married Ola Jaggers, Feb. 16, 1926, who survives. Everitt is buried in Louisville, KY. They have one daughter, Freida who married Rev. Kermit McClure, they have children.

Elmer received his education in the Edmonson County schools and at Western Kentucky Teachers College. He taught school at Temple High and Maple Springs, near Good Springs. He was a cashier at the Brownsville Deposit Bank, a Deputy Collector for the Internal Revenue Service. Elmer was one of the founders of the Life Insurance Company of Kentucky, he served as state chairman for Governor Clemmons in his campaign for Governor, of Kentucky.

Elmer was a Baptist, a member of the Elks, a Mason for over 50 years as a Life Member of Washington Meredith Lodge No. 355, Brownsville, KY. He was a strong and active Democrat, a public accountant, with his office in Bowling Green, KY.

On Feb. 18, 1971 he was named President of the Farmers National Bank at Scottsville, KY. Elmer died Sept. 13, 1978 in Warren Co., KY. Buried in the cemetery at the Steep Hollow Church, Edmonson Co., KY.

A well liked man and a man that Edmonson County was proud of.

CONSTANT-RAY

Della Constant was born near the "Forks" of the Nolin River, in Edmonson Co., KY, Oct. 24, 1911. She went to school at the old Longfall Creek school in Edmonson County. Della was married to Ruric Ray, Nov. 24, 1937. Ruric was born June 10, 1899 near Silent Grove, KY. Died Mar. 17, 1985, he is buried at the Hawkins cemetery near their home at Pig, KY. He was the son of William and Clara (Spillman) Ray.

Della (Constant) Ray was the oldest of three children born to Harrison and Emma (Carroll) Constant. Harrison was born Dec. 23, 1887, died and was laid to rest at the Old Carroll Cemetery near Longfall, KY, Edmonson County. His wife Emma was born June 29, 1888, died Oct. 22, 1965, she is buried in the cemetery at the Hill Grove Church, near Nolin Lake. Their other two children were, Vonie Ellen, born Dec. 13, 1913, married Ordell Sanders and Raymond Lee Constant, born Dec. 23, 1915, married Maxine Logston. Raymond Lee died Mar. 26, 1988. He is buried in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, IN.



Thomas Franklin and Margaret Decker Constant

The paternal grandparents of Della (Constant) Ray, were Thomas Franklin Constant born Aug. 8, 1852-died Mar. 20, 1925, married Margaret F. Decker. Margaret F. (Decker) Constant born Aug. 12, 1852-died Feb. 4, 1929. Thomas Franklin and Margaret (Decker) Constant are buried in the cemetery at the Hill Grove Church, Edmonson Co., KY.

Thomas and Margaret had children-Eli Ervin born in 1880 Edmonson Co., KY ? died 1972 in Kentucky? married Ida Mae Harp June 7, 1899 in Edmonson Co., KY. Will was born Nov. 24, 1882-died Jan. 12, 1967. married Maude Meredith born July 1, 1892-died Jan. 24, 1967. Will and Maude are both buried at Hill Grove Church, Edmonson Co., KY. Weaver J. born Oct. 9, 1890- died Dec. 4, 1979, married 1909 to Vonnie Ree Duncan, born Jan. 1892. Both are buried at Hill Grove Church. Cleaveland born in Grayson Co., KY. Res. of Dickys Mill, KY, Edmonson County age 25 yrs when married-May 24, 1910 to Emma Caswell, res. of Stockholm, age 18 yrs Emma was dau. of William T. Caswell (born in Hart Co., KY, July 1844) and George Ann (Davis) Caswell (born May-1850, Edmonson Co., KY), Harrison born Dec. 23, 1887, died and buried at the Old Carroll Cemetery, Longfall, KY. Married Jan. 5, 1910, Edmonson Co., KY, to Emma Carroll born June 29, 1888, Emma (Carroll) Constant died Oct. 22, 1965-buried Hill Grove Church. Maude born Dec. 28, 1893-died Mar. 8, 1922, buried at Hill Grove Church, married Mathew "Math" Newton. Mary married Jim Hayes. Ada married Leonard Snyder.

The maternal grandparents of Della were George Thomas Carrell born ca 1855, married Nancy Ellen Sanders-June 14, 1888, Edmonson Co., KY. Great-grandparents (unknown). Great-Great-grandparents were, John Wilson and Frances (Franklin) Carroll.

J. WAYNE CONSTANT

Wayne Constant has lived in Warren Co., KY, since he was in his teens. Warren County has been good to him and the better people have helped give him the strength and encouragement to do a good job as a law enforcement officer.

Wayne has a strong sentimental feeling for Edmonson Co., KY. That is where his roots are. His ancestors came to the county before 1825.



Wayne Constant Family. Standing Lana Sue Paschal, Sallye Lynn, Velda Alexander. Seated: Police Chief Wayne Constant and wife Irene Martin Constant.

He was born at Stockholm, KY, Edmonson County, Oct. 27, 1923, the only son of Elmer and Ollie (Clark) Constant. Wayne had two younger sisters, Maxine and Grace Dean (see Constant and Clark). Their Mother died when he was eight years old.

Wayne served in the South Pacific during World War II, coming home he served five years as a Deputy Warren County Court Clerk, seven years as a Deputy Sheriff. He joined the Bowling Green Police Department, Oct. 1, 1957, was made a Detective soon after. He took the oath of office as Police Chief, Sept. 18, 1963, at the age of 39 years old. He served as Chief until he retired, Oct. 28, 1980. Wayne was elected Warren County Sheriff in 1981, being the only individual that had served as Police Chief and Sheriff of Bowling Green and Warren Co., KY. Commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, Dec. 2, 1959 by Governor Albert Benjamin Chandler, elected President of the Kentucky Peace Officers Association in 1975 and had the honor of escorting two Presidents of our nation, President John F. Kennedy and President Ronald Regan.

Wayne's feelings runs deep about his ancestors, he loves to visit through the Mammoth Cave Park and point out the old homesites where some old relative or friend once lived. He married the former Irene Martin (born July 29, 1925) of Butler Co., KY. Daughter of James O. Martin (born Mar. 10, 1896-died Aug. 3, 1978) and Pernie (Oller) Martin (born Jan. 11, 1901-died Dec. 22, 1975-(see Butler County History 1987). Irene graduated from the Lois Glen School of Beauty Culture and operated her own beauty salon for 30 years. Served as president of Hairdressers Unit No. 6, year 1960. Commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, Feb. 11, 1964 by Governor Edward T. Breathitt. A member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Southern Kentucky Geneological Society. Wayne and Irene are members of the United Methodist Church. They have three daughters, Velda, Lana Sue and Sallye Lynn.

Velda graduated as a registered nurse from Nortons School of Nursing, Louisville, KY. She married Luther Alexander-June 26, 1965-Warren Co., KY. They have two children, Sara Leigh (born Sept. 21, 1968-Jefferson Co., KY) and David Lamar (born Nov. 26, 1970-Jefferson Co., KY). Luther and Velda own the Alexander Funeral Home in Irvington, KY.

Lana Sue, graduated from the Lois Glen School of Beauty Culture. She served as a Deputy in the office department of the Warren Co., KY Sheriff Department-Jan. 1, 1982 through Dec. 31, 1985. Lana "Susie" married Larry Wayne Paschal-Dec. 30, 1967-Warren Co., KY. They have two children, Kimberly Sue (born Nov. 28, 1968-Warren Co., KY) and Tammy Lynn (born July 29, 1970-Warren Co., KY).

Sallye Lynn, graduated from Western Kentucky University-1980, with a Teachers Degree in Industrial Arts. She got her Degree in Engineering at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. Sallye has had training in Japan and is one of the assistant Plant Managers for the Sumitomo Plant, she works at Scottsville, KY. *(See page 205& 206 for pictures.)*

REV. & MRS. JOHN CONWAY

"...they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" is true of Rev. and Mrs. John Conway. Although they have been dead for many years, their names are often mentioned by family and in local Baptist Churches. They are often fondly referred to as, "Ma and Pa Con."

John Wesley Conway was born Nov. 13, 1863 in Edmonson County to William Harrison Conway and Sarah Elizabeth (Kinser). William Harrison, son of Thomas Conway and Mary Ann (Jones). Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Jackson Kinser and Mary (Heath). William Harrison served in the Civil War and died of measles in 1865. Sarah Elizabeth then married Samuel Vincent.



The Rev. and Mrs. John W. Conway

John Conway married Minerva Vincent in approximately 1883. John professed hope in Christ at the age of 24 at Poplar Springs Church. He was baptized by Rev. Martin Meredith. He and Minerva were members of Poplar Springs Church. They had three children: Myrtle married Opel Deweese, William "Bill" Harrison married Audrey Morris and Mary Ann married John Davis. Minerva died at a young age of meningitis. Their son, "Bill," became a Baptist minister.

On Feb. 22, 1899, John married Annie Minton. She died during childbirth. The child did not survive. John married Martha "Viola" (Harrison) Lindsey Aug. 7, 1900.

Martha "Viola" was born Oct. 3, 1879 in Grayson County to Christopher Columbus Harrison and Nancy Jane (Deweese). Christopher Columbus, son of Greenberry Harrison and Lydia Bozarth. Nancy Jane, daughter of Isaac Harrell Deweese, Sr. and Abigail Mahurin. Christopher Columbus was a Union soldier, Company I, Regiment 17 of Kentucky. Viola, her brother George and her parents were charter members of Sweeden Baptist Church. Viola married John Lindsey on her birthday in 1897. John Lindsey worked on the ferry that crossed Green River. Their son, Everett, was born in 1898. John Lindsey died in 1899. Viola married John Conway in 1900. Everett Lindsey married Cora Morris.

John and Viola had three children: Elva married Edward Stewart, "Nannie" married Everett Wilkins and Elzora married Henderson Ray.

John joined Sweeden Church, and on the fourth Saturday in April, 1911, he was licensed to preach. He was elected pastor of Poplar Springs Church from 1921 through 1927 unanimously. He was pastor of Sweeden Church from 1917 to 1918, 1922 to 1923, possibly from 1925 to 1932, and 1934 to 1935. He was pastor of Hopewell (where he was elected lifetime pastor) and at Bee Spring Baptist Chruches. He was pastor of Providence Church in Grayson County. He walked far and near, without money or price.

During the years that John was affiliated with Sweeden Church, even when he wasn't pastor, he preached when needed, led singing when necessary, cleaned the church, built fires and was caretaker of the cemetery and grave digging.

Rev. Conway earned his living by farming and tiehacking. The Conways kept boarders, men who came to Edmonson County to work at Kyrock Asphalt Company.

The Conways had two grandsons and one great-grandson who became Baptist ministers: Lacy Minton, Charles Deweese and Jerry Patton.

John Conway died Mar. 4, 1949, and Viola died Feb. 10, 1970. They are buried at Sweeden Cemetery.

The Conways left behind a rich Christian heritage. *Naomi (Wilkins) Williams*

REV. WILLIAM H. (BILL) CONWAY

William H. (Bill) Conway was born Aug. 7, 1885 in Grayson Co., KY. He was the only son of three children born to John W. Conway and Manerva Vincent Conway. His sisters were Myrtle (1888-1974) and Annie (1890-1926). Bill's mother died in 1895 when he was ten years old.

His father married Viola Harrison Lindsey in 1900. Bill acquired a step brother, Everette C. Lindsey. John and Viola Conway union produced three half sisters for Bill and Everette: Elna, Nannie and Elzora.



Bill and Audrey Conway 1907

On Nov. 21, 1907, Bill married Audrey J. Morris, daughter of Ruben and Jemima Meredith Morris. The newlyweds made their home in Edmonson County. Bill and Audrey had one son, Morris Wesley Conway (1914-1928) and two daughters, Virgie Irene Conway (1908-1988) who married Charles L. Vincent, and Lottie Jane Conway (1921) who married Max A. Vincent Sr. They also opened their home to a nephew, Percy Davis (1914-) who married Nell Ashley. Percy

came to live with them when his mother, Annie Conway Davis, died. Percy's dad died earlier. He was lovingly cared for by his Uncle and Aunt.

The Conways have eight grandchildren and two foster grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, three foster great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

Bill and Audrey owned and operated a grocery store in the vicinity of Sweeden, KY for many years. Bill was well known and loved by all who knew him. He joked and loved to pull jokes on his buddies. A little village near his home was called Battle Town, named for him, whom his friends called (Battle Bill). The village was later renamed Woodside when Kyrock Asphalt Co. was established locally by President Harry St. George Tucker Carmichail. The company opened an office and a commissary and later the Kyrock, KY Post Office. Bill managed commissaries at Black Gold, Poplar Spring Rd. and one at Sweeden, KY for the company.

Bill was licensed to preach the gospel at Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church, where he maintained his membership. On the 4th Saturday in October 1934 he was ordained by the church. He was granted Minister License, permitting him to solemnize the Rite of Matrimony on Sept. 3, 1938. He was a lifelong member and past Master of Washington Meredith Lodge 355 F&AM Brownsville, Ky. by *Lottie Conway Vincent*

COOK

George Cooke m/Mary Stewart. Issac Christopher (Chris) Cooke m/Elizabeth (Betty) Deickus: I) Walt Cook m/Lizzy; II) Pearl died young with T.B.; III) Lon Cook died young with T.B.; IV) Jim Cook died young with T.B.; V) Lucy Cook m/Allen Johnson A) Glen Johnson m. Gladys, Glen had 16 children; B) Cholie Blanche Johnson m/Carl Meredith m/2 Howard, 1) DorOthy Meredith, 2) JoAnn Meredith, 3) Walter Meredith, 4) Margie Faye Meredith; IV) Alice Cook m/Jim Johnson, A) Helen Johnson m/Garland Garst 1) Betty Jean Johnson; B)Mae Lay Johnson m/Copelay Lay-1) Imogene Lay m/Gill Greer, m/2 Samples a)Gloria Jean Greer, b)Bobby Samples; 2) Jimmy Lay m/Carol; VII) Bertie Florence Cook m/James Clay Ward: A) Burnley Ward m/Alta Byers; B) Albert Ward m/Ruby Harlan m/2 Shirley—1) Mildred Irene Ward m/Leon Wilkerson -a) Michalle Wilkerson; 2) Dorothy Ann Ward m/James T. Brown-a) Sherry Brown m/Victor Scott 1) Georganno Scott, b) Tylene Brown m/Charles Armstrong-1) Joshua Armstrong; 3) Albert Ray Ward m/Phyllis m/2 Kim -a) Kevin Ray Ward (mother Phyllis) b) Sheen Ward (mother Kim); 4) Darrell Ward m/Paula-1) Melisa Ann Ward 2) Stacy Ward.

C) Lee Ward m/Agnes Woods m/2 Elsie Gettings Martin, 1) Helen Marie Ward, 2) Marjorie Lee Ward m/L. B. Travelstead-a) Lydia Travelstead m/Mark Barnhill, b) Tracy Travelstead m/Betsy Cline; 3) Kenneth Wayne Ward m/Sharon Guffy-a) Barry Wayne Ward; 4) Louise Elaine Ward m/Earl Daniel-a) Robin Renee Daniel, b) Christo-



Cooke Family

pher Lee Daniel —Child of Lee and Elsie—5) James Howard Ward m/Carol Manley m/ Maureen (Renee) Arnold-Children of James and Renee-a) Andrew Lee Ward, b) Matthew James Ward; D) Gladys Faye Ward m/Floyd Belk m/2 Herman Sewder, 1) Bobby Glen Belk m/Margaret Willis-a) Pamela Ann Belk m/Terrell Tally, b) Sarah Margaret Belk; 2) Linda Diane Belk m/Roger Humes-a) Shawn Lee Humes, b) Bradley William Humes; E) Thelma Dorothy Ward m/Julius (Jude) Wilson; F) Geneva Ruth Ward m/Grover Davis-1) Shirley Ann Davis m/Douglas Youngblood- a) James Author Youngblood, b) Teresa Youngblood; 2) Grover Douglas Davis m/Vicky, a) Christopher Davis "Chris", b) Jeffery Davis "Jeff".

COOK

Martin Lloyd Cook was born Feb. 26, 1920 in Edmonson County (Dry Branch community). He is the son of William Luther Cook born Sept. 22, 1874 died Oct. 18, 1920, and Hattie Lou Brooks Cook born Nov. 28, 1880 died Apr. 14, 1960 at Lloyd's home. They are both buried in the Brooks Cemetery in Mammoth Cave National Park.



Hattie Lou Brooks Cook, Lula, Gladys and Lloyd Cook

Other children born to this union are: 1) Carl Brooks, born Feb. 28, 1902 died Aug. 7, 1902, buried in Brooks Cemetery; 2) Lula Maude Cook Tunks born June 21, 1903 died Spet. 17, 1986, married John Lafatte Tunks (died June 10, 1965). They are buried in the Silent Grove Church Cemetery; 3) Gladys Mae born Jan. 18, 1909, married Warner Tunks Feb. 14, 1929. He died Apr. 17, 1973. They had one son Benjamin Lee Tunks born Sept. 21, 1937. Ben married Iva Nell Dossey Jan. 17, 1958. They had one son Nicholas Lee born Dec. 2, 1959. Nick married early in life. From this marriage one son was born Kenneth Lee Tunks born Oct. 26, 1978. Nick later married Tina Marie Spainhoward May 12, 1984. Gladys married Henry C. Cochran Jan. 1, 1952. At present, Henry, Gladys, Ben, Nick and families all reside on the Warner Tunks and Hattie Cook's old home place.

Lloyd's father died when Lloyd was eight months old. He was raised by his widowed mother who never remarried and was helped by Gladys' and Lula's husbands, Warner and Lofa Tunks. Lloyd lived with his mother to the age of 40 when he married Sopha Madison Mar. 12, 1960.

In one short year, Lloyd acquired two sons, daughter-in-law and granddaughter. He made-up for his late start in married life as his friends often kidded him.

Lloyd was employed by Mammoth Cave National Park for 35 years as Fire Control Aid and Park Ranger, from which he retired in August 1978. He presently resides whith his wife, Sopha, in the Silent Grove community.

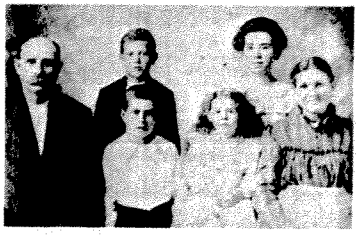
Lloyd's paternal grandparents were Martin L. and Sarah Cook. Their children were: Iron, Fletch, Lum, Jim, Tilt, Everet, Margaret Bledsoe, and Jane Skaggs.

Lloyd's maternal grandparents were Smith and Susan Brooks. Their children were; Harrison, Tom, Jim, Sally Wilken, Nora Rich, and Mollie Jackson.

Lloyd's father accepted Christ in 1908; his mother in 1907. They joined the Temple Hill Baptist Church.

COOKE

George Cooke (Cook) was born about 1820 in Wayne Co., KY according to the 1880 Census of Edmonson County. He died in Edmonson County 1883, where his will is recorded at the court-house. He owned what is locally known as "Indian Hill", presently within the Mammoth Cave National Park. George married Mar. 10, 1840 to Malinda Stewart who was born about 1825 in Edmonson County. Mary "Polly" Stewart signed for her daughter, Malinda, to marry George Cooke. In the early Barren County marriages we find where "Samuel Stewart married Mary Vincent Jan. 11, 1807. Con.—Martin and Anna Webb her mother. Sec.—Jesse Conaway." Malinda Stewart Cooke had a brother named Martin Stewart and sisters Elizabeth who married Robert Lindsey 1831 and Rebecca who married Squire Gilbert 1827.



A.D. and Gennie (Bird) Cooke, Pate Cooke, Lou Cooke Warnell, Nettie Cooke Skaggs (small girl)

George and Malinda's children were: a) Francis Paradine (born ca. 1841); b) Mary

Jane (1843) married Hiram M. Hazelip. Married second to Greenville Gilbert in 1870. They were the parents of Jim Gilbert. Jim Gilbert's daughter, Minnie, married George Tomes. Mary Jane Gilbert was dead by 1881 but the Gilbert heirs are mentioned in George Cook's settlement; c) Martin L. (Ca 1845) married Sarah James, daughter of Washington James. They moved to Arkansas. Children: Mary Jane (born 1867), George (1871), Luther (1874), James D. (1877), married Florence Skaggs., Columbus (1878), Fleck (1881), Blain T. (1883), Margaret (1885), Everett (1888), Arnie (1890); d) Amos Dale (1849-1914) married Jennie Bird. Their children: George; Bettie md. Dave Logan; Lou md. Edd Warnell; Millie md. Grant Carrier; Nettie md. Luther Skaggs; Pate md. Vera Lindsey; Amos; Alex; Otto; Charlie; Chester; e) John (1850) married Amanda Brown. Children: Rich and "Big Neute"; f) Christopher (1852); g) Melinda Angeline (1854) married James Acel Skaggs. Two sons, Morgan and Bailey (Bailum). James Acel was jailor in Brownsville about 1895. He married second to a niece of his first wife. She was a daughter of Martin L. Cooke and named Mary Jane; h) Henry Cooke (1859-1943) Children: David; Mazilla; Ceten (died age 26 with T.B.); Sarah Jane (mother of Mae Higgenbotham); Eddie; Neute; Barrett (died young); Rev. Alfred; Philip; Coleman; Roger (died infant); i) George born 1858 died as a child; j) Amanda (1862); k)Augustine (1844) died as a child.

One of George and Malinda Stewart Cooke's daughters drowned in Green River while a small child.

In Deed Book (N) p. 438 at the court house in Brownsville, the heirs of George Cooke are listed Jan. 3, 1883 as follows: A.D. (Dale) Cook, Amanda Cook, John W. Cook, Malinda Skaggs, Henry Cook, Gilbert heirs, I.C. (Christopher) Cook, Martin L. Cook.

In the land division, Martin Cook's part was the lot known as Indian Hill containing about 18 acres. This was later obtained by Dale Cook and his widow, Jennie Bird Cook sold it to the National Park about 1929. *Norman Warnell*

BENTON A. & TERESA J. COWLES

Benton Allan Cowles was born May 18, 1952 at Farmers Clinic in Brownsville, KY in Edmonson County. He is the son of Ruble B. and Maggie Cassady Cowles. Teresa Jean Gregory was born Sept. 21, 1958 at Scottsville, KY in Allen County. She is the daughter of Billy G. and Mildred Cox Gregory.

Benton and Teresa met in 1974 at a gospel singing at The Covered Bridge Hotel in Red Boiling Spring, Macon Co., TN. They were married July 11, 1975 at Beaver Dam United Baptist Church in Edmonson County. Benton joined Beaver Dam Church in 1963 and Teresa is now also a member of Beaver Dam Church.

Benton and Teresa's first child was born Sept. 27, 1979 and his name is Brandon Allan and their daughter, Jamie Leigh was



The Benton Cowles Family

born Mar. 25, 1983. The family picture that appears above was taken Nov. 23, 1987.

Benton graduated from Edmonson County High in 1970 and also graduated from Western Kentucky University with B.S. and M.A. degrees. Benton taught woodworking in the Edmonson County School System for three years, worked two seasons as a Ranger at Mammoth Cave National Park and is presently serving as Property Valuation Administrator of Edmonson County and is Historian 1987-88 for the Kentucky Property Valuation Administrators' Association. Benton also belongs to the Masonic Lodge, I00F Lodge and a past president of the Edmonson County Young Republicans.

Teresa received most of her education in the Allen Co., KY School System but graduated in 1976 from Edmonson County High. She worked five years at The Bank of Edmonson County but as the family grew she quit her position at the bank to be home with her family. She now works with Benton in their tax business at Rhoda.

Benton, Teresa, Brandon and Jamie make their home on their small farm in the Rhoda Community of Edmonson County.

JESSE M. & MARY ETTA "LINDSEY" COWLES

Jesse Marcellus Cowles was born on Apr. 29, 1874 in Edmonson Co., KY. His parents were James Nathanial and Margaret "Graham" Cowles. James N. Cowles was born in Edmonson Co., KY. Margaret Graham was born in Virginia.

James M. and Margaret Cowles are buried in the Sturdivant-Hawks Cemetery in the Pine Grove Community of Edmonson County.



Jesse and Mary Etta "Lindsey" Cowles

Jesse Cowles first marriage was to Catherine E. Tinsley on Nov. 1, 1894 at the home of her father George Tinsley. Although Jesse and Catherine had a few children most died very young. The only child from this union to reach adulthood is Aubrey Cowles who resides in Louisville, KY. Catherine Tinsley Cowles died while her son Aubrey was very young and she is buried in a cemetery located on a farm in the Boiling Spring Community in Edmonson County.

Mary Etta Lindsey was born on Oct. 27, 1888 in Edmonson Co., KY. Her parents were C. Robert and Liza A. "Ray" Lindsey and both of them were born in Edmonson Co., KY.

Liza Ann Lindsey is buried in Hawkins Cemetery in Edmonson County and her grave site is not clearly marked. Robert Lindsey is buried in Dry Branch Cemetery located now in Mammoth Cave National Park, Edmonson County. His grave is not clearly marked.

On March 15, 1908 Jesse M. Cowles and Mary "Etta" Lindsey took the Rites of Marriage at Ollie, KY in Edmonson County. To this marriage were born five children. They are Anna Margaret Wingfield, Laura Alma Tarter, Robert Nathanial "Nat" Cowles, Ruble Benton Cowles and Jesse Ray Cowles.

Jesse M. Cowles was one of the first if not the first resident photographers in Edmonson County. Documented by his Marriage Certificate to Mary Etta Lindsey in Marriage Book 20 page 525, Edmonson County Clerk's office, Jesse listed his occupation as "picture business." Also in later years he worked for the L & N Railroad Company.

Mary Etta Cowles died Aug. 25, 1938 and is buried in Hawkins Cemetery, Edmonson County. On her monument is inscribed "MOTHER WAS TOO GOOD, TOO GENTLE AND FAIR, TO DWELL IN THIS COLD WORLD OF CARE."

Jesse M. Cowles died Aug. 14, 1939. By his request he is buried in the Boiling Spring Church Cemetery just over the Edmonson County line in Warren Co., KY.

RUBLE B. & MAGGIE O. COWLES

Ruble Benton Cowles was born June 21, 1921 in the Rhoda Community of Edmonson Co., KY. He is the son of Jesse and Etta "Lindsey" Cowles and both of his parents were born in Edmonson Co., KY.

Maggie Opal Cassady was born Dec. 19, 1923 in the New Grove Community of Edmonson County. She is the daughter of Willie and Ellie "Campbell" Cassady and both of her parents were born in Edmonson County.

Ruble graduated from Brownsville High and Maggie attended school at Rhoda.

On Oct. 6, 1942 Ruble B. Cowles and Maggie O. Cassady were married in St. Louis, MO while Ruble was serving in the armed services. They have three children, Cheryl Ann Poe, Benton Allan Cowles and Donna Sue Cowles.

Documented by newspaper reports Ruble returned home from WW II a hero. He was awarded two of the highest medals given to American Airmen. Ruble was a dive bomber gunner attached to the Seventh Air Force



Ruble and Maggie Cowles

Unit in the Central Pacific. As a Staff Sargent he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. The citation accompanying the Flying Cross recited that it was "awarded because of extraordinary heroism in combat, evidencing action and devotion to duty above and beyond that normally expected." The editor of the Edmonson News found out that Ruble completed 19 "missions" and one reason Ruble was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross that he and his pilot brought in their bullet-ridden dive bomber' after a devastating "mission" in which they escaped personal injury after inflicting much damage on enemy planes and installations.

After returning home after WW II Ruble worked at the Ford Garage in Brownsville. In 1957 friends urged him to run for Tax Commissioner (now Property Valuation Administrator). After winning this office he held it unopposed for 28 years. Maggie assisted many times at the Property Valuation Administrator's office but also was kept very busy at home taking care of three children.

Ruble was a partner in The Stice and Cowles Monument Company in Brownsville during the 1960's. Ruble helped co-author The History of the Green River Association of United Baptist published in 1976 and served as clerk of The Green River Association of United Baptist from 1963 to 1976.

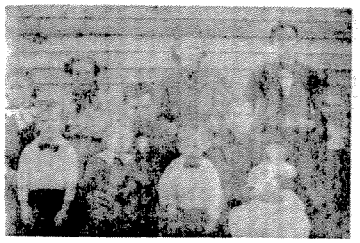
Ruble and Maggie are both members of Beaver Dam United Baptist Church in Rhoda where Ruble serves as a deacon and was instrumental in the organization of the Sunday School. Ruble is a member of the Washington Meredith Masonic Lodge and the I00F Lodge both located in Brownsville, KY.

Ruble and Maggie are now very busy with their income tax business in Rhoda and four grandchildren. The photograph of them was taken Oct. 28, 1984.

FRONA LEE CRISP

William Irvin Blair b. Apr. 2, 1856 in Stockholm, Edmonson, KY. Died Sept. 29, 1938 in Breckenridge, KY. Married Feb. 24, 1881 in Hardinsburg, Breckenridge, KY. 1st Luella West b. May 7, 1863 Breckenridge and d. June 2, 1916 in Breckenridge. Both buried in Henry Jolly Cemetery, Breckenridge. Parents: James Riley Blair and Ellendora Purna Houchin & Henry Washington West and Sarah Elizabeth Dresser.

Issue: 1) Benjamin Franklin Dec. 24, 1882 to Mar. 10, 1958 m. June 29, 1912 Effie



Wm. Irvin Blair Family 1898. Back row: Mary Anna, Sarah Ellen, Pheslie Zoa, Benjamin Franklin. Front: Wm. Thomas, Wm. Irvin holding Charles Alford. Standing: Riley Washington (Jack), Luella West Blair holding John Wesley and Susan Rachel.

Jane Wheatley in Jefferson, Clark Co., IN; 2) Pheobie Zoa Dec. 20, 1884 to Sept. 16, 1961. Married ca 1917 Claude Haycraft; 3) Sarah Ellen Apr. 15, 1886 to July 30, 1949. Married Jan. 22, 1908 James Kennison; 4) Mary Anna Apr. 11, 1888 to Oct. 6, 1964. Married 1st June 21, 1907 Elsie Lee Dowell. Married 2nd Dec. 28, 1910 after Elsie died; 5) Susan Rachel Feb. 9, 1890 to Dec. 12, 1960. Married Nov. 12, 1913 Estill Elvin Dowell; 6) William Thomas Jan. 7, 1892 to Apr. 8, 1974. Married May 6, 1914 1st Blanche E. Rouck, 2nd 1947 Jessie Ezell-Butler; 7) Riley Washington Sept. 28, 1893 to Apr. 10, 1979. Married 1st July 15, 1920 Emma Fillman, 2nd Jan. 9, 1954 Bessie May Nolte-Rickheim; 8) Charles Alford Jan. 2, 1896 to June 7, 1949. Married June 3, 1924 Margaret A. Jones; 9) John Wesley Mar. 7, 1898 to Feb. 8, 1950. Unmarried; 10) Leva Lee May 20, 1900 to Aug. 20, 1977. Married May 15, 1919 Guin Daugherty; 11) Minnie Alice Mar. 25, 1902 to Aug. 17, 1917; 12) Carrie Belle June 7, 1904 to Feb. 20, 1905; 13) Allen Kincheloe Feb. 9, 1906 to Feb. 24, 1981. Married May 23, 1931 Myrtle Mae Hines; 14) Catherine Bridget June 30, 1908 to July 18, 1916. There was also an adopted son Wilbur.

William married 2nd Mrs. Jane Swope Richards on Oct. 20, 1921. They had no children.

ALFRED ARNOLD CRUMP

Alfred A. Crump was born on Nov. 26, 1913 to Henry B. Crump and Flora Alice Blair Crump. Alfred was the middle child in a family of 11 children: two half brothers Floyd and Lloyd Crump and eight brothers and sisters—Carlos, Cherry, Ada, Jeff, Avril, Aubrey (Aubrey's twin, Audrey died at six weeks of age), Neva and Roy.

The family owned a farm in Cade, KY. The farm house was small for such a large family. It consisted of a front room with two beds, a cot and a fireplace and a second room which contained two beds and a dresser. A kitchen was added later and a wood burning stove was installed for cooking and heating.

Going to school was a luxury. There was little money for clothes, books or school lunches. So the better choice seemed to be helping Daddy on the farm.

Alfred learned to handle the various teams of mules. They were important to the farm and were used for plowing, hauling and



Back row: Loyd and Floyd Crump. Front row: Carlos, Jeff in Henry Crump's lap, Ada, Alfred in Flara Crump's lap, and Cherrie Crump.

for visiting girls scattered over the Kentucky hills.

Mules, it has been said, have a mind of their own. Alfred can remember one who would pull the plow until he heard Mama ring the dinner bell. At the sound of the bell, the mule went to the barn pulling plow and plower-no one could stop that mule.

Animals were always an interesting part of life on the farm. Once Henry had grown an extra supply of corn and decided to buy some pigs which they purchased for $3 a head. To get that price they had to take a little runt. When the runt ran off the wagon, Henry said, "Mother that one is yours!" Under Flora's loving care the pig became the largest hog on the farm and brought an excellent price. We can only hope she got a new dress for her labor.

In 1932, Congress passed a law to make Mammoth Cave a national park. The federal government purchased the Crump homeplace and other surrounding farms. This was a traumatic event for a family with 11 children.

Henry and Flora began to search for a new home. They found a place close to the town of Rocky Hill. The new home overlooked a quiet pond, watched over by a wonderful weeping willow tree. On the day they bought the house, Alfred remembers staying with his mother and youngest sister Neva while his dad and Carlos drove to Rocky Hill to sign the deed. Flora felt frightened that day, but grew to love her new house and turned it into a lovely home. In later years she admitted the move was a wonderful change in all their lives.

Alfred's skill with the mules was needed again as he and his brothers began the back breaking task of moving the farm equipment, livestock, furniture and household goods. In the bitter cold of December, the boys drove the wagon back and forth 25 miles each way until the work was completed.

On one such trip, Alfred and Aubrey had worked all day without lunch or supper. Aubrey decided he was going to solve the problem by selling one of his daddy's chickens for money to buy food. His bartering skills bought him six cents which bought a candy bar and a stick of gum. His brothers forever teased him about that deal.

Alfred's move to Rocky Hill lead him to the girl of his dreams, Willie Hardison. After a two year courtship they married on May 15, 1937.

Alfred, finished with farming, found a job in the shops of the L & N Railroad in Louisville, KY.

Willie and Alfred lived in a three room cottage where life was simple and happy. On Oct. 25, 1939, a daughter, Sarah Alice, was born. Her name was chosen to honor her grandmothers. In 1942, Willie and Alfred purchased their first home on 2913 South Fifth Street. There, on July 16, 1949, their son, Alfred Allen, arrived. He had blond hair and blue eyes and was named for his father and uncle, John Allen Hardison.

The family was active in the Methodist Church. Alfred often led the singing on Sunday and Wednesday nights. He also served as Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher and member of the Church Board.

The children attended Heywood Elementary and Manual High School. Allen went on to college and received a degree in business from the American University in Washington, D.C. Allen met his bride, Carol Stewart, in Washington. He was very close to her three children and loved and cared for them as his own. Allen's life ended sadly on Sept. 14, 1977 when he died in a military plane which crashed in Alberke, NM.

Sarah graduated from Eastern State University and Towson State University. She married her high school sweetheart, Robert Welsh. They had three children, David Allen (1962), Angela Lyn (1967), and Kristen Marie (1979). The Welsh family moved from Kentucky to live in Chicago and then in Maryland. Unfortunately, Sarah's marriage ended in 1985. She now resides in Perry Hall, MD and is developing an interesting career in the Training and Employee Development Division of the State Highway Administration.

Alfred worked for the railroad 39 years and retired on June 2, 1975. He now enjoys his yard, trips with his golden age group and being Rook Champ of the Year. He has continued to work in the church and has lived a life of Christian witness.

Willie and Alfred celebrated 50 years of marriage in May, 1987, and marked the event with a grand party. It was a day of joy for the entire family.

Alfred keeps in touch with the Crump family. Homecomings are held annually and everyone comes with all the latest family additions. The Crumps are a proud family and full of the strong spirit that made America great. *Sarah Welsh*

DALTON - CLINE

William Robert "Bob" Dalton, born Oct. 16, 1878 at Huff in Edmonson County & died May 7, 1937 at his home in Roundhill, was the oldest child of Jesse Columbus "Little Jess" and Sally (Oller) Dalton. On Oct. 10, 1902 Bob was married to Susan Cline, born July 22, 1878 at Ready in Grayson County & died July 20, 1950 at Reedyville, daughter of Harrison and Phlina (Elder) Cline. Her grandparents were Peter & Elizabeth (Bratcher) Cline and Noah & Susannah (Ashley) Elder.



Susan Cline Dalton and children; Pat, Lucy, Lark, Julie, Plina

Bob and Susan were the parents of seven children as follows; (1) Lark, born Feb. 26, 1903 at Roundhill & died Nov. 15, 1955 at Louisville, KY married to Elva Williams; (2) Phlina Jane "Lima", born Nov. 1, 1905 at Roundhill & died Jan. 31, 1949 at Bowling Green KY married May 27, 1924 to Edward Calvin Basham born Nov. 4, 1896 & died Aug. 2, 1954 son of Samuel Green and Nancy Jane (Johnson) Basham; (3) Julie, born Nov. 10, 1907 at Roundhill married to Charles Munier born Nov. 3, 1898 at Louisville & died May 8, 1950 at Louisville; (4) Pat, born Jan. 10, 1909 at Roundhill & died Oct. 8, 1974 at Louisville, KY. married to Anna (Phelps) Johnson born Feb. 9, 1909 in Butler County daughter of Alvin Porter and Julia Ann (Elmore) Phelps, (5) Lucy, born Mar. 20, 1911 & died Jan. 24, 1926 at Roundhill; (6) Nova, born Oct. 2, 1915 at Roundhill & died Jan. 2, 1971 at Bowling Green, KY married to Eldrige Haynes born Nov. 13, 1909 at Big Reedy, KY son of Charlie & Emma (Miller) Haynes; (7) Ola, born Jan 14, 1918 at Roundhill married Jan. 4, 1933 to Arthur Milburn Whalin born Oct. 6, 1909 at Segal, KY son of James Garfield and Paradine (Gravel) Whalin.

Bob owned and lived on a farm in Roundhill on the old Brownsville Morgantown road (This road is no longer in use). He was a farmer and also worked at Natural Rock. Susan, known to her family as Mammie, was a great cook. On Sundays she would always fix a big dinner and all the family and neighbors would come to eat. She raised a big garden, canned and would often take food to people who needed it.

Bob and daughter Lucy are buried by Harrison and Phlina Cline in the Farris Cemetery, on Cub Creek, in Roundhill. Susan later married Ben Reynolds and she and sons Lark and Pat are buried in the Threlkel Cemetery at Roundhill. Her daughter Nova is buried at Big Reedy.

JESSE COLUMBUS DALTON

Jesse Columbus "Little Jess" Dalton was born on June 10, 1854 in Barren Co., KY and died on Dec. 3, 1933. He was the only child of Martha WA. Dalton Low, born June 29, 1825 & died Oct. 24, 1907. She was married on Sept. 20, 1860 to Jason Low in Barren County and is buried in the Hunts cemetery at Roundhill. Martha's parents were Jesse Dalton, born in 1773 in North Carolina & died May 25, 1855 in Barren Co., KY, and Elizabeth Lutturell. Jesse and Elizabeth were married on May 7, 1881 in Barren County. Their children were: David married to Eliza Lawrence; Jeremiah, born 1820 & died Sept. 11, 1857, married on Aug. 2, 1842 in Barren County to Artie Mishie Daffron, born Apr. 20, 1826. (They are buried in the Hunts Cemetery at Roundhill, KY; Elizabeth, married to Samuel Reid; Franky; Lucinda, born 1824 and married in 1839 to Thomas Johnson, born in 1802; Martha W. (see above); Edna, born in 1826 & died on July 5, 1854 in Butler County, and Claburn.



Little Jess Dalton and 2nd wife Sarah Keown

"Little Jess" was married 1st on Dec. 21, 1872 in Barren County to Sarah E. Reynolds. This marriage lasted only briefly because he found letters in between the logs of their house that she had been writing to someone else. His mother told him that if he would leave her she would make him a new suit of clothes. "Little Jess" left Barren County and came to Edmonson County. On Jan. 24, 1878 he was married to Sallie Oller. They were the parents of; (1) William Robert "Bob" (Oct. 16, 1878) (May 7, 1937) married Jan. 24, 1902 to Susan Cline (July 22, 1878) (July 20, 1950) daughter of Harrison and Phlina (Elder) Cline; (2) Jake J. (June 26, 1881) (Oct. 14, 1941) married on Nov. 13, 1902 to Nerva Miller (Mar. 1, 1881) (Oct. 2, 1966) daughter of Samuel and Feaby Woosley; (3) Martha Viola (Apr. 19, 1886) (1972) married Sept. 26, 1909 to John Wesley "Wes" Huff son of B.M. & Emma (Armes) Huff; (4) Eugene (Nov. 4, 1888) (Jan. 29, 1952) married to Virginia "Jenny" Haynes (Apr. 6, 1891) (Apr. 24, 1976) daughter of Willis & Margaret (House) Haynes.

After the death of Sallie (Oller), Little Jess married on Jan. 7, 1892 to Sarah (Keown) Phelps. She was born on May 8, 1861 & died June 1, 1924 daughter of Milburn Redmon "Red" and Mattilda A. (Hood) Keown. Sarah's brother and sisters were; Allice N. b. 1860, John S. born 1864, Mathew J. born 1867, Mary T. born 1870.

Little Jess and Sarah's children were: (1) Felix (Dec. 19, 1893) (Feb. 2, 1984) married to Nellie Basham (Apr. 11, 1890) (Dec. 23, 1946) daughter of Green and Nancy (Johnson) Basham; (2) Edna (Oct. 7, 1895) (Oct. 20, 1965) married to Clifford E. Embry (Sept. 27, 1894) (Oct. 16, 1977) son of Alvie & Telia Embry; (3) Ada (Apr. 25, 1897) (Apr. 28, 1931) married to Wilford Jones (Dec. 3, 1893) (July 22, 1965) son of Mack and Fannie (Willis) Jones; (4) Elsie (Jan. 5, 1899) (Aug. 9, 1986) married to Olen Embry (July 28, 1897)

(May 31, 1983) son of Alvie & Telia Embry; (5) Ora (Jan. 28, 1901) (Nov. 16, 1984) married to James Silas Armes (Jan. 22, 1903) (Dec. 30, 1987) son of Edward & Olivia Armes; (6) Luther (July 8, 1903) married on July 22, 1924 to Laddie Raymer (Aug. 19, 1910) daughter of Cord & Emma (Colburn) Raymer; (7) Homer (Apr. 6, 1906) (Dec. 10, 1981) married to Inus Heath (Mar. 13, 1910) (June 3, 1976) daughter of Jimmie & Tillie Florence (Embry) Heath. (Florence is a sister of Cliff & Olen Embry.)

Little Jess lived at what is now known as the Elsie Sowders place. He and Sarah are buried in the Threlkel Cemetery at Roundhill.

DAVIS

Robert and Eleanor (Miles) Davis came from Tennessee to Edmonson County about 1858-1860. They settled on Green River at the mouth of Buffalo Creek.

Robert Davis was born in Virginia about 1829. We believe he is the son of Robert and Anna Davis of Jackson Co., TN. Research has found Robert Davis Sr., Robert Davis Jr., Eleanor Davis, and Sarah Miles to be listed as members of the Trace Creek Church of Christ in Clay County during the period of 1852-1857. Clay Co. was a part of Jackson County, TN prior to 1870.

Robert Davis married Oct. 2, 1852 to Eleanor Miles. She was the daughter of George and Sarah Prewitt Miles. To this union were born six children; 1) Sarah Cathrine 1854-1932 m. S.A. Richards; 2) Martha J. 1855-1930 m. J.L. Meredith; 3) George Richard 1857-1921 m. Sarah Constant, m. Susan A. Wortham; 4) John Anderson 1859-1947 m. Isabel Constant; 5) James Newton 1863-1930 m. Susan Sanders; 6) M.J.R. (Mary) 1865-1946 m. Buck Dorsey

Robert Davis served in the Union Army with the 21st Regiment, Company I, Kentucky Volunteers. His army records show him to be 5 ft. 8 in., dark complexion, gray eyes, black hair and a farmer. He died in the Regiment Hospital May 3, 1865 and is buried in the National Cemetery in Nashville, TN. His widow, Eleanor, raised the children, farmed the land, and lived to be 86 years. She died Sept. 17, 1918 and is buried in the Miles Cemetery, Edmonson Co.

Robert and Eleanor's third born child, George Richard was a noted minister of the gospel. He rode horseback many miles in Edmonson, Grayson, and Butler County to keep regular appointments. He married, first, Sarah Ellen Constant. We believe she is the daughter of Bryson and Delila Constant. Two daughters and one son were born to this union: Laura 1878-1907 m. Alvin Parker; Mary Kathrine 1883-1966 m. Lee Wortham; Lee unk-unk-unk.Sarah died Aug. 14, 1896 and is buried in Grayson County at Williams Cemetery.

George Richard married again to Susan Alice Wortham. She was the daughter of Stephen Briscoe and Nancy Ann Duncan Wortham. Two children were born: Nancy Ellen 1899-1900; James Briscoe 1902-1946 m. Learh Ellen Davis.

George Richard died Nov. 24, 1921 according to Grayson County Court Records. He was buried in William's Cemetery, Grayson County.

George Richard's son James Briscoe farmed land in Grayson County and married first, Anna Bell Kerr (Absolam). Anna Bell died soon after the birth and death of a daughter, Georgia Mae and is buried with her daughter at William's Cemetery.

James Briscoe Davis then married Learh Ellen Davis (Samuel, Dred B., William R., Robert) and to this union were born two children: James Davis 1932 m. Edna Jeannette Medlin; Margie Ellen 1938 m. Carl Whobrey.

James Briscoe died of a logging accident on Aug. 26. 1946. He is buried at South Union Cemetery. His widow remarried Claud West. She died Feb. 8, 1980 and is buried with James Briscoe and her second husband, Claude "Buster" West at South Union Cemetery. This history is prepared by the six grandchildren of James Briscoe and Learh Ellen (Davis) Davis.*Arleta Davis Watkins, Henry Briscoe Davis, Trinitii Layne Davis, Anthony Wayne Whobrey, Gloria Ellen Whobrey, Simon Keith Whobrey.*

DAVIS

Our earliest knowledge of one of the Davis lines in Edmonson County is Robert M. Davis and his wife Elizabeth. They were God-fearing people and Elizabeth "Granny Davis" a believer of miracles. This couple had traveled from Virginia with the young family and friends to make this their home in early 1800. Granny Davis had become bedridden with paralysis. The story is told by Charles Whittle in his book, *Edmonson County Flashlight in Folklore.* It was said that she called her young son to her bed and instructed him to gather the Elders of the church at her bedside for prayer and anointing. William Robert did as he was told. She took the message from James 5:14-15 to heart and after receiving anointment leaped from her bed to serve the Lord in her community. Her son William Robert became a forceful minister in the community.

William R. (Bro. Billy Bob Davis) was born 1798 and his wife Cathrine, birth unknown, are known to have at least five children; John C-1830; Lewis-1832; Sarah F.-1836; Catharine-1838; Elizabeth-1841.

The minutes of the Big Reedy Early Church records Cathrine's death as May 1844.

William R. Davis married again to a Mary Davis, parents unknown at this time. This union produced: Luther-1845; Samuel C.-1848; Edward——; Robert B.-1854; Martin-1855; Joseph-1856; Nancy-1858.

William R. Davis died 1883.

Dred Bolin Davis is said to be the eldest son of Wm. R. Davis, born 1818. This could have been by a prior marriage to Cathrine or perhaps by Cathrine. It is family history and older members say they have seen old Bible records. We do know they attended the same church and that records were signed by Wm. R. Davis for Dred B. Davis. Dred B. Davis married Mary (Polly) Ann Honecker (John, Isaac, HonsJacob) D.B. Davis was a Preacher as his father and a blacksmith. To this couple were born ten known children; Benjamin I.-1845; Asbury V.-1847; Sophia G.-1849; John R.-1851(minister); Samuel M.-1854; Martin H.-1856; Thomas J.-1858; Sarah J.-1861; Mary C.-1864. Their first daughter was named in honor of her grandmother, Sophia Walker Honecker, wife of John and daughter of Robert and Polly Rasdall.

Their fifth child, Samuel Monroe Davis married Learh Ellen Cline on Jan. 27, 1898. She was the daughter of Harrison and granddaughter of Peter Cline. They had eight known children: Infant Boy 1898-1899; Dred Bolin 1900 married Virgie Odell; Perlinih 1902 married Emmit Johnson; Molly 1903 married Ova Whobrey; Learh Ellen 1905 married James Briscoe Davis; James Samuel 1907 married Eva Mae Saltsman; Jerline 1909 married Stanley Reams; Woodrow Wilson 1912 married Mary Evelyn Huffman.

The above list of names was taken from a book found in Samuel Monroe's Bible with days the children were born and weight. Locks of hair were found pressed between the pages. The words "West union Church built March 1900", were written on the back page. An example of the notes on Learh Ellen reads "born Mon. at 5 oclock AM on Aug.21, 1905 and wayed 10 1/2 lbs."

Samuel Monroe was born May 29, 1854 died May 17, 1931 and was buried at South Union Church Cemetery. His wife Learh Ellen was born Aug. 4, 1872 died Jan. 25, 1958 and was buried beside him. They rest among many of his brothers and sisters.

This history prepared by the grandchildren of Learh Ellen Davis and James Briscoe Davis. *Arleta Davis Watkins, Henry Briscoe Davis, Trinitii Layne Davis, Anthony Wayne Whobrey, Gloria Ellen Whobrey, Simon Keith Whobrey.*

DAVIS

William Anderson "Bill" Davis was born November 1917 at Mammoth Cave, KY. His parents were Forest and Ethel Ritter Davis. Forest was born July 1893, died March 1982. Ethel was born June 1894, died November 1982. Other children Vertrum born 1914, died 1986. Eithal born 1921, Agnes born 1926 and Roma born 1932.

The Davis family came to Kentucky from Tennessee in late 1859. Bill's paternal grandparents were John Anderson and Isabel Constant Davis. Johnny was born in Tennessee September 1859, died 1947. Isabel was born in Kentucky 1863, died 1917. Johnny's parents were Robert and Eleanor Miles Davis. Other children of Robert Davis were; Catherine, married Steven Richards; Martha Jane, married John Meredith; George Richard, married Sarah Elizabeth Constant; Newton, married Susan Sanders; Renie, married John B. "Buck" Dossey.

Robert was born in Virginia 1829, died at Nashville, TN in May, 1865 while serving in the Civil War. He was buried in the National Cemetery at Nashville. Eleanor Miles Davis was born in Tennessee 1832, died in 1918. Her parents were George and Sarah Pruitt



Robert and Eleanor Miles Davis

Miles. George was born in Virginia 1802, died 1894. Sarah Pruitt was born in Tennessee 1816, died 1897. The Miles family came to Kentucky from Tennessee in early 1859.

Isabel Constant Davis was the daughter of Bryson and Delilah Carroll Constant. Bryson was born in Kentucky 1819 and Delilah was born in Georgia 1823. She was the daughter of John Wilson and Francis Franklin Carroll. John was born in North Carolina 1792, died 1862. Frances was born in Virginia 1800. She is said to have been a niece of Benjamin Franklin.

Bill's maternal grandparents were William J. and Susan Blair Ritter. William was born 1865, died 1938. Susan was born 1866, died 1940. William was the son of Ealey Thomas and Susan Foster Ritter. E. Thomas was born in Kentucky 1836, died 1922. His parents were Joseph and Mary Kelly Ritter. Joseph was born in Virginia 1766, died 1842. Mary Kelly was born in Tennessee. Susan Foster was born 1839, died 1921. She was the daughter of Joseph H. Foster, born in Kentucky 1811.

Susan Blair Ritter was the daughter of George Edward "Ned" and Martha Miles Blair. "Ned" was born in Kentucky August 1829, died 1908. He was the son of Henry Brown and Mary Pace Blair. Henry was born 1801 and Mary Pace was born in Virginia 1795. Martha Miles was born in Tennessee 1842, died 1919. Her parents were George and Sarah Pruitt Miles, as mentioned previously in this account.

On Mar. 14, 1942 Bill was married to Norma Lee Bird. They are the parents of two daughters, Linda born 1945, married H.L. Allen and has two children, Donna Lee, born 1969 and Douglas William, born 1975. Jo Ann born 1947, married Grover Collins and has three daughters, Kathy Lee born 1974, Kelly Lin born 1977 and Kimberly Laine born 1980.

DAVIS-GAINES

William Tandy "Bill" Davis was born in Edmonson Co. on Jan. 2, 1875 son of John White and Mary "Polly" Ann (Hazelip) Davis. His grandparents were John Sal and Harriet (Moore) Davis & Merry and Jane (Wesley) Hazelip. On Apr. 18, 1897, at the home of his uncle Asa Davis, William Tandy was married to Alice Cordelia (Gaines) Conway born Jan. 9, 1870 at Caneyville, KY. She was the daughter of Dr. James B. and Rosannah (Conway) Gaines and the widow of Otis A.B. Conway. She had one daughter by her first marriage, Bonnie Conway born Nov. 10, 1893 who was married to Palistine "Pal" White b. May 15, 1890 d. Oct. 20, 1961, son of Lawson and Elizabeth White. Bonnie is still living in Muncie, Indiana.

"Bill" and Alice were both school teachers. They taught in Butler, Edmonson, Grayson and Warren counties. Bill also taught for a while in Cool Springs, GA. Bill taught for 35 years and the two years he last taught at Kyrock, completing the school term in January, 1938. Alice taught 46 years prior to her retirement in 1937.



Back row: Otto and Jethro Davis. Front row: Bill Davis, Winfrey, Wendell, Alice Davis.

Bill and Alice were the parents of four sons and one daughter (who died as an infant); James Otto born Jan. 27, 1898 & died Jan. 16, 1967. He was married on Dec. 23, 1916 to Lelia Jones born Jan. 12, 1900 & died June 15, 1987 daughter of Isaac "Att" and Mary Jane (Ward) Jones; Johnny Jethro born Jan. 2, 1899 & died Sept 1. 1981. He was married to Dolly Wells born August 3, 1894 & died Oct. 1, 1970 daughter of Jim Wells; Winnie Alice born Sept. 26, 1900 & died June 14, 1901 at Shrewsbury, KY; Winfrey Gains born Aug. 10, 1906 at Huff, KY & died Feb. 9, 1985 in Louisville. He was married to Emma "Bobbie" Thomas born June 24, 1905 daughter of Geo. & Blanch (Welch) Thomas; Windell Hazelip born May 1, 1912 & died Oct. 12, 1982. He was married to Cova Parsley born Aug. 25, 1910 & died Mar. 11, 1977, daughter of Fred and Naioma Parsley.

William Tandy was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church at Huff, KY where the family lived on a 581 acre farm. In 1920, Bill and Alice moved from Edmonson County to Bowling Green. They lived at 1350 Kenton Street. They owned several rental houses in Bowling Green and kept their farm at Huff. On Dec. 22, 1938, following several months of illness, William T. died. Funeral services were held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and he was buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery where most of his family are buried. Alice died in 1947 of a heart attack following a lengthly illness. She had suffered a fractured hip 3 1/2 years before. Her funeral was also held at Mt. Zion and she was buried beside Bill.

DAVIS - MOORE

John Sal Davis was born on Feb. 5, 1809 in Warren Co., KY. On June 3, 1833, he was married to Harriet E. Moore born Nov. 4, 1816 & died July 25, 1894. She was the daughter of Levi and Patsy (White) Moore. Her brothers and sisters were; William G., Robert B., Tabitha married to O.J. Jones, Elizabeth W. married to Asa Davis, Martha, Narcissa, Levi and Fanny. Harriet was the granddaughter of Robert and Mary Moore.

In 1837 John Sal bought two tracts of land in Edmonson County from his father-in-law, Levi Moore. One was a part of a 300 acre survey patented in the name of Robert Moore and the other was a part of a 200 acre survey patented in the name of Levi Moore.



John Sal and Harriet Moore Davis

John Sal was a member and Elder of the Baptist Church. He professed religion and was baptized in the year 1828 and became a member of Beaver Dam Church. In 1842, he was set apart to the ministry of the Word. He later belonged to the Brownsville Church where he was a member until his death on July 16, 1887.

John and Harriet were the parents of; Diana born 1834; Martha born 1836; William E. born Feb. 19, 1938 & died June 10, 1886; Asa born Feb. 2, 1840 & died Nov. 29, 1912 married July 26, 1866 to Susan Kinser born 1839 & died Nov. 1923; John White born July 18, 1842 & died Jan. 1, 1907 married Feb. 8, 1866 to Mary Ann "Polly" Hazelip born Oct. 19, 1841 & died Sept. 3, 1904 daughter of Merry & Jane (Wesley) Hazelip; Levi born August 1844 & died 1924 married Oct. 13, 1870 to Elizabeth Jane Lindsey born April 1852 daughter of Andrew Jackson and Sarah Ann (Roof) Lindsey; Francis born 1846 married 1st June 15, 1865 to Jacob Raymer born 1839 married 2nd on Nov. 11, 1874 to Delaware Lindsey born 1847 & died 1923 son of Andrew Jackson and Sarah Ann (Roof) Lindsey; Elizabeth B. born Feb. 12, 1849 & died June 30, 1913 married to James A. Roof born 1844 son of John R. and Sally Roof; Thomas Melvin born Apr. 3, 1851 & died Feb. 24, 1892 married Dec. 23, 1886 to Laura Lobb born July 20, 1862 died May 10, 1937 daughter of Elijah J. and Arthula (Kevenough) Lobb; Woodford A. born Oct. 4, 1852 (He moved to Albuquerque, NM); Decator F. born Feb. 28, 1855 & died Apr. 17, 1888 married to Lizzie born July 25, 1854 & died May 16, 1897; James W. born 1857 married Mar. 20, 1883 to Minnie Sophia Laws born Oct. 3, 1868 & died Feb. 2, 1954 daughter of William and Missouri Laws.

In John Sal's will he left provision for one half acre of land, where his family burial ground was situated, be kept as a family burial ground and was not to be sold or

otherwise transferred. He and his wife, along with other members of the family, are buried there. It is now known as the New Liberty cemetery located in Asphalt community.

DAVIS - PARSLEY

Wendell Hazelip Davis, son of William Tandy and Alice Cordelia (Gaines) Davis, was born May 1, 1912 on a 581 acre farm at Huff in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the youngest of four brothers, one sister and one half sister. They were; Bonnie (1893), Otto (1898-1967), Jethro (1899-1981), Winnie Alice (1900-1901), Winfrey (1906-1985). His father and mother were both teachers. His grandparents were; John White & Polly (Hazelip) Davis and James B. & Rosanna (Conway) Gaines.

At the age of 12 Wendell passed a High School entrance examination. While attending the training school at Western, he won first place in a state wide poster contest. In 1930, at the age of 18, he earned a teachers certificate and began teaching grade schools at Kyrock, Cub Creek and Asphalt for a total of 11 years. While a student at Western, his paintings and drawings were exhibited in the Museum of Natural History in New York and in college galleries throughout the nation.



Wendell H. and Cova Parsley Davis

In March of 1937 Wendell married Cova B. Parsley, a Western student, born Aug. 25, 1916. In 1941, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Western Kentucky State Teachers College. He moved to Louisville in 1942 and was hired by B.F. Goodrich as a chemical operators helper in May. While there he was elected the first president of the synthetic Rubber Workers Union Local-72, and served in an official capacity in the union for nine years. In April of 1943 he was transferred to the Maintenance Department as a sign painter. Wendell joined the Honorable Order of Masons in March of 1945.

Wendell and Cova became parents in 1949 with the birth of their first son, Jeffrey. Their second son, Ward was born in 1951. They are the grandparents of four grandsons; Jeffrey, Joshua, Curtis and Micah.

In 1958 Wendell was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor A. B. Chandler for proficiency as a Kentucky artist. Wendell was always pulling pranks. Many of his friends would tell of some of the things that he did like painting clothes on nude statues and calling hogs on top of the water reservoir at Western while a Governor was giving a big speech. He painted several beautiful paintings. Once a visitor came to see him and he had his easel set up with a canvas on it. He told the visitor to go over and see what he had painted. The visitor looked and there was nothing on it. He said "Do you know what that is?" Of course the visitor said "nothing". He said "Look at it real close, that's a white crane eating marshmallows in a snow storm." He said he once had a canvas of black velvet and that was a "Black Cat in a Truck at Midnight."

Wendell retired from B.F. Goodrich in May of 1977 after 35 years of service. He planned to do a lot of painting when he retired because many members of his family and friends wanted him to do paintings for them but he never got around to doing it.

Cova and Wendell's marriage of 40 years ended on Mar. 11, 1977 with her death. He died on Oct. 12, 1982.

JAMES OTTO ROSSEN-DENTSCHER DAVIS

Otto Davis was born Jan. 27, 1898 at Roundhill in Butler Co., KY. He died on Jan. 16, 1967 and is buried in the Cub Creek Cemetery at Huff, KY. in Edmonson County. His parents were William Tandy (1875-1938) and Alice Cordelia (Gaines) Conway Davis (1870-1947). They are buried at the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Edmonson County. "Bill" and Alice both taught school in Edmonson, Warren and Butler Counties.

Otto's sister and brothers were Bonnie (Conway) White (1893-), Johnnie Jethro (1899-1981), Winnie Alice (1900-1901), Winfrey Gaines (1906-1985) and Wendell Hazelip Davis (1912-1982). His grandparents were John White (1842-1909) and Polly Ann (Hazelip) Keefus Davis (1841-1904), and James B. "Doc" (1815-1892) and Rosannah (Conway) Jones Gaines (1822-1904).



Otto Davis and Lelia Jones

In 1916 Otto went to Valparaiso, IN and attended Dodge's Telegraph, Railway Accounting and Radio (wireless) Institute on a scholarship. After completing his studies he returned to his home at Huff, KY where, in addition to farming, he worked as a farrier, carried the mail (by horseback and buggy). ran a mill, did carpenter work and was an electrician. He wired many of the houses around Huff, Big Reedy, Roundhill, Reedyville and all the surrounding communities after electricity was introduced into this part of the state. Many people remember and tell of how he would test to make sure he was getting current. He would wet his thumb and put it in the light socket. Electricity didn't seem to bother him. In later years Otto served as a board member on the Board of Education.

Otto was a faithful member of the Hopewell "Cub Creek" Baptist Church where he served as deacon and song leader. He was a joyful person who never seemed to meet an enemy. He was always singing and when a problem would arise he would just sing a little louder.

On Dec. 23, 1916 Otto married Lelia Jones (born Jan. 12, 1900 and died June 15, 1987). She was a housewife, ran a telephone exchange and was a carpenter (building houses). Her parents are Isaac Allison "Att" (1867-1958) and Mary Jane (Ward) Jones (1877-1951). "Att" was a teacher and farmer and Jane was a housewife. They are buried at the Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green, KY.

Lelia's sister and brothers are: Clarence (1895-1896), Lester (1897-1960), Ernest (1902-1974), Ezra (1911-), Lilliam (1915-) and Roy (1918-1946). Her grandparents were Moses E. (1840-1878) and Margaret Alice (Miller) Jones (1848-1906); William Ezra (1853-191) and George Ann (Simpson) Ward (1842-1910).

Otto and Lelia were the parents of four children. They were: 1) Winnie Alice born Feb. 15, 1918 and died July 13, 1918 she is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Edmonson County; 2) Eltie Murtle born Nov. 11, 1919 and married to Dit Madison born Jan. 5, 1923; 3) William Elbert born Oct. 6, 1924 and married to Earline Basham born Apr. 3, 1927. Their children are: William Terry b. 1944, Betty Ann b. 1946, Christy Joe b. 1951, and Deborah Kaye b. 1953; 4) Mary Elizabeth born Aug. 7, 1939 and married to Wilford Carroll born Apr. 18, 1934. Their children are: James Thomas b. 1959 and Donavon Ray b. 1964. *Howard Jones*

JOE F. DAVIS

Joe Fuqua Davis was born on Nov. 30, 1917, in Elkton, KY, in Todd County. Joe and his twin sister, Betsy Ann, were born to William Gaines Davis and Hazel Bell Davis. Joe had three brothers and two sisters. Joe is the only living member left out of his family.

His paternal grandparents were Joe Davis and Betsy Ann Davis. Joe and his twin sister were named after this set of grandparents.



Joe F. Davis

His maternal grandparents were John Bell and Emma Petree. It is said that this line of Petree's started in America when a young Petree lad of about six stowed away on a ship sailing from Scotland to America somewhere between 1780 and 1790.

Joe's father died when Joe was five years old, and the responsibility for supporting a large family fell on the shoulders of his mother. This was during the Depression and times were oppressive. Hazel worked hard to operate a small dairy farm where she made and sold homemade cottage cheese, fried potato chips, and milk. When Joe was ten years old, it was his job to deliver milk in a little red wagon before he went to school in the morning. Eventually, Hazel lost the farm and had to move her family to town.

Joe graduated from Elkton High School in 1936. He joined the U.S. Air Force on July 22, 1940, and achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was in the service for six years, and he served two of those years in China. His job was to make maps from aerial photographs. During his tour of service, he sailed on all five oceans of the world. He saw some spectacular landscapes while riding in planes-including Mt. Everest and the Himalayas.

Joe married Grace H. Hewitt of New Jersey on July 23, 1946, at Elkton, KY. She also served in the U.S. Air Force. This marriage was not blessed with any children, and Grace died on July 21, 1980. She is buried in Ohio.

In 1953 while on a picnic, Joe did a rewarding and heroic deed by saving a young man of 16 from drowning in the Vermillion River in Ohio.

Joe attended the Oberlin Business School of Ohio in 1950. He had several jobs through the years, but worked for Ridge Tool Company of Elyria, OH for several decades.

He lived in Ohio for 35 years, but after he retired in 1981, he moved to Edmonson Co., KY. He lived in a mobile home in the Cave Hollow Bay area until Nov. 2, 1983, when he married Nina Meredith Rich of Bee Springs. He sold his lot and trailer and moved to the Bee Springs area where Nina lived. Through Joe's marriage to Nina, he acquired a large family with many grandchildren to love.

Joe joined the Jock United Baptist Church and was baptized by Rev. James Vincent in September of 1984. He has been a member of good standing ever since.

Joe feels that the five years he has lived in the Bee Springs area has been the happiest and most fulfilled years of his life. By: *Billie Jo Rich*

JOHN WHITE AND POLLY ANN DAVIS

John White Davis was born on July 18, 1842 in Edmonson County and died Jan. 1, 1909. He was the son of John Sal (1809-1887) and Harriet E. (Moore) Davis (1816-1894). Harriet was the daughter of Levi and Patsy (White) Moore. They were married on Nov. 14, 1811 in Warren County. Their children, in addition to Harriet were; William G.; John M.' Fannie; Levi; Martha; Tabitha m. to O.J. Jones; Elizabeth m. June 30, 1842 to Asa Davis, Narcissa and Robert B. Moore.

John White Davis's brothers and sisters were; Diana; Martha; William E.; Asa; Levi; Francis; Elizabeth B.; Thomas M.; Woodford A.; Decator F.; and James W. Davis.



John White Davis

On Feb. 8, 1866 at Brownsville John White Davis was married to Mary "Polly" Ann (Hazelip) Keefus, born July 19, 1842 died Sept 3, 1904. She was the widow of John Keefus whom her brother Rance killed during the Civil War at the Brownsville Ferry. Polly and John Keefus's only child, Johnnie, died as an infant and is buried by his father in the Luttrell cemetery at Brownsville. Polly's parents were Merry (b. May 12, 1795 in Buncombe Co., NC d. Mar. 5, 1870 at Brownsville, KY) and Jane (Wesley) Hazelip (b. January 15, 1799 at Halifax Co., VA and died Feb. 10, 1865 at Brownsville, KY.) Merry and Jane Hazelip's children were; Sallie, Robert, Martin, William, Susan, Parrum S., Johnathan W., Lewis M., George W., Hiram H., Ranson C., Doctor Warrinor and Polly Ann. Polly (Hazelip) Davis's grandparents were: Jonathon and Sallie (Walker) Wesley of Virginia; and Robert (born North Carolina of Irish parentage and a patriot in the Revolutionary War) and Millian (Webb) Hazelip (of Welsh origin).

John White and Polly Davis were blessed with the following children; 1) Harriet L. born Feb. 12, 1866 and died July 6, 1922 was married 1st to Dr. John Roof and 2nd on Sept. 6, 1903 to B. I. Ray; 2) Robert Marion born May 15, 1868 and died on June 4, 1947. He was married to T. Doshie Simmons born Oct. 19, 1871 and died on Feb. 13, 1919; 3) James "Jim" born 1870 and died ? . He was married on Apr. 25, 1895 to Nancy P. Roof born 1877; 4) Rance C. born Jan. 3, 1873 and died Aug. 8, 1929. He was married to Rose A. Roof born Oct. 10, 1872 and died Sept. 23, 1928; 5) William Tandy "Bill" born Jan. 2, 1875 and died in 1938. He was married on Apr. 18, 1897 to Alice Cordelia (Gaines) Jones born in 1870 and died in 1947; 6) Alvin born Jan. 4, 1877 and died Jan. 5, 1955. He was married to Mildred Vincent born Aug. 5, 1884 and died Apr. 16, 1974; 7) Calvin born Jan. 4, 1877 and died as an infant. He was a twin to Alvin; 8) Susan born June 28, 1880 and died on Nov. 26, 1926. She was married to Perry Heath born Aug. 15, 1870 and died Nov. 26, 1952; 9) Edna born Sept. 8, 1883 and died May 18, 1921. She was married to J. Marion Seabolt born June 9, 1867 and died Apr. 4, 1921; 10) E. W. born September 1892.

John White and Polly Davis lived in the Mt. Zion Community of Edmonson County all of their lives. They were members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where John White served as clerk, until his death. They are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. *Howard Jones*

PERCY NOAH DAVIS

Percy Noah Davis was born Jan. 20, 1913. He is the second son of three children born to John and Anna Conway Davis. He had one brother, Chester, and one sister, Blanche Davis (Graves).

Percy's paternal grandparents were Mark and Jane Vincent Davis of Sweeden, KY. His maternal grandparents were John Wesley and Viola Conway. Although Viola, known to everyone in the Sweeden community as "Maw Con", was Percy's step-grandmother, he always considered her a true grandmother.



Percy Davis

John Davis died in 1920. He is buried at Vincent Cemetery in the Bee Spring community of Edmonson County. After his death, Anna married Jess Wells. When Percy was 14, his mother died. She is buried at Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Upon his mother's death, Percy became a part of the Conway family. His uncle, W. H. (Bill) Conway took on the responsibility of caring for Percy.

Percy attended Sweeden School. At age 13, Percy joined Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church. He has remained an active member of the church since that time, working as a trustee for the past 30 years.

Like most of the young men of Edmonson County, life was not easy for Percy Davis. When he was 17, he started work at Kentucky Rock (Kyrock). While with the company, he did a variety of jobs from waterboy—carrying water—to running a steam engine carrying asphalt from the pits to the river where it was loaded onto barges and shipped down river. When the company stopped using the river to transport asphalt, he became a truck driver for the company. In 1931, the Depression helped bring about an end to Kyrock and to Percy's job with the company.

For two years, Percy worked for Henderson Ray and Everett Wilkins in one of the local timber businesses in Edmonson County. Then for a brief time he was forced to leave Sweeden and Edmonson County. Percy became one of the many young men of the area who participated in one of Roosevelt's relief programs. He spent 18

hs in Dawson Springs, KY working as a k driver in the Civilian Conservation ps (CCC) Program. He returned to Edmonson County in 1938.

October 12, 1940, Percy married Nellie Nell) Mae Ashley. Both having been born and raised in Sweeden, they had known each other since childhood. Nellie is the daughter of Austin and Fannie Ashley. Percy and Nell have two children, Marilyn Grey (Hayes) and Johnnie Davis. They have four grandchildren, Charles Daniel (Danny) Hayes, Jeffery Davis Hayes, Anna Leigh Hayes, and John Wesley Davis.

On Dec. 18, 1948, Percy joined the Washington Meredith Masonic Lodge. He continues to be an active member of both his church in Sweeden and in the Lodge.

Percy Noah Davis remains the corner stone of his family. He is greatly loved and appreciated by his family, his neighbors, and his community. *Pat Hayes*

RICHARD DAVIS

The family originated in Wales (England). The name means "Son of David" and was fifth most common.

Richard was probably born in Virginia about 1780 or 1790. His wife was named Lucy. They went to Tennessee from Virginia about 1830. They lived at Gainsborough, Jackson Co., TN

His son Robert was born in Virginia in 1829. He married Elender Miles on Oct. 2, 1853 in Gainsborough, TN. She was the daughter of George and Sarah Pruitt Miles. His family was Sarah Catherine b. Sept. 24, 1854, Tennessee; Martha Jane b. Nov. 5, 1855, Tennessee; George Richard b. Aug. 7, 1857, Tennessee; John Anderson b. Sept. 16, 1859, Tennessee; James Newton b. May 28, 1863, Kentucky; Mary M. J. Renie b. Feb. 4, 1865, Kentucky.

They came to Kentucky from Tennessee early in 1860. He brought his wife, Elender and four small children. They settled near Mammoth Cave, on Green River at Buffalo. This was about the beginning of the Civil War. On the 24th day of September, 1864, at Owensboro, KY Robert Davis was drafted into the Union Army. He served in Co. I, 21st Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers. No one knew where he was sent. A few months after he went into the army his youngest child was born. His army records say he was born in Virginia, was 35 years old, five feet eight inches tall, dark complexion, grey eyes, black hair, and a farmer. Army records show that he died May 3, 1865 in the Regiment Hospital at Nashville, TN, and was buried in the government graveyard there. Records show he was never issued any clothes nor never paid.

As he left his family going to the war, he mounted his big horse and they put him across Green River, when he was on the other side, he turned and waved good-by to them, and they never saw him again.

Elender Miles was born in Tennessee, Nov. 4, 1832, and died Sept. 17, 1918. She is buried at Buffalo on Green River in Mammoth Cave Park, in Edmonson County. She must have been a strong woman, when her husband went away to war, her oldest child was ten years old, and her youngest not yet born.

John Anderson Davis, fourth child of Robert and Elender Miles Davis married Rosan Isabel Constant Oct. 17, 1880. Their children were: Newton Lively died in infancy; Willie C. b. Mar. 3, 1883 d. June 7, 1963 m. Mary S. Strange; Elijah M. b. Sept. 24, 1885 d. Mar. 22, 1954 m. Rena Blanton; Emma b. Feb. 2, 1887 d. May 5, 1960 m. Ralph Ritter; James Emo b. Mar. 6, 1889 d. Sept. 20, 1971 m. Bennett Lindsey; Oscar b. June 18, 1891 d. May 1892; Forest Ward b. July 26, 1893 d. Mar. 22, 1982 m. Ethel Ritter; Martha J. b. Apr. 5, 1897 d. Nov. 29, 1987 m. Ulza Minyard; Clara A. b. Aug. 20, 1900 d. Feb. 2, 1977 m. J. Leslie Stice; Elbert b. Mar. 26, 1902 d. June 7, 1984 m. Mossie Stice; Clora b. Apr. 10, 1903 d. June 2, 1986 m. Carl Alford.

Rosan Isabel Constant was born in Kentucky June 7, 1863. She died October 1917, and is buried at Buffalo on the Davis farm near Mammoth Cave in Edmonson Co., KY. Her parents were William Bryson Constant, born in 1819 in Kentucky, and Deliah Carroll, born in 1826 in Kentucky. *Jean Smith*

STANFORD MITCHELL DAVIS

Standord M. Davis was born June 3, 1879 in Edmonson Co., KY. His parents were John R. and Martha (Aunt Mat) Meredith Davis. John R. was the son of Dread Bolin Davis and Polly Honaker. Martha was the daughter of Frederick Meredith and Rhoda (Nee) Meredith. "Fed" and Rhoda were distant cousins.

Stanford grew to adulthood in the Bee Spring and Shewsberry communities. Later he took the state teacher's test, received a high score whereafter he started teaching grade school.



Stanford Davis

On Aug. 24, 1898, he married Elzora Bell Harrison, a daughter of Christopher Columbus and Nancy Jane Deweese Harrison. Elzora's paternal grandparents were Greenberry and Lydia Bozarth Harrison. Her maternal grandparents were Issach Herald and Polly Mahuren Deweese. All of these people were of the earliest settlers of Edmonson County. Stanford was the only child born to John R. and Aunt Mat Davis. He and his wife, Elzora, lived most of their lives on the highway, now known as Road 259 in Sweeden. This house is still standing, located across the road from the Kyrock Elementary School. At this location, Stanford became one of the first postmasters of the Sweeden post office. Some of his other vocations were farming, on his huge farm in the Sweeden area; worked with timber products including ties, staves and raw lumber.

To this marriage were born six children: Walter Frederick, b. 1899, m. Donnie Skaggs; Annie, b. 1901, d. 1972, m. Obed Crowder; Gilbert Moses, b. 1904, d. 1986, m. Bethel Potter; Lucy b. 1906, d. 1981, m. Admiral Deweey Woosley; Martha, b. 1908 m. James Nathan Reed; Ruth, b. 1912, m. Virgil Willis.

Both Stanford and Elzora were long time members of the Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church. This was where they both were buried. Information supplied by Martha Davis Reed, June 1988. Written and submitted by Betty Peger

W. O. (OVAL) DAVIS

Elijah Marion Davis and Rena Jane Blanton had their first and only son, W. O. (Oval) Davis on May 8, 1907. He grew up in the Good Springs Community of Edmonson County. Oval was saved in December of 1919 at his parent's home. His first job at 14 years old was at the ferry at the mouth of Buffalo for a nickel a trip. He was also working as a farmer at that time.

He received his high school diploma on Jan. 16, 1926 and worked off his apprenticeship as a guide at Mammoth Cave National Park at the Great Onyx. He then worked at sawmill cutting and sawing logs and as a guide during the summer. He later established his career as a building contractor which he continued until retirement.



W.O. and Zula Davis with baby Leon

On Dec. 6, 1930, Oval married Lula Demunbrum who was the daughter of Ellen Dossey and A. A. Demunbrum. Lula was the fourth child, born on Mar. 6, 1906. Lula was raised on a farm in the Forks of the River in Edmonson County and was saved at Good Springs. She graduated from Brownsville High School in 1927 and continued her education at the Kentucky Normal School in Bowling Green. She started teaching school at Silent Grove at the age of 18 and continued to teach in Edmonson County school system until retirement after 36 years.

Oval and Lula had their only child, a son, on Dec. 23, 1933. Russell Leon Davis was born in the Mammoth Cave Community in Edmonson County where he was raised until the National Park system bought their land

in 1940 and the family moved to Brownsville. W. O. and Lula sent their son, Leon, to the University of Kentucky and later he served as an exchange student in Europe. During this time, Lula stopped her education in order to get her son through college. Upon his graduation, Lula went back and graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1964.

Lula D. Davis died on Jan. 12, 1982 and is buried in the Pleasant Union Cemetery in Brownsville.

Oval Davis remarried Bytha Davis, the widow of Hillard Davis, and they reside in Brownsville, KY.

Oval and Lula had one son, Leon, and a daughter-in-law, Mary Jo Alexander. They had three children, Cynthia, Joel and Jeannie Cindy had two children, Candace and Kyle.

DAWES

Eperson (Eppy) Dawes born 1810 in Virginia married Rachel Coomer born 1808 in North Carolina. Children: James S. born Oct. 12, 1828 died June 10,1915. Married Mary William Turpen Born Nov. 18, 1833 died Sept. 8, 1914 Buried Tuttles Chapel Cem. Wayne County; John - 1831 married Nov. 4, 1870 Sophia Eleen Tarter; Martha-1834-Apr. 27, 1876 married Aug. 18, 1859 Edward R. Marcum. Buried Van Hoosier-Muse Cem. Nancy, KY; Elizabeth G. "Betty" born 1836, died July 16, 1877 married Mar. 27, 1861 Aaron Tuppin; Susan; Jeremiah-Sept. 29, 1844-Dec. 9, 1927 Hawkins Cem. Edmonson County; Mary; Lydia; Sarah; Margaret; Wiley born 1849-Wayne County married Dec. 5, 1876 Julinda Barnett born 1854; Wesley married Mar. 23, 1873 Sarah J. Burton born 1852; Hubbard Shelby born Jan. 8, 1852-Jan. 18, 1918 married Dec. 29, 1894 Martha Ellen Norfleet buried Norfleet Cem. Pulaski County; William Polbert born July 23, 1855 married Feb. 9, 1888 Cordelia Scrimager buried Tarter Cem. Naiomi, Pulaski County.



The Jerimiah Dawes Family

Jeremiah-Sept. 29, 1844 -Dec. 9, 1927 married first Mar. 22, 1866 Eyetilia Tarter Dec. 28, 1848 buried Cole Cem. 1878, Edmonson County five children; Marier Ellen-Nov. 19, 1869; John S. Nov. 5, 1872 married Kate Johnson buried in Lousiville, KY; William B. b. Mar. 5, 1876 d. July 5, 1968 buried Hawkins Cem.; Mary Elizabeth b. Nov. 15, 1878 buried Kinser Cem. Edmonson County. Jeremiah (second) married Jan. 30, 1879 Edmonson County Martha E. Tarter-Pulaski County b. Mar. 29, 1850 d. Mar. 1, 1908 buried Hawkins Cem. During the Civil War Jeremiah enlisted in the Union Army Aug. 10, 1863. 6 ft.-4 in. tall weight 190 lbs. Mustered in at Somerset, KY. Nov. 15, 1863. He was shot in the finger and left thigh in Monticello, KY. Captured at Phila, TN Oct. 20, 1863. Kept as a prisoner on Bells Island, GA. Exchanged July 20, 1864 weighing 88 lbs. He always said "them Rebels nearly starved me to death." Children: Anna Belle b. Jan. 6, 1880 d. Jan. 12, 1880 buried Cole Cem. Edmonson County; Frank Wolford b. Aug. 6, 1881 d. Aug. 26, 1905 Shot to death at a picnic in Chalybeate Springs, KY. buried Hawkins Cem.; James Henry b. Sept. 14, 1885 d. Aug. 30, 1956 married Dec. 29, 1905 Eva Maude Lane Jan. 22, 1888-May 14, 1969 dau. T.S. & Elzade Houchin Lane. Eight children: Bertie Thomas b. Dec. 8, 1906 d. Oct. 16, 1983 buried DeLand, FL married Maude Evelyn Cooke b. Sept. 1, 1911 d. Nov. 16, 1945 buried Hawkins Cem. Edmonson County dau. of Walter Cooke & Eliza Belle Madison. One child: Joan b. May 17, 1930 married Harry C. Wood May 8, 1948 son of Lee Francis Wood & Roena Parker. Three Sons: Erroll F. "Butch" b. Apr. 3, 1949, Harry Clark b. Feb. 23, 1951, Barry Lee b. 9/24/1954; Mildred b. 9/14/1908 married Carlos Blanton buried Youngstown, OH. Two children: Eva Ruth- Jimmy; Bennie Paul died in infancy-buried Hawkins Cem.; Martha Sue m. Clarence Pardue—(buried Youngstown, OH) Two children—Ramona - Thomas; Elaine m. George Becca (Warren, OH); Lavinia m. Edward Stanley (Gerward, OH) two children-Allen F. -Patricia Ann; James Elmer - Killed flying over Germany in WW 2-buried in France; Joe Willis Laverne m. 1st. Norma J. Madison child—Michael Steve m. 2nd. Virginia Higginbotham child-Joey; Zelma Nadean May 30, 1929 m. Robert McDaniel; Anna Louise Sept. 23, 1931 m. Moe_____?; Benjamin Harrison May 22, 1890-Aug. 13, 1977 Hawkins Cem. m. Dec. 17, 1922 Elmer Campbell Aug. 28, 1899 one child Benny E. Dawes Oct. 4, 1923-Jan. 2, 1982 Buried Hawkins Cem. m. Mar. 8, 1953 Rometta Wood dau. Lee Francis Wood & Roena Parker. *Submitted by Joan Dawes Wood*

JEMIMA DAY & PERRY GREGORY SMITH

Samuel Doyel was born in Ireland early in the 17th century and died there. The name of his wife is unknown. To that union was born Gregory Doyel on Dec. 19, 1766 in Bagenalstown, County Carlow, Irish Free State. He came to America and settled in South Carolina, where he married Martha Gott. They moved to Kentucky and lived first near Georgetown; later they moved to Edmonson County, where he became a large landowner. About 1788 he laid a warrant on five thousand acres (Doyel Valley) on either side of Green River, a short distance above Mammoth Cave. His will is recorded in the courthouse at Brownsville, Will Book 1, page 41, dated Nov. 10, 1846.

One of their children, Margaret, was born June 30, 1788, in Edmonson County. She married Daniel J. Smith, who was born in Rockingham Co., VA. He moved to Edmonson Co., KY as a young man and remained there until his death. Dates of death of Margaret and Daniel are unknown. One of their seven children, Perry Gregory, was born May 1, 1816. Perry married Jemima Day Gardner on Dec. 18, 1845. She was born Apr. 5, 1828, the daughter of Amelia Harris Bowles and Asa Bennett Gardner, a member of the Kentucky Legislature. Both Amelia and Asa Bennett were born in Louisa Co., VA. Her birth date is unknown, his was Feb. 22, 1793.



Homestead of Jemima Day and Perry Gregory Smith

After their marriage they moved to Edmonson Co., KY. Twelve children were born to that union: William Henry, born Sept. 10, 1846; died Mar. 11, 1908; Joseph Asa, born Nov. 30, 1847; died Mar. 11, 1924; Thomas Jefferson, born Mar. 24, 1849; died May 1, 1918; John Leander, born Feb. 20, 1851; died Apr. 6, 1919; Mary Elizabeth, born Aug. 16, 1853; died Mar. 17, 1940; Amelia Jane, born Sept. 1, 1855; died Mar. 8, 1920; Sarah Angeline, born Sept. 1, 1857; died May 26, 1922; Margaret Frances, born Oct. 6, 1859; died Dec. 17, 1933; Laura Harris, born Nov. 15, 1861; died Jan. 4, 1926; Eliza Katherine, born Feb. 29, 1864; died Sept. 27, 1901; Perry Louis, born June 15, 1866; died Apr. 16, 1931; Clarence Edwin, born Oct. 13, 1871; died Jan. 11, 1965.

Almost all the necessary items for daily living were either made or grown on their land. Sheep were raised for wool for clothing, food was grown, and a store of produce was canned in old "wax sealer" jars or dried for winter use. A spring provided fresh, clear water as well as a cool, safe place to store some of their butter and milk in the "spring house" cave in the side of the hill from which the spring issued. A wooden door kept animals from entering, and during the winter blocks of ice were cut from the pond, packed in sawdust from the wood mill, and stored in the spring house. Ice so packed would often remain frozen into the following summer. Perry earned some money from his blacksmith shop; additional revenue came from the sale of timber. Trees from the wooded hillsides were cut, limbed, slid into the river, and rafted together. They were floated down the Green River, into the Ohio, then to the Mississippi all the way to New Orleans where there was a ready market for timber. Except for Clarence, the youngest, all the sons helped in this venture. The trip home was a long one. The young men would some-

times buy mules to ride at least part of the way; sometimes the mules were sold on the way back if the "price was right", and sometimes they waited until they got back home to sell them. Occasionally they walked all the way home.

The homeplace was near Silent Grove Church. This church was organized in 1861 in their home. They donated the land for the present location as well as the timber for the original log structure. Perry Gregory Smith died Oct. 25, 1890. Jemima Day Smith lived until June 5, 1917. Both are buried in Silent Grove Church Cemetery. *Bettie D. Flener*

DECKER

The Decker family originated in Germany and the surname is derived from the occupation of "roofer." Jan Gerretsen Decker was born in 1638 in the German state of Upper Gelderland, and immigrated to the Dutch colony of New Netherlands in America in 1660. He married Grietjen Westecamp, and died in New York State in 1717. One of Jan's sons was Hermanus, born in 1673, who married Rachael de la Montagne. Hermanus departed New York to settle in bordering New Jersey and later Pennsylvania, near the Delaware River. A son of Hermanus was Hendricks, nicknamed Henry (1716-1768), who married Ann Coleman, and moved his family to Lunenburg Co., VA around 1748. Three of Henry's sons, William, Samuel and John served in Virginia regiments during the Revolutionary War.

After the conclusion of the war, William and Samuel Decker, along with a younger brother, Joseph, moved to Mercer Co., KY while the other brother, John, settled in Wilkes Co., GA. However, in 1805, John joined his brothers in Kentucky. Two years later, John moved to present-day Grayson County, and was joined there in 1815 by his brother, William.

William Decker was born in 1745 in Brunswick Co., VA, and married Frances Bugg. He lived on a farm on Clay Lick near Bear Creek in Grayson County, where he died in the 1830's.

John Decker was born on Oct. 21, 1752 in Lunenburg Co., VA, and married Ann Loddick, and died near Bear Creek in Grayson County in 1843.

Both William and John Decker received military pensions for their service during the American Revolution.

Some of the descendants of William and John Decker moved to Edmonson County, and practically all Decker families in Edmonson and Grayson Counties can trace their ancestry to these two Revolutionary War veterans, who were among the earliest settlers in this portion of Kentucky. *Barry W. Downs*

FELIX DEMONBREUN

Felix Demonbreun (c. 1789-1868) and his wife Mary Ann Cagle were relatively early inhabitants of Edmonson Co., KY and were the progenators of the Demonbreuns of Kentucky whether they spell the name Demunbrun, Demonbrun, DeMunbrun or Demumbrum.

Felix Demonbreun was born in Nashville, TN, the son of Nashville's "first citizen" Timothy Demonbreun for whom the town's "Demonbreun Street" is named.

His father being one of early Nashville's prominent business men, young Felix apparently was well educated, and according to one source of oral history was being groomed for the priesthood during the Great Protestant Revival when he suddenly decided to become a Baptist Minister. He subsequently was married in 1809 to Mary Ann Cagle, a new immigrant from North Carolina, a beautiful young girl of German and Cherokee descent.

Records reveal that Felix served in the War of 1812 for which his widow in later years received a military pension.

After living some years in Robertson Co., TN, Felix and Mary Ann Cagle Demonbreun migrated into Kentucky, presumably influenced by the multiple Kentucky land grants held by Felix's father Timothy who had served with the Virginia Line under Gen. George Rogers Clark during the Revolution.

After living several years in nearby counties, by 1840, Felix and his family were well established in Edmonson County in what was known as Strawberry Valley near Mammoth Cave. Soon thereafter, his two eldest married children, Polly Ann Age and John F. Demonbreun, followed Felix to Edmonson County, taking up residence on either side of Green River near Mammoth Cave.

Recorded documents indicate that prior to the Civil War Felix Demonbreun owned multiple tracts of land in the Mammoth Cave area of Edmonson County and lived to see his children and grandchildren caught up in the devastating conflict between the States.

Between 1810 and 1829 nine children were born to Felix and Mary Ann Cagle Demonbreun: Polly Ann (Age) b. 1810, wife of "Uncle Billy Age" of the Joppa community; John F., b. 1811, a long time resident near Good Spring Church; Ellen Elizabeth (Dulin), b. 1815, a long time resident of Metcalf County; Sarah (Crouch), b. 1817, a long time resident of the Stockholm community; Manise (Fleming) (Ferrell) (Sanders), b. 1819, resided near her father Felix; William Carrol, b. 1821, a long time resident of Metcalf County; ...es Pleasant b. (?), details unknown; Francis Marion, b. 1829, an early guide and explorer of Mammoth Cave, soldier in the Civil War, died in Metcalf County, family moved to Illinois.

Felix Demonbreun died in Strawberry Valley near the Edmonson, Hart and Barren County boundaries near the present day Little Hope Church. He supposedly was buried on a hillock overlooking Strawberry Valley beneath raised natural limestone slabs in a fashion characteristic of Cagle cemeteries throughout the South.

ALMON AUSTIN DEMUNBRUN

Almon Austin Demunbrun (1878-1948) was the son of Henry Alexander Demunbrun and Elizabeth Merideth, daughter of Lewis and Susan Blair Merideth.

Born and reared in the Mammoth Cave area, "A.A." lost his father at thirteen years of age and under the guidance and tutorship of his mother and uncle "Samp" was educated both in and out of the county and was first a one-room school teacher, later a farmer and breeder of choice livestock, a buyer of railroad cross-tie timber, operator of three general merchandise stores in Brownsville and Mammoth Cave and developed and operated the public telephone system of Edmonson County until he died. He also served as Kentucky State Representative and Senator for a number of years during which time he was chairman of the committee commissioned to create the Mammoth Cave Park.

In 1898, "A.A." was married to Ada Jones (1877-1901), daughter of J.B. and Ernest S. Jones to whom were born Zora (Thacker) (1900-1982) who married Rev. A.A. Thacker of Logan County, and Roma A. (1901-1969) who devoted a life time to the education of Edmonson County's youth. He married Eva Wells of Todd Co., KY.

In 1903, "A.A." was married to Ellen Dossey (1876-1934), daughter of P.M. and Alice Holman Dossey who gave birth to eight children: Truman H. (1904-1970), County Attorney of Edmonson County from 1936 to 1970. Married Blanche Skaggs of Lock #6 Brownsville; Zula (Davis) (1906-1982), married Oval Davis of Edmonson County; Lama (1908-1968), married Gladys Rich of Edmonson County, was State Representative, Edmonson County Court Clerk, State Fire Marshall and United States Marshall of the Western District of Federal Courts; Bela (1910-1985), Edmonson County Court Clerk secretary, court stenographer and executive secretary of the A.S.C.S. Office of Edmonson County; Granvel (1912-1972), department executive of the Colgate Palmolive Pete Company; Russel (1916-), Department executive of the Mengel Manufacturing Company of Louisville. Married Beatrice Elmore of Warren Co., KY; Bourbon (1918-), unemployed, handicapped; Vena (Robinson) (1920-), married Richard V. Robinson of California.

"A.A." Demunbrun died in Brownsville April , 1948 and was buried between his two wives in the Good Spring Church Cemetery near Mammoth Cave.

JOHN F. DEMUNBRUN

In the early 1850's John F. and Louisa Grissom Demunbrun moved into "The Forks" of Edmonson Co., KY from nearby Metcalf County. John F. was born in Robertson Co., TN in 1811, the son of Felix Demonbreun and grandson of Nashville's prominent "first citizen" Timothy Demonbreun.

The John F. Demunbrun Edmonson County "homeplace" was near the Good Spring Church on the Mammoth Cave-Stockholm Road and was the site of the only significant Civil War skirmish which occurred in Edmonson County.

By a previous marriage to Sally Hugheart of Metcalf County, John F. Demunbrun had five sons, four of whom served with the

Union troops during the Civil War, viz. John Wesley (1837-1914), later, a minister of Indiana. William Lee (1843-1925), later, a minister who lived throughout the West. Felix Marion (1844-1919), later, a minister of Indiana. James Timothy (1848-1929), later a minister of Indiana and Kentucky. Joseph Young (1850-1924), too young to be in Civil War, later resided in Indiana.

John F. Demunbrun's children by Louisa Grissom were Louisa Jane (Miles) (1854-1921), Samuel Thomas "Samp" (1856-1943) and Henry Alexander (1859-1888). Samuel Thomas "Samp" was dedicated to the promotion of higher learning. Henry Alexander Demunbrun, who died young, was the father of Almon Austin (1878-1948), public official, farmer and merchant of Mammoth Cave; Marshall Floyd (1880-1966), merchant and farmer of the Lincoln community; Everette (1885-1918) a school teacher and store clerk who died young; and Rosa (1887-1968), a merchant and devoted Sunday School teacher of Brownsville. John F. Demunbrun, died in Indiana while visiting a son and is buried there. Louisa Grissom Demunbrun and their children are buried in the Good Spring Church Cemetery near Mammoth Cave.

"PROFESSOR" R.A. DEMUNBRUN (1901-1969)

It was at his funeral in 1969 that Dr. Gordon Wilson of Western Kentucky University noted in his eulogy that "It is as a scholar, teacher and philosopher that most of us remember him". "I regarded him as one of my best friends, one of the exceptional people that have entered my life", said Wilson.

These sentiments have been echoed by countless residents and natives of Edmonson County who knew him as a dedicated teacher devoted to the mental, physical, social and spiritual development of the county's youth.



R.A. Demunbrun

Born Roma A. Demunbrun in "The Forks" of Edmonson County, R.A. was the son of Almon A. and Ada Jones Demunbrun. Losing his mother soon thereafter, he was to be reared by a loving grandmother, Betty Meredith Demonbrun, and step-mother, Ellen Dossey Demunbrun. Until 11 years of age, he attended the grade school of Brownsville after which the family moved to Mammoth Cave where he attended one year the Maple Spring one-room school. At age 13 he entered the academic department of Ogden College in Bowling Green for one year from which he was forced to take a two year leave due to illness.In the fall of 1918 he re-entered Ogden College as a high school sophomore with simultaneous enrollment in Western Teachers College. With taking eight classes per day, he was able to finish his high school and college in three years and in 1921 graduated, receiving the Trustees' Gold Medal for Scholarship. His average grade was 95 plus for the entire course.

After five years as school principal in nearby counties, R.A. returned to Edmonson County with his new bride, the former Eva Wells of Todd County.

During the subsequent 43 years, R.A. Demunbrun served his native people as principal of the Kyrock and Brownsville High Schools as well as serving one term as State Representative. He has one son Danny M. Demunbrun of the Segal community who married Joyce Alford.

On Jan. 23, 1969 Brownsville High School's new gymnasium proved a fitting site for the funeral of "Professor" Demunbrun. Before a backdrop of 100 floral arrangements, eulogies were said, a 90 member school choral group sang "The Battle Hymn of Republic", tapes were played and as one eulogist said, "The Professor closed his role book and closed his text book and said, 'School is out'".

With Oddfellow and Masonic rites, "Professor" was laid to rest in the Brownsville Cemetery.

S.T. "SAMP" DEMUNBRUN

"Samp" Demunbrun (1856-1943), born Samuel Thomas Demunbrun, was the son of John F. and Louisa Grissom Demonbreun of the Good Spring community of "The Forks" of Edmonson County. His earliest recollections were the Civil War days during which his father and four older half-brothers were involved, his father a member of the Home Guard and his brothers medal winning soldiers of the Union forces. As a seven year old, he witnessed a skirmish in his own front yard in which a Confederate officer was killed and 20 enlistees taken prisoner. Prior to this, Confederate troops were encamped on his father's farm for three months during which his mother was forced to serve as their cook while also caring for her acutely ill four year old Henry Alexander.



S.T. "Samp" Demunbrun

On another occasion, young "Samp" played a major role in averting the mass poisoning of his family members by a Confederate spy. One day during the Civil War, a man knocked at the door pretending to be a hungry derelict in need of food. Ms. Demonbreun, being a sympathetic soul, admitted the visitor to warm by the fireplace while she resumed her kitchen duties of preparing dinner. Thinking young "Samp" would be too young to notice, the visitor deposited a vial of powder in the pot of beans cooking in the fireplace, at which point young "Samp" informed his mother that their visitor had "already salted the beans". Aware then of her now suspicious visitor, Ms. Demonbreun was able to so inform her husband working at the barn of the situation. Lunch time came and the family and visitor were assembled at the dinner table. Samp's father said the blessing and proceeded to pass the beans to the visitor who promptly said, "Thank you, but I don't eat beans". At this point John F. brandished a gun he had concealed in his lap and said to the visitor, "This is one time you WILL eat beans". A short time later John F. was to be found in the back yard burial plot digging a grave for the "hungry derelict" and young Samp was forever credited for saving the lives of his family.

Thus, young Samp's mental acuity was recognized very early and he was subsequently educated at Bethel College in Logan County. He was then to become one of Edmonson County's staunchest supporters of public schools, serving on the Board of Education for many years. Those who knew him remember the somewhat eccentric celluloid collar wearing country gentleman sitting erect on his horse as he road into town for Board meetings. He was never in too much of a hurry to stop on his horse to pass out peppermint stick candy to children who were able to count to ten in French or Spanish. Samp's intense interest in the Greek and Latin derivation of words and his incredulous vocabulary seemed a bit incongruous with his back-woods log cabin style of living, plowing his corn with a yoke of oxen and caring for his heard of idle horses.

Samp was married first to Zirilda Davis who bore him a son Eugene, a prominent government official of Louisville and a daughter Ora (Priddy) of California.

From a subsequent marriage to Nannie Slemmons, there issued one son, Thomas Obrey.

S.T. "Samp" Demunbrun died in 1943 and was buried in the Good Spring Cemetery among the family and friends he loved.

TRUMAN H. DEMUNBRUN

Truman H. Demunbrun (1904-1970) was born at Stockholm Edmonson Co., KY, son of Almon Austin and Ellen Dossey Demunbrun. As a small boy, he subsequently grew up in Brownsville in what came to be known as "The Doctor Woods House". Here he resided while his father was co-proprietor of "The Brick Store" until it was decided that "growing boys would best be reared on the farm at Mammoth Cave away from the bad influences of town living". Here he continued his education at the one-room school of Maple Spring and subsequently attended

Ogden College of Bowling Green. After one year of teaching high school in Muhlenberg County, Truman returned to Brownsville and pursued the study of law, associating himself early on with his brother-in-law attorney Charles E. Whittle. The subsequent years of law practice in Brownsville were highlighted by the litigation involved in the creation of the Mammoth Cave Park which displaced many Edmonson County families of that area.

Like many of his ancestors, Truman was very early attracted to "public office" as a means of best serving the needs of his people, and in 1936 was elected County Attorney of Edmonson County. Through many subsequent county elections, he held this post for 34 consecutive years until he died in 1970.

He was married to Blanche Skaggs, daughter of Noah Morris and Elizabeth McCrady Skaggs who resided at Lock No. 6 on Green River near Brownsville. From this marriage there issued two sons, Dr. Truman Weldon DeMunbrun of Louisville who married Donne F. O'Donnell of St. Paul, MN and Murphy Moran DeMunbrun of Glasgow who married Lou Ellen Howard of Louisville.

Truman H. Demunbrun died in Brownsville and was buried in the new Brownsville Cemetery which he helped to create.

OBITUARY OF TRUMAN H. DEMUNBRUN (1904-1970)

Written by Charles E. Whittle, his brother-in-law and professional associate.

Truman H. Demunbrun, son of A.A. and Ellen (Dossey) Demunbrun, was born at Stockholm, in Edmonson Co., KY, July 23, 1904; and died at his home in Brownsville Nov. 17, 1970.

Graduated from Ogden College at 19, he was Principal of the High School at Graham, KY for a year before returning to Edmonson County to become Office Deputy to the Sheriff and to embark upon the practice of law. Thirty-seven years ago he was elected County Attorney, and has held that office continuously since, — a record in Kentucky.

He was Past-President of the County Attorneys Association of Kentucky; Past-Master of the Masonic Lodge and Past Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows Lodge here; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Camp Joy and a Deacon of the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church.

On June 12, 1926, he was married to Miss Blanche Skaggs, who survives him, along with their two sons, Dr. Weldon Demunbrun of Louisville and Moran Demunbrun of Glasgow, and nine grandchildren. Four sisters and three brothers also survive: Mrs. Zora Thacker, Mrs. Zula Davis and Miss Bela Demunbrun of Brownsville; Mrs. Vena Robinson of California; Granvel Demunbrun of Jeffersonville, IN, and Russel Demunbrun and Bourbon Demunbrun of Brownsville.

In his personal habits he was exemplary. He neither drank nor smoked; and his conversation was modest and clean, seasoned by a restrained chuckle or graced with a modest smile.

In his office he was industrious, punctual, persevering; and in his relations with his clients and the public he was honest, sincere, generous and forbearing — free from altercation, guile, deceit or subterfuge — his integrity unquestioned.

He loved his home and adored his family — forever engaged in contriving some little gadget or convenience which would add warmth or comfort to the walls; and the mutual affection between him and his devoted wife, and their children and grandchildren, was an inspiring family relationship.

He loved nature: the hills and streams, the flowers and woods — that old eight-foot oak which stands down between his boyhood home and the old barn-place.

He was devoted to his church, his fraternities, his profession, his family, — to people, and to God. That was his religion.

And with modesty and joy, he lived that religion.

DENHAM - JOHNSON

Oscar Denham was born June 3, 1896 to Jesse and Belle Denham in Edmonson Co., KY. In the same county on Dec. 18, 1898, Oliphant and Ollie (Lindsey) Johnson would become parents of a daughter Lula Johnson. She would profess her faith in Christ at the age of 12 years at the Oak Grove United Baptist Church in the Mohawk Community where she lived.



Oscar Denham back row standing between his parents, Jess and Belle Denham.

Oscar Denham went to do day farm work at the farm of Oliphant Johnson at the age of 16. This was the first time he was to meet Lula. He often later said she was the prettiest little thing he ever saw, (she was barely five feet with waist length blond hair.) He said that the first time he saw her he knew that he was going to marry her. However, four years would pass before he was to ask her father for her hand in marriage. They married Dec. 19, 1916. They would become the parents of twin girls Gertie Mae and Bertie Clara in November 1917. Emily Marie was born in 1920. Their first son Leroy was born in 1921. Another daughter Lillie Dora Mae was born in 1923. Mary Magdaline was born in 1924 and following her birth was Alma Pearl in 1925. Two years later another son John Robert was born January 1927. Jesse Conrad was born in 1928, and another daughter Mamie Lou was born 1931. She was followed by six sons, Elmer Thomas 1932, Oscar Junior 1934, William Edgar 1936, Noah Clifford 1938, James Dallas 1940 and Cecil Travis 1944.

Oscar and Lula would make their way to the Oak Grove Baptist Church with their family in all kinds of weather, sometimes walking, sometimes in a horse and buggy. While Lula was busy with her family, her husband would work in his trade as a blacksmith. With the help of his wife and children working together they managed to pay for their farm and survive the depression.

Two of their sons, Leroy and John, would go off to serve their Country in the United States Army. Four of their children would die in early childhood. While three would die during their adulthood.

Lula passed away Apr. 15, 1974 at the age of 75 leaving her husband to go on without her. Oscar survived another 12 years dying at 89 years, 9 months, March 12, 1986. At the time of his death he still resided on the farm they purchased together in 1937.

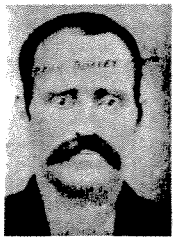
They were well liked in the community and were always ready to help a neighbor in trouble. Even though they are gone, they live on in their many children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. *(See page 206 for pictures)*

PARKER MURPHY DOSSEY

Parker Murphy Dossey, Jr., born in Barren Co., KY, on 7 Oct., 1849, and Alice Holman-Dossey, who was born 13 Oct., 1853 in Warren Co., KY, were married on 20 Jan., 1873. Soon after this marriage, P.M. Dossey moved to Edmonson Co., KY at which time he operated a general merchandise store on Buffalo Creek, in "The Forks of the Rivers", at the site of the Axe Handle Factory. The Axe Handle Factory was run by Dan Howell. Little history of this factory is recorded. After the closing of the Axe Handle Factory, P.M. Dossey established a general merchandise store in Stockholm in Edmonson County. Later, he built a two story building, on the bank of Green River, directly below, and across the river from the entrance of Mammoth Cave. There, he established another general merchandise store. For several years he operated this store, having moved to the top of the river hill, nearby. He built and ran a ferry boat in addition to operating the store. Too, he took-up ties that were hand hewn, in the woods, and hauled to the tie yard near the store. The ties were sold to the Evansville Tie Company which hauled them on barges that were driven by steam powered, stern wheel boats. The arrival of ;the Evansville and Chaperone steam boats were the seasonal attraction. The Chaperone played a steam calliope for the occasion.

To Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Dossey were born five girls and two boys: namely; Louella; Ellen; Capernia 'Pernie'; Lorenzo Dow; Leonard Price; Daisy Pearl; and Nora Dossey. Issue had by all children, except Lorenzo D. Dossey.

In 1884, P.M. Dossey migrated to Kiowa Co., KS, where he had taken up a land grant from the U.S. Government. Their residence consisted of a sod covered dug-out; constructed as such as protection from grass fires. While living there, three children were



Parker Murphy Dossey

born. The last births were twins; one boy and a girl. The boy died in infancy. His grave site has since been lost. Soon after, Mr. Dossey sold his Kansas homestead and moved back to Edmonson Co., KY. There, his children were educated, grew to adulthood, married and raised their families. Many of the descendants still reside in Edmonson County. An annual home-coming results in the telling of many childhood tales.

In the order of birth the marriages were as follows; Louella Dossey md. William Seymour "Sonny" Wood. Ellen Dossey md. Almon Austin Demunbrun. (His 2nd wife.). "Pernie" Dossey md. Jesse Sylvester "Vessie" Blair. Lorenzo D. "Renzie" Dossey md.. Renie Elizabeth Blair; Leonard P. "Lennie" Dossey md. Isabell Blair. Pearl Dossey md. Mathew Lonzo "Tinker" Gipson. Nora Dossey md. William Dawson "Dock" Ritter.

Other biographies, in this book, relate to these people.

An autobiography of the author of this article is contained elsewhere in this book. He, Raymond Blair, is a grandson of Parker Murphy Dossey

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VERTICE & HELEN DOSSEY

Vertice Dossey, the eldest son of Lenny P. Dossey married Helen Marie Simmons, the daughter of James David Simmons on Mar. 20, 1936. Vertice (with his four sisters and four brothers) grew up in the Good Springs community and Helen (with her six sisters and two brothers) grew up in the Joppa community. Vertice and Helen had three daughters added to their family; Charlotte (Mrs. Arthur Kersey), Paula Kay (Mrs. Stephen Newby), and Jo Sharon who died at birth.

Vertice spent many, many years as a ferryman on Green River, working for the National Park Service. As with most of the ferrymen, Vertice spent quite a bit of time observing the various animals that always abound in the Park and even made friends with several deer, raccoons and a lot of birds. They often, while he quietly talked to them, came up and ate from his hand. During his days off and spare time Vertice was notable for doing excellent electrical work. His services (and very reasonable wage) were much sought after by many people throughout Edmonson County. Vertice was not only adept at electrical work, he was very knowledgeable in all facets of maintenance, including plumbing, automotives, etc. Vertice built his first steam engine when he was nine years old (although he began working on it when he was age eight). Vertice had seen a couple of train engines and thought that building a steam powered machine shouldn't be too hard, but he found that his young mind did not easily comprehend all of the ins and outs of steam mechanism.



Vertice and Helen Dossey

Even at the time of his unexpected death at age 76, Vertice was in the process of wiring his niece's new home for electrical service and was making plans to start working on a self-made solar heating system for his home. Although his plans were not on paper, they were in his head and he was happy to talk about them.

During all of the time Vertice and Helen were together, Helen spent all of her time, never working outside the home, but performing the grandest and most noble of jobs, as housewife and mother. She was multi-talented in cooking, handicrafts, as a seamstress, in budgeting and in general looking after her family. This she did with much aplomb and expertise.

Vertice was involved in many civic functions in and for Edmonson County. At one time he served as town councilman and Mayor and for several years was a very active member of the BRADD Council, working for Edmonson County. He was active on the Governor's (Julian Carroll) Council for Aging and thoroughly enjoyed this type of work. Vertice loved Edmonson County and was proud of his County and never turned down an opportunity to do anything or serve in any capacity that would enhance Edmonson County's opportunities and betterment. Submitted by their daughter, *Charlotte Dossey Kersey*

REV. WILLIAM J. DOUGLAS

William James (Willie J.) Douglas was born May 5, 1896 in Lee, Butler Co., KY. He was the oldest son born to John William and Mary Jane Embry Douglas.

John W. with his father and brothers moved to Warren Co., KY from Virginia to settle in Richardsville. John W. fought with the Union forces of the Civil War. He married Mary Jane Embry in Butler County 1895. To this union four other children were born: a daughter, Eller Jane; three more sons, Lonnie, Johnny and Robert.



Willie J. Douglas

Butler County, 1921, Willie J. married Laurie Whittinghill, a daughter of Samuel and Mollie Renfro Whittinghill. Laurie was the second child of 13 children.

To the union of Willie J. and Laurie, three children were born: Warren G., b. 1922, m. Janet; Wilma Louise, b. 1924, m. John Hendricks; Ernestine, b. 1926, died four months of age.

After Laurie's death in 1926, the two older children were cared for by relatives until Willie remarried. Laurie and Ernestine are buried in the Whittinghill Cemetery, Butler County. Willie moved to Edmonson County to work for the Kentucky Rock Asphalt Company. While working at Kyrock, he met and married Charlette (Lottie) Elizabeth Vincent, August 1927.

Lottie was the youngest daughter of William (Bill Rube) and Lizzie Wright Lindsey. Lottie's siblings were Archie Vincent, Eunice Coats, Lois Lindsey and Warren Vincent.

After Willie's and Lottie's marriage, he was reunited with his first son and daughter. While living at Kyrock another son, James Everett, born 1928, m. Juanita Crowder and a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, b. 1930, m. Alonze Dodd, were born.

Willie and Lottie moved to Mt. Zion where six other children were born: Maydell, b. 1933 m. Virgil Thomas Hammond; William Wayne, b. 1935 m. Wanda Cassidy; Gilbert Ellsworth, b. 1937 m. Brenda Webb; Shelby Jean, b. 1939 - d. 1987, m. Jackson L. Johnson; Douglas MacArthur, b. 1944 m. Jackie Prunty; Larry Augress, b. 1946 m. first, Jane James, m. second to Teresa Leonard; the youngest child, Carolyn Gray, b. 1949, m. William Thrassen, was born after they moved to Lindseyville.

Willie, at the age of 21, joined the 318th Infantry, 80th Div., Company B. He was stationed in Europe. He was discharged at Fort Lee, VA in 1919, being described on his discharge papers as 5'11" tall, blue eyes and black hair.

In 1924 he joined the United Baptist Church, was called to deliver God's word and was ordained to preach in 1937. He has never pastored any Church but has devoted his entire life to Christ.

Bro. Willie joined Washington Medredith Masonic Lodge in 1927. He filled all offices of the lodge, including Worship Master. In 1960 he was appointed Chaplain for life; he attends meetings when able and is a 60 year member.

Willie worked at Kyrock until 1945. He worked as a civilian employee at Fort Knox as a plumber from 1949 until his retirement in 1962.

Lottie passed away in 1984 and was buried in the Midway Church Cemetery.

There are 26 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Willie lives alone at the age of 92 years in the home he and Lottie shared for so many years. (Information supplied by Maydell Hammond and written by Betty Peger on July 31, 1988.)

DOYEL - JONES

George Washington Doyel, s/o Richard C. (R.C.) Doyle and Nancy Catherine Estes; s/o Samuel Doyel and Mary "Polly" Conley/Conlee; s/o Gregory Doyel and Martha Gott of North Carolina; b. Jan. 29, 1850, Edmonson County, probably in the Little Jordon Area; d. Feb. 17, 1910, Loco, Stephens Co., OK; m. Alice Cerepta Jones, d/o Jacob Jones and Rachel Wilborn, Feb. 15, 1872, with the consent of her father, Edmonson County, b. May 3, 1856, Edmonson County; d. Sept. 8, 1945, Rush Springs, Grady Co., OK. Both are buried in the Loco Cemetry, Loco, OK.

George's parents owned a farm bordered by Green River and Ugly Creek on which the Little Jordon Church/School House was situated. In 1886 they donated two-acres of land to the Board of Director's of the Little Jordon United Baptist Church on which the Little Jordon Church/School House and Cemetery were situated. It was accepted by the Board in 1889. It is not known if this was the farm on which George was born. It is suspected it may well have been. Also, this farm may have been the same farm which Samuel Doyel inherited from Gregory. Their descriptions have some similarities.



George W. Doyle Family

Alice's parents once owned the farm near the Northeast entrance to the Mammoth Cave National Park on which Sand Cave is located and in which Floyd Collins lost his life in January 1925. The house and tobacco barn still stand. Alice and her sister "Dora" played dolls in the sink hole which is the entrance to the cave, now sealed. The farm is more commonly known today as the "Bea" Doyel farm, he being the owner at the time it was purchased by the Park Service.

George and Alice acquired 80-acres of land described as a certain tract of land sold off by Jesse F. Jerald, situated on the ridge east of Mammoth Cave. On Mar. 21, 1877, they sold the tract to William T. Jones, Alice's brother, and along with Alice's parents moved to Denton Co., TX.

George's lust for greater rewards and adventure resulted in the family moving frequently. From Denton County they first moved to Cooke County; thence, to Grayson Co., TX; thence, to Little Rock and Van Buren, AR; thence, Whitefield, 1889/92; Stigler, 1894/95; Durwood, 1896; Granite, 1905/06, all in Oklahoma Indian Territory until Statehood in 1907; thence, to Loco, Stephens Co., OK in the fall of 1909 where George passed away in February 1910. After George's death, Alice and daughter Callie lived with their son and brother, Henry Jay, until Callie married and moved away but Alice continued to live there until her death. Due to problems of transportation and distances, Alice made only an occasional short visit to her daughter, Callie and son, Smithy; they being most of the time less than a days travel by wagon. None owned a car. Alice spent most of her time piecing quilt tops from any salvageable materials and quilting quilts.

George was primarily a farmer but also a skilled blacksmith and did custom blacksmithing and horseshoeing for the neighbors. During a short period while living in Van Buren, AR, he assisted by his sons, operated a freight line, using wagons and oxen, between Van Buren and McAlster, Oklahoma Indian Territory. Difficulties were often experienced traveling over un-maintained wagon trails; especially, during the rainy-snowy periods of winter and camping out nights. The wagons would often mar down to the hubs. Eight to ten days were required for a round trip.

On one memorable occasion when alone, Alice heard someone yell, "Is anyone home?" Going to the front door there were five horsemen with slickers and bedrolls tied behind their saddles. Each wore one or more guns. Only one ever spoke and he asked, "Will you fix dinner (noon meal) for us?" When leaving, the spokesman told her, "If any one comes by asking about us you are to tell them you have not seen us. I am Jesse James and my men."

To George and Alice six children were born as follows: 1) Sein Louetter; b. Oct. 20, 1873, Edmonson County, d. May 5, 1907, Quinton, Pittsburg Co., OK, m. Jacob Monroe Palmer, an Indian who was the seventh son of a seventh son; thereby, making him a bonafide Medicine Man, ca 1889/90; Stigler, Haskell Co., OK Indian Territory, b. May 12, 1870, d. Oct.24, 1952, Quinton, Pittsburg, OK, both are buried in the Lona Valley Cemetery, Pittsburg, County; 2) Benjamin Smithy, b. Jan. 5, 1875, Edmonson County, d. Sept. 17, , 1958, Duncan, Stephens Co., OK, m. Norma Bell Pinson, d/o — Pinson and Isabelle Bolin, Sept. 9, 1901, Velma Stephens Co., OK Indian Territory, b. Mar. 6, 1881, Ball Park, Cherokee Co., GA, d. Oct. 16, 1965, Duncan, Stephens Co., OK. Both are buried in Duncan Cemetery; 3) Henry Jan, b. Sept. 24, 1877, Denton, Denton Co., TX, d. Oct. 3, 1939, Rush Springs, Grady Co., OK, m. Minnie Lee Ann Cheeves, d/o James Lafayette Cheeves and Aszuba Dianna Holland Kyle, Nov. 13, 1898, Earl Baptist Church, Earl, Johnston Co., OK Indian Territory, b. Apr. 11, 1881, Wise Co., TX, d. Jan. 2, 1959, Marlow Hospital, Marlow, Stephens Co., OK. Both are buried in the Rush Springs Cemetery; 4) Isaih Luther, b. Mar. 5, 1881, probably Cooke Co., TX, m. Nellie Cornelius Webb, d/o Ferdinand Webb and Vernita Blanche Hackett, Feb. 19, 1903, Durwood, OK Indian Territory, b. Oct. 8, 1884, McKinney, Collins Co., TX. Both were killed in a tornado Mar. 13, 1953, Dickson, Carter Co., OK. Both are buried in a single grave in the Nelda Cemetery, Dickson; 5) Fredericic Crystal Lee, b. July 20, 1885, Little Rock, Pulaska Co., AR, d. Oct. 20, 1957, Armona, Kings Co., CA, m. Tishie Maude Christian, d/o C.F. Christian and Cassie N. Wilson,——1903, Durwood, OK Indian Territory, b. Mar. 7, 1881, Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX, d. Aug. 25, 1967, Armona. Both are buried in Hanford Cemetery, Hanford, Kings Co., CA; 6) Sarah Callie, b. Jan. 5, 1892, Whitefield, Haskell Co., OK Indian Territory, d. Mar. 16, 1982, Marlow Hospital, Marlow, Stephens Co., OK, m. Cecil Oliver Troxel, s/o Dan Troxel and Alice T. Bradway, Jan. 12, 1915, Duncan, Stephens Co., OK, b. July 4, 1892, Nobel Co., OK Indian Territory, d. Mar. 18, 1963, Marlow, Stephens Co., OK. Both are buried in Marlow Cemetery. Submitted by *James L. Doyle*

ELBERT CLYDE DOYEL/ DOYLE

Elbert C. Doyle was born Jan. 13, 1911, in the "county-line" house on the Edmonson-Barren County border. He was the youngest son of E.M. Doyel and Elizabeth Alice Age. When Elbert was two years old, his mother died from measles.

Elbert attended Age School until the eighth grade. His Age cousins lived next door to the school with his Aunt Sarah. One day Elbert left his lunch in his desk during a recess, and Aunt Sarah's old dog came in the school and ate it. Elbert got to eat lunch at Aunt Sarah's house that day.



Elbert and Bea Doyle

Elbert helped his father on the farm but at 15 he left the farm for Louisville in 1926. Jobs were hard to find, but he found a job with the A&P Grocery. He joined Piggly Wiggly stores in 1929 and became a store manager in four months. The next year, Elbert married Beatrice Hazel Bishop whose family had come to Louisville from Rock-

castle Co., KY. In 1932 Elbert joined Steiden stores as store manager and later worked as a supervisor. In 1945 Elbert remained with the company when Winn-Dixie took over, and later was promoted to merchandiser. He retired from almost 45 years of service with Winn-Dixie in 1976.

Elbert and Bea Doyle had the following children: 1) Embridge Willis, d. at birth; 2) Glenda Marlene, (1937-), married Frank R. Merhoff; 3) Elbert Clyde, Jr. (1941-), married Judy Avila; 4) Vonnell Clara, (1945-), married Leonard E. Tingle; 5) Peggy Semarimis, (1948-), married James R. Tingle; 6) Gregory Menefee, (1951-), married Kathy Leonard.

Elbert and Bea Doyle are presently living in Fort Myers, FL. They return to Edmonson County each September for the annual family reunion at Mammoth Cave. *Vonnell Doyel-Tingle*

EMBRIDGE MARSHALL "EM" DOYEL/DOYLE

Embridge Marshall Doyel was born in Edmonson Co., KY, on Mar. 11, 1868, the third son of Samuel and Francis Isbell Doyel. He was raised in the "county-line" house near Chaumont, KY. In 1889 he married his second-cousin-once-removed, Elizabeth Alice Age, the daughter of W. W. and Lucinda Smith Age.

EM, as he was known, continued to live in the family home after his father's death. Although he was a farmer like his father, he once tried working for the railroad and was sent to Harlan Co., KY. However, after attending church one day and noticing how all the men went heavily armed, he decided it was no place for him and returned to Edmonson County. EM also worked in the caves, either as a guide or extracting minerals for cave owners.

EM loved gatherings and being with people. During his youth he and others were chastised by the church trustees for "dancing." After his marriage he would often invite a crowd home from church for Sunday supper. However, he was also a stern parent. One son remembers being told not to swim in the cattle pond because it muddied the water and kept the cattle away. One hot day their father left to go to town, and the boys stripped and jumped in the pond only to discover dad hadn't gone to town after all. A buckberry limb served to remind the boys of their mistake!

EM and Alice had the following children: 1) Andrew (1890-1964), married Eller Whittle and had two daughters; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Park City. 2) Agnes Semarimis (1892-1959), married Carl Hanson and was the mother of ten children. She is buried at Locust Grove. 3) Daisy Francis (1895-), married 1) Virgil Coats and 2) Floyd Hogan, and is the mother of five children. She lives in Louisville, KY. 4) Embridge Yancy (1898-1977), married Mary Lee and worked for the L&N Railroad. They had eight children. 5) Carrie Willie (1898-1931) married Claude Higgenbotham and died in childbirth. She and Yancy were twins. 6) Alice Essie (1901-1980), married 1) Harley Dennison and 2) Frank Smith, and was the mother of three children. 7) Roy Blakeman (1904-), married 1) Phoebe Chapmen and 2) Pearl Smith, and is the father of two children. Roy lives in Louisville, KY. 8) Frank Gott (1907-1959), married Ella Stevenson and had two children. 9) Elbert Clyde (1911-), married Beatrice Bishop and had six children. He lives in Ft. Myers, FL. 10) Beatrice Lue (1913-), married Alvin Herron and had six children. She lives in Park City, KY.

EM Doyel's wife, Alice, died from measles in 1913. He married for the second time in 1918 to Talitha Jane Ard. Their children are: 11) Herman (1919-1969), married Christine Keithly. 12) Marvin Bransford (1920-1985), married Elizabeth Lamastus and had seven children.

EM and his first two wives are buried in Locust Grove Cemetery in the Park. *Vonnell Doyel-Tingle*

GREGORY C. DOYEL/DOYLE

Gregory C. Doyel was born in Rowan Co., NC colony, on Dec. 19, 1766. He was the son of Samuel Doyel who migrated to North Carolina from Maryland. Gregory married Martha Gott in Orange Co., NC, in 1785. In 1799 Gregory brought his family to Kentucky along with his brothers' families and some of his Gott in-laws. He settled permanently in then Warren Co., KY, on the Green River above Mammoth Cave and eventually owned more than 5,000 acres of land on both sides of the river. Doyle's Ford on the Green River marks the general area where he settled.

Gregory was one of the earliest settlers of present Edmonson County. He served as an Ensign of the 25th Regiment, Warren County militia in 1802, and later helped in establishing the county seat of Brownsville in 1825 by buying town lots. However, first and foremost Gregory was a farmer; his will mentions cotton, turnips, wheat, apples, peaches, and "sugar" among crops; and horses, cows, hogs and sheep among livestock. He was also a slaveowner. His religious affiliation was Cumberland Presbyterian.

Gregory and Martha had nine children; the first six children were born in North Carolina before migrating into Kentucky. Their children were: 1) Samuel (1786-c. 1870), married twice and father to 18 children. He lived in the Little Jordan/Ugly Creek area. 2) Margaret (1788- ?), married Daniel J. Smith and had eight children. 3) Mary "Polly" (1790-1835), married George McLean, one of the first justices of the peace in Hart County and an early owner, along with his brothers, of Mammoth Cave. This family migrated to Illinois. 4) Elizabeth (1792- ?). 5) Richard Gott (1794-c. 1865), married 1) Sarah Garrison and 2) a widow, Elizabeth J. Furlong. Richard was a Baptist minister and early Edmonson Co. justice of the peace as well as farmer. 6) John (1797-c.1835), married Nancy —— and had 6 children before his early death. 7) Martha (1799 ?). 8) Hannah (1801-c. 1825), married Matthew Garrison and had six children before her early death. 9) Cassandra (1803-c.1840), married Jesse Garrison. This family migrated to Green Co., IL, and raised six children.

Gregory's wife Martha died about 1840, and he then married Drusilla Estes who was almost 50 years his junior. Gregory died about 1846 and is buried in what is today known as the Holton Cemetery in Mammoth Cave National Park. This cemetery was the original family cemetery on the land Gregory settled. Gregory's will, recorded in the Edmonson County Will Book, reveals a great deal about his family's lifestyle. It also reveals that Gregory had little liking for one of his sons-in-law to whom he left "one dollar and no more." *Vonnell Doyel-Tingle*

RICHARD C. DOYEL

Richard C. (R.C.) Doyel was the sixth child of Samuel Doyel, who was the first child of Gregory Doyel, the son of Samuel Doyel (believed to have been born in Maryland Colony in mid 1700; thence, moved to North Carolina where Gregory was born and married Martha Gott). To Gregory and Martha six children were born in North Carolina and three were born in Kentucky. They then moved first to Shelby Co., KY 1797/99; thence on to what then was Warren County and established a homestead in a bend on the south side of Green River, near what is now known as Onyx Cave in Mammoth Cave National Park. Over a period of time, Gregory accumulated an estimated 5,000 acres of land now part of the Park. Their first son, Samuel, married first to Mary "Polly" Conley/Conlee, Nov. 18, 1812, Barren County. After her death, he married Mary Combs. Samuel was the father of 18 children.

Richard C. Doyel was born Mar. 12, 1822 in what was then Hart County; died (from the minutes of the Little Jordon United Baptist Church records) after September 1889. He married Nancy C. (or D) Estes, Dec. 22, 1842, in Edmonson County. She was born about 1828; died Mar. 24, 1900. In their many years of membership activity in the Little Jordon Church it is suspected they both are buried in the Little Jordon Cemetery. No headstones have been located to date.

By deed recorded in Edmonson County records, R.C. and Nancy Doyel donated to the Board of Directors of the Little Jordon United Baptist Church two acres of land witch the building used as the church and school. The building burned, but the cemetery remains with many unscribed headstones. It is believed their children may have been born on the homestead containing this acreage. This farm may be the same one which Samuel, Richard's father, inherited from his father, Gregory: Will Book 1, Page 41, Edmonson County. Each have similar descriptions as being bordered on the south by Green River and on the west by Ugly Creek.

To Richard and Nancy eight children were born: (1) William Harrison b. Mar. 5, 1844 d. Nov. 1918 in Wright Co., MO married 1. Martha Adwell, Feb. 14, 1867 2. Arminta Whitlow, June 27, 1872, b. 1837 VA d. 1918;

(2) Sussanna A. b. Sept. 28, 1846, married Isaac E. Staples Nov. 22, 1861; (3) Rachel b. Nov. 25, 1849 d. Oct. 23, 1926, m. Charles W. Morrison, Feb. 12, 1866, Edmonson County; (4) George Washington b. Jan. 29, 1850 d. Feb. 17, 1910 in Loco, Stephens Co., OK, m. Alice Cerepta Jones, Feb. 15, 1872 Edmonson County. She was born May 3, 1856 Edmonson County, d. Sept. 8, 1946, Rush Springs, Grady Co., OK, both are buried in Loco Cemetery, Loco, OK; (5) Gregory E.F. b. Jan. 22, 1852, d. Jan. 3, 1889, m. Mary Jaggers, Dec. 29, 1870; (6) Isaac M, b. Feb. 14, 1855, d. Nov. 3, 1889, Edmonson County, m. Mary Susan Gray, Nov. 20, 1873, Edmonson County. Both are buried in the Little Jordon Cemetery; (7) Henry Morrison, b. Mar. 7, 1858, d. Mar. 17, 1937 Edmonson County, m. 1st Nancy Catherine "Cate" Holton, Sept. 18, 1878, Edmonson County, 2nd Nan Self, Dec. 30, 1915, Edmonson County, each is buried in the Little Jordon Cemetery; (8) Mary J., b. ca. 1860, m. George W. Meredith, Jan. 28, 1883, Edmonson County, b. May 30, 1855, d. June 10, 1889, buried Good Spring Church Cemetery, Edmonson County.

RICHARD GOTT DOYEL / DOYLE

Richard G. Doyel was born in Rowan Co., NC, on Sept. 4, 1794, the son of Gregory and Martha Gott Doyel, and was probably named for his maternal grandfather. He came with his parents into Kentucky in 1799 and grew up in Edmonson County near Mammoth Cave. In 1817 Richard married in Barren County to Sarah Garrison, the daughter of James Garrison, a Revolutionary War veteran from South Carolina.

Richard farmed land along the south side of Green River near Mammoth Cave and may be the Doyel who, legend has it, traded the land under which the cave lies in return for a white horse. He was one of the first justices of the peace for Edmonson County, a Baptist minister and a school teacher. He presided at many of the early Edmonson County marriages and was described as "a good, plain, zealous preacher." Family tradition holds that Richard was opposed to slavery and gave his slaves their freedom long before the Civil War.

As a Baptist minister, Richard was ordained in 1839 at Cedar Spring Church. However, he fell into disfavor with the anti-missionary faction when he fraternized with missionary preachers and allowed them to preach at his house. Richard succeeded in procuring a letter of dismission with which he helped to establish Little Hope Church in 1842, and he was pastor there for the rest of his life.

Richard and Sarah, his first wife, had 12 children: 1) Martha "Patsy" (c. 1817- ?), married William "Uncle Billy" Holton and had nine children. 2) Mary "Polly" (c. 1817-1883), married James Estes, had six children and is buried at Little Hope Cemetery. 3) Gregory F. (c. 1820-c. 1860), married Rachel Arena "Annie" Coats and had seven children. 4) Margaret (1822-1887), married George Coats who served in the Union cavalry during the Civil War. They had eight children and are buried in Holton Cemetery in the Park. 5) Hannah Elizabeth (ca. 1825-c. 1847), was the 2nd wife of Isaac N. Brown, a preacher for Little Hope Church. 6) James (c. 1826- ?), married Matilda E. Parke and was a blacksmith. 7) Cassandra (c. 1827- ?), married John Coats. 8) Isaac (1828-1905), married Marhala Jane Coats, had ten children and is buried at Little Hope. 9) Sarah (1831-1907), married Gideon McDaniel, had five children and is buried at Little Hope. 10) Richard G. (1833-1864), married Ann M. Slemmons. While serving in the Union Forces, he died of typhoid fever in Nashville, TN, survived by his wife and four children. 11) Nancy (c.1836- ?), married George P. Pullium. 12) Samuel (1839-1910), married Francis Semarimis Isbell, had 11 children and is buried at Little Hope.

Richard Doyel's first wife, Sarah, died of nervous affliction in 1859. In 1860 Richard married Elizabeth J. Furlong, the widow of Fountain Furlong. They had one daughter, 13) Janie (c. 1864-1894), who was the first wife of F.M. Age and who is buried in Furlong Cemetery in the park.

Richard Doyel's last labor was the preaching of a funeral sermon in 1865. After finishing his discourse, he turned to sit down, collapsed and died. He is no doubt buried near his beloved Little Hope Church. *Vonnell Doyel-Tingle*

SAMUEL DOYEL/DOYLE

Samuel Doyel was the youngest child of Richard G. and Sarah "Sally" Garrison Doyel and was born Nov. 25, 1839. He was named after his paternal great-grandfather and grew up on the south side of the Green River near Mammoth Cave. In 1861 Samuel married Francis Semarimis Isbell, the only child of James W. and Nancy Isbell.

Samuel and Francis lived on the homestead she inherited after her father's untimely death in 1862. It was known as the "county-line" house because it straddled the Edmonson-Barren County line. This was at Chaumont, KY, located where the Brownsville Road enters the Park coming from Park City. Samuel was a farmer, but he also kept records of births and deaths for county officials. He also served as a trustee of Little Hope Church and recorded obituaries in the church minutes.

Samuel and Francis had several children: 1. James P. (1862-1862), died at birth. 2. William H. (1864- ?), married Agnes Coffin and lived in Illinois and worked for state government. 3. Nancy Jane (1866-1950), married William S. Price and lived in Tioga, TX. 4. Embridge Marshall "E.M." (1868-1948), married four times and outlived all four wives. E.M. inherited the home place. 5. Mary Eliza (1870-1906), married Joseph S. Boston who worked for the Chicago-Great Western Railroad and lived in Dubuque, IA. 6. Hezekiah Cauley (1873- ?), married Amelia _____ and migrated to California about 1900. 7. Richard G. "Uncle Dick" (1876-1947), married Mallie M. Whittle and lived near his brother, E.M. 8. Felix Shelton (1878-1893). 9. Nelly Rice (1881-1882). 10. Isaac (1884-1909), never married but worked as a foreman in the construction of the Panama Canal.

Four of Samuel and Francis' children died young and all the others, except two, moved far away. They must have cherished their grandchildren who lived near them, as one of them fondly remembers Samuel having a long white beard and as spoiling his grandchildren with chewing gum and wild strawberries. Francis is also remembered as a doting grandmother who told her children deliciously scary ghost stories. Both Samuel and Francis are buried in the cemetery next to Little Hope Church. *Vonnell Doyel-Tingle*

DR. MARCELLUS NEWTON DRAKE

Dr. M. Newton Drake was born in Logan Co., KY in 1817. His father, Taylor B. Drake (c1792-1870), was the son of Sir Francis Drake of Powhatan Co., VA who removed to Logan County about 1807. While still a child his parents moved to Warren County to be near his mother's, Elizabeth Lucas, family. His maternal grandparents were Nathaniel and Sarah (Rivers) Lucas.



Dr. Marcellus Newton Drake and bride Martha Jane Allen

In his early 20's he came to Brownsville to practice medicine and here he joined the Baptist Church. While in Brownsville he made the acquaintance of a lawyer, James Cunningham Vertrees. Together they went to the then young village of Bethpage, TN where in 1848 they opened a business styled "Vertrees and Drake". In addition to their establishment which "retailed goods, wares, merchandise and groceries", they pursued their individual professions of law and medicine. For unknown reasons the partnership was dissolved and Newton returned to Edmonson County and his medical practice as we find him living with Henry Skaggs in 1860.

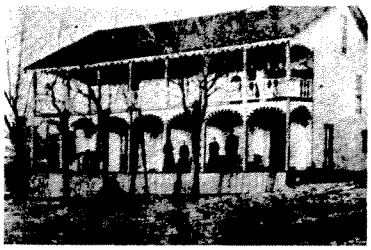
He lived with various families for the next 20 years in the southern portion of the county before deciding to marry and settle down. At the age of 65 he married Martha Jane Allen (b. May 29 1831), the youngest daughter of William and Mary (White) Allen. They would have married sooner if the doctor had not taken ill and had had a long spell of sickness. They went to housekeeping in Smith's Grove but soon removed to their farm in Edmonson County near the Dripping Spring.

Dr. Newton Drake died at the age of 75 on

Nov. 2, 1892 with Martha surviving her husband 15 years, dying July 9, 1907. They were both buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Smith's Grove beneath the cemetery's largest monument. *submitted by: Joseph Stephen Hays*

DUNN - KINSER

Julius Spencer Dunn came to Brownsville from Virginia after serving in the Civil War. He was not a very tall man and said while he was in the service he had to be helped to mount a horse. I doubt that any one in Brownsville knew his real name, he was always called Uncle Dick and mail came addressed to Mr. Richard Dunn. I'm the oldest Grandchild and I was a teenager when I learned his name was Julius Spencer. That was when my youngest brother was named for him. He was a carpenter and built their home on the corner of Washington and Jackson Streets. It is still there but has been remodeled several times. Another house he built is still standing on lower Washington St., next to Goldie Alexander. He built our school, this was both Elementary and High School, which was where the Middle school stands today. It was a two story building, the first floor was for grade school and the second floor for the high school.



The Dunn Hotel

Grandpa Dunn's only relative that we knew was a nephew and his family that lived at Chalybeate Springs. We have recently learned that there were other cousins that lived in or near there. They were William Herschel, Joshua Malcolm, James Light, Herbert, Hobert, Alvey, Myrtle and Ruby Dunn. None are living now. There is a Dr. Ray Dunn a dentist, that lives in Providence, KY and his sister Linnie Dunn Johnson, that lives in Mobile, AL that say they are cousins.

Grandpa's pride and joy were his shotgun and violin. His gun was called old Katie and the violin, a fiddle that he rarely played, but he always brought home a wild turkey after a turkey shoot. His namesake a grandson, Julius Spencer Johnson has his gun now and a Granddaughter Sydna Johnson Shufelt has his violin.

Grandpa was some older than Grandma and she was taller than he. He married Mary Holman Kinser called Molly by her family, and later everyone called her Aunt Dutch. Her mother hid her in the barn under the hay when the Union soldiers raided their home and the smoke house. The soldiers took a young filly when they left and her mother mounted another horse and rode to the front of the group of soldiers as they tipped her with bayonets. She got to the Captain and he made them return the filly. She was a spunky person.

The Dunn children were Inez, Eulah, Ray, Garland and Elizabeth. Inez married Lon Self. He lived only a short time. She moved to Lakeland, KY, where she became a registered nurse and married Benjamin Taylor Bealmear, also a registered nurse. He was from Bullitt County in Kentucky and they had no children.

Eulah married Calvin Sidney Johnson of Brownsville in 1902. Their children were Mary Frances, Christine, Mary Kate, a stillborn baby girl, James Howard, Guy Bealmear, Julius Spencer and Sydna Faye. All were born and reared in Brownsville, KY.

Ray married James Thomas Johnson. Their children were Kenneth Neal and Mary Katherine both were born in Brownsville.

Garland died at age five from an accident.

Elizabeth married Wallace DeWitt of Frankfort, KY. She had one son Billy Taylor DeWitt.

The Dunn Grandchildren: Mary Frances Johnson died at age nine months. Christine Johnson Paxton born May 18, 1905 at the Dunn Hotel. I was and still am the oldest living grandchild. I married James Tyler Paxton, Mar. 11, 1927 in Bowling Green, KY. We had three children, Mary Patricia Paxton married John Pennington Boyle, Oct. 30, 1947 in Louisville, KY. Virginia Elizabeth Paxton married Lawrence William Shireman, March 7, 1952 in Louisville, KY. James Tyler Paxton, Jr. married Alice Waterbury, in 1963 in Middletown, KY. Our Grandchildren and Great grandchildren are John Pennington Boyle, Jr., married Diane Agalis, their children Kelly, James Tyler, John Pennington III.Deborah Ann Boyle (Williams) May has one daughter, Jennifer Leigh. Barbara Elaine Shireman married Richard Anthony Totten, their children are Richard Anthony Jr., Ashley Elizabeth and Sarah Elaine. Mary Elizabeth Shireman, single. Leigh Ellen Shireman married Douglas Mitchell Bunger, has one son William Michael. Mark Allen Waterbury, (step grandson) has a son. Vicki Paxton married Roy Thornton, they have two children, Christopher and Alicia. Christina Paxton, single.

Mary Katherine Johnson married Donald G. Wardman, of Brownsville, PA. No children. Kenneth Neal Johnson married Beatrice Chapman. Their children are: Nancy Neal, Judith and Tommy. Judith married Robert Mansfield, their children are Robby and Erin Mansfield. Tommy married Joan Davenport, their children are Neal and Emily. Nancy Neal married Don Turner, their children are Kathy, Susan and Laura. Kathy's married name is Goatley and they have a daughter named Courtney. Susan's married name is Stigall, they have no children.

Mary Kate Johnson married Eldon Whobrey, their children are Julia Frances and Eldon Whobrey, Leroy. She divorced Eldon and married Louis Riley who died of cancer. She then married Lou Commeville, he died of cancer. Julia Frances married Rumsey Houchin, they have three children, Donna, and twins Donald and Dorothy. Three grandchildren. James Howard Johnson married Alpha Wells. Their children are James Howard Jr. (married Ruth Brooks. They have two daughters, Anne and Debby.) William Sidney Johnson married Linda, who had a daughter Stephanie and they had a son Alan. Guy Bealmear Johnson married Elizabeth Morris. They had one daughter Mary Louise. She married David Priddy they had one son, Jonathan. She divorced David and married Dr. John Bedwell, they divorced. Julius Spencer Johnson married Shirley Mounsey. They had four sons, Julius Spencer Jr., Christopher, Douglas and Calvin Sidney. Spencer Jr. married Sue Hizer. Their children are Carrie and Julie. Christopher married Petie. Their children are Christopher and Jeremy. He divorced Petie. Married to Sharon Wemes Johnson now. Guy Douglas and Calvin Sidney are bachelors and live together.

Sidna Faye Johnson married Robert Jesse Shufelt. Their children are Robert Jesse Jr., and Rebecca. Robert (Bobby) is single. Rebeccamarried Mark Ashley. They have one daughter Stacie.

Elizabeth Dunn married Wallace Dewitt. They have one son William Taylor Dewitt.

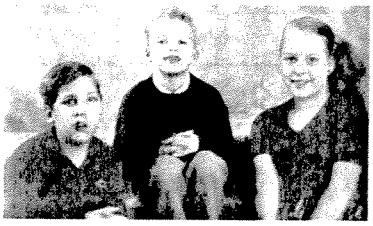
Another family member that lived with our grandparents was Grandma Tibbs. She was Mama Dunn's mother. She has been married more than one time. Mama was a Kinser, her half brothers were Luther and John Hazelip, a half sister George Ann. The Patton Funeral Home was built by her brother John for his family.

I don't know the year the Dunnes purchased the hotel. I believe it was owned by someone by the name of Smith prior to them. One-half of the hotel was torn down and the other one-half was moved to lower main street, and was occupied as a residence for some time. The move was sometime about 1926 or 1927.

DUNN - MADISON

David Kelly Madison was born Mar. 2, 1954 in Edmonson County. He was one of 11 children born to Everett and Lucille Vincent Madison.

David attended Kyrock grade school and graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1972. David is a brick mason by trade but has many skills such as carpenter helper, laborer, etc. He has worked in very severe heat and cold.



David Allen, Dana Allison and Derek Austin Madison, children of David and Marsha Madison

David was ordained to preach July 31, 1988 at the Poplar Springs United Baptist Church.

David married Marsha Lynn Dunn May 4, 1974 in Celina, TN. She is the granddaughter of James and Dean Prather of Louisville, KY. Marsha was born Jan. 10, 1957.

To the union of David and Marsha were born three children: David Alan, July 27, 1976; Dana Allison, Sept. 2, 1977 and Derek Austin, Nov. 19, 1980.

David Alan suffered a catastrophic illness, a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of six months. Alan was in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center for three months. The stroke left Alan physically disabled, but he was a fighter and has proved to be very brave, intelligent and a delight. Alan attends Kyrock school where he is making great strides. His out-going behavior has helped him to make many friends. The classroom nicknamed him the Great Al.

Allison is advanced in academics and will attend the Edmonson County Middle School this fall. She is a joy to her brothers.

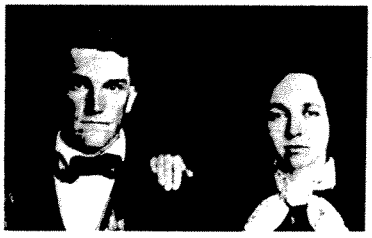
Derek will be in the second grade at Kyrock this fall, 1988. He is like his father in looks and actions. He is a good student and learns well.

David and Marsha chose to move back to Edmonson County where they built a new home on Indian Creek Road. Written by *Marsha Dunn Madison*

MARY CHARLOTTE (FORD) DUNN

Mary Charlotte Ford was born Jan. 7, 1832 at "Point Retirement" the home of her parents, Dr. William Ford and Nancy Embry, at the Dripping Spring, Edmonson Co., KY. On Sept. 11, 1849 she was united in wedlock to Woodford Dunn who was born Jan. 18, 1824 at Smith's Grove, KY the son of William Dunn and his second wife Eliza T. Doyel. Their wedding daguerreotype is the earliest known photograph made in Edmonson County and is owned by their kinsman Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr. of Smith's Grove, KY.

In 1852 Mary Charlotte and Woodford purchased a fine brick home on the Upper Polkville Road that had been built in the 1820's by John Hendrick of Virginia. Here they remained until 1860 when they purchased her father's home "Point Retirement" from his estate. In 1868 they sold the property to the Palmore family of Hart Co., and at that time the Dunn's moved to Castalian Springs, Sumner Co., TN.



Woodford and Mary Charlotte Ford Dunn

They were the parents of the following children: William Henry who married Nannie Lee Mentlo; Luther Ford who married Martha W. Hall; Nancy Embry who married Milton Waller Chenault; Eliza Embry who married Eugene Collett; George H.; Artimissia who married her second cousin Carroll Clinton Collett, a brother of Eugene; Ermin Alice who married James Monroe Chenault and Billy Diamond, named after the circus clown Billy Diamond by his older brother George, who married first Nettie Foster and second Pearl Lee.

Artimissia Dunn and Clint Collett married Oct. 29, 1890 and lived at the Collett home on Bristow Lane near Bowling Green. He was born July 17, 1857 the son of Melville James Collett and his wife Mrs. Martha Farmer (Doyel) Boisseau. Martha and Eliza T., mother of Woodford Dunn, were half-sisters and were the daughters of John Doyel of Lexington, KY were settled in Warren Co., KY.

Clint and Mittie were the parents of three children: Mary Woodford 1893-1984; Luther Melville 1896-1966 who married Mabel Burton Bray and Eliza Embry 1898-1985. It was Eliza who carefully preserved many family mementoes including the mortar and pestle that once belonged to her great-grandfather, Dr. William Ford, of "Point Retirement" Dripping Spring, Edmonson Co., KY now in the possession of Joseph Stephen Hays of Smith's Grove, KY. Submitted by: *Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.*

JACOB DUVALL 1777-1856

Jacob's American ancestry began with his great-great grandfather Mareen Duvall who came to Maryland in 1650's from France. He was a conservative Jacobite or follower of James Stuart, the son of King Charles, II.

Mareen was brought into the Province by William Burgess and was indentured under John Covell. This period of service was completed July 25, 1659 and as a freeholder he was now entitled to 50 acres of land. He was a man of letters and had been educated in his native France. After coming to Maryland he became a member of the established church, The Church of England.

Circa 1673 he married Susannah Brasseur by whom he had six children. They lived at his South River Estate called "Middle Plantation" in Anne Arundel Co., MD and it was here that his son Mareen the Younger was born in 1680. At his father's death he inherited "The Plaines" of 300 acres on the Patuxent River.

On Oct. 21, 1701 he married Elizabeth the daughter of John and Mary (Cheney) Jacob and immediately moved to his estate in Prince Georges Co., MD. Here their son Jacob, the eighth of 11 children, was born in 1715. Jacob later married Mary Miles and removed to St. Mary's Co., MD.

John Miles Duvall, son of Jacob and Mary, was born in St. Mary's Parish and was there married to Ann Tarlton, a member of a prominent Roman Catholic family. This young couple were caught-up in the "Catholic migration to Kentucky". In 1785 they left for the wilds of Nelson Co., KY but an unfortunate accident left her a widow when he drowned enroute in the Potomac River.

The young widow continued her long journey with her children at her side. They settled in Nelson Co., KY where, in 1792, she married Benjamin Loan. Three years later her son Jacob, the subject of this sketch, was bound out to William Chinowith to learn a trade.

On June 22, 1802 Jacob married Elizabeth Ricketts a daughter of Peter and Mary Ricketts who later settled in Bullitt Co., KY. About 1824 they moved to what became, the next year, Edmonson County where they settled on Bear Creek near the Grayson County line. His brother John Lewis Duvall settled in Hardin County.

Jacob and Elizabeth had seven children all born in Nelson County. The eldest Mary "Polly" married Julian N. Phelps in 1829 a son of James and Nellie (Jones) Phelps of Green later Butler Co., KY.

Annifisah, their second child, married James S. Jones in 1829. The third child was William B. who married Sophia H. Meredith in 1839 and lived in Grayson County. Jonathan, child number four, married Nancy J. Ray in 1839 also moving to Grayson County.

Thomas, the fifth child, married Elizabeth French in 1843 the daughter of Elisha French and Jane Norris. The sixth child, Gabriel, married Ellen French, a sister of Elizabeth. The seventh and last child, Priscilla, married Robert French, a brother of Elizabeth and Ellen.

Jacob and Elizabeth were substantial middle class citizens of Edmonson County owning about $5,000 in real estate and two slaves at the time of his death in 1856. They were devoted members of the Roman Catholic Church at Sunfish leaving behind a noble legacy to their many descendents. Submitted by: *Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.*

JACOB M. DUVALL

Jacob M. Duvall was born in Edmonson County in April 1848. He was the third in a family of three boys and two girls born to Gabriel and Ellen French Duvall. Gabriel was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Duvall. He was 19 when he married Ellen French.

At the age of 30, Gabriel removed his family to Jasper Co., IL. Both he and his wife died there. After the death of their parents, the children were brought back to Edmonson County and were reared by their uncle, Thomas Duvall.

At the age of 21, Jacob started out on his own. He began farming and even taught several school terms. Jacob married Pattie Jones in February 1874. Pattie was also a native of Edmonson County. They were the parents of six children: Vitruly, Iduna, Ulysses, Cora, Bellmar and another daughter.

Jacob continued farming and at one time owned 600 acres. He also traded in stock, and was one of the most enterprising men of his community. He served a one year appointment as sheriff of Edmonson County. Jacob M. Duvall was politically affiliated with the Democratic party. *Rick Carroll*

PRISCILLA MEREDITH DUVALL

Priscilla Meredith was born in April of 1875, in Edmonson Co., KY. She was one of the children of Stroud (Jockey) and Elizabeth (Bett) Meredith.

Her paternal grandparents were Thomas and Jane Van Meter Meredith. Thomas was the son of Thomas and Rhoda Bales Meredith.



Back row: Porter, Jesse, Isaac. Front row: Annie, Richard Duvall (father), Floyd, Priscilla (mother), Abraham and Vira.

On June 15, 1871, Priscilla married Richard Duvall. He was born in May of 1866. He was the son of William and Sophia Meredith Duvall. His mother, Sophia, lived a long and full life dying at the age of 104. She was buried at the Fred Jake Cemetery in Bee Springs. Sophia's parents were Thomas Meredith I and Rhoda Bales.

Rich and Prissy made their home in the Jock Community near Nolin River. They had ten children: Jessie, Issac, Porter, Vira, Floyd, Alpha, Abraham, Annie, and Lessie. Rich had two children from a previous marriage. Alpha and Annie died when they were small children. Rich worked on the farm, and he also made ties for the railroad.

Prissy was a tall, slim woman with dark hair and eyes having a hint of Indian in her blood. She had knowledge of herbal and folk medicine. People would come to her when they were ill and needed medicine. She was a kind woman always helping those who needed care.

Rich died June 4, 1924. He is buried in the Van Meter Cemetery. Prissy died Apr. 15, 1953. She is also buried in the Van Meter Cemetery.

VERNON DWYER

Vernon Dwyer was born Sept. 16, 1926 in Edmonson Co., KY. He is the son of Dewey and Vera Willis Dwyer. The other children were Verena and Victor.

Vernon's paternal grandparents are Michael and Mary Hudson Dwyer. Michael came from Cork County Ireland in the 1860's.

Vernon's maternal grandparents are Jasper and Etta Hosey Willis.

In January of 1945 Vernon was drafted into the United States Army. After he completed his basic training he was sent overseas to Okinawa and Korea where he served until his discharge from the Army in 1947.

On May 19, 1951, Vernon was married to



Vernon Dwyer and Jane Dwyer

June Woosley. June was born May 23, 1931 in Edmonson Co., KY. She is the daughter of Claudius R. and Glida Tomes Woosley. June is the oldest of two daughters born to Claudius and Glida. Her sister Julia Ann was born in 1941.

June's paternal grandparents are Curtis and Bertie Miller Woosley. Her maternal grandparents are Mack and Ida Tomes.

June and Vernon both were graduated from Sunfish High School. Later they both attended Western Kentucky University where Vernon received his BA and MA degrees and June received her BA. They were teachers in Edmonson County school system until their retirement.

Vernon and June have three children, Michael, Virginia and Andrew. Also three grandchildren, Megan and Miranda Dwyer and Christopher Davis.

Vernon served as director of the Edmonson County Conservation District from 1986 until the present and also as a director of the Big Reedy Watershed Conservancy District since it was established and at present is serving as Chairman of the Directors.

Vernon and June live on their farm in the Big Reedy Community where they have lived since their marriage.

JAMES ALEXANDER EDWARDS

James Alexander Edwards was born Feb. 21, 1841. He is believed to have been born close to Park City in Edmonson County. He was the son of Dr. Hewey and Sarah Newman Edwards. On Jan. 26, 1867 he married Lucy Catherine Bohannon. To this union three children were born: Susie, Sarah Parrish and Hewey Bohannon. Lucy Catherine was the daughter of John Snead Bohannon.

James and Lucy made their home near Park City. After Lucy's death on Jan. 12, 1888, he married Rebecca Bohannon in October 1892, and moved to Hart County where he died on Sept. 13, 1923. He is buried in the Pearl Webb Cemetery at Canmer, KY.

For an undetermined period of time, James Alexander Edwards served as the Edmonson County School Commissioner.

ELMORE - LASHLEY

John Thomas Lashley II, son of John Thomas and Barbara Vincent Lashley married Cassie Jane Elmore daughter of Jesse and Edy Minerva Vincent Elmore. To this union was born nine children. 1. Lula b. Mar. 12, 1890 married John Browning. Their children are Nolan and Bonnie. 2. Lillie b. Sept. 27, 1892 married Andrew Vincent. Their children are Hobart, Gladys, Maggie and Roy. 3. Jesse b. Jan. 6, 1893 married Alice Elmore. They had two sons Leonard and Nonnie. 4. Johnnie married Jennie Skaggs and Mealie Miles. 5. Mishie married Leonard Meredith. Their children are Miles, Lily Mae, Roemer. 6. Miles b. Apr. 3, 1900 married Sylvia McGrew. Their children are Blanche, Willard, Virgie, Leroy and Earl. 7. Irvin b. Oct. 6, 1902 married Dorthy Bently. They had no children. 8. Elige b. Oct. 16, 1905 married Belva Key. Their children are Edgar, Melba, Charles, Gilbert, Jack, Howard, Catherine, Don and Janice. 9. Elmer b. May 29, 1912 married Ollie Logsdon.

John Thomas Lashley II was a native Edmonson countian fondly remembered to his friends as Blind Tom. He was blind at a very early age, unable to work. This may have contributed to his and Cassie's divorce. In his later years he lived from one child to the next. He was a very temperamental man given to moods, giving over to anger frequently. His religious ties are unknown by this granddaughter who loved him very much, and whom he spoiled at every opportunity. He was a thin frail man who enjoyed good health well into his nineties. His contributions to mankind were few except through a child's eyes. He was the center of my life.

John Thomas's brothers and sisters were as follows: Loan, Jake, Rube, Willis, Betty, Mary, Sarah. *Submitted by: Janice Miller,Bowling Green. Compiled by Betty Peger*

MARTY ELMORE

Marty Elmore was born May 2, 1962, at Glasgow, KY. He is the son of Buel and Carol Denham Elmore. Marty is the only son in a family of four children born to Buel and Carol. The other children are Leveda, born in 1963, Lerica, born in 1968, and Carmon, born in 1974.

Marty's paternal grandparents are Wilson and Sella Lindsey Elmore. Wilson is the son of John and Dovie Ellen Blanton Elmore. Sella Elmore is the daughter of James Calvin and Nora Blanton Lindsey.



Marty, Danita and Shane Elmore

Marty's maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Mary Ray Denham. Jimmy is the son of Richard Abraham and Lizzie Minyard Denham. Mary's parents are Sam and Corda Sego Ray. Jimmy died in November 1988.

On Oct. 30, 1981 Marty was married to Danita Doyel. Danita was born Sept. 10,

1962, in Warren Co., KY. She is the daughter of Donald and Betty Tittle Doyel. Danita is the youngest of two daughters born to Donald and Betty. Her sister, Donna, was born in 1961. Donald is a former judge/executive of Edmonson County.

Danita's paternal grandparents are the Rev. Willie and Leona Emerson Doyel, of the Rocky Hill Community. Her maternal grandparents are Roma and Marie Long Roundtree, of the Chalybeate community.

Marty and Danita both were graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1980. Danita attended Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green from 1980 to 1981.

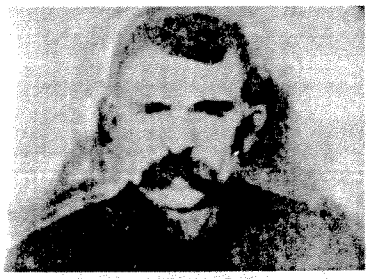
In November 1981, Marty enlisted with the United States Air Force. He was first stationed at San Antonio, TX. Later, Marty and Danita moved to Little Rock, AR, where Marty was stationed. While in Arkansas, Danita earned a Medical Administrative Assistant's degree from the Capital Center Business College in Little Rock. Marty and Danita have a daughter, Shana Marie, born Dec. 12, 1984.

Marty was discharged from active service in November 1985. That same month Marty, Danita and Shana returned to Edmonson County and made their home in the Capital Hill community.

JAMES A. FARRIS

James A. Farris was born on May 9, 1875, in Warren Co., KY. He was the son of Watson and Rachel Wilson Farris.

Watson was born about 1837 in Campbell Co., VA. His parents were William (Billy) Farris, born about 1791 in Virginia, and Susan Miller born about 1798 in Virginia.



James A. Farris

William and Susan are listed in the Edmonson Co., KY 1850 census. They have seven children listed: William (a laborer), Watson (laborer), Nancy (age nineteen), Susan, Francis, Leamon, and Nancy (age eight). William is listed as a farmer. His property and cash is valued at eight hundred dollars. All are from Virginia.

Watson married Rachel Wilson on Jan. 17, 1863. Rachel Wilson was born in the year 1845 in Warren Co., KY, the daughter of James Wilson. She was said to be part Cherokee Indian.

During the Civil War, Watson served as a Union soldier under Captain W.M R. Willis, Commander of Company "G", Eleventh Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. He mustered in Dec. 9, 1861, at Calhoon, KY, for a period of three years. He mustered out Dec. 17, 1864, at Bowling Green, KY.

Watson died in 1899 in Warren Co., KY.

James married Martha Ann Key on Aug. 25, 1897, in Edmonson Co., KY. Martha was born on Nov. 5, 1863, in Edmonson Co., KY. Her parents were Robert and Catherine Russell Key.

Robert Key was born on Feb. 5, 1824, in Tennessee. His parents were Richard and Martha Warden Vince Key. Robert died on May 11, 1902, in Edmonson Co., KY

Catherine Russell Key was born June 5, 1823, in Tennessee. Her parents were James Noah Russell, born about 1783 in North Carolina, and Sarah Haycock, born about 1794 in North Carolina. Catherine Russell Key died July 4, 1897, in Edmonson Co., KY.

James and Martha Ann made their home in Grayson County. They had three children: Amanda Gipsy, Catherine, and James Calvin.

James died Nov. 23, 1954, in Grayson County. Martha Ann died Jan. 1, 1950, in Grayson County. Both are buried in the family cemetery off Dickey's Mill Road in Grayson Co., KY. By *Donna Brooks*

MARY ELLEN FERGUSON

Mary Ellen Serviss was born in Cherokee Co., SC Sept. 22, 1830. Very little is known about her early life until her marriage to Hugh Ferguson in Haversham Co., GA in 1853. At that time she had a small daughter named Mildred who remained with the Serviss family near Spartenburg, SC.

Hugh and Mary Ellen Ferguson had the following children: Margaret who married John L. Smith, John who married Margaret Smith (sister of John L.), Thomas who married Lida Campbell, Fletcher who married Rebecca Stice, William who never married and Hamilton who married Dorthula Stice (sister of Rebecca). The family lived on a farm in Haversham Co., GA at the outbreak of the Civil War. Mary Ellen was left to run the farm and look after six small children when Hugh left to join the Union Forces in Tennessee and Kentucky. When the northern part of Georgia was almost completely destroyed by the Union Army, Mary Ellen took her family by wagon to Clinton Co., KY where relatives had been living for several years. Hugh died in 1865 after the war was over but before he could rejoin his family.

Mary Ellen moved her family to Edmonson County a few years later and settled on a farm on Beaver Dam Creek just south of the Rhoda community. By this time the older children were young teenagers who helped operate the farm. She was an active member of Silent Grove Baptist Church and was a respected citizen and neighbor in the community. From all accounts she managed her farm as well as most men and reared her children with high moral and Christian values. She, like many other pioneer type women who were widowed by the Civil War, rose to the occasion with great strength of character and raised her family single-handedly.

Mary Ellen died in 1903 and is buried in the Silent Grove graveyard, surviving her husband by almost forty years.

DR. DECATUR JOHN LEANDER FORD

Dr. Decatur John Leander Ford was born in 1816 in Munfordville, KY the son of Dr. William Ford and his first wife Ann Murphy. He was named after Commodore Stephen Decatur and his grandfathers' John Ford, Jr. and Leander Murphy. He was educated as a medical doctor and began his practice in Chariton Co., MO. He married first Lucy Ann Quinsenberry, a daughter of Nicholas Quinsenberry, and they were the parents of Mitchell; Sarah Ann who married Richard A. Crump; William Nicholas; Catherine who married first William Quates and second Dr. R.M. Davey; Silas who married several times and John Leander.

In 1851 he married Rebecca Burris Vertrees 1821-1898 the daughter of Jacob Vertrees and Catherine Davis. Their children were: Delaware R.; Cora H. who married J.F. Walker; Woodford Harding who married Katie Ann Morris; Robert and Susan Elizabeth who married Thomas Mills Shader.



Dr. Decatur John Leander Ford

By 1847 Dr. D.J.L. Ford had returned to Edmonson County living on the L. & N. Pike until 1851 when he moved to Brownsville. He built a saw and grist mill in 1855 on the hill where the canning factory was. The year before he traveled to Cleveland, OH where he bought the mill and burrs, having it floated on flat boat down the Ohio and Green Rivers to Brownsville which required 45 days. Mr. Barrett was sent to install the mill.

When the Louisville and Nashville Railroad was put through in 1857 Dr. Ford furnished the lumber to build the first depot at Rocky Hill Station. It was delivered by ox teams driven by Riley Rich. During this period he was County Clerk of Edmonson County.

During the War Between The States he served as surgeon under General John Bell Hood and in 1862 followed the army into the Tennessee campaign. At that time he sold his mill to John W. Bailey who soon moved it to another location. After the war he moved his family to Smith's Grove. The carte de visite likeness of Dr. D.J.L. Ford was made in 1866 by Capt. Clement Reeves Edwards of Bowling Green and is from the collection of Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr. of Smith's Grove.

Circa 1870 Dr. Ford moved to Rocky Hill Station where he lived out the remainder of

his life, dying there in 1894. Again in his old age he was elected County Clerk of Edmonson County. Rebecca died in 1898 and was buried in the Smith's Grove Cemetery beside her husband. *Submited by: Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.*

DR. WILLIAM FORD

Dr. William Ford was born near Raleigh, NC June 6, 1794 the son of John Ford, Jr. and his first wife Mary Cornell, natives of Fairfax Co., VA. John, Jr. was a son of John Ford, Sr., MD., a soldier of the Revolutionary War who served in the 3rd. NC regiment, and his wife Rachel Brooks Spencer who had moved from Virginia to Spartanburg Co., SC and later to Wake Co., NC. In 1796 John, Sr. and his second wife Catherine Garace, with other family members, moved to Eminence, Shelby Co., KY. His parents, Thomas Ford and Jane Melstead, lived out their lives in Fairfax Co., VA.

John Jr. moved form Shelby Co. to Daviess Co. in 1832 settling on North Panther Creek near the community of Boston where he died three years later. His son William was a medical doctor and began practicing at Munfordville, KY. He married first Ann Murphy 1799-1819 a daughter of Leander Murphy of Spencer Co., KY. Their only child was Dr. Decatur John Leander Ford 1816-1851, a daughter of Nicholas Quisenberry. His second wife was Rebecca Burris Vertrees 1821-1898 the daughter of Jacob Vertrees and Catherine Davis.



Dr. William Ford

Dr. William Ford moved to the Dripping Spring in Edmonson Co., KY where he built a Federal style brick residence which he named "Point Retirement" in 1828 on the Louisville Road. Today it is the only remaining brick ante-bellum house in the county. Due to his strong religious convictions led Dr. William to become a Baptist preacher and gave in 1830 the land for the new Dripping Spring Baptist Church. He and John White were the prime movers in the building of this church. Under the preaching of the Rev. Alexander Campbell, Dr. Ford joined the Christian Church and continued in that denomination as a preacher.

In the 1830's Dr. Ford began developing the Chalybeate Spring and built there a large hotel. This resort operated well into the twentieth century. He was one of the most affluent citizens in ante-bellum Edmonson County and by 1860 was the owner of 20 slaves.

On Apr. 17, 1820 he married Nancy Embry 1799-1854 the daughter of Henry Embry and Ann Patterson of Green Co., KY. Their twelve children were: Elizabeth Ann who married Dr. John Sweeney; Ermin Artimissia who died young; Luther R. who married Frances L. Barrett; William Covington, a Confederate soldier and attorney; Henry Embry was in confederate service; Nancy Patterson who married H. Tandy Arnold; Mary Charlotte who married Woodford Dunn; John Minor who died as a young man; Martha Jane who married Dr. Woodford Mitchell Vertrees; Ellen Alice who married Lewis Dunn Shobe; Ermin Artimissia, II who married Wilbur F. Moore and Christopher Columbus who married Ruth Pride.

Dr. Ford married a third wife, Susan Ann Kirtley, and one surviving child, Richard Ella 1858-1951 who married Oct. 28, 1879 Luther M. Shobe.Submitted by: Kenneth C. *Thomson, Jr.*

WOODFORD HARDING FORD

Woodford Harding Ford was born Feb. 24, 1857 in a log house in Brownsville, KY the son of Dr. Decatur John Leander Ford and his second wife Rebecca Burris Vertrees. He was the grandson of Dr. William Ford and his first wife Ann Murphy, and of Jacob Vertrees and his wife Catherine Davis.

On Oct. 20, 1881 Woodford married Katie Ann Morris the daughter of Mason Morris of Edmonson Co., KY. He and Katie owned many parcels of real estate in Rocky Hill and in Edmonson County. They loaned money to farmers and if they could not repay the loan their farms were taken as payment.



Woodford Harding Ford and wife Katie Ann Morris

Woodford was a man of many interests. He owned the drug store and was the pharmacist. For many years he was postmaster, station agent and telegraph operator at Rocky Hill Station. He was half owner of Ford and Sturgeon General Merchandise, owned a printing business, constructed roads, bought up oil leases, manufactured chewing gum and sold ice in the summers that he had cut off ponds in the previous winter. Later in life he purchased rabbits, hams and eggs from others in the community and then sold these items to processors in Louisville.

Upon retirement from the Louisville and Nashville Railroad he refused his pension fearing that it would shorten his life. He was a Mason, a Methodist and a life long Democrat. His wife, Katie, converted their home into the Ford Hotel which was considered THE PLACE to stay at Rocky Hill by traveling drummers.

Quaites Bronson Ford, son of Woodford H. and Katie Morris, was born Sept. 2, 1882 and died Feb. 5, 1981. He married Lura Mae Spradling Jan. 30, 1905, the daughter of John Smith Spradling and Nancy Dora Wright. She was born Nov. 7, 1885 and died May 29, 1961. Q.B. owned the Ford Printing Company and was, as his father, station agent and telegraph operator for many years. He was also a Methodist, a Democrat and a 73 year member of the Masonic Order.

Lura had been a school teacher before her marriage; in those days many school systems did not allow married women to teach. She was a devout member of the Baptist Church. Their daughter Grace Dean was born Sept. 6, 1910 married first Charles Graham Madison Dec.20, 1928 a son of George Madison and Kate Logan; she married second William Ellsworth Madison Jan.12, 1935 a son of Milton Madison and Floss Hulsey. Her daughter, Dorothy, by William, was born Dec. 30, 1935 married first Narvil Davis by whom she had Rondall born Feb. 1, 1956 and Billy born Mar. 18, 1975. She married second Dorse Anthony Parker.

The photo of Woodford Harding Ford was furnished by Grace Dean who has also contributed much of the data on the Ford family. *Submitted by: Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.*

LENORE LOUISE MITCHELL FRENCH



Louise Mitchell French

Lenore Louise wed Edwin French of Vermont. Louise attended Kyrock High School and graduated from Bowling Green High School and WKTC. Louise taught many years in New England. Louise has two children Edwin Joseph a professional photographer, and Martha a public school teacher.

(WKTC) is presently Western Kentucky University. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

JAMES B. "DOC" GAINES

James B. "Doc" Gaines was born in England on Nov. 29, 1815. His granddaughter said he used to tell her mother of how the house servants and maids in England used to carry him around when he was so big his legs would almost drag the ground. While still a young man of about 18 he came from England to America and lived for a while at Lexington, KY.




James B. and Rosanna Conway Gaines

@ 1843 he married Henrietta. They were the parents of Julius A. b. @ 1844; Francis Marion B. @ 1845; Sarah Ann b. @ 1848 and Mary J. b. March 1850. Henrietta's family lived in Missouri. After Henrietta died "Doc" married on Mar. 3, 1857 in Butler Co. Rosannah (Conway) Jones (b.May 3, 1822 d. Sept. 26, 1904) widow of Josiah Jones (b. June 22, 1823). Rosannah was the daughter of Thomas (b. Virginia) and Elizabeth (Oliphant) Conway. (They were m. Mar. 30, 1802 in Warren Co., KY). Her grandparents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Mauzy) Markham Conway and Obidiah & Mary Oliphant. When Rosannah was only seven, her father was killed in the construction of the Portland Canal in Louisville, KY. Her grandfather, Thomas Conway, was a celebrated Indian fighter. On Feb. 9, 1843 in Butler Co., KY Rosannah married Josiah Jones and had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Jones (b. Sept. 25, 1847 d. Mar. 7, 1934), who married Daniel Allen. Rosannah's brothers and sisters were; Rohda (b. Sept. 13, 1805 d. Nov. 22, 1857) she married ( ) Jones.; William F. (b. Oct. 18,1807 d. Feb. 4, 1890) he married Sept. 15, 1837 Mary Embry (b. May 16, 1820 d. June 16, 1886) she was the dau. of Issac Embry.; Thomas (b. Oct. 16, 1816 d. Nov. 25, 1905) he married July 1840 Mary "Polly" Ann Jones (Oct. 24, 1825 d. Feb. 9, 1907) dau. of Mose E. and Honor (Painter) Jones; Rachael (b. @1820 d. 187-) she married Feb. 8, 1841 Isaac Jones (Nov. 8, 1820) d. Apr. 20, 1894) son of Moses E. and Honor (Painter) Jones.

"Doc" Gaines and Rosannah were the parents of: Victoria B.(b. 1862 d. Oct. 26, 1903) she married May 17, 1855 Charles Simpson ( ); Alice Cordelia (b.Jan. 9, 1870 in Grayson Co. d. 1947) she married Jan. 2, 1893 (in Butler Co.) Otis A.B. Conway (b. @1871) son of John N. (Jan. 6, 1841 d. Nov. 15, 1924) and Annie (Jones) Conway (b.July 23, 1847 d. June 7, 1914). Otis died and Alice married Apr. 18, 1897 (in Edmonson Co.) William Tandy "Bill" Davis (b. Jan. 2, 1875 d. 1938). He was the son of John White (b. July 18, 1842 d. Jan. 1, 1909) and Mary "Polly" (Hazelip) Davis (b. Oct. 19, 1841 d. Sept. 3, 1904).

James B. Gaines was a physician. He would go around on horseback doctoring and most of the time the only pay he would receive, if any, would be potatoes, eggs or what ever the people had to give. "Doc" Gaines died on Aug. 7, 1892 and is buried in the Hunts Cemetery at Roundhill in Edmonson Co. He is buried by his daughter. Mary J. Rosannah is buried at Roundhill in the Threlkel Cemetery (in Butler Co.) in an unmarked grave by the side of her sister Rhody Jones.

SAMUEL THOMAS GIBSON

Sam (nicknamed Bunkum) was one of eight children, all born in Edmonson County, of Thomas Riley Gibson (Gipson) and Sarah Blair (daughter of James and Mary Lee Blair). Sam's brothers and sisters were Mary (m. Ernest Williams), Margaret or Mattie (m. John Skaggs), Josephine or Phenie (m. Thomas Hagan), Joseph (m. Mary Skaggs), Emma (m. William Roundtree), John (m. Martha Blair) and Willie who died in childhood.

Sam's father, Riley, was a Civil War veteran. And it was during his time in the service that the spelling of his last name changed from Gipson to Gibson. Probably, in order to receive his pension and avoid the government's red tape, Riley did not contest the change. After that Riley's decedents used Gibson and his brothers remained with the original spelling of Gipson.



The Samuel Gibson Family. Back row: George Lindsey, Lena, Willie, John, Ellen. Middle row: Ora, Kitty. Front row: Sarah Blair Gibson, Lula, Samuel Gibson, Lonnie. Lula is holding Thomas. Photo was taken in the fall of 1917 by Jess Cole at the Walker Ray place in Edmonson County.

Very little is known for certain about Riley's parents. His mother was Nancy Johns and two documents indicate his father was Harris Gipson who died in Warren County in 1858. Records show that both were born in Kentucky. Nancy remarried in 1864 to Issac Blair.

Riley farmed about 60 acres near Pig, in Edmonson County, until his death in 1898. Death came quickly from a falling limb as he walked beneath a large tree on his farm. After her husbands death, Sarah lived with her son, Sam, until her death in 1919.

Sam and Lula were married in Edmonson County on Aug. 15, 1897. He was 28 years old and she was 14. Lula's father, John did not want Sam courting his daughter. So Sam wrote notes and had her mother, Sarah Jane Colbert Hagan, deliver them to her secretly.

Sam and Lula had nine children: Lena (1899-) m. George Lindsey, Willie (1901-1986) m. Marion Brown, John (1904-1968) m. Kate Stice, Ellen (1906-1971) m. Harris Rodgers, Ora (1909-) m. Arlo Pepple, Kitty (1911-1976) m. Arthur Wells, Lonnie (1913-1982) m. Mary Ditmar, Thomas (1916-) m. Agatha Ditmar, and Noah (1918-1983) m. Martha Slaughter.

Sam and Lula moved to Saline Co., IL in 1901 but remained there for only a year or two before returning to Edmonson County. Never owning his own land, Sam supported his large family by raising tobacco, corn and sugar cane as a tennet farmer. He also hewed railroad ties and delivered them by wagon to Rocky Hill for the L. & N. Railroad.

Sam remained in Kentucky six years after Lula died in 1921. In March 1927, Sam and his six unmarried children packed their few belongings in a truck and made a cold journey north to Noble Co., IN. He lived in and around the Fort Wayne area many years before his death in 1961 at the age of 93. Sam and Lula, along with his parents, are buried in the Lambert Cemetery.

Sam's oldest daughter, Lena Lindsey, though very ill at this time, still lives in the Rhoda. Two other children, Ora and Thomas, live just outside Fort Wayne. *Junie Gibson Reed*

JIM GIPSON

James "Jim" Walker Gipson was born July 2, 1882, in Edmonson County. He was the son of Green F. "Worth" and Mary Eliza Blair Gipson. Worth was the son of Harrison and Nancy Johns Gipson. Mary Eliza was the daughter of David H. and Elizabeth Sanders Blair.

In a double ceremony on Apr. 5, 1906, Jim married Meedie Merideth. The other couple married that day was Myrtle Merideth, Meedie's sister, and Overt Richards. Uncle Bowling Sanders married Jim and Meedie; and the Rev. Alfred Cooper married Overt and Myrtle. The couples were married at the home of the brides' parents, William Orse and Ollie Minyard Merideth. It was long-called the Uncle Garret Davis farm, located just across the river from Mammoth Cave.



Jim and Meedie Gipson

Orse and Ollie traveled to Stockholm to purchase drygoods for the bridal dresses. They were made of white peca that cost twelve cents a yard, and seven yards were required for each skirt, which dragged the floor all around. Orse Merideth bought his daughters wedding shoes at Elko; hightop shoes which cost $1.25 a pair. Their hosiery cost ten cents a pair. Ollie and Pernie Blair made the dresses.

Jim and Meedie were the parents of five children: 1. Nomis born Jan. 27, 1907; married Clifton Davis; 2. Grover Evert born Feb. 20, 1910, died 1985, married Jewell Minyard; 3. Vergil Walker (twin) born Aug.

12, 1912, married Leone Campbell; 4. William Verbil (twin) born Aug. 12, 1912, married (1) Agnes Howard; 5. Lawrence Woodrow born May 14, 1920, married Ruth Beckner

After a lengthy illness, Jim died at his home in the New Grove community on Dec. 9, 1973. Meedie died Oct. 26, 1977. They are buried in the Hawkins Cemetery.

VERGIL W. GIPSON

Vergil Walker Gipson was born Aug. 12, 1912, in Edmonson County. At the time of his birth, his parents, Jim and Meedie Merideth Gipson, lived below the Good Spring community at the mouth of Buffalo Creek. This area is now part of Mammoth Cave National Park. Vergil was one of five children, namely, Nomis, Verbil, Lawrence and Grover. Vergil and Verbil were twins, with Vergil being born first.

Vergil began his formal education at the Corner School. Roy Davis was his first teacher here. Vergil also attended school at Rocky Hill and part of two years at Chalybeate High School. He left school in order to help out at home.



Vergil and Leone Gipson

In 1936, he began courting Miss Leone Campbell, daughter of the Rev. Gordon and Marie Lindsey Campbell. Leone was born May 24, 1919 in the Oak Grove community. Leone walked four miles a day to attend school at Oak Grove. Her first teacher was John Cayton. While her parents managed the hotel at Natural Rock, Leone attended school at Blanton. She was graduated from Brownsville High School in 1941.

Vergil and Leone were married Oct. 31, 1941 by the Rev. Johnnie Jones. On Mar. 1, 1945, they became the parents of a daughter, Bonnie Jo. She was born at home in Brownsville. The house still stands and is the former office of the school superintendent. Dr. Pew was Leone's physician.

Vergil worked for and retired in 1977 from the Kentucky Highway Department. He stayed retired from public work for five years until, in 1982, at the age of 70, he went back to full-time work at Harris Lumber Company in Bowling Green. He was previously employed there for some years in the 1960's. Vergil continued working full-time until April 1988. After a six-week bout with phlebitis, he passed away on May 26, 1988. He is buried in the Hawkins Cemetery.

Vergil never achieved fame or fortune, but his name was spoken in high regard and respect. He was thankful and proud that he was allowed to work at a public job at his age. When he was compared to men 40 to 50 years his junior and how much more work he could do than them he was heard to remark "Well, people know big wood from kindling." When Vergil died, he took so many of the "old timer's" qualities that people today would do well to attain. His word was his bond. He was a member of the Joppa Baptist Church.

Leone still makes her home in the Chalybate Community. *Ricky L. Carroll*

WORTH GIPSON

Green F. "Worth" Gipson was born Mar. 13, 1850, in Edmonson County. He was the son of Harrison and Nancy Johns Gipson. Harris Gipson was born in 1821. He married Nancy Johns Dec. 31, 1839, in Barren County. Nancy was also born in 1821. She was probably the daughter of Russell Johns. After Harris' death, sometime between 1859 and 1860, Nancy married Issac Blair.

Harris Gipson was the son of Abraham Gipson, born between 1780 and 1790. Abraham was married to Sally Ussery on Oct. 16, 1811, in Barren County. After Sally's death, he married Elizabeth MacCombs on Mar. 6, 1841, in Barren County. Abraham Gipson died before 1850.



Eliza Blair Gipson

Abraham Gipson was the son of Jacob and Mary Box Gipson. Jacob was born in Prince William Co., VA in 1756. He served during the Revolutionary War in the Virginia Line of Fauquier County. Jacob and Mary were married on Sept. 2, 1784, in Lawrence Co., SC. Mary was born Nov. 9, 1762. Jacob Gipson died Feb. 8, 1839, in Barren County. Mary Gipson died Aug. 11, 1841, at the home of her grandson, Harrison Gipson.

Worth Gipson married Mary Eliza Blair Jan. 23, 1868, in Edmonson County. Eliza was born July 3, 1844. Her parents were David H. and Elizabeth Sanders Blair. Elizabeth Blair was the daughter of John Swadden and Martha Dougherty Sanders.

Worth and Eliza were the parents of seven children. They were: 1) Janie b. Jan. 31, 1869, d. Nov. 24, 1943, married Joe Hogan; 2) Amanda b. Sept. 23, 1870 d. May 13, 1872; 3) Belle b. Feb. 23, 1874 d. Dec. 19, 1962, married Mitch Sanders; 4) Lusetty b. Dec. 2, 1875 d. Aug. 15,1956, married Henry Sanders; 5) Harve b. Dec. 8, 1877 d. Nov. 19, 1966, married (1) Ruby Self (2) Iva Logsdon Waddell; 6) James Walker b. July 2, 1882 d. Dec. 9, 1973, married Meedie Merideth; 7) Debbie b. Aug. 7, 1885 d. Oct. 9, 1964, married Ranzo Merideth.

Worth Gipson died of paralysis on Jan. 14, 1922. Two days later his body was buried in the Good Spring Cemetery; C.S. Johnson was the undertaker.

After selling her home to the government, Eliza was forced to move out. She moved to Hart County where she made her home mostly with her youngest daughter, Debbie Merideth. Eliza Gipson died of bronchial pneumonia on Mar. 19, 1939. The CCC boys of Camp No. 4 assisted in preparing the grave next to her husband. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Joe Elmore. At the time of her death, Eliza was a member of the Sand Spring Baptist Church. *Ricky Carroll*

ALVIN MCKINLEY GOINS

Alvin McKinley Goins was born May 26, 1896 in Grayson Co., KY. His parents were Winfield Scott and Edith Helen Jackson Goins. His brothers and sisters were Richard, Artie Mae, Dale, Minnie, Bert, David. Al had a twin sister, Alice, who died at the age of three.

His paternal grandparents were James John and Mary Day Goins. They were from Gallatin Co., KY. They were of Scot-Irish descent.



Alvin and Vina Goins

Al's maternal grandparents were Riley and Helen Castile Jackson. Riley Jackson's mother was a McCollins.

Alvin M. Goins married Vina Hunt on Jan. 21, 1920. Vina was born Feb. 20, 1901, in Edmonson County. Her parents were John Henry and Maggie Rea Van Meter Hunt.

Her paternal grandparents were John Thomas and Rhoda Meredith Hunt. John T. Hunt was born in Monroe County. His parents were born in Jefferson Co., TN. Rhoda was the daughter of Miles and Tabitha Bich Meredith.

Vina's maternal grandparents were Dick (Decator) and Martha Ann Duvall Van Meter. Dick was a son of Thomas and Lydia Brooks Van Meter. Martha Ann was a daughter of William (Billy) and Sophia Meredith Duvall.

Al and Vina bought their farm from his father, Winfield Goins, on May 1, 1923. There they raised eight children, David (died in infancy), Wonetta, Elmer (died May 16, 1956, in a car accident), Mary Wilson, Dinah Woodall (moved to Alabama), Troy, Joe, and Charles.

Al was a carpenter by trade and held a public job away from home. Vina was a housewife. Her and the children made molasses and kraut which they sold. The kraut sold for 25 cents a gallon.

Al and Vina were charter members of Jock United Baptist Church, and Al was a Deacon. They raised their children in a Christian home with lots of love. Their home was a special place for everyone who stopped for a visit. There a person could find music, food, love, and talk of the Lord.

Al had a stroke about 1975 and was partially disabled until his death. He died at home on Feb. 13, 1983. He was buried at Jock.

Vina lost her eyesight to cataracts about 1971 and was blind for 11 years. She had eye surgery to remove them in 1982 shortly before Al's death and regained her sight. She died on Aug. 20, 1984, at her daughter, Mary Wilson's home. She is also buried at Jock.

Al and Vina have fourteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. *By: Wonetta Goins and Mary Wilson*

WINFIELD SCOTT GOINS

Winfield Scott Goins was born Apr. 22, 1855. His parents were James John and Mary Day Goins. John and Mary were from Gallatin Co., KY. They were of Scot-Irish descent. Winfield had one brother named John.

When the boys were young, James John Goins died in an accident at a sawmill. The children were separated. The Goins' family raised Winfield, and the Day's raised John.



Winfield and Edith Goins

At the age of seventeen in Carrollton, KY, Winfield married Edith Helen Jackson who was also seventeen. Edith Helen Jackson was born March 17, 1855. Her parents were Riley and Helen Castile Jackson. Riley Jackson's mother was a McCollins.

Winfield and Edith had the following eight children: Richard, Artie Mae, Dale, Minnie,Bert, David, Alice and Alvin (twins). Alice died at the age of three.

Winfield Scott Goins moved his family from Carrollton, KY by covered wagon. On the journey, they stopped at Big Clifty and spent the night sleeping under a bluff where the railroad bridge stands today. They finally settled at South Union in Grayson Co., KY. After several years in South Union, he sold his farm and bought a flour mill in the Bee Springs Community in Edmonson County. He then sold the flour mill and bought a farm from Sam Willis and Stroud Meredith in the Jock Community about 1912.

At the farm in Jock, Winfield's brother John came for a visit. They had not seen each other since childhood when their father died. Having been raised by different families, they had no similarities. John danced and played the fiddle. Winfield was very religious. They could not agree on politics or religion, so John left. He went to Tennessee, married, and raised his family.

On May 1, 1923, Alvin, his son, bought the farm. Winfield and his wife Edith lived with Al and Vina until Edith got sick. She then went to stay with her daughter, Mae, who lived at Clarkson in Grayson County.

Edith Helen Goins died Feb. 9, 1928, at her daughter's home in Clarkson. She is buried at the Clarkson Cemetery.

Winfield Scott Goins continued to live with Al and Vina on the farm. He died Oct. 17, 1932. His body was carried by a team of mules and a wagon to the Grayson-Edmonson county line where it was transferred to a pickup and then taken to Clarkson. He was buried at the Clarkson Cemetery with his wife. *By Wonetta Goins and Mary Wilson*

GRANT - HAYES

Ishmael Grant was born in Grayson County on April 22, 1918. The son of George Grant, born on July 4, 1881 in Grayson County who died on Jan. 12, 1970 at Grayson County Hospital in Leitchfield. His mother was Eva Frances Pierce, born Oct. 1, 1894, in Hart County. She died Aug. 16, 1976. His paternal grandparents were Joseph Grant and John Thomas Pierce. Maternal grandparents were Ellen Pierce Grand and Catherine Darbin Pierce of Dog Creek in Edmonson County.

On May 8, 1948, Ishmael Grant and Catherine Hayes of Sunfish were married at St. John's Catholic Church at Sunfish. Catherine was the daughter of Emmett and Hattie Bright Hayes. She was born on Jan. 16, 1919 at Fancy Farm, Graves Co., KY.



Ishmael and Catherine Grant

After their marriage they moved near Leitchfield, KY where they owned farms. Catherine worked 20 years at Grayson Manor Nursing Home at Leitchfield and retired after 20 years as an employee.

All her brothers and sisters went to Sunfish School. She graduated in the Sunfish Class of 1938.

Catherine was the eldest of ten children. Eight are still living. Two died in infancy. Five are graduates of Sunfish High School and two from St. John's Catholic School at Sunfish.

Maude has her family in Milligan, NB. Lillian in Salem, IL. Vera in Louisville, Edith and Alberta in Salem, IN. Chester in Henryville, IN and Catherine in Leitchfield, KY. Warren still lives on the farm at Huff, KY. *Catherine Grant*

GRAVIL

The Gravil Family of Edmonson County descend from John Graville/Grable/Gravil. He was born about 1770-1775, possibly in Virginia. The family is of German origin. John married Christiana Florough (or Flora) in Wythe Co., VA on Feb. 21, 1793. Before coming to Warren Co., KY in 1807, John and Christiana lived for a brief time in Mercer Co., KY. They were parents to at least five children; 1) David b. 1793 Wythe Co., VA and married Sally Certner in Warren Co. in 1816. He lived most of his life in Warren County and died there on Mar. 24, 1854 and was buried in the family cemetery on his farm. 2) Caty(Cathy) b. ca/1795 Wythe Co., VA. She married Jonathan Wilson of Warren County in 1815 and died about 1820-1821. 3) Isaac b. ca/1797 Virginia, married Mary (or Polly) Roads/Rodes in 1821 Warren County. 4) William Born 1802 Mercer Co., KY never married? died in 1850's. 5) Margaret b. ca/1807 in Warren or Butler Co. She married Charles Holder in 1826 (Warren County).

Issac Gravil, son of John and Christiana, is the direct ancestor of most Edmonson County Gravils. His wife, Mary (or Polly) Roads/Rodes was born about 1802 in Virginia. Isaac lived in Butler County in the 1820's. His first appearance in Edmonson County was on its 1830 Census and 1830 tax list. From that time until 1859 he resided and reared his family in Edmonson County. The children of Isaac and Mary are: 1) Margaret A. born ca/1823 and never married. 2) John H. born 1824, married Mary Ann (or Polly) Music in 1842. 3) ? (male) b. ca/1825-1830. 4) Elizabeth A. born 1832, married Burrell Massey in 1862. 5) Sarah J. born 1836, married Burrell Massey in 1872. 6) Catherine M. born ca? 1837, married Robert Miller in 1863. 7) William A "Pete" born ca/1840, married Sarah A. Self in 1865. 8) Mary Jane born 1841, married Samuel E. Wilson in 1868. 9) Emeline born 1845, married Rumsey I Wingfield in 1861. 10) Paradine born 1848. 11) Bedford A. born 1848? 12) Isaac D. born 1849.

The death date of Isaac Gravil was around 1860. His wife was still living in 1880 but may have died soon after.

John H. Gravil was the eldest son of Isaac. He was born in 1824 and married Mary Ann (or Polly) Music in 1842. By 1850, John and Mary had two sons- James M. (born 184) and Calvin S. (born 1850). In 1860 John H. Gravil had disappeared-as well as the two sons. His wife and her two daughters were living by themselves. The girls were; Elizabeth A. (born 1854) and Sarah Jane (b. 1857). What became of John H. and his two sons is still a mystery. Elizabeth and Sarah Jane were

reared by H.J. 'Uncle Jack" and Elizabeth Amos in Warren County. The mother was living in Butler County in 1870. Elizabeth A (Betty) married Lewis Hurst first and later married James A. Whalin of Warren County. She had a daughter-Nettie, from her first marriage and three children (Hilbert, Louie and Mildred) by Mr. Whalin. She died in 1924. Her sister, Sarah Jane married Loring Arnold in Warren County in 1877. They had six children; Lizzie, Walt, Dora, Josie, Ollie and L.P. Sarah Jane Gravil Arnold died on Aug. 20, 1940 and was buried at Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ Cemetery in Warren County (as well as her sister Elizabeth A.) Loring and Sarah Jane Gravil Arnold are the maternal Great grandparents of Lloyd M. Raymer of the Anna Community in Warren County (and the grandson of Dora Arnold Doolin.)

GUESS

In 1800 Moses Guess was born in NC. His family migrated south and ca. 1822 he married Elizabeth —?—. Their first son, Samuel was born 1824 in Alabama. William Carroll their second son was possibly born there also.

Prior to 1830 Moses and family went to Edmonson Co., KY where his next child was born. Moses, wife, and five children, and one older male was on the 1830 Edmonson Co., KY census.

Moses bought land in Edmonson in 1836, in 1839 he sold this land and moved to Hart Co., KY. In 1843 Moses was on the Hart County tax list. In 1848 he moved back to Edmonson and was on the Edmonson tax list for 1848.

In 1850 Moses, wife, and eight children were on Edmonson Co. census. After this Moses apparently died because his widow is on the 1860 Edmonson census with a daughter, unmarried and four grandchildren. Later, Elizabeth buys 90 more acres of land in Edmonson Co.

Moses and Elizabeth's children were: 1) Samuel born 1824 md. Elizabeth Lindsey dau. of Haten Lindsey of Edmonson. 2) William Carroll born 1827 md. Elizabeth Davis Feb. 22, 1847. 3) Benjamin F. born 1829 md. Lucretia Moore Apr. 12, 1850 dau. of John and Sarah. 4) Mary Jane born 1830, single. 5) Nancy born 1832. 6) Margaret Elizabeth born 1835 md. (1) William Houchins 1-24-1854 Edmonson Co. (2) Alexander Webb Sept. 3, 1860 Edmonson Co. Alexander was previously md. to Jane Blair and had four children by her. 7) Susan Catherine born 1836 md. James W. Raymer of Tennessee. 8) Francis Paradine born 1838 md. Jesse C. Rigdon, son of John and Nancy Rigdon July 11, 1866. 9) John H.M. born 1838 md. Elizabeth Page, later moved to Breckinridge Co. 10)Moses Washington born 1845.

In 1857 Mary Jane joined the Good Hope Spring Church of Barren Co., KY. In 1858 William Carroll and Francis Paradine joined the same church.

Sometime prior to 1845 Samuel and Elizabeth Lindsey were married. Their children were: 1) Margaret born 1845 md. John M. Webb of Edmonson Co. 2) William born 1847 md. (1) Martha Garner Jan. 15, 1872. They had a son Alford E. Guess born January 1848 in Edmonson Co. Md. Elizabeth Jane Lee dau. of John and Elizabeth Lee of Edmonson Co.

Samuel and family appear on 1846 Hart Co., KY tax list and then on 1850 Grayson Co., KY census. Here Samuel and wife start missing, but son William is living with grandparents, Haten Lindsey on the 1860 Edmonson census Zack is living with his Aunt Margaret E. Webb on the 1860 Edmonson census. Margaret and John Webb are already married at this time. On Oct. 29, 1871 Zack married Elizabeth Jane Lee and moves to Warren Co., KY where he is on the 1880 Warren census with wife and two children.

Zack's children were; 1) William Henry born April 1874 md. Minnie Houckenberry Sept. 10, 1896. 2) Robert Andrew born May 1877 md. Martha Milam dau. of Solomen Newton and Elizabeth Ann Douglas Milam of Edmonson. 3) Susan A. born 1878. 4) Maria Francis born June 21, 1878, apparently died young. 5) Armilda (Mildred) born Sept. 19, 1885 md. Frank Dillard. 6) John.

On the 1894 Warren County School census Robert was a student, age 18. On the 1896 School census Armilda was a student, age 11, and again on the 1902 school census age 17.

On Mar. 3, 1886 William Henry was apprenticed out to Elijah Cherry of Warren Co. to learn the art of farming. On April 26-1886 Robert was apprenticed out to the same man, until they were 21 years of age. On this same day Zack, widower, remarried Amanda Hockenberry in Warren County.

Here we find Zack, Amanda, and Susan remain in Warren County until Zack dies Aug. 11, 1933 at the County Farm Home in Woodburn, KY of T.B.

William Henry and Minnie has two children buried at Oak Forest Church at Riverside KY. Warren Co. then they move to Bloomington, IN where they raise a family of ten.

Robert Andrew and Martha remain in Warren County. They have five children: 1) Martha Elizabeth born Apr. 19, 1915 md. Perry Wm. Cardwell. 2) Roxie Marie born 1902, single. 3) Asher born June 2, 1904 md. Ermie Childress dau. of Luther and Essie Goodall Childress of Butler Co. They were md. Aug. 13, 1928 and had ten children. 4) Andrew Newton born April 1908 md. Bennie Cardwell. 5) Mary Francis born Jan. 1, 1912 married Jesse Hermon Jones of Butler Co.

Asher and Ermie's children were: 1) Ermie Irene md. Avery White of Edmonson Co. 2) Asher Jr.. md. (1) Dorthy Payne (2) Jean Mayor of ND. 3) Betty Lou md. Joe Sandlin of AL. 4) Shirley Temple md. (1) Jerry Norris (2) Josie White. 5) Joyce Ester md. (1) Norman Elder (2) Charles Williams. 6) Ralph Trendle md. Margie Maddox. 7) Tommy Lee md. Shirley Madison. 8) Nancy md. Jimmie Hudnall. 9) Linda md. Jimmy Davenport. 10. April Sue (deceased) md. Jerry Bobbett.

They have 24 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Asher died in 1972 and Ermie died in 1965. Submitted by : *Nancy Guess Hudnall*

WILLIE MARIAM HARDISON

Willie Mariam Hardison was born Sept. 24, 1914 to Richard Cecil Hardison and Sarah George Lindsey. Willie, who was born late in her parent's life, was the youngest of five children: Lollie Mable, Nora Peachie, Frank Cecil and John Allen.

Frank chose the name Willie, the name of a favorite school teacher, and her father added the biblical name Mariam.



Alfred & Willie Crump, daughter Sarah & son Allen

Willie's father, Cecil, was born in Louisiana where he lived through the Civil War. He told of sitting on a fence and watching Yankee soldiers come riding into town. As a young man Cecil joined the Methodist ministry and served as a circuit rider in Indian territory. Early in his life, he lived in Texas working on the railroad. While there he roomed in the same boarding house as the notorious Jesse James.

Cecil met Sarah, an Edmonson County girl, and they were married in 1889. When Willie was three years old, the family moved to a three room home near Rocky Hill.

The family income came from local churches, often in the form of a chicken, a sack of potatoes or a container of butter. Sarah was always able to turn these meager offerings into delicious dinners.

To supplement income, Cecil opened a cream station which bought cream from the local farms. The cream, placed in ten gallon cans, was shipped by rail to Louisville.

Willie loved to visit the cream station where she spent happy childhood hours watching trains come and go. The railroad engineers always gave a warning whistle and a friendly wave. At night, she could Hear the mournful sound of a lone freight train making its way through town, a memory never to be forgotten.

Willie was born with a quest for knowledge and her parents encouraged her to attend school. At the age of six she entered Rocky Hill Grade School, a two room school house with two teachers for all the grades. Willie wrote her lessons on a slate and learned to read from a primer. To pass the eighth grade, students were required to take a final exam at the county seat, Brownsville, KY. Willie was a happy young lady when her passing grade came in the mail.

Willie's determination led her to become the first child in the family to complete high

school and she did it in style by graduating first in her class.

She dreamed of making the occasion with a class ring. When she approached her father, he said there was no money for rings. However, Johnny, felt differently. He said Willie deserved the ring and would have it. With Hardison determination, he drove a poultry truck for 50 cents a day until there was enough money. To this day Willie proudly wears the ring and treasures the family love and determination it represents.

Each spring, for extra money, Willie picked strawberries. She and several friends would go by train to Hugie Stones, in Bristow, where they boarded for two weeks. Picking berries was hard work but balanced by lots of fun. Willie earned 13 cents for a gallon of berries. By the end of the season she saved a total of $20.00 which she used to buy clothes for the year. To stretch the money, the Hardison girls took advantage of the colorful material used to package feed and sugar. Skirts, blouses and dresses were imaginatively created.

Willie's saddest moment came when her son Allen's life ended abruptly in a military plane crash. Allen had always been full of life and the joy he brought to his family will always be missed.

Willie's daughter Sarah, married, became a school teacher and a mother of three children, David Allen, Angela Lyn and Kristen Marie. Grandchildren are a special blessing which Willie treasures.

Willie spends spare time on interesting hobbies. One year for Christmas, Alfred gave her a crystal perfume bottle which Willie found fascinating. One bottle after another began to catch her attention, until today her collection contains perfume, apothecary and liquor bottles from many states and countries. One was even found in the ruins of the bombing of Hiroshima.

Collecting bottles, naturally leads to collecting other items too great to pass up and Willie's home has often been compared to a delightful museum.

Willie's second hobby has been compiling scrapbooks on a variety of subjects. There are books on family history, historical events, and famous people, such as, Churchill, Eisenhower, and Kennedy. The library she has accumulated is spectacular!

Willie has lived a life of caring for others. The strong Christian faith, instilled by her parents is the stalwark of her life. Her mother, Sarah, stressed the value of a good name and sprinkled her life with words of wisdom which Willie lived by. She takes great pride in her state and forever praises its rolling hills, beautiful birds, flowers and countryside.

Willie Miriam Hardison is a true Kentucky woman who cherishes her heritage.
Sarah Welsh

ISAAC MARSHALL HARP

Isaac Marshall Harp was born June 10, 1855 and died June 4, 1923. He married Mary Letisha Allen, daughter of Robert Allen and Elizabeth Avery. They had nine children: Wm. Thomas married Sarah Avery, Clara Jane married Sim Hicks, Ida Mae married Eli Constant, Ada Beth married Joe Templeman, John Bailey married Maude Kidwell, Rev. Miles married Ide Sanders, Eller married Chat Brooks, Roy married Mandy Clark, and Elizabeth.

"Ike" lived near Pleasant Hill Church in Edmonson County. When his children were small, he went with his brothers "Tip" and "Tom" to Kansas, Rock, Cowley County. He stayed four-five years, helped thresh wheat, farmed and kept cattle. "Tip" and "Tom" both stayed and raised their families there.



"Ike" Harp

"Ike" was a preacher, as was his father Wm. Henry. They both preached at Jerico and other churches. Ike preached at Hill Grove, Hickory Grove, Pleasant Hill, and Union Light (where he is buried). Ike's mother was Mary Wilson, daughter of William and Sarah Hamblin (both reported to have been born in North Carolina.)

Wm. Henry and Mary, born in Kentucky in 1816, had at least 15 children: Joseph married Elizabeth Davis, Abigail (lived in Colorado) married John Simmons, Nelson married Rhoda Day and Sarah Chumley, Sara, Nancy married Wm. Burns, Mary Jane married Ligh Hardy (lived in Kansas), James M. married Rachel Smith, Thomas Franklin married Martha Smythe (lived in Oklahoma), Elizabeth Minerva married Pleasant Carr Priddy, William Henry married Mary Ramsey, Isaac M., Caroline, Alves, John Tipton married Mary Floyd, and Mary Belle married Thomas C. Fulkerson. Some to the children were born in Kentucky, some in Tennessee. They were on the 1850 and 1860 Claiborne Co., TN Census and the 1870 Hart County Census. Wm. Henry died in 1877 in Rock, KA, and was buried at the Stalter Cemetery.

Descendants who have researched the family say Wm. Henry was the third child of a family of ten children: Nancy, Joseph, Wm. Henry, Levi, Jane, Benager Jr., Joshua, America, Eliz, and Obediah. His parents were Benager and Jane Moody Harp, both buried in the old Bennett-Harp Cemetery in Whitley Co., KY. His grandparents were Tobias and Delilah Harp, both born in South Carolina ca. 1760-70. They died in Whitley County. Tobias is listed as being a Revolutionary War Veteran; he was on the 1810 Knox County and 1820 and 1860 Whitley County censuses. Among his children were Nancy married Levi Bennett, Benager b. 1794, Wm., and Jane married LeRoy Peace.

John Bailey Harp, Ike's son, was born in 1888 in Hart County. He married Maude Kidwell, daughter of Rauseon and Henrietta Jones, in 1905 in Edmonson County. Their children were Carey, Odas, Otis, Coy, Rollie, Stoy, Vernie, Delphie, and Lois. Their third child, Otis, was born Mar. 30, 1911. They moved to Hart County, in Logsdon Valley. Otis met Mary Wilkerson, daughter of James Asberry and Ersie Kinney Wilkerson at a pea hulling. In 1934, they were married at Mt. Beulah Methodist Church by her grandfather, Johnny William Wilkerson.

Otis and Mary's children were James Bailey married Faye Crain, Howard married Nelda Goldsmith, Owen D. married Lucille Holton, Ersilla married James Otto Thompson, and Diane.

(This article is dedicated to the memory of Otis Harp who passed away May 29, 1986.)
Submitted by: Mrs. Owen D. (Lucille) Harp

HARRIS - LINDSEY

Haskell was born Aug. 29, 1912 in Grayson Co, KY. He was the son of Willard and Lucy Skaggs Harris. Lucy was the daughter of Tom and Sarah Bullock Skaggs of Edmonson County. Willard was the son of Alec and Ellen Duggins Harris. Willard and Lucy lived in Edmonson and Grayson Counties when Haskell was a young boy. After Lucy died, Willard married Edith Hudson and after living a short time in Grayson County, they moved to Sangamon Co., IL in the mid 1920's. Not long after moving there, their house was destroyed by a tornado and they lost all their belongings. Despite their hardships, they stayed there.

After Haskell was grown, he came back to Edmonson and Grayson Counties to visit some of the relatives he had known as a young boy. While there he met Gertie Lindsey. Gertie was born Sept. 17, 1921 in Edmonson County, the daughter of William Pleasant and Palestine Lindsey. Although Haskell went back to Illinois, he could not forget about Gertie, so he went back to Edmonson County to ask her to marry him. They were married Nov. 25, 1938 in Jefferson Co., KY. They went back to Illinois that day. Even though they both loved Kentucky and always wanted to move back, they stayed in Sangamon Co., IL and raised their family. They had six children: 1) Opal Mae, born Jan. 30, 1940 married Mitchell Meredith Sept. 7, 1956. They have two children, Michael and Michele and live in Bowling Green. 2) Larry Thomas, born April 18, 1941 married Kathleen Humphries August 1959. They have four children, Terry, Kathy Ritter, Stephen, and Michael and five grandchildren. They live in Williamsville, IL. 3) Mary Ann, born June 24, 1945, married Stephen Orme, Jr. May 21, 1965. They have 2 children, Deanna Kunz and Brian and twin granddaughters. They live in Williamsville, IL. 4) Robert Eugene, born Jan. 5, 1948 married Carol Robison. They have two daughters, Laura and Cindy and live in Williamsville, Il. 5) Debra Sue, born Apr. 7, 1954 married David Heaton. They have three children, Danny, Deanna, and Danielle and live in Sarasota, FL. 6) Judy

Lou, born June 2, 1957 married Richard Zillion Feb. 14, 1988. They live in Springfield, IL.

Haskell died July 21, 1978 and is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Williamsville, Il. He died four months before he and Gertie were married 40 years. Gertie still lives in Williamsville, but loves to visit her daughter and other relatives in Kentucky as often as possible, usually two or three times a year. *Written by Opal Harris Meredith*

JESSE WILLARD HARRIS

Willard was born Jan. 29, 1890 in Grayson County, son of Alex Andrew and Ellen Duggins Harris. Alex was shot and killed by one of his neighbors over a right-of-way dispute. Even though Alex had been awarded the legal ownership of the road leading into his property by the court, his neighbor could not accept the decision. Alex was the son of Abraham and Susannah Probus Harris. Susannah's father, Alex Probus fought in the War of 1812 and her maternal grandfather, Simon Pryor fought in the Revolutionary War.



Jesse Willard Harris

Willard married Lucy Skaggs Jan. 25, 1910 in Edmonson County. Lucy was born in April, 1891, the daughter of Tom Skaggs and Sarah Bullock Skaggs. Willard and Lucy lived in Edmonson County for a while after they married. In 1910, the Edmonson County census shows them living in the home with Lucy's parents. Willard was working in timber making cross-ties, however he was a farmer most of his life. When his mother got sick, they moved back to Grayson county to help take care of her. They had seven children: 1) Ed. Thomas b. 1911 married Edna; 2) Haskell Dewey b. Aug. 29, 1912 died July 21, 1978 married Gertie Lindsey; 3) Hallie Isabelle b. Mar. 20, 1914 died June 24, 1987 married first Ernest Harris second Albert Stephens; 4) Gene b. Feb. 17, 1916 died Oct. 8, 1974 married Betty; 5) Leslie Clyde b. May 22, 1918 died Dec. 18, 1918; 6) Sarah Belle b. Sept. 6, 1920 married Delmar Dennison; 7) Hillry Thurman b. May 16, 1923 died Jan. 10, 1924.

After Lucy died in August 1925, Willard married Edith Hudson Aug 21, 1926, in Edmonson County. Edith was the daughter of Lovin Hudson and Polly Elder Hudson. Soon after they married, they moved to Sangamon Co., IL. They had four children: 1) Jesse Lovin; 2) James Louis; 3) Charles William; 4) Ronald Lee. Willard and Edith were divorced and Edith remarried. She married a Nealey and they had a daughter. Willard never remarried.

Willard died May 27, 1968 in Springfield, IL. He is buried at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Williamsville, IL, as are his children, Haskell, Gene, and Hallie, Edith is also buried there as is Willard's brother, George Harris. Lucy, Leslie, and Clyde are buried at the Little Clifty Baptist Church Cemetery in Grayson County as are Willard's parents, Alex and Ellen Harris and his brother Noah. *Written by: Opal Harris Meredith*

SAMUEL HATLER

Samuel Hatler was born Nov. 25, 1838, in Adair Co., KY. He came to Edmonson County after the Civil War. His first wife, Nancy Elizabeth, was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Calvert DeVasher, of Allen County. After her death, Hatler married a Pardue woman and moved to the Cedar Springs Community.



L to R: Bell Hatler, Harvey Hatler, Sarah Hatler, Rev. Samuel Hatler, Rev. Samuel Hatler, wife Sarah Francis holding Elic, Calvin Hatler (standing).

In October 1883, he helped constitute Oak Grove Baptist Church. In February 1887, Samuel Hatler was called to pastor that church. He served as pastor until October, 1892, when the Rev. B.L. Howard was called to serve the church.

Samuel Hatler died Feb. 6, 1897. He was a member of the Baptist Church for 35 years, and had been a minister about 20 years. He was a member of the Masonic Order about 12 years. He was buried in the Hawkins Cemetery.

HENRY G. HAWKINS

Henry G. Hawkins was born on Mar. 18, 1809 in Barren Co., KY. He was the son of Jehu Dyer Hawkins, Jr. and Elizabeth "Betsy" A. O'Bannion Hawkins.

Jehu Dyer Hawkins, Jr. came from Virginia to Barren Co., KY when a young man. He married Betsy O'Bannion in 1808 in Barren County. Jehu Dyer Hawkins, Jr. was born in 1787 in Virginia. He was the son of Jehu Hawkins, Sr. who was born in Virginia and Mary (Grundy) George. Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Bannion was born in 1787 in South Carolina.

In 1812 Jehu Dyer Hawkins, Jr. came to Edmonson County from Barren County in an oxcart and settled just above the Mammoth Cave. Later he removed to several hundred acres of land which he has acquired in the Caney (turnhole) Valley and extended toward Chaumont. This valley extended all the way in front of the Joppa church to about Locus Grove church.



Henry G. Hawkins & wife Frances Jane Smith

Other known children of Jehu Dyer and Betsy Hawkins: Catherine B. (1811-1896) married Benjamine J. Pace; Elias B. (1822-1896) married Frances Ann Cole; Mary B. married James L. Parish; Elizabeth Ann married John Sturdivant on Aug. 24, 1836 in Edmonson County; Henry G. Hawkins married Frances Jane Smith. She was born in Orange Co., VA. She was the daughter of Dudly Smith who was born in Virginia in 1785.

Henry G. and Frances Jane lived on their farm in the Ceder Springs Community near Rocky Hill in Edmonson County. They were members of the new Liberty Methodist Church in that community.

Henry G. and Frances Jane Hawkins were the parents of the following fifteen children: 1) Silas L. (1837—) married Mary I. Beckner; 2) Elic E. (1839—); 3) James K. (1840—); 4) Welsey T. (1842—); 5) George M. (1844-1925) married Elizabeth Ann Whittle; 6) Jane F. (1846—); 7) Jehu D. (1848—); 8) Martha L. (1849-1881) married Ivy Whittle; 9) William L. (1851-1931) married Sarah Sunanna Age; 10) Susanna Elizabeth (1853-1940) married James McClung Pace; 11) John Bryant (1856-1891) married Rachel L. Blair; 12) Rebecca Ann (1858—) married Marcus Lancaster; 13) Henry Alexander (1860-1923) married Rebecca W. Age; 14) Nancy Jane (1862—); 15) Frances Ellen (1864-1899) married Kellis Madison Tarter.

Henry G. Hawkins died Aug. 6, 1890 in Edmonson County. Frances Jane Hawkins died Oct. 4, 1880 in Edmonson County. They are both buried in a private family cemetery on the old Hawkins farm in the Ceder Springs Community in Edmonson County. *Gladys E. Tarter Root*

HAYES - MEREDITH

Moman Meredith was the third child born to Louis B. and Eva Carroll Meredith on the family farm Feb. 19, 1915 in the Bee Spring Community. He attended school at Bee Spring in a one-room building, with one teacher, having grades 1 through 8.

Moman helped farm as a young boy and he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps Aug. 31, 1935 and served until April, 1936. This program came into being during the depression years to help stabilize the economy. His enroll time was spent in Wyoming state



Moman Meredith

constructing the Jackson Hole Highway along side Snake River.

Moman married Della Mae Hayes, June 26, 1937. Mae was born Sept. 26, 1919, the daughter of Billy and Julia Medcalf Hayes, Dismal Creek, Edmonson County.

They purchased a small farm near his parents and built the home in which they live in today after 51 years.

Moman worked at Kyrock Company for 17 1/2 cents per hour during those first years of marriage.

Their first child, Yvon, was born and died Nov. 26, 1938. She is buried in the Bee Spring Church Cemetery. The second child, Judy, was born Aug. 25, 1940. She married Buddy Alford, Sheriff of Edmonson County 1982-1986. They have two sons: Nicky married Barbara Arnold, and Lee married Patrica Gibson.

The third daughter, Jackie, was born July 27, 1943. She married Edward Poteet and they have two daughters: Gina married Ray Deweese and Kim married Leon Madison.

During this period of time and World War II, Moman worked on his farm and at a sawmill owned by one of his brothers. Later he and another brother bought their own sawmill, doing custom work. They would move and then set the sawmill up where timber needed to be sawed into lumber. Many barns, sheds and homes in Edmonson and Grayson Counties were built due to the lumber the Merediths cut.

During the 1940 years he started doing custom building such as barns, houses and other structural sites.

Moman joined the New Salem General Baptist Church in 1946. Mae joined the Jock Missionary Baptist Church and later moved her membership to New Salem.

Moman drove a dump truck for Kyrock Stone Company for a number of years until the company liquidated in 1957.

In July 1959, shortly after the death of a relative, they brought into their home a baby boy, Danny Roger Mattingle.

The Merediths legally changed Danny's name to their own in 1965, Danny married Velma Miller, a divorcee with a daughter, Virginia, and a son, Chris. Danny and Velma's two children are Amy and Danny, Jr.

Moman was Deputy Sheriff of Edmonson County during Lloyd Meredith's term as Sheriff, 1956-1960.

Mae was a housewife and for many years did baby sitting in her home for children with working parents. She is now employed with the local day care center in Brownsville.

Moman always enjoyed fox hunting and the bray of the hound dogs. This was a lifelong pleasure of his and he went hunting no less than once a week, many times, more than the once a week hunt. *(Written July 31, 1988 by Betty Peger)*

EMMETT HAYES

Emmett Hayes was born Mar. 22, 1892 at Clay Lick on Edmonson and Grayson County Line. He was married to Hattie Bright on Jan. 25, 1916 at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Graves County.

He was a veteran of World War I and was discharged two days before his first daughter was born. Catherine was born Jan. 16, 1919 at Fancy Farm, KY and later he moved back and built a house across from the Huff Post Office now.



Emmett & Hattie Hayes

Their children were Catherine born Jan. 16, 1919. Edith born Sept. 21, 1920. Vera born Apr. 6, 1922. Warren born Jan. 26, 1924. Lillian born Sept. 14, 1925. Alberta born Mar. 8, 1927. Chester born Jan. 1, 1930. Maude born June 10, 1933. Two sons Lawrence born Aug. 13, 1928, and Paul Lindell born Sept. 3, 1931, are deceased.

Emmett's father was Pius Hayes born Oct. 21, 1861, and died Aug. 30, 1936. His mother was Teresa Durbin Hayes, born Jan. 29, 1873 and died Nov. 6, 1904. Emmett had four brothers and two sisters that are deceased.

Emmett's paternal grandparents were James Hayes born Nov. 19, 1819 and died Nov. 19, 1897, and Catherine Ann Durbin born Nov. 12, 1838 and died Feb. 15, 1929. They are buried at St. John's Cemetery.

Emmett's maternal grandparents are Robert Durbin born Nov. 5, 1836 and died Dec. 26, 1887 and Teresa Ellen Gatton born Nov. 5, 1836 and died Jan. 20, 1887.

Hattie Hayes was the daughter of Ambrose Bright born Jan. 11, 1850 of Graves County. Her mother was Elizabeth Catherine Hayden born June 29, 1852, and buried at Fancy Farm, KY.

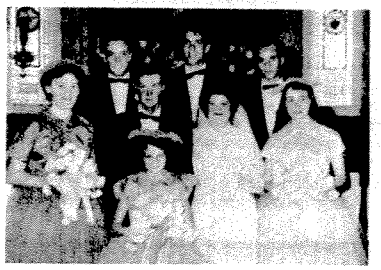
Hattie Hayes died at Bowling Green Hospital on Sept. 30, 1962. Emmett lived alone and visited his family until he made his home at Grayson Manor Nursing Home. He died on July 14, 1973. They were buried in St. John's Cemetery where they had been members all their life.

Catherine Grant

MAUD HAYES

I am the youngest daughter of Emmett and Hattie bright Hayes and was born at the home place across the road from the Huff Post Office.

I began my education at Sunfish School with Tina Durbin as my teacher. She gave those who had perfect attendance a gift. I still have the big doll she gave me. It was like Christmas in May when I opened it. Mom dressed it up many times for our Christmas programs for baby Jesus.



Back Row: David Simon, Basil Durbin, Chester Hayes. Next Row: Elizabeth Logsdon, Frank Zoubek, Maud Hayes, Martha Thomas. Front: Joyce Thornbury.

I finished the rest of my education at St. John's school at Sunfish. This was an experience of a lifetime for I can't begin to say enough about this school or the teachers we had there. They taught us to really think, to use logic, and look a problem over from all sides before reaching a conclusion. The debates we had with Father O'Donnell shaped our lives as well as being fun. I feel very lucky to have those years before I graduated in 1952.

The 4-H clubs under Steve Callan taught us so much of leadership and team work. The speeches he made me write and present gave me a belief in myself. I learned your knees may be knocking and the butterflies flying in your stomach but I could still do my job without any one knowing.

The parlor games we played, cards, checkers, taffy pulls, fudge and popcorn ball making. Listening to the Grand Ole Opry and Renfro Valley on the first radio's we owned. I can't think of a better place or neighbors to grow up among. There was a respect for others religion, long before anyone ever heard the word ecumenical. Helping your neighbor was something you did. Not something you just gave lip service to. Volunteers were always there to sit with the sick or the dead at their wakes. Before we had funeral homes, I remember Mom helping dress the body and Dad helping dig the graves. If there was a need, someone was sure to try to help.

I was married at St. John's Church to Frank J. Zoubec of Milligan, NB, on Sept. 10, 1955, at Sunfish, KY. We have been farming near Milligan ever since we've been married. We have a son, Myron, who with his wife Sandy, and sons, Matt and Jeremy, farm also. Our daughters, Jacqueline and Diane, became registered nurses and work in the intensive care units of a hospital in Missouri

and one in Michigan. Our youngest daughter, Jeanne, will be a senior at Milligan High School this fall.

HAZELIP - WESLEY

Merry Hazelip was born May 12, 1795 in Buncombe Co., NC. He was the son of Robert and Millian (Webb) Hazelip. Robert was born in North Carolina of Irish parentage. He was a patriot who served in the war of the Revolution for Independence and was also a farmer. Robert's wife, Millian Webb, was also from North Carolina and was of Welsh origin. About the year of 1810 Merry and his parents came to Barren Co., KY and stayed a short time until he came to Edmonson County and located on the Green River near the mouth of the Nolin River above Brownsville. There he entered and improved several hundred acres of land.

Merry was married to Jane Wesley who was born on Jan. 15, 1799 in Halifax Co., VA of Welsh origin. She was a daughter of Jonathan and Sallie (Walker) Wesley. Sallie was the daughter of Dr. Walker. Jonathan and Sallie were both born in Virginia and he died there, after which Sallie married William Strange of Virginia. About 1810 they immigrated to Madison Co., KY, then to Barren County and in 1820 to Davidson Co., TN where they remained on a farm until their deaths.

Merry and Jane were the parents of ten sons and six daughters. Three of the daughters died in infancy and the rest all lived to raise their own families. Their children are as follows: the eldest, Sallie, was born in June of 1817 and died Mar. 12, 1879; Robert born Feb. 16, 1819 and died Sept. 22, 1881 was married Mar. 30, 1837 to Malinda Watkins; Martin born Apr. 17, 1821 and died Mar. 12, 1856 was married May 16, 1840 to Elizabeth Jolly born 1824 and died 1898; William born July 29, 1823 and died July 11, 1891 was married May 7, 1846 to Mary A "Polly" Lindsey; Susan born Jan. 14, 1825; Parrum S. born Aug. 9, 1828 and died Mar. 23, 1908 was married Apr. 22, 1847 to Henrietta James; Jonathan W. born Sept. 6, 1830 and died Dec. 5, 1915; Lewis M. born July 28, 1832 and died Oct. 6, 1910 married 1st on Dec. 4, 1854 to Margaret James and 2nd on June 1, 1868 to Ester Jane Madison; George Washington born June, 1834 and died July 9, 1859 married to Martha Washington Heath born Jan. 6, 1834 and died June 3, 1886; Hiram H. born Mar. 15, 1836 and died Oct. 9, 1864 married on Dec. 30, 1856 to Anna Williams; Ransom C. born Apr. 20, 1838 & died 1898 married on July 27, 1865 to Mary F. Murphey daughter of William and Nancy (Fisher) Murphey of Barren Co.; Dock Warrinor born Feb. 7, 1840 and died Dec. 16, 1920 married on Apr. 19, 1862 to Charlottie Williams born Dec. 9, 1847; Mary "Polly" Ann born Oct. 19, 1842 and died Sept. 3, 1904 married 1st Feb. 7, 1861 to John Keefus born Nov. 13, 1839 in Erie, PA and died Feb. 3, 1862 at Brownsville (he was killed by his brother-in-law, Rance) Polly married 2nd on Feb. 8, 1866 to John White Davis born July 18, 1842 and died January 1, 1909 son of John Sal & Harriet (Moore) Davis.

In July of 1825, when Edmonson County had first become a county and the Town of Brownsville was being surveyed, cleared and laid out, Merry Hazelip was a member of the crew that was doing this job. He and his crew composed of John Dicus Sr., Hayden Lindsey, Peter Kinser and Joseph Whittle worked for three days laying out about twenty large lots containing an acre or two each that were just south of the lots and streets that had been layed out by another crew where the central square of the plots was reserved for the court house and public square.

In 1853 Merry and Jane settled below Brownsville on Green River in a broken and sparsely settled area. There they cleared and farmed until on Feb. 10, 1865, Jane died of Typhoid fever. Merry later died on Mar. 5, 1870 leaving a host of descendants many of which remain in this county to this day. Merry and Jane are buried in the old Brownsville cemetery located by Joywells. *Howard and Deborah Jones*

LEWIS M. HAZELIP

Lewis M. Hazelip was born in Edmonson County on July 28, 1832. He was the son of Merry H. and Jane Wesley Hazelip. Merry Hazelip was born on May 12, 1795, in Buncomb Co., NC. He was the son of Robert and Millian Webb Hazelip. Robert Hazelip was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Jane Wesley Hazelip was born Jan. 15, 1799, in Halifax, VA. She was the daughter of Jonathon and Sallie Walker Wesley, both born in Virginia. Merry Hazelip died Mar. 5, 1870. Jane Hazelip died Feb. 10, 1865. They are buried in the old Brownsville Cemetery.

Lewis Hazelip was reared on a farm, and at the age of 20 began life for himself. He worked one year for his brothers, after which he farmed for about four years. For two years, Lewis Hazelip was in the shoe-making business in Brownsville.

After attending the Camden Seminary in Barren County and other school, Lewis Hazelip taught two school terms in Allen County and one term in Edmonson County. After studying law, he was admitted to the bar in 1862, and began practice in Brownsville.

By his first marriage in 1854, two daughters, Josephine and Alpha, were born. Lewis Hazelip's second marriage on June 1, 1868, was to Hester Jane Madison. To this union were born six children - three boys and three girls.

Lewis M. Hazelip was elected county attorney in 1863, and afterward served two terms by appointment. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1867, and served one term. In 1874, he was elected county judge and served two terms. Politically, Lewis Hazelip was a Republican. His wife was a member of the Baptist Church. Lewis Hazelip died Oct. 6, 1910, and is buried near his parents in the Old Brownsville Cemetery. *Rick Carroll*

RANSOM COCKRELL HAZELIP

Ransom Cockrell Hazelip, son of Warrinor and Charlotte (Williams) Hazelip, grandson fo Merry and Jane (Wesley) Hazelip and great grandson of Robert and Millian (Webb) Hazelip was born in Brownsville, KY January 30, 1865 and died in Scottsville, KY May 18, 1950.

Ranson married Nellie Mildred Carter Feb. 8, 1894. She was the daughter of Hardy Bedford and Annie Mildred (Waller) Carter of Barren County and was born Dec. 12, 1879 in Beckton, KY and died in San Antonio, TX Mar. 30, 1948. Both Ranson and Nellie are buried in the Crescent Hill Cemetery in Scottsville, KY.



Wedding Photo: Ransom Cockrell Hazelip & Nellie Mildred Carter

Nellie and Ransom lived aboard a houseboat from 1894-1903 and operated a grocery store from that boat, which sailed up and down the Green River with home port in Brownsville. They later operated a store on First Street in Glasgow Junction, Barren County and about 1912, moved to St. Louis, MO.

Ransom was a Republican candidate for Representative in the Lower House Apr. 3, 1909.

Warrinor was born Feb. 7, 1840 and died in Edmonson County Dec. 16, 1920. He married Charlottie Williams Apr. 16, 1862 in Edmonson County. She was born Dec. 9, 1847 and died in 1929. She was a half-sister to Anna Williams who married Hiram Hazelip, brother to Warrinor. The ladies were daughters of Keelon Williams, Anna, the daughter by his first marriage and Charlottie, the daughter of Dorothy (Milsap) Williams, the second wife.

Warrinor and Charlottie are buried in Pleasant Union Cemetery, Brownsville, just across the road from their home which was torn down in 1984.

Merry was born in Buncombe Co., NC May 12, 1795 and died in Brownsville Mar. 5, 1870. He married Jane Wesley of Halifax Co., VA who was the daughter of Jonathan and Sallie (Walker) Wesley. Jane was born Jan. 15, 1799 and died Feb. 10,1865 of typhoid fever. Both Merry and Jane are buried in the Old Brownsville Cemetery.

Merry moved to Kentucky c. 1800 with his parents and finally settled in Edmonson County which he assisted in surveying when the county was founded in 1825.

Robert was born in North Carolina and married Millian Webb in North Carolina. They moved to Kentucky prior to 1800 as he is listed on the 1800 Tax Roll of Warren Co.,

KY. He later lived in Edmonson County, c. 1810. His gravesite is unknown to this author.

Sources: Death certificates, Marriage certificates, Gravestones. *First Surveyor's Book,* Brownsville. Wills. Deeds. *Nell E. Ruby*

CATHERINE JOHNSON HEATH

Catherine was born on Apr. 10, 1843 in Butler County. She was the daughter of William born 1801 in Mercer County and Nancy Nusley. William and Nancy were married on Jan. 21, 1819 in Logan County. Catherine's sisters and brother, to name only a few, were William born in 1826 married in 1850 to Susan born 1836, Eliza born 1831, Charlotte born 1833, and Melvina born February, 1834.

On Jan. 15, 1861 Catherine was married to Carelton Johnson born Apr. 9, 1840 son of Thomas and Lucinda (Daulton) Johnson. Lucinda born 1824 in Barren County was the daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Luttrell) Dalton. She and Thomas, born 1802, were married in 1839 in Barren County.

Carelton and Cathern were the parents of three children; Nancy Jane born Dec. 24, 1861 and died Dec. 13, 1903 married Apr. 5, 1877 to Samuel Green Basham (Oct. 13, 1855-July 5, 1936) son of Benajah and Nancy (Turner) Basham; Charlie born December 1866 married to Prudie Lawrence born September, 1880 daughter of Dillard and Olivia (Hazelip) Lawrence, and William.

Carelton Johnson was one of the first people to drive a steamboat on Green River. He built a steamboat that took three men to run it. One night he, and the two men that helped him run it, came home real late one night and got Catherine up out of bed. He told her to get up and fix them something to eat. She said she was tired and wasn't going to do it so he got mad and got back on the boat and left. He never came back nor was heard of for years. After he had been gone for a long time Catherine, on July 30, 1874, married Marvil Pillow Heath born in 1848 son of Pleasant M. and Malinda (Jones) Heath. Pillow had one son by his previous marriage (on Sept. 23, 1869) to Edias E. York born 1847 daughter of Meredith and Mary York. This son was William Perry born Aug. 15, 1870 and died Nov. 26, 1952 married on Dec. 27, 1905 to Susan J. Davis, born June 28, 1880 and died Nov. 26, 1926, daughter of John White and Polly (Hazelip) Davis. Catherine and Pillow had five children; Benjamin F. born November 1875 married on Feb. 6, 1896 to Mary C. Miller born February 1880; Fannie born August 1878 married on May 19, 1905 to James Ausborn born 1882 son of Isaac and Martha Ann (White) Ausborn; Martha born May 1881; John C. born February, 1884 married on Apr. 30, 1903 to Lizzie Johnson; and James B. born December 1886 married on May 23, 1907 to Florence Embry.

Catherine and Pillow are buried in unmarked graves at the cemetery on Pillow Hill in Roundhill.

Howard and Deborah Jones

OLETA MAE HILL

On Apr. 1, 1933, in an old log house on Nolin River, Oleta Mae Brooks was born. Oleta was delivered by Rhoda Hunt, her grandmother. Oleta was the third child of Arlie and Iva Mae Hunt Brooks.

She went to Anderson School in the Jock Community.

At the age of thirteen, she left home to keep house for women who just had a baby. The first person she stayed with was Elva Crain. The last was Ezra and Dorothy Garner in Louisville, KY.

When Oleta was eighteen, Dorothy Garner helped her get her first public job at J. V. Reed's sheet metal factory in Louisville.

Oleta married Walter VanMeter when she was nineteen years old. Walter was the son of Arthur and Leathia Rich VanMeter. They had two children, Diana Lynn born July 7, 1952, and Rocky E. born Oct. 2, 1954. Oleta divorced Walter in 1974. They lived in Valley Station in Louisville, KY.



Oleta & Bill Hill

In 1976, while employed by Ohio Falls Textile Company in Louisville, KY, she married William F. Hill, who was owner, chemist and timekeeper.

William or "Bill" was born June 17, 1922, in Jefferson Co., KY. He was the son of William Francis and Ida Beckeler Hill. Bill is well-educated and a veteran of the United States Navy. He was previously married to Hazel Willet, who died of cancer in 1974. Bill and Hazel had one daughter, Teresa Mae Hill, who currently resides in Louisville, Ky.

In March 1983, Ohio Falls Textile Company, went out of business, and Bill and Oleta retired to Edmonson County. They bought a home on Jock Road from Robert Shreve and sold their home in Louisville.

Bill is a member of the Saint Joseph Church in Leitchfield. Oleta has been a member of Jock United Baptist Church since she was sixteen years old. She is also a member of the Eastern Star. Oleta is an employee of the Broadway Market and also a substitute cook for the Edmonson County School System.

They have three granddaughters, who reside in Louisville and often come to visit, Iva Mae Lester, Lauren Cousen, and Carley Lynn VanMeter.

Bill and Oleta have been an asset to the Jock Community since their arrival. They are well respected by family, friends and neighbors.

HOGAN

George Hillard Hogan was born in Edmonson County to Mac Cellan and Nancy Lindsey Hogan on Mar. 3, 1896.



George H. & Effie Browning Hogan

George Hillard married Dec. 10, 1915 to Effie Browning of Lindseyville. Their children are: 1) Gladys, b. Oct. 2, 1916, married Warren Vincent (b. Nov. 30, 1915- d. Sept. 30, 1965). Children- Billy, Tracy, and Jimmy. Gladys then married John Moore on Aug. 2, 1968; 2) Annie V. b. Nov. 18, 1917, married John Philips on Feb. 8, 1942. She has two sons, James William and Lawrence. She remarried to Millard E. Pryor; 3) Edna b. June 11, 1919, married Arzo Key, one daughter, Bobby; 4) Edward b. Jan. 15, 1921, d. July 26, 1976, married Betty York. Two children, Sandy and Kathie; 5) Max William b. June 28, 1922, d. Jan. 29, 1955, married Wanda Vincent. Children, Patty Nell and Phillis Ann; 6) Wilbert b. Sept. 8, 1924, d. June 7, 1987, married Sophia Deweese, no issue; 7) Louise (see Hogan and Elmore history); 8) Herbert b. June 2, 1928, d. Aug. 12, 1970, married Adalen Elmore. Children, Peggy and Raffie; 9) Gertrue b. January, 1931 and d. January 1931; 10) Cleato b. Sept. 3, 1932, married Jay E. Cassady on Dec. 4, 1948. Children, Donna Jean and Shula Ann; 11) Chester b. Mar. 19, 1936 and d. Mar. 21, 1936; 12) Evelyne b. April 1937, married Herman Mills. Children, Anna Mae, Kelly, Kenneth, Junior, Carol Sue and George; 13) Sherman Franklin b. February 15, 1939, married Helen. She died Dec. 2, 1987; 14) Denezean b. Jan. 19, 1941.

Mr. Hogan was a farmer and worked at Kyrock until the company closed down. He retired from McCellean's Stone Company. *(Compiled by Louise Elmore and written by Betty Peger.)*

HOGAN

The Rev. Willie Ervin Hogan was born May 11, 1888, the third child of Lenfield McClean "Mac" Hogan (1862-1906) and Nancy Lindsey Hogan (1866-1919).

Other children of L.M. and Nancy Hogan were as follows: Rose married Marion Majors. Lillie married Joe Blair. Tommy was never married. Lizzie married Jim Thomas Skaggs; Hillard married Effie Browning. May married Wren McCrady, after her first husband died. Lucy married Milfred Basham. Harold married Thelma Duvall.

Lenfield McClean Hogan was the son of George Washington Hogan (1824-1893) and



Front row: Lenfield McClean Hogan, Hillard, Mae, L.M.'s wife Nancy, Lucy, and Lizzie. Back row: Willie Ervin, Rose, Lillie and Tommie.

Louisa Binkley Hogan (1823-1893). G. W. and Louisa Hogan both died Dec. 14, 1893. She died of paralysis, he of a heart attack.

L.M. Hogan's paternal grandparents were Robert and Jannie Hogan. His maternal grandparents were George and Fannie Binkley. Fannie's mother was Sarah Dullin.

L.M. Hogan's wife, Nancy was the daughter of Jessie and Nancy Meredith Lindsey. Her paternal grandfather was James Lindsey. James Lindsey was the son of William and Sarah Logan Lindsey.

Nancy's maternal grandfather was Lucas Meredith. Lucas was the son of Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith. Joseph fought in the American Revolution. He came to Green Co., KY in 1790. He finally settled on Rock Creek in Grayson County near what is now Wax, KY where he was given a land grant of 1680 acres.

Willie Ervin Hogan married Audie Browning Apr. 2, 1915.

Audie Browning Hogan was born Nov. 9, 1897, the sixth child of William Thomas Browning (1862-1939) and Arelia Francis Vincent Browning (1874-1967).

Other children of W.T. and Arelia Browning were as follows: Estell married Jim Pruitt; Maud married Jim Poteet; Ellie married Walter Ashley; James died as an infant; Rosco died as an infant; Effie married Hillard Hogan; Dewey married Pauline Skaggs; Josie married Paul Skaggs; Inis married William Vincent; Ewing married Ethal Meredith; Berthal married Kelly Skaggs; Cal married Ival Vincent; Marie married Laymon Stewart.

William Thomas Browning was the son of Frank Browning. His mother's maiden name was Bean. She was from Scotland.

Arelia Vincent Browning was the daughter of William Washington "Whistler" Vincent (1845-1935) and Laura Jane Meredith Vincent (1858-1935).

William Washington was nicknamed "Whistler" by his father because he was born on Whistler Mountain in Tennessee. He served for the Union during the Civil War and later settled in the Forks community of Edmonson County, with his brother Ruben.

Arelia's paternal grandfather was James Vincent. James was the son of Francis Con-Vincent and Alsoco LaRance from France.

Arelia was known to everyone as "Aunt Reel". She served her community as a midwife for at least 15-20 years.

To Willie Ervin and Audie Browning Hogan were born ten children, sixteen grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren at the time of this writing. They are listed as follows:

Silver married Ezra Lindsey. Their son William Robert married Belinda Vincent. They have one daughter, Stephanie.

Freemon married Flossie Deweese. Freemon died in 1978. They had two children, Lennie and Lisa. Lennie married Cathy McPeak. They have three sons; Matthew, Mark, and Stephen.

Tina May married Tinsley Newkirk. They have two sons, James Harold and Elmer Howard. James Harold married Jewel Davis. They have one son, Christopher. Elmer Howard married Peggy Luttrell. They have three children; Scott, Mary Ann, and Michael.

Almon married Chris Bullock. Almon died in 1974. They had three children; Janie Lou, Ramonna, and James Almon. Janie died in 1972. Ramonna married Tony Jaggers. They had two children, Angela and Craig. After their divorce Ramonna married Tony Comans. They have two children, Jason and Jonathan. James Almon married Nancy Sanders. They have three children; Nancy, James, and Leslie.

Christine married Ray Vincent. They have three daughters; Kay, Nita, and Rita. Kay married Truman Vincent. Nita married Junior West. Rita married Myron Berry. They have two daughters, Michelle and Bethany.

Roy married Janell White. They have three sons; Dan, Ricky, and Rodney. Dan married Glenda Glass. They have two children, Troy and Crystal. Ricky married Gail Priddy. They have one son David. Rodney married Judy Glass. They have two children, Malina and Lance.

Jethro Hogan is unmarried.

Cloteen married Kenneth Roof. Their one son, Timmy married Teresa Reeder.

Willie Victor married Lois Renfro. They have one son Faron.

Nancy Hogan is unmarried.

The Reverend Willie Hogan died Mar. 3, 1960. He is buried in the Midway Church cemetery where he was a member until his death.

His wife Audie Browning Hogan died Apr. 26, 1970. She is buried alongside her husband. *Written by the grandson, Faron L. Hogan*

HOGAN

Reverend Willie E. Hogan was born May 11, 1888 the third child and oldest son of L. M. and Nancy Hogan. He was 18 years of age when his father died. Willie remained at home helping his mother make a living for the younger children.

He married Audie Browning Apr. 2, 1915. They had ten children: Silver, Freeman, Tina Mae, Almon, Christine, Roy, Jethro, Cloteen, Willie Victor and Nancy Arelia.

Willie professed faith in Christ at an early age. He joined Poplar Springs United Baptist Church. He was a devoted Christian worker from the time he became a Christian. He remained a member of Poplar Springs



The Rev. Willie Hogan

until 1931 when he united with Midway United Baptist Church. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry Oct. 22, 1933. He served as assistance pastor of Midway Church for many years and as pastor two or three terms. The weather was never too cold or hot for him to attend his church. He was always there. He walked far and near to spread the gospel and call sinners to repentance. He preached for several different churches. When he pastored Beech Grove Church in Grayson County, in the winter he would start at daybreak in order to get there in time for service but he trod faithfully on. He was faithful to the cause until his death. When he pastored Ollie Church in the Forks Community of Edmonson county, he walked through the Poplar Springs Community and crossed the river at the Morris Webb residence. He would borrow Morris' boat and row himself over, tie up the boat and walk through the woods by First Creek Lake, up the hill through Temple Hill and on to Ollie. Sometimes he would stay overnight between the Saturday and Sunday services in order not to have to walk such a long way twice. I have heard several persons testify that he preached the gospel to them thus causing them to repent.

Although a poor man in this life, he was rich in spirituality. After a lengthy illness with cancer, the Lord saw fit to take his faithful servant on to Glory. He departed this life Mar. 3, 1960. *Written by his daughter Christine Vincent*

HOGAN-ELMORE

Edith Louise Hogan was born June 2, 1926, to George Hillard and Effie Browning Hogan of Lindseyville, KY. Louise grew up in Lindseyville, married James E. Elmore on June 5, 1945 in Edmonson County.

James is the son of George and Velera Self Elmore of Poplar Springs. James' grandparents were Liege and Allie Elmore and James Self and his wife, Martha Rich.

Louise's grandparents were Max and Nancy Lindsey Hogan and William and Oreala Vincent Browning.

Their children were: 1) Lynda Lou, b. 1948, married John Beckenbach, 1965, Louisville. Children: James Joseph b. Dec. 5, 1966 and Brian David b. July 30, 1969 d. Feb. 4, 1981; 2) Brenda Sue b. June 21, 1950. Married first time Jan. 2, 1969 in Indiana. Children, Melissa Carol Minor b. July 28, 1969, Michael Minor b. Apr. 13, 1971 and David Wayne Minor b. Dec. 13, 1972. Brenda married Jimmy James on Sept. 27, 1979 in

Edmonson Co., KY: 3) Delores Jean b. Oct. 19, 1952, married Oct. 12, 1970 in Celina, TN to Eddie Ferral Tolle. Children, Candida Michelle Tolle b. Apr. 7, 1971, Eddie Ferral Tolle Jr. b. Feb. 7, 1974 and Amanda Reana Tolle b. Oct. 7, 1975. All were born in Jefferson Co., KY.

James retired from Phillip Morris, a tobacco and cigarette company, after 33 years and Louise retired from another cigarette company in Louisville. They moved back to Edmonson County for their retirement years. *(Information supplied by Louise Elmore; compiled by Betty Peger.)*

"JIM DANDY" HOLTON

James M. "Jim Dandy" Holton was born May 22, 1853. His brothers were George W. married Julina Adwell, Sarah Sturgeon, and Levonia Furlong, and William Orville married Apalona Lawrence. His sisters, Martha married William D. Cutliff, and Mary Elizabeth married R.E. "Bob" Page. Their mother, Nancy, was listed with them on the 1860 and 1870 Edmonson County Census.

James M. married Mary Catherine Furlong, daughter of W.P. and Lebona Blesamp Crump Furlong in 1886. They had seven children: Oscar, Emily married Edward P. Gentry, Arthur b. Nov. 24, 1892, Dan, Melvin, Minnie married Wardie Kersey and Larkin Rich, and Roy.



James M. "Jim Dandy" Holton & second wife, Melissa Johnson.

Mary Catherine died when the children were small, at the age of 35. J.M. then married Melissa Johnson, daughter of Asbury and Cynthia Logsdon Johnson. They had no children. They lived on a farm near Mammoth Cave, in a log house, with two big rooms, a kitchen, and a porch on the back side. A dogtrot between the living room and kitchen was closed in to make a hall. Their grandson, Paul, recalls shelves of moss-rose pots and fruit jars of beer yeast on the porch. They had a hand-dug well and an apple orchard of different kinds of apples, with ripe apples, from June to November. Jim died, after being bedfast for about ten years, in January 1930. Melissa's skirts caught on fire when she was burning leaves; this caused her death in March 1931.

Arthur, Jim's third child, was born near Joppa, near Deer-Park Hollow. He married first Bertie M. Nichols, daughter of Ike and Susan Blair Nichols, in June, 1913. They had two sons, William Ervin married Lillian Dennison and Garmon Rolllin married Ida. Arthur married second Lois Turley, daughter of James and Lula Doyle Turley.

Lois Turley was born close to Holton Hollow Aug. 8, 1900. Eva, her sister, born in 1903, married Marion Keer; she died in childbirth in 1923, as did her child. Lois' mother died in 1906; her father remarried in 1909 to Ada Sturgeon. They had seven children: Woodford married Zora Doyle, Janie married Reverend Clarence Meredith, Ernest married Nellie Crain and Wardie Cain, Melvin married Pauline Jones, Gertha married Edgar Jones, and James E. "Mutt" married Edna Ruth Jones, and Baby Turley.

James Turley was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Eliza Jane Doyle Turley. He was the grandson of James Hulen and Mildred Pulliam Turley, William C. and Adeline T. Shackelford Doyle. Lula Doyle Turley was the daughter of Henry Morrison and Nancy C. Holton Doyle, and the granddaughter of Richardson C. and Nancy Estes Doyle, Thomas Shepard and Elizabeth Ashworth Holton. Samuel Doyle of Irish ancestry began this Doyle line in America.

Paul Holton, the only son of Arthur and Lois, was born May 13, 1922, directly across the river from Mammoth Cave. Arthur sold his land to the Mammoth Cave National Park and moved to the Loneoke Community in Hart County in 1935. In June, 1941, Paul married Dorothy Line, daughter of R.E. and Bird Huff Line. They had two daughters, Lucille married Owne D. Harp (They had a daughter Deanna Len.), and Rebecca married Johnny Meredith (They had Candice and Kent.) and Gary Cardin (They had Tyler.) *(This article is dedicated to the memory of Dorothy Holton who did this research.) Mrs. Lucille Harp*

HOUCHIN

Roy Franklin Houchin III is one of the twelfth generation of the Houchin family in America. Most of you don't know him or his sister, Lee Ann. She was born on June 8, 1980 in Bowling Green, KY and he was born on Dec. 23, 1982 at Tinker Air Force Base Oklahoma City, OK, but you might remember his father, Roy Franklin Houchin II (11), who married Terry Lee Cardonall on May 21, 1978, the only child of this grandparents, Roy Franklin Houchin (10) and Rhoda Ann Huffman. His father was born on Apr. 1, 1954 in Bowling Green, KY and his mother was born on Sept. 5, 1955 in Patterson, NJ. His grandfather was born Sept. 3, 1929 in Brownsville, KY;and his grandmother was born on July 7, 1933 in Clinton, OK (she was the daughter of Hubert W. Huffman, a native of Edmonson County). His grandmother died on Mar. 11, 1987. Many of you probably remember his grandfather or one of his brothers or sisters: Leland Wayne, Lloyd Richard, James Evans, Donald Edwin, Romie Everet, Lily Louise, and Bertha Francis. All were children of Everet Houchin (9) and Dove Lindsey.

His great grandfather Everet was part of a large family including brothers: Floyd, Kilmer, Theodore, Howard, Donald, Neal; and sisters: Stella, Ira, Delia, Lena, Lonore, and Helen. All of these children were descendents of Margaret Self and James Ward Houchin (8).



Houchin Coat-of-Arms of the French Houchins of Artois, France.

His great-great-grandfather James Ward's sisters included Cora and Blanche M. His step-brothers and sisters (Robert Wesley married Sarah Ann Webb after Susan died) were Calvin Drew, Alfred Wilbur, Earl, Belve, Verna, Zella, Sherman, and Eugene. All of these children were descendents of Robert Wesley (Uncle Robbie) Houchin (7) and Susan Meredith or Sarah Ann Webb. This grand old character was truly a pioneer. His earlier memories went back to the day of the deer and the wild turkey, of the fish trap with the gig, of the tan-bark and the flatboat, of the corn shucking and the house raising, of the itinerant preacher and the old field-school. He could sing and draw the bow, he could tell a good story and play an innocent prank, he could share his neighbor's burden and lend the weary a helping hand. He was ever doing some of the thousand and one kindnesses which made the pathway of life brighter for others because he had passed that way. So they called him "Uncle Robbie". By occupation he was a farmer, but he was always interested and informed on politics and public affairs, and served his county some years as deputy assessor. In later years he ran a store in Brownsville, and people loved to trade with "Uncle Robbie". For 45 years he had been an active church member. In 1887 he helped found the Baptist Church at Temple Hill, and to the day of his death continued to be one of its pillars. Like one who wrapped the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams on Apr. 1, 1930. "Uncle Robbie" had several brothers and sisters: William A., John D., Decatur E., Alexander M., Catherine Jane, Rebecca, Asel W., George Ann, Elizabeth J., Nancy and Jesse. They were all descendents of Jesse Houchin (6) and Mary Petterson Davis. His great-great-great-grandfather, Jesse (6) was the only son of John D. (5) (also known as Johnny Dick) and Polly Blair. Jesse had one sister, Polly , and several step-brothers and sisters (John D. Houchin married Nancy ? after Polly died); Ellen, Decatur, Asel (Ace), Alexander, Robert, Moses, Woodford, Elizabeth, Elander, and Nancy Paradine.

"Johnny Dick" was the fifth generation Houchin who discovered Mammoth Cave. During one of his many hunting expeditions, he pursued a bear into the cave and made the discovery. He has several brothers and sisters: James, Charles, Benjamin, Jesse, Wil-

liam, Celia, Charlotte, Elizabeth, and Nancy. In addition to hunting, Johnny Dick spent much time on the River. He established a ferry across Green River at his place (today known as Houchin's Ferry) as early as 1815, for in that year he was appointed road overseer from his ferry to Dripping Spring. He was one of the best flatboat steersman, or pilots, on the River from here to New Orleans. He frequently piloted a flatboat, with its cargo of tobacco, from the warehouse at the Turnhole, or from Brownsville, down Green River and the Ohio and the Mississippi to the international market at New Orleans. it was a long, hazardous trip, and none but a careful and experienced river man could steer the craft safely passed the shoals and bends which challenged him. One of the danger spots was a large, jutting rock in the big bend of the Green River above the mouth of the Nolin, and opposite Johnny Dick Houchin's home. Many a flatboat, and in later years, many a raft of saw logs, have run aground and gone to pieces on Johnny Dick's Rock, as this point was known to river men.

John D.'s father was John (4), who settled in Logan Co., KY in 1796. Since he had been a Revolutionary War Soldier, he had been granted the land south of the Green River in Kentucky (prior to 1797, only soldiers of the Revolution were permitted to own land in this area). In 1799, he acquired 200 acres of land in Warren Co., KY; when Edmonson County was formed in 1826, John's residence was placed in Edmonson County. By *Roy F. Houchin and Roy F. Houchin II*

HUT C. HOUCHIN

Hut C. Houchin, July 13, 1885-Mar. 3, 1968, was born in Edmonson County and spent his entire life there.

Born to Woodford Louis (Nov. 25, 1855-July 15, 1939) and Mary Jane (Davis) Houchin, the grandson of Willis (1827) and Paradine Elizabeth (Cole) (1826) Houchin. He was the great-grandson of William Dave (1803) and Elizabeth (Pace) Houchin.



Hut Houchin

Hut made a living for his family by farming and logging with oxen. Hut ran yellow poplar log rafts on Green River from Mammoth Cave (Turnhole), to Evansville, IN and to New Orleans, LA. These logs were used in building ships. The raft crew then walked back to Edmonson County, occasionally buying a horse to ride along the way.

Brothers and sisters of Hut were Paradine, Elizabeth, Sarah, Oliver, Elnora, Hobart, Thomas, Mark, Woodford Louis, Jr. and Cloie.

Hut was married to Eva E. (Henderson) (Feb. 24, 1891-Mar. 19, 1961) of Pulaski Co., KY on Jan. 5, 1910. Eva was the daughter of Matthew (Feb. 13, 1853 - June 10, 1925) and Mary Catherine (Norris) (Mar. 21, 1858 - Mar. 29, 1928) Henderson.

According to Eva Houchin, the only overcoat her father, Matthew Henderson, owned was given to him by the outlaw, Jessie James about the time the gang had robbed a bank at Columbia, KY and was escaping into the Eastern Kentucky mountains. Matthew was walking to Somerset, KY from Nancy, KY, to get medicine for his sick wife. He only had a light jacket on and it was a very cold day. He met three strange men, well dressed, and riding very nice horses. They stopped and asked him where he was going and why he was dressed so lightly and he told them it was all he had and where he was going. One of the men pulled off a nice overcoat and gave to Grandpa Matt Henderson. Matt later learned it was Jesse James and his gang.

Born to Hut and Eva Houchin were Anna Hazel (Houchin) Beckner (Oct. 31, 1910 - Apr. 13, 1980) and Gladys Irene (Houchin) Theis (Dec. 5, 1918). Hunt and Eva are buried in Lambert Cemetery, Edmonson County.

Born to Hazel and Marvin Beckner are: Evelyn Lorraine Mar. 4, 1928 - Mar 12, 1928; Marvin Delmar Feb. 18, 1929; Albert Louis Jan. 26, 1936; James Floyd Oct. 31, 1938; William Douglas Oct. 11, 1951; Children of Gladys and Robert Theis: Wenonah Jones; Robert Charles.

Children of Marvin Delmar and Phyllis White married Dec. 12, 10, 1957, are: Phyllis Ann Dec. 31, 1965 (married Donovan Carroll on Mar. 30, 1984); Eva Clarissa Aug. 13, 1969 (married Bart Fulkus May 7, 1988); Brandon Ryan Nov. 21, 1971.

Children of Albert Louis and Frances (Payne) are: Pamela Frances July 16, 1958, married Barry Joe Rutherford July 1, 1974 and Paula Faye (July 27, 1960).

Children of James Floyd and Mary Margaret (Bush) married Sept. 13, 1958 are: Baby Beckner (born and died) June 21, 1960; James Floyd, Jr. (Nov. 29, 1961, married Emma Outland July 27, 1985); Timothy Dale (Apr. 2, 1962 married Denise McManis May 13, 1985); Thomas Lane Dec. 1, 1965.

Born to Phyllis and Donovan Carroll was Christiana Elizabeth Mar. 19, 1988.

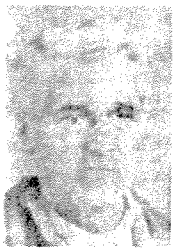
Born to James Floyd Jr. and Emma was James Floyd III Mar. 23, 1988.

Born to Timothy Dale and Denise was Margaret Elizabeth Dec. 10, 1986. *Submitted by Albert Louis and Frances Beckner*

JOHN D. HOUCHIN

John D. Houchin (1787—Apr. 27, 1873) was born in Virginia and brought to Edmonson County as a young boy, after which while chasing a wounded bear which vanished into a hole, discovered an entrance to Mammoth Cave. (This discovery has also been attributed to his uncle John Houchin and to John Francis Houchin, a first cousin). However, John D. Houchin appears the most likely candidate for the title because of age and location.

John D. Houchin, according to Charles E. Whittle, was one of the best flatboat pilots on the Green River from Brownsville to New Orleans. As early as 1815 he had established Houchin's Ferry which is still in use today after 173 years.



John D. Houchin (1787-1873)

John D. first married Polly Blair in 1811, who died after their second child was born. He then remarried to Nancy — by whom he had at least ten children. She died in 1870 and he in 1873; both being buried in the old Brownsville Cemetery.

Jesse Houchin (1813-1895) was a son of John D. and Polly Blair. Alexander Houchin (1828-1906) was a son by the second marriage. Alexander first married Palestine Brown and lived in the Oak Grove Community. Their daughter, George Ann Houchin Bledsoe died in 1940. This photo of John D. was found among her belongings and was passed along to her great-granddaughter, Linda Johnson Warnell.

After the death of Palestine Brown, Alexander Houchin remarried to Julia Skaggs and moved to Red Cloud, NB and died there in 1906.

WILLIS C. HOUCHIN

Willis C. Houchin was born Apr. 20, 1827, the son of William D. and Elizabeth Pace Houchin. He married Paradine Cole on Nov. 29, 1849. She was the daughter of William V. and Mary (Tate) Cole.

To this union the following children were born: William Demarcus m. first Elizabeth Hitch, second Martha A. Crass; Woodford L. m. Mary J. Davis; Watt Grant m. Lucy Houchin; Willis C., Jr. m. Della Beckner; Ell Zade m. T.S. Lane; Henrietta F. m. first Moses Lane, second Robert Campbell; Joerilla m. Allen Bradshaw Sanders; Viola m. W.W. Hatcher; Mary m. George W. Smith.



Willis C. & Paradine Cole Houchin

Willis C. Houchin served with Valor and Honor in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was attached to Co. "I" 27 Vol. KY Inf. of the 23rd Corps.

The 27th rendezvoused at Elizabethtown then went into camp at Grayson Springs for most of the winter of '61-'62. It camped for a time at Mud Lick Lock on Green River and went from there to the Shiloh battlefield, arriving after the main battle was over but assisted in removing the dead.

The 27th was in Tuka and Rienzi, MS, Tuscumbia, Florence and Athens, AL. They were also at the siege of Atlanta and Knoxville, TN. Houchin was at the battle of Howard's House that took place just prior to the evacuation of Atlanta.

Willis C. Houchin was honorably discharged at Louisville, KY on Mar. 29, 1865, after serving three years and attaining the rank of Corporal. In the year of 1889 at the age of sixty-one years, he applied for and received an invalids pension of $22.00 quarterly and was dropped from the roll on Jan. 29, 1908, due to death.

Willis C. and Paradine are buried in the Houchin Cemetery, located on the Edmonson Co., KY farm that his grandfather homesteaded in 1799. *Submitted by: Ray H. Houchin, Compiled by Ed Moody*

DR. CHESTER HUFF

Dr. Chester Huff was born Apr. 22, 1889 in the Big Reedy Community of Edmonson County. He was the sixth child born to Alfred and Julie Huff. Sisters were Omie, Addie, Minnie and Meadie. Brothers were Cleve, Roscoe and Herbert.

Sept. 8, 1912, Chester and Blanche Rebecca Huff, daughter of Leonard and Lizzie Woosley Huff, were married. To that union were born three children: Sedalia, married Landon Woosley, parents of Merrill Gordon, Nina Ruth and Nyla Karen; Anita, married Alfred Lindsey, parents of Royce Darwin, Evelyn Kaye and Leonard Bruce; Denby, married Gertrude Whoberry, parents of Judith Verdean and Madolyn Carol; Denby, after divorce, married Hazel Clark. After her death, married Linda Hayes Simon.



Blanch & Chester "Doc" Huff

Dr. Huff had talent and inspiration for Gospel singing. It was told that as a child when playing church with playmates, he always managed to be the song leader. He traveled to Tennessee at an early age and attended the Vaughan School of Music, beginning his career of teaching singing schools in Edmonson and surrounding counties. At the time he married Blanche, a singing school was scheduled at Bethlehem Church in Reedyville. They spent their honeymoon in the home of Alva and Blanch Stevens, teaching singing school at night.

At an early age he professed faith in Christ and became a member of the Mt. Pleasant Cumberland Presbyterian Church, remaining until death. During those years he served as Elder, Choir Director, and teacher of Card Class. There the children received their start into music as well as Bible stories.

In later years, he was not able to sing as much as he wanted due to an asthma condition. A common scene was to see him go to his truck when away from home and use his "wiffer" which was a type of relief for asthma in those days. Children were fascinated to see him take a deep breath of the medication.

In younger years, fox hunting was a sport he enjoyed. The fun was more in getting with the fox hunter gang and telling tales and playing pranks than listening to the hounds run.

Deciding to become a veterinary, he pursued a home study course in veterinary medicine and received his diploma to practice. After receiving diploma, he continued to read and study, keeping abreast of the latest in veterinary medicine. In his early practice he traveled many miles on horse back and was given the nickname of "Horse Doc". All hours of night and all kinds of weather, he would not refuse to go. Later traveling by Jeep, he made calls to all surrounding counties. He practiced medicine until a few days before his death.

Not only did he practice veterinary medicine, but in days when mid-wives were the only help to be found for delivering babies, he was called in many cases.

He established the Dr. C. Huff Company, a dealership for Allis-Chalmers tractor and equipment.

He died as the result of a stroke, Feb. 1, 1973.

SINCLAIR ANDERSON HUFFMAN

Sinclair Anderson Huffman was born Sept. 6, 1826 in Barren Co., KY. In 1846, he married Elizabeth Phelps, daughter of William Phelps, a native of Virginia. He was the son of Teter (Deitrich) Huffman and Elizabeth Edwards.

Children: William R. (born 1847) married Elizabeth Jane Woosley, Feb. 25, 1874; Mary J., born 1848; Susan C., born 1852; Travis Teter, born 1855, married Susan E. Folsom; Sarah M., born 1857.

Sinclair Anderson Huffman and his wife Elizabeth Phelps Huffman are buried in the Fred Jake Meredith Cemetery at Bee Spring, KY. Sinclair Anderson Huffman died Feb. 21, 1862 and his wife, Elizabeth Phelps Huffman died Apr. 18, 1908. *Dale Huffman*

THOMAS HUFFMAN

Thomas Huffman was born in Edmonson Co., KY Dec. 12, 1882 and died Jan. 11, 1962. He was the son of William R. Huffman (1847-1933) and Elizabeth Jane Woosley (1855-1934). William R. Huffman was the son of Sinclair Anderson Huffman and Elizabeth Phelps of Barren Co. (now Metcalfe County) KY.

Thomas Huffman married Anise Potter June 6, 1905. Her father was John Wesley Potter (1855-1940) and her mother was Sally Meredith Potter (1866-1948).



Thomas Huffman in his Blacksmith Shop at Bee Spring.

Thomas Huffman lived at Bee Spring, Edmonson Co., KY, all his life. His occupation was a blacksmith. He also operated a hotel in Bee Spring and operated a grist mill.

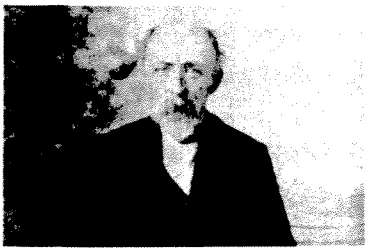
Children of Thomas and Anise Huffman: Hubert (Oct. 7, 1905 - Sept. 26, 1979) md. Nola Webster; Stella (Sept. 17, 1907 - June 25, 1975) md. Chester Van Meter; Lester (July 28, 1912 - Mar. 16, 1977) md. Darlene Decker; Dewey (Nov. 6, 1920 - July 16, 1945) unmarried, served as a Corp. in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Area during World War II; Elmer Dale (Apr. 19, 1925 -) md. Helen Weidemann; Gitana (Apr. 30, 1927 -) md. William E. Lindsey; Mary Evelyn (Feb. 24, 1930 - July 11, 1977) md. Woodrow Davis.

Thomas and Anise Huffman are buried in the Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. *Dale Huffman*

WILLIAM R. HUFFMAN

William R. Huffman was born June 29, 1847 in Barren Co., KY to Sinclair Anderson and Elizabeth Phelps Huffman. On Feb. 25, 1874 he married Elizabeth Jane Woosley in Edmonson Co., KY. Elizabeth was the daughter of Joseph Woosley on Edmonson County. William R. went to Boonesville, IN at the age of 20 and served as a blacksmith apprentice in the shop of James Ellison. From there he went to Smiths Grove, KY started a blacksmith shop and remained there for one year. He then went to Durbin's Precinct (Sunfish) in Edmonson County and practiced his trade for six months. He then went to Bee Spring in Edmonson County where he persued his trade for the rest of his life. At Bee Spring he had a grist mill and a general merchandise store along with his blacksmith shop. William R. served eight months in the Union Army as a private and for two years was a constable at Bee Spring.

First wife (name unknown) Children: Annie, born 1863, married P.G. York, Sept. 21, 1886. Second wife: Elizabeth Jane Woosley. Children: Cordelia, born 1876, married Jacob Meredith Apr. 15, 1893; Albert, born 1879; Thomas, born Dec. 12, 1882, married



William R. Huffman

Anise Potter June 6, 1905; Albert; James H.; Cornelius, born Feb. 10, 1888, married ? Milstead; Almeda, born Mar. 1, 1893, married Noah Duvall; Sylvia, married Fred Meredith Apr. 13, 1910; Effie, born Feb. 13, 1903, married first to Warner Duvall, second time to Myrdith South; Leora, married Washington (Wash) Duvall Jan. 22, 1906.

William R. Huffman died Oct. 1, 1933 and was buried in the Fred Jake Meredith Cemetery at Bee Spring. Elizabeth Woosley Huffman died in 1934 and is buried in the Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. *Dale Huffman*

HUNT

Holbert T. Hunt (June 28, 1829—Mar. 24, 1902) was born in Tennessee and lived at Pulaski until after 1850 when he removed to Kentucky and married Nancy J. Right (Wright??) (June 6, 1832—Oct. 25, 1899), who was born in Allen County. After their marriage, they moved to the Boiling Springs section of Edmonson County and lived there until their death. Both were buried in the Crannells Chapel Cemetery which is located on a hill top West of the Penns Chapel Road at the junction of the road running on top of the knobs from the Boiling Springs Cemetery.

"Hob" and Nancy Hunt had 18 children, but we have only been able to determine the names of 15; apparently the other three having died in infancy. The names and ages were taken from the Edmonson County Census records.



Hobert & Nancy Hunt

1) Mary E. (1852) married L.A. French. Some of their children were: a) Mary b) Martha c) Emla J. d) Vessie French married Carter Stice e) Ciller married Hilory Houchin f) Hollie French had a son named Buster French. (Vessie was raised by the Jeston Warnell family and Ciller by Thomas Hunt family); 2) James W.(1854); 3) Asberry (1855); 4) Emily (1857); 5) Martha E. (1859) married J.A. Watt; both buried at Boiling Springs Cemetery. Martha's age on the rock reads June 23, 1856—1932; 6) William Rue (1860), known as Rue Hunt, he had a son named Johnny Hunt who in turn had a son named Johnny Brown Hunt; 7) Lousa (1863); 8) John R. (1864 is birth given in Census. On his rock at Boiling Springs is (1866-1926). Sons: Claude; Joe; and Howard, with the last two living in Detroit. Daughters: Ollie md. Gentry Watt; Hollie md. Fred Watt; Zelma md. Wilber Specks, a school teacher at Boiling Springs; 9) Malinda L.(1865) This is probably Eliza (Aug. 9, 1865—1928) who married Vincent Cowles. The Lousa born in 1863 could possibly be Eliza as the name is almost pronounced the same. At any rate Eliza and Vincent operated a store at Boiling Springs for many years. They donated the land for the Boiling Springs Cemetery and were the first buried there; 10) Sarah A. (Feb. 9, 1868—1929) married Jeston Warnell: Children: Nellie Warnell md. Clint Hines; Edd md. Lou Cooke; Jim md. Mossie Bledsoe; Grace md. Roy Kinslow; Hubert md. Pansy Roof; Roy md. Addie Simmons; Helen md. Cecil Alexander; Elizabeth md. John Skaggs; Emily md. ? Jordan; 11) Merica (1870); 12) Thomas (1872-1934) was a deacon at Pine Grove United Baptist Church. Wife named Pearlie: Children: Ellis; Harris; Graden (song leader at Otter Gap Church for many years); Gillie; Leydia md. Noah Bledsoe; Lena; Thelma; Flossie; 13) Riley (1873) Children: Raymond; Asberry; Mitchell; Cordie; Doney;14) Margaret (1876) This is probably Maggie who married J.A. Whaling. Daughter named Ruth md. ? Lowe (Lowe's Feed Mill, Bowling Green.) and another daughter who married a Carroll (Carroll Monuments); 15) Matilda (1879).

IVA MAE HUNT

Iva Mae Hunt was born Oct. 25, 1904, in a log cabin on Nolin River in Edmonson Co., KY. She was the oldest daughter of Miles Palmer and Rebecca Brooks Hunt. Her brothers and sister were George, Leroy, Lillian, and Silas.

Her paternal grandparents were John Thomas and Rhoda Meredith Hunt. Rhoda was the daughter of Miles and Tabitha Rich Meredith.

Her maternal grandparents were Abraham "Abe Catty" and Lydia Brooks. Abe was the son of William and Susan Meredith Brooks. Lydia was the daughter of John and Rhoda Sanders Brooks.

On Aug. 17, 1929, in Edmonson County, Iva married Arlie Washington Brooks. He was born Feb. 22, 1903, in Edmonson County. He was the son of John T. and Alice Stinnett Brooks.

His paternal grandparents were Abraham and Mary E. Thompson Brooks. Abe was the son of Smith and Elizabeth Betty Meredith Brooks. Mary was the daughter of James and Biddie Thompson.

His maternal grandparents were Syndey and Eliza Jane Gore Stinnett.



Iva Mae holding son Kenneth. Arlie holding daughter Irene.

Iva and Arlie had seven children: Irene, Kenneth Lee (Sam), Oleta (Jo), Christine, John (died in a drowning accident), Erma, and Chester.

Iva was a quiet, firm, steady person who kept her burdens to herself. She was very protective of her children and demanded good behavior in the home, as well as away from home.

Her married life was a hardship on her for often she had to do domestic work to support her children whom she loved very much. It was a rough way, but she accepted it and did her best. As her children grew up, they would go out and seek employment to help her support the younger children.

They lived in several places around the community never staying too long in one place. She had to pay little or no rent at all.

Iva and Arlie separated after Erma was born. He went to Louisville and was employed by Reynolds Metal Company. They were reunited a short time later when Iva went to stay with his sister, Elva, who was ill. She returned home to Edmonson County and had her youngest son, Chester. There was a final separation then.

Iva was a member of Jock United Baptist Church. She joined and was baptized in July 1955.

About 1962, Iva became ill and was diagnosed as having uterine cancer. She was given radium treatment to combat the cancer which was successful for four years and four months. The cancer returned this time in her kidneys.

On a Sunday evening at 4:05 p.m., May 22, 1966, Iva passed away. She was buried at Jock Church Cemetery.

Iva's life had been a burden on this earth, but she truly loved her children and tried her best to care for them. When the Lord called, she answered going to a beautiful home with no more worries.

Arlie remained in Louisville and retired from Reynolds. He married again after Iva died. He died August 1978, and was buried at Jock Church Cemetery. *By Donna Brooks and Billie Jo Rich*

MILES P. HUNT

Miles Palmer Hunt was born October 1878 in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the son of J.T. or "Tom" and Rhoda Meredith Hunt. His brothers and sisters were Mattie, Freeman, Bitha, Artebaun, Issac, John, and possibly one or two more.

His father, Tom Hunt, was born in Monroe Co., KY. Tom Hunt's parents were born in Jefferson Co., TN.

His maternal grandparents were Miles and Tabitha Rich Meredith. Miles was the son of Bradley and Jemima Sanders Meredith. Tabitha was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Morris Rich.



Miles Palmer Hunt

On January 16, 1904, Miles married Rebecca Brooks at his parents home in Edmonson County in the presence of Sam Willis and J.T. Hunt.

Rebecca was born about 1874 in Edmonson Co., KY. Her parents were Abe "Catty" and Lydia Brooks. Her brothers and sisters were Rhoda, Ida Bell, Thomas, Lula, James, Anna, Minnie, and Simeon.

Her paternal grandparents were William "Bill Catty" and Susan Meredith Brooks. William was the son of Smith and Elizabeth Betty Meredith Brooks, Susan was the daughter of Thomas and Rhoda Bales Meredith.

Her maternal grandparents were John and Rhoda Sanders Brooks. John was the son of Smith and Elizabeth Betty Meredith Brooks. Rhoda was the daughter of Thomas and Susan Saunders.

Miles and Rebecca lived on a farm on Nolin River in the Jock Community and raised everything they used. They kept their milk, eggs, and butter in a small cave that was on their property. The cave had a small stream running through it that was ice cold. Besides farming, Miles also worked in timber. He and several other men would build a raft and float the logs down the river. Miles would be the cook. He left one time and went to work in a place called Stinson and was gone for several weeks.

Miles and Rebecca had the following children: Iva, George, Leroy, Lillian, and Silas. Miles could play the banjo and tried to teach all his children to play. Iva and George were the only two who did not learn.

Sometime during Miles' life, a horse threw him causing an injury to the lower part of his spine. Often times, this injury would rise and bits of bone would work through the skin. He went to Louisville to have surgery, but it was too late. The infection had turned into cancer and spread through his body. He died June 6, 1941. Rebecca lived with her daughter, Iva, for awhile. She died July 4, 1955. Both are buried in a small cemetery on Jock Road in Edmonson County.

Submitted by Donna Brooks and Billie Jo Rich

JAMES W. ISBELL

James W. Isbell was born about 1816, probably in Warren Co., Ky., the son of Henry and Mary Isbell. His grandfather was James Isbell, Jr. (1760-1840) who fought at Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War and who came to Kentucky in 1795.

James W. Isbell grew up in Warren and Hart Counties, but, after his marriage about 1843, James bought the property known as the "county-line" house which straddled the Edmonson-Barren County line near former Chaumont, KY. Here he brought his wife, Nancy, and her four children.

Nancy was born about 1810, the daughter of John T. and Mary Shelton Faris or Farris of Barren County. She first married Hezekiah C. Briggs of Logan County by whom she had four children: William, Mary, Samuel and Hezekiah. Her husband died about 1839, and Nancy returned to Barren County where she lived near her family and where she probably met James Isbell.

James and Nancy had one daughter: Francis Semarimis Isbell (1844-1926). Francis married Samuel Doyel in 1861.

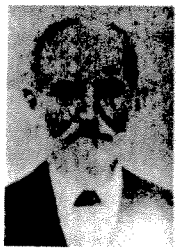
In 1863 James W. Isbell died suddenly. Family tradition holds that he was competing in a horse race when he was thrown and killed. His daughter, Francis, and her husband, Samuel Doyel, came to live in the house with Nancy, again a widow. One of Nancy's grandchildren told the story that as a child he used to sit in his grandmother Isbell's lap as she sat in her rocker on the porch of the house. One day she told him that he need never worry about money as there were riches buried on the farm. However, Nancy died in 1873 without ever divulging where these "riches" could be found. *Vonnell Doyel-Tingle*

JAMES

Washington James was born Sept. 15, 1819, in Kentucky. He was probably the son of Elijah James. Census records indicate that his father was born in Virginia, and his mother in Tennessee.

Washington James was a farmer and resided for the most part near the mouth of the Nolin River where it empties into the Green River. It was here that he operated a "Toll" ferry for people crossing the rivers going to the northern parts of the county such as the communities of Poplar Springs, Sweeden, Ollie, Lincoln, and other areas north of the river This was related to me by my mother Effie Hazelip James and my father Frank James. When they were first married in Aug. 15, 1901, they lived for the most part of two years with Washington James and took care of him. This was a service performed by them in order to have a place to live and land to farm. It seems also that when Washington James died, there was a disagreement as to whether they would be permitted to reside on this land for the remainder of the year. It was settled in court and the courts ruled that in as much as they had plowed part of a field that they had begun a crop and were permitted to reside for the remainder of the year.

He was married to Margaret Lindsey on Dec. 22, 1844, in Edmonson County. At least



Washington James

three children, all daughters, were born to this union. They were: 1) Mary S. b. circa 1847, md. C. G. Madison; 2) Sarah R. b. circa 1850, md. Martin L. Cooke (moved to Arkansas); 3) Lillie F. b. circa 1852, md. ? Meredith.

Washington had a second marriage to Arbana F. Butram. She was probably the daughter of William and Jane Butram. Arbana was born June 25, 1840, in Tennessee. To this union were born the following: 1) Columbus M. "Lum" b. Jan. 21, 1860, d. July 23, 1946; 2) William Bailey b. circa 1861; 3) Rumsey b. Dec. 8, 1863, d. Apr. 6, 1874; 4) Maranda J. b. circa 1864; 5) Thomas Alfred b. Mar. 26, 1866, d. Aug. 20, 1947; 6) Alvin M. b. May, 1868 (the father of Carl James who married Letty Bird; parents of Farrell and Jimmie L.); 7) George Adolphus b. Mar. 26, 1871, d. May 6, 1941; 8) Luther b. circa 1873.

Arbana James, his wife, died July 12, 1894. Washington died Mar. 26, 1902. They are both buried in the Poplar Springs Cemetery and monuments are erected for them and all of their relatives which are also buried in this same cemetery.

Columbus M. James ("Lum") - son of Washington James. He was born Jan. 21, 1860 and died July 23, 1946. He was married to Lucy Bird circa 1881/1882. To this marriage were born the following: 1) Frank b. Aug. 7, 1882, md. Effie Hazelip Aug. 15, 1901. d. Nov. 18, 1956; 2) Claude W. b. August 1885; 3) A.B. (Arbana) b. June 1887, md. John Logan, d. Nov. 5, 1938; 4) Simeon b. July 1889; 5) M.D. (Della) b. December 1891, md. Sebe Smith; 6) G.H. (Gillie b. Feb. 1894, d. (military); 8) Bettie b. February 1896, md. T.L. Hyde (Tennessee) d. 1978; 8) William Leslie b. January 1900, md. Rhoda Newkirk (father of Clevie and Ruth).

Frank James: Farmer and Veterinarian by practice - son of Columbus M. James. He was married to Effie Hazelip Aug. 15, 1901. To this marriage were born the following: 1) Lou Emma b. July 18, 1902, md. Charles H. Glines - Louisville, KY d. Aug. 22, 1967; 2) Jesse b. Apr. 4, 1904, md. Ruth Skaggs Dec. 27, 1924 d. June 25, 1973; 3) William Henry b. Mar. 30, 1907, md. Ora Blanton July 27, 1928 d. Aug. 30, 1975; 4) Blain b. June 19, 1910, md. Audrey Blanton - father of Victory and Weldon; 5) Gussie May b. Sept. 19, 1912, md. John T. Webb 1st, Joe Bell 2nd. (children, Barbara and Jimmy, George Doyle 3rd); 6) Sibyl b. Nov. 19, 1915, md. Oren H. Webb (children, Grace Dean, Leonard, Emerson, Hal, Sue, Evelyn); 7) Letty b. Dec. 27, 1918, md. Lonzie Potter (children, Charles K, James Hershel); 8) Ruby Mable b. June

5, 1922, d. Dec. 7, 1924; 9) Ray (twin) b. Nov. 15, 1929, md. Anna M. Dossey (children, Darrin Ray) d. July 5, 1972; 10) Roy (twin) b. Nov. 15, 1929, md. Dorothy Beckner (children, Barry, Kathy Jo).

Elijah James - father of Washington James. Records at the Edmonson County Court House, Brownsville indicate in marriage records that Elijah James married Lutisha Bennett. Marriage performed by Rev. Jesse Moon on the 19th day of April, 1837. Jesse Moon was pastor of the Beaver Dam Baptist Church. It is said to be one of the oldest churches in the county. After their marriage, Elijah James was ordained to the work as a Deacon in said Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Lutisha, his wife, was saved and baptized into the membership of Beaver Dam Church after her marriage to Elijah.

Elijah James (according to a statement by Carl James, deceased father of Farrel James) was buried in the same cemetery that Isaac James is buried in. This cemetery is located in the Oak Grove Community on the farm presently owned by Danny York. (The grave is marked by a field stone; but no name).

The children of Elijah James and Lutisha Bennett James were: (see Deed Book H. P. 98, Edmonson County Court Records): Amos James, Washington James, Isaac James, Mary L. James "Polly Ann", Ann Elizabeth James, Heneretta James.

Related Marriages: Aug. 31, 1842 - John Lindsey Jr. md. Polly Ann James; Apr. 2, 1845 - Isaac James md. Mary L Watt; Aug. 26, 1846 - Amos James md. Eliza Wilsher; Apr. 22, 1847 - Parnum Hazelip md. Mahala Jane James (Roland's daughter); Nov. 5, 1866 - Delware Lindsey md. Mahala Jane James (Roland's daughter); Aug. 2, 1867 - Isaac James md. Celiah M.A. Lindsey; Aug. 4, 1853 - John M. Bird md. Lucinda Moore.

Submitted by Roy James

JAMES - BALLARD

Thomas E. "Jock" James b. Mar. 16, 1879, d. June 27, 1960, md. Jan. 15, 1902 Eva Eldridge Ballard b. Jan. 19, 1879, d. June 13, 1970. Both Buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Edmonson County.

Thomas E.'s mother was Paradine James. b. ca. 1859 d. before 1900. Her parents were Roland T. James b. ca 1823, d. Jan. 20, 1891 and Jane Cayton b. ca 1825 d. ___. Roland is buried in Brown Cemetery located on Old Brown home place in Pine Grove Community. He was a Civil War soldier. Roland and Janes's other children remembered by descendants were Charlie, Henderson, George, Annie (Wingfield) and Lou, probably Lou Ellen (Gross). Paradine married Frank Sandefer and moved to the Girkin Community, Family members have been unable to find her grave. Paradine's other four children were Ben, Will, Aopha, and a son that died as a young man.

Eva's father was William Banks Ballard b. 1848 in Ireland, d. 1937. He came to America with his parents when he was eight years old. He married Mary Clark from Tennessee b. 1850 d. 1927. Both William and Mary are buried near Hadley, KY in Warren County in



Jock and Eva James 50th Wedding Anniversary

the Highland Baptist Church Cemetery. From an old family picture of Eva as a young girl with her family, three of her uncles (her mother's brothers) with their families have been identified as Jasper and Mattie Clark, Zed and Zula Clark, and Elzie and Lou Clark.

Elzie and Lou are also buried at Hadley, KY. The dates on their stone read Elzie M. b. May 3, 1854 d. Dec. 8, 1926 and Louisa G. b. Nov. 21, 1846 d. June 18, 1918.

Eva the oldest of six children had a sister Willia Ballard b. 1888 d. 1965 M. Birley H. Coley b. 1886 d. 1961. Both buried at Hadley, KY, and four brothers: BALLARD: 1) Cas married Pearl ___; 2) Henry married Mazzie ___; 3) Charlie married Beulah ___; 4) Jim never married. Died a young man. Buried at Hadley, KY. No stone.

The following is Thomas E. and Eva's nine children, 14 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Thomas E 1: Ella Ellen b. Dec. 26, 1902 M. Fred Lux b. ___ d. Mar. 8, 1942 (Indianapolis, IN); 1 Child: Octava b. Mar. 28, 1931 M. (1)Bob Hammond. Divorced. Two children: 1) Barbara b. Oct. 30, 1954 M. Scott Dykster. Divorced; 2) Brian b. July 27, 1959. Never married. (2) M. Jess Daily b. Dec. 13, 1917.

Thomas E 2: Stella Mary b. July 27, 1904 d. May 4, 1980 Oak Hill Cemetery M. Jess Westrick from Carrollton, KY. No children.

Thomas E 3: Margaret Ann "Maggie" b. Mar. 8, 1906 M. James O. Stroud b. Nov. 9, 1889 d. Sept. 26, 1975. Buried Birdseye, IN. One child: Infant son (stillborn) May 19, 1932.

Thomas E 4: Earl Paradine b. Aug. 30, 1908 d. June 19, 1909. Oak Hill Cemetery.

Thomas E 5: Thelma Kathern b. May 31, 1910 m. May 10, 1927 Getty Vincent b. Nov. 29, 1905 d. Nov. 23, 1972. Three children: 1) Audra b. May 26, 1928 m. Robie Jean Lindsey b. June 2, 1940 1 child: Benny G. b. Sept. 23, 1957; 2) Kelsey b. May 30, 1931 m. Tobie Janet Lindsey b. Feb. 27, 1937. Three children: Sherree (Carroll) - Terri (Webb) - Donovan E. 3) Harold W. b. Feb. 20, 1936 m. Loretta Tarter b. Mar. 2, 1940. Two children: Derrick S. and Denise M. (Williams).

Thomas E 6: Thomas Alfred b. May 20, 1912 (1) m. Nina McCrady. Divorced, five children: 1) Clydean b. July 7, 1936 never married; 2) Thomas E. b. Dec. 24, 1937, three children: Tonia - Thomas J. - Sara E.; 3) Ben Harvey b. Oct. 8, 1940 one child: Ben Jason; 4) Clyde Alton b. May 20, 1942 one child: Brian K.; 5) Charles L. b. Feb. 26, 1944 one child: Charles A. Presently married to Irene ___ and lives in Murray, KY.

Thomas E 7: William Floyd b. Aug. 2, 1914 d. Aug. 6, 1958 m. Oct. 4, 1949 Mae Elmore b. May 3, 1920 d. Mar. 6, 1978. Both bur. Oak Hill Cemetery one child: Poinsetta b. & d. Dec. 31, 1955 Oak Hill Cemetery.

Thomas E 8: Angle Mae b. Oct. 3, 1917 d. Oct. 6, 1987 M. Roma Kelly b. Feb. 14, 1913 d. Mar. 8, 1985. Both bur. Oak Hill Cemetery. one child: Jotava b. Apr. 18, 1938 presently married to Joe Zayak b. Apr. 20, 1940. They have one child: 1) Stephanie b. June 5, 1967 M. Jim Tarr; Jotava has five other children: All adopted by Zayak except Danny. 2) John C. b. Sept. 6, 1954.; 3) Robert Carl b. Aug. 6, 1955; 4) Danny Hughes b. May 15, 1957 adopted by Jovata's Great Aunt Ella and Henry Hughes; 5) Nancy b. May 31, 1958 M. ___ Bonzanto; 6) Rebecca b. June 1, 1959 M. ___ Blevins.

Thomas E 9: Edith Pauleen b. Jan. 31, 1920 M. Carlos D. Skaggs b. Jan. 31, 1908 d. Aug. 19, 1972 Pleasant Union Cemetery. Two children: 1) James Deen "Jimmy" b. July 27, 1938 M. Linda L. Embry b. Sept. 4, 1940. One child: Mary Lynn b. Nov. 27, 1970; 2) Betty "Jan" Marlene b. Nov. 12, 1946 (1) M. Russell Bardin one child: Jane Ann b. Jan. 30, 1974 (2) M. Johnny Russell.

JOHNSON

The Johnson family originally came from England. They came to Kentucky from Virginia. Grandfather Johnson was born in or near Brownsville, KY and lived there all of his life. In early life he worked as a carpenter. He told us of having helped build a hotel in Bee Springs, KY. He hauled merchandise from Rocky Hill (the nearest railroad) to Brownsville. Most of the merchandise came up Green river by steam boats called packets, then he hauled the merchandise from the river up-town to the stores. In his later years he was overseer of Cal Johnson's two farms.

The given names of his parents are not known by me. There were three brothers and one sister, Mose, Joe, Isaac and Amelia (Melie). Uncle Mose was married to Paradine, they had no children. Uncle Joe's children were Gene and Homer by his first wife (name unknown). His second wife and Ellen. Uncle Isaac, no information known. Aunt Melie married Bill Skaggs, who was a blacksmith. Their children were Rice, Luther, Edna, Bernice and Garland. All were Edmonson County life time natives.

Grandmother, a native of Edmonson County was born Juliann Frances Houchin. Her father was Ace Houchin. Mothers maiden name unknown. At age 13 she married a Skaggs that died at an early age. Together they had four children. Martin (Sonny), Pink, Poose and Dora. She had a brother Jess and sisters Rice, Phyllis and Georgann Houchin. (The family name). She married James Melvin Johnson our Grandfather. They had three children, Sophia Elizabeth (Lizzie), Florence and Calvin Sidney Johnson, our Dad.

Aunt Lizzie married Simeon Thomas Brooks, a druggist. Their children were Lola, Mable, Paul and Ruth. Denver (Den) was a stepson. Uncle Tom was a widower having lost his first wife by death.

Aunt Florence married Curtis Lindsey called Curt. He was a farmer. Their children were Joe, Chloe, Elizabeth, Herald and Charles. Aunt Florence died when Charles was six years old. Grandpa and Grandma raised him. He lived with them until he married.

Calvin Sidney (our Dad) married Eulah Dunn, Sept. 4, 1902. Their children were Mary Frances (died at age nine months), Christine, Mary Kate, (baby girl, stillborn, no name), James Howard, Guy Bealmear, Julius Spencer and Sydna Faye. All were born in Brownsville, KY.

Our dad wore many hats, as a young man he worked for Uncle Tom in the Drug Store and could have become a Pharmacist by just taking a test. This he did not do. He then worked as an attendant at Lakeland, KY. While there he had a try-out with the Louisville Colonels Baseball team, as a pitcher. Instead of staying in Louisville he returned to Brownsville where he lived the rest of his life. Washington Bith Meredith was elected Sheriff and Dad was Office Deputy for him. Then Dad was elected Sheriff for the next term. Much later he served as County Judge and then one term as State Senator. He was a merchant and a licensed Undertaker at the same time.

He was born May 12, 1875, died Jan. 9, 1965. Our mother was born June 12, 1884, died Jan. 15, 1965.

Christine married James Tyler Paxton Mar. 11, 1927. He was born in Louisville, KY. We were married in Bowling Green, KY. Tyler Sr. passed away Sept. 1, 1976. We have three children, Mary Patricia, Virginia Elizabeth and James Tyler Jr. Mary Patricia married John Pennington Boyle in Louisville, KY, Oct. 30, 1947. Children, John P. Boyle Jr. and Deborah Ann Boyle both born in Louisville, KY. John Jr. married Kathy from Lampassas, TX. They had one daughter, Kelly. They were divorced. He then married Diane Agalias from New Jersey. They have two sons, James Tyler and John Pennington III. Deborah married Jim Williams they had one daughter Jennifer Leigh. They were divorced. She then married James May, they are divorced.

Virginia Elizabeth married Lawrence William Shireman, Mar. 7, 1952 in Louisville, KY. They have three daughters, Barbara Elaine, Mary Elizabeth and Leigh Ellen. Barbara married Richard Anthony Totten. They have three children Richard Anthony Jr. (Ricky), Ashley Elizabeth and Sarah Elaine. They were married Dec. 31, 1977. Mary Elizabeth is a Special Education Teacher in Richmond, KY. Leigh Ellen married Douglas Mitchell Bunger. They have one son William Michael. They were married May 25, 1985.

James Tyler Paxton Jr. married Norma Shanks, they were divorced. He then married Alice Waterbury. Their children are Vicki, Christina and a step-son Mark Waterbury. Vicki married Roy Thornton. They have two children, Christopher and Alicia. Christina is single. Mark was married and has one son. He is now divorced.

Mary Kate married Eldon Whobrey from Huff, KY. They had two children Frances and Leroy. Frances was born in the Old Dunn Hotel in Brownsville, KY and Leroy was born in Indianapolis, IN. Frances married Rumsey Houchin of Brownsville, KY. They have three children, Donna and twins Donald and Dorothy. Leroy married a girl named Phyllis they live in California. Mary was divorced from Eldon then married Louis Riley of Indianapolis, he died of cancer. Then she married Lou Commeville, originally from Louisiana, he also died from cancer. Mary now lives in Indianapolis.

James Howard Johnson married Alpha Wells from Celina, TN. They had two sons, James Howard Jr. and William Sidney. Both born in Brownsville, KY. James Howard Sr. died Sept. 16, 1979. James Jr. married Ruth Brooks from near Cave City. They have two daughters, Ann and Debby. They all now reside in California. William Sidney married Rosemary and had one son, Alan. They were divorced. He is now married to Linda and live in Chattanooga, TN. He has a step-daughter, Stephanie, a son Alan.

Julius Spencer Johnson Sr. married Shirley Mounsey. Shirley passed away Mar. 7, 1982. They have four sons, Julius Spencer Jr., Christopher F., Guy Douglas and Calvin Sidney. Spencer Jr. married Sue Hizer of Louisville. They have two daughters, Carrie and Julie. All live in Louisville, KY. Christopher married Petie. They had two sons, Christopher and Jeremy. They were divorced and he is now married to Sharon Wemes, she has two daughters and two grandchildren. Guy Douglas and Sidney are bachelors.

Guy Bealmear Johnson married Elizabeth Morris of Woodburn, KY. They have one daughter, Mary. She married David Priddy of Chalybeate, KY. They have one son, Guy Jonathon called Jon. They were divorced and she married Dr. John Bedwell, a Podiatrist. They divorced. Mary her mother and Jon live in Bowling Green, KY. Guy Bealmear died of cancer in June 11, 1982.

Sydna Faye Johnson married Robert Jesse Shufelt from Midland, MI. They had two children, Robert Jesse Jr. and Rebecca both born in Brownsville, KY. Robert Jr. called Bobby is single. Rebecca called Becky married Mark Ashley from Lindseyville, KY. They live in Brownsville, KY and have one daughter, Stacie. Robert Sr. was in the service and retired from the Army. Now deceased.

Christine, I the oldest born May 18, 1905, went to the Business University in Bowling Green, KY. Worked for one and a half years in a lawyers office, a short time for a public utilities company. Then was married. After the children were born I worked seven years as a salesperson and catalog order department manager for Montgomery Ward. Then spent 23' years as a State Employee as Jr. and Sr. Interviewer and Department Head in the sales unit.

Mary Kate and her last husband owned a tent and awning business. Made all kinds of canvas goods. Her first husband had many jobs. The second was a salesman for Curtis Candy Company.

Howard and Dad had a furniture and appliance store in Brownsville for several years. Then he came to Louisville and worked in security at American Synthetic Rubber Company. His last years he managed a hardware store. (An S & T Store).

Guy worked in Louisville at American Standard Sanitary Company. He was picked up there by a baseball scout and went to Baltimore Orioles Club. Uncle Sam put a stop to that with a stint in service. Then he went back to Brownsville in the store, it was made an outlet store. He also had one in Leitchfield and Cave City. He worked at this until his retirement.

Julius came to Louisville and worked a while for Swiss Cleaners then went back to Brownsville where he worked for Sanders Cleaners until retirement.

Sydna lived at home with Mom and Dad while her husband Robert was over seas in service. They lived a short while in Virginia and at Fort. Knox then went back to Brownsville. She worked and managed Guys store for a long time Bob died while we had our homes at Nolin Lake. She moved back to town and still lives in the old home place where she was born. She was the only one born in the existing house.

Mary, Howard, Guy and Julius were born in the house that was torn down on the same location. Mary Frances was born in the first house Mom and Dad owned. It was at the top of river hill. There were three houses in a row that looked alike, they were called Strawberry row. I, Christine, was born in the Dunn Hotel building soon after Mama and Grandpa Dunn moved there.

JOHNSON

About the year 1850 there were several Johnson families living in the Big Ready section of Edmonson - Butler Counties. These families all belonged to the Big Ready United Baptist Church and appeared to be closely related to each other. The names of Darnel Johnson (born Ca. 1795); Isaac E. (Ca. 1797); Isaac D. (Ca. 1823); Jobe (Ca. 1827) and William F. (1813) all appear in the records of this old church.

After the Civil War several of these men and their children moved to the Oak Grove section of Edmonson Co. and settled.



Joseph E. & Mary Kinser Johnson

Jobe and wife Polly Ann (Gross) Johnson were the first to move from the Big Ready section to Oak Grove. They settled on Beaver

Dam Creek at the place that is now called "Jobe" and presently owned by Roma Slaughter. The names of Jobe's children have been established by Court records at Brownsville: Deed Book: S; pages 517-519, and Book V; 177-8.1) James Melvin (1849-1935) wife Julia Ann Skaggs. They were the parents of Cal Johnson who operated a store in Brownsville for many years. Cal was Guy Johnson's father; 2) John Marion (Ca. 1851) was the father of Johnny Johnson who married Jane Meredith sister to Callie Meredith who married Rob Dalton. Children: Cal (Curley) Johnson; Stroudie; Joe; Willie; Jim; Blaine Johnson. Several of these boys lived around the Jock Community; 3) Niawa (1853-1934) wife Paradine Wells; 4) George Ann (Ca. 1857) died young; 5) Doctor Hardin (Ca. 1860) wife Laura Butram; 6) Joseph E. (1862-1945) wife Mary Keinser. They were the parents of Rev. Homer Johnson; Will Doley; and Gene Rut Johnson; 7) Permelia Elizabeth married William A. Skaggs; 8) Anderson wife Mihaley "Dee" Brown.

William F. Johnson (born 1813) and wife Mary had several children to move to Oak Grove after the Civil War, and while William F. was visiting his children he died and was buried in the Johnson Cemetery (next to the grave of William Riley Johnson). Mary was apparently buried in Butler County. Both died after 1880. Children: 1) Martin (Ca. 1838); 2) James (Ca. 1840); 3) William Riley (1842-1898) buried in the Johnson Cemetery at Oak Grove. He was a Civil War Vet. and in the same company with his brother James. (C. G. 11 KY Inf.) William Riley was the father of T.O. (Rev. Clarence Johnson's father), Garfield (father of Hobert, Everett, Mae Campbell, Maggie Lindsey, Maude Reed, and Rev. William Johnson), Ollie who married John F. Lindsey, and Grover Johnson; 4) Isaac (Ca 1846); 5) Greenberry (Ca. 1849); 6) Richard (Ca. 1853), and was the father of "The Minnie" Johnson; 7) Jobe (Ca. 1851), and died in Grayson County. His children were: Kelley, Emmitt (son named Denville), Bennitt, Ona, Johnny, Henderson, and the girls were: Lula, Ansie, Ida, Tilly; 8) John (ca. 1858); 9) Jasper (Ca. 1862).

Isaac E. Johnson's children also came to Oak Grove. Two of them were Isaac P. who married Nancy Hazelip and James W. who married Susan Jane Warnell.

Submitted by Norman Warnell

JOHNSON

Guy B. Johnson was one of six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin S. Johnson, Brownsville, KY, July, 23, 1914. He died June 11, 1982. He was a member of Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church in Brownsville, KY. Dec. 16, 1938 he married Elizabeth Morris who is now living in Bowling Green, KY. To them was born one daughter, Mary, who is a registered nurse practitioner working at Graves-Gilbert Clinic in Bowling Green, Ky. Mary has one son, Guy Jonathan Priddy, born Sept. 6, 1977.

In 1939 Guy signed a contract to play baseball as a pitcher with the Baltimore



Guy B. Johnson

Orioles. In 1942 he was drafted in the U.S. Army and served two and one-half years being discharged as Corporal.

When he came home from service, he bought his father out in the furniture business and later changed the store to a general store, but retained the original name of the store, "C.S. Johnson and Son". In 1958 he opened a factory outlet store in Leitchfield, KY and operated it for almost ten years.

Guy was a charter member of the Edmonson County Lions Club. He was also a member of the American Legion Post No. 42, having managed a baseball team for them for two years. He organized a recreational organization where he served as chairman and started Little League Baseball in Edmonson County. He was instrumental in building a lighted baseball and football field at Brownsville Elementary School, which has been dedicated as "Guy B. Johnson Memorial Field". In 1966 Guy was elected Director of Warren Rural Electric Association and held this post until his death.

In 1968 he served as Grandmaster of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

JOHNSON

James H. Johnson (1843-1910) came to Edmonson County from Barren County in the late 1870's and settled on a farm on the north bank of Green River in the Mt. Zion Community. His father, John Johnson had married Maragret Mitchell in Barren County and resided there all their lives. While visiting her son at Mt. Zion in 1891, Maragret died and was buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

James married Lovisa Steenbergen in Barren County after the Civil War. He had been in the Union Army, 9th KY Inf. Co. G. His wife was the daughter of John L. Steenbergen and Martha Ragland.



James H. & Lovisa Steenbergen Johnson

James and Lovisa's children. We have ommitted those who died at infancy or while small children. 1) Luvernia (1870-1947) married first James Henry Lindsey (1864-1888). They had one child, Luther Lindsey. After the death of her first husband, Vernia married J.T. Brown (1864-1913). Children: Stella, Eula, Nola, and John Brown; 2) Lon Johnson married Lucy Vincent. Children: Cora married Harrison Vincent, Onies married Frank Vincent, Alice married J.M. York, and Leva married Erva Basham; 3) Lela Mae Johnson (1874-1958) married Roscoe Wolfe. Children: Dealie married Lewis Vincent, Grover (died small), Hushel married Kitty Stice, Rev. Willie married Ellis Stice, Bennie (died small), Ezra married Zela Vincent, Archie married Lillie Lindsey, Avry (died small), Sybel married Reuben Vincent, Carl married Chlorine Vincent, Victor married Geneva Alexander, Delphia married Herbert Slaughter, Luvie (died small), Lova married Lester Warnell; 4) James Late Johnson (1876-1896) buried in Holly Spring Cemetery, he and his wife both died young and left no children; 5) Boss Johnson. Children: Noah Adern, Lovise, and Juanita. These children lived out of Edmonson County; 6) Adern Johnson married Angie Houchin (daughter of "Devil Bill" Houchin or perhaps a sister. I have not been able to confirm which). Adern and Angie moved to Longmont, CO and raised their family there. Children: Estil, Carl, Mae, Helen, Opie, Ovie, Guy, Leroy, Tuck; 7) Myrte Johnson married Ed Pete Vincent. Children: Gettie, married Katherin James, Onie married Hattie Massey, Erma married Charles Lindsey, Lova Bell married Vernon Inglehart, Wayne married Edith ___, Vernal married ___ Slaughter, Trulan (Tom Thumb) married several times, Annis married Everett Houchin, Shelly married Everett Cooke, Thella married ___, Nelva married Carl Fry.

Norman Warnell.

JO ETTA SANDERS JOHNSON

Jo Etta Sanders Johnson was born Sept. 9, 1945 when her parents, Gilbert and Edna Ray Sanders, lived at the North Ranger Station at Good Springs in Mammoth Cave National Park.

Before her second birthday the family moved to the Flint Ridge near Mammoth Cave Church. At age two and a half the family moved to the Ray farm in the Capitol Hill Community where she lived until her marriage to A.J. Johnson, son of Alva and Mildred Johnson. She attended the one room school at Capitol Hill two years, then went to Brownsville where she finished elementary and high school at age 15 as Valedictorian of her class - the year 1961.

She now has three children: David, 24, who is in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Myrtle Beach, SC; Joy, 19, married to Scott Katnab of Caneyville; and Natalie, 17, who is a senior at West Hardin High School. She now lives on a farm at Sonora, KY with her husband who is principal of an elementary school in Hardin County.

She has three years of college work and



A.J. & JoEtta Johnson

hopefully she will finish her degree when she gets her daughters through college. *Submitted by: Edna Ray Sanders.*

JOHNSON

Sylvanus Johnson born about 1779 to Benjamin and Mary Johnson of Virginia came to Edmonson County and settled on Alexander Creek in the Pine Grove Community on land that is now owned by Danny Elmore and Dickie Sanders.

Sylvanus married Margaret Madison, daughter of Susanna Henry Madison, sister of Hon. Patrick Henry of Virginia. Sylvanus Johnson died about the year 1856 and his children and heirs are listed in his will which is recorded at the court house.

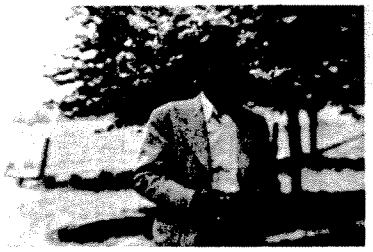
Children of Sylvanus and Margaret Madison Johnson: 1) John Madison Johnson born Sept. 1, 1808; 2) Robert Gregory Johnson born Sept. 1, 1811; 3) Andrew Jackson Johnson born 1816; 4) Patrick Henry Johnson born 1823; 5) Agatha M. Johnson born Apr. 22, 1820, married Gen'l Thomas Sterrett, Jr., in Edmonson County Oct. 20, 1838. His father Thomas Sterrett, Sr. was a Captain in the War of 1812 and afterwards a General of the Militia. His wife was Mary Ann Brooks, daughter of James and Elizabeth Woods Brooks; 6) Mary A. Johnson born July 3, 1814 married Dr. A. Rowe; 7) Susan H. Johnson born January 1818 married Dr. Thomas J. Jones in Edmonson County in 1840; 8) Margaret Johnson born 1830 married Thomas Sweeney in Edmonson County in 1843.

By the time the will of Sylvanus Johnson was recorded his two oldest sons were dead. His oldest son, John M. Johnson married in August, 1832 to Elouise Meredith. Their children: 1) William Lafayette Johnson (1833-1908). Dale Johnson who married Sue Wilson of the Girkin Community of Warren County is a descendant. They have two children Leslie and Brandon Johnson; 2) Robert Sylvanus Johnson (born 1835); 3) John Henry Johnson (born 1837) never married; 4) Sam Franklin Johnson (1839-1909) lived in Louisville; 5) Lucian Campbell Johnson (born 1842).

JOHNSON

Clarence Johnson was born born June 5, 1904 in Edmonson County. He was the oldest in a family of six boys. His parents were Julen and Ada Cannon Johnson.

In 1927, he married Gladys Bolton, daughter of V.G. and Alice Bolton. Four children were born to them: Lorene, Joann, Barbara, and Virgil Leon, who died in September 1986.



Clarence Johnson

He owned and operated a saw mill on his farm on the Shadyland Road for 19 years. In 1949, he went to work at the True Temper Company in Bowling Green operating the saw mill there for several years.

In 1958, he became ill with rheumatoid arthritis and had to quit work. He was called Dad by his children and his seven grandchildren. He was a member of the Shadyland Church of Christ and a songleader there for many years. On Oct. 8, 1973 he died at the age of 69. He is buried in the Shadyland Cemetery.

JOHNSON

Samuel B. Johnson was born Jan. 12, 1874 in Butler County, where he was reared to manhood. His father, Oliver P. Johnson (1830-1891) was a native of Butler County and was the Captain of the Eleventh Kentucky (Federal) Infantry; Co. G. during the Civil War. After the War, Oliver P. came to Edmonson County and upon his death in 1891, was buried in the Silent Grove Cemetery. He was the son of Hiram Johnson who died in Edmonson County in 1843, who in turn was the son of Arthur Johnson, a native of Pennsylvania, who was one of the pioneers of Edmonson County, and died in Sangamon Co., IL, at an advanced age.

Sam B. Johnson was a brother to George W. (died in childhood); John J. (Judge of Butler County); Francis M.; Josephine; Hiram W.; and Addie who married James Reed of Brownsville and was proprietor of the Reed Hotel for many years.



Sam B. & Lena Johnson

From his youth, Sam Johnson exhibited extraordinary talent, and the divine spark of genius was apparent at an early age, and by the time he was a young man he had distinguished himself as a scholar and as a teacher. Because of his knowledge of government and law, he was generally regarded as a paragon of wisdom and virtue by his home people. His first marriage was to a Smith in Butler County. Their children were: 1) Speed; 2) Reed; 3) Hushel; 4) Stella; 5) Mammie (both married Whites).

After the death of his first wife, Sam married Lena Bledsoe (1887-1955) daughter of Edd F. and George Ann (Houchin) Bledsoe of the Oak Grove Community. Sam and Lena's children were: 1) Harlan Samuel Johnson (born and died 1912); 2) Franklin Oliver Johnson (1915-1917); 3) Beulah Johnson married Rumsey James. Their children: a) Roger James married Shirley Carroll; children: Sheila; David; Linda; Laura; Tom. b) Rita James married Steve Priddy; children: Bruce; Lee Ann; 4) Paul Johnson married Betty Britt. Their children: a) Sue married Jim Bratcher: Children: Curtis Perry; b) Linda married Norman Warnell; Children: Jill, Samuel; c) Ann married Barry Bullock; Children: Brian; Kim; d) Samuel (died age two); e) Rose Ellen married Dale Garrett. Children: April; Adam; Andy.

Sam B. Johnson and Lena Johnson taught school in Edmonson County for many years, and after his call to the ministry, Sam gave up his practice of Law and stood as a living witness for Christ and the power of the Gospel to save. Though there was nothing very brilliant or showy in his talents as a preacher, yet he was enabled through the Spirit, to find a way to the hearts of saints and sinners. The esteem in which he was held by his brethren is evinced in the fact that he was chosen to preach in the stand at the 1932 session of the Green River Association. He died of a stroke at his home in the Oak Grove Community in 1936. His record as a citizen and the head of a family was exemplary. *Norman Warnell.*

I. P. JOHNSON

Isaac Perry Johnson was born Dec. 25, 1837, in Butler Co., KY. He was the son of Isaac Ewing and Permelia Wilkison Johnson. Isaac Ewing was born in 1797, and died Apr. 4, 1873. He was married to Permelia Wilkison on Dec. 3, 1818, in Butler County. Permelia was born July 28, 1792, in Virginia; she died Jan. 9, 1878. She was the daughter of Job and Mary Wilkison. Job was born Oct. 22, 1763, and Mary was born Aug. 15, 1762.

On Sept. 27, 1861, I.P. Johnson was married in Edmonson County of Nancy Catherine Hazelip. She was the daughter of Robert and Malinda Watkins Hazelip. Robert Hazelip, born Feb. 16, 1819, was the son of Merry H. and Jane Wesley Hazelip. Robert died Sept. 22, 1891.

The following children were born to I.P. and Nancy: 1) Sarah Ann b. Dec. 21, 1859, d. Feb. 4, 1890; 2) William V., b. Oct. 12, 1864; married Sarah Ann Lindsey; 3) Mary F., born and died Dec. 28, 1867; 4) Isaac R., b. Sept. 8, 1869, d. Sept. 22, 1888; 5) Malinda Bel, b. Mar. 13, 1871, d. Nov. 3, 1888; 6)



Nancy Catherine Hazelip Johnson

Permelia W., b. Jan. 27, 1873, d. Nov. 21, 1947, married (1) Jimmy Brown Apr. 17, 1889, (2) Jim Webb; 7) Olivia Cathern, b. Mar. 23, 1876, d. Jan. 13, 1957 married Washington Lindsey Feb. 23, 1899; 8) Cary Lue, b. Aug. 19, 1878, d. Nov. 4, 1888; 9) John Whit, b. May 2, 1880, d. Oct. 24, 1901 married Ellen Skaggs; 10) James Thomas, b. May 31, 1882, d. ___ married Rhea Dunn; 11) Lonie Leetor, b. Mar. 1, 1884, d. Sept. 28, 1885.

I.P. Johnson was a charter member of Oak Grove Baptist Church; he also served as one of the first deacons of that church. He was a messenger to the Green River Association in 1884, 1889, and 1890.

Nancy C. Johnson preceded her husband in death. She died July 3, 1903. I.P. Johnson died Jan. 9, 1918. They are buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery. *Ricky Carroll.*

NINA SNOW MITCHELL JOHNSON

Nina Snow married Russell Johnson and lived in Springfield, OH. Snow attended Kyrock High School but graduated from Bowling Green High School. Snow had many hours of study at WKTC and then transferred to Beauty School and followed that profession as well as a skilled worker in photography shop.



Snow Mitchell Johnson

Snow and Russell had three children, 1) Jackie, a student nurse; 2) Russell, a Dist. Manager for a large company; 3) Marsha, a bank teller. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell.*

SOLOMON JOHNSON

Solomon "Sol" Johnson was born near Bee Spring on Jan. 16, 1860 the son of Mary "Polly" Elizabeth (Skaggs) Johnson, the wife of Elisha Johnson. The maternal grandparents were Aaron Skaggs and Susannah Meredith who were the parents of the following children: 1) Susan who married William Decker; 2) Russell who married Amy Cutlip; 3) William Aaron who married first Mary Dodge, second Judy Martin and third ___ Graham; 4) Nancy who married William Wingfield; 5) Lavinia who married James Parks; 6) Woodford who married Mrs. Sarah J. Spainhoward; 7) Mary 'Polly' Elizabeth who married Elisha Johnson; 8) Rebecca who married Warner Spainhoward; 9) Gideon who married Ellen Heavener.

Polly Skaggs at age fifteen had a natural son Peter Skaggs, later Vertrees, by the Rev. Booker Harding, mulatto, and a natural son of Jacob Vertrees, white. At age 20 she married Elisha Johnson of Larue County and had the following children: 1) Miles born 1847 who married first Lucretia Denham and second Arzella Goodwin; 2) Frederick Decker born 1850 who married Sarah Lindsey; 3) Mary Jane born 1852 who married Philibert Moutardier; 4) James Henry born 1854 who married Juldah H. Whittle; 5) Martha Reada born 1856 who married Joseph Meredith; 6) Delaware born 1858 who married Hester Ann Skaggs; 7) Solomon, the subject of this sketch 8) Susan who married Bennett Stinnett.



Solomon Johnson

Solomon married July 27, 1899 Mrs. Martha Jane (Davis) Alford the daughter of the Rev. Asa Davis 1840-1912 and his wife Susan Kinser. Martha's first husband was Thomas Alford by whom she had two sons, Homer and James Monroe.

Solomon and Martha had the following issue: 1) Ivye born 1900 who married Andrew Riddle and moved to Indianapolis, IN; 2) Lois born 1902 who married ___ Winer and second J.M. Hagan and also moved to Indianapolis; 3) Shellie born 1904 who married first Gordon Davidson and second John R. Bannon and moved Arizona; 4) Blanche R. born 1910 who married Jack Reed and had a son Gerald E. Reed. It was Blanche who kindly furnished the copy of Solomon's ferrotype for this publication.

Solomon died Feb. 23, 1934 at his home six miles from Bowling Green on the Plum Springs Road and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Martha died July 1, 1937 in Mitchell, IN where she was buried. *Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.*

JONES

Lillian Jones born 1915 near Huff, Edmonson Co., KY. Her family moved to Butler County when she was quite young. She graduated from Butler County High School, attended Western Kentucky Teacher's College for three years before nursing school. After becoming a registered nurse, she finished college at Catherine Spaling University, Louisville, KY. Her work has included both hospital and public health nursing. She spent four and one half years in the Army Nurse Corps during WW II.

Her parents: Isaac Allison "Att" Jones (1867-1958) and Mary Jane Ward (1877-1951). Lillian's brothers and sisters were: Clarence (1859-1896); Lester (1897-1960) married first Sybil Jones, daughter of Mack Jones and Fanny Willis, married second, Mae Lawrence, daughter of T.L. Lawrence and Leona Willis,; Lelia (1900-1987) married J. Otto Davis, son of W.T. "Bill" Davis and Alice Gaines; Ernest (1902-1974) married Opal Davis, daughter of Thomas Davis and May Poteet; Stanley (1906) married Vida Doyle, daughter of Buford Doyle and Ellen Doyle; Ezra (1911) married Pearl Knox, daughter of Ezra Knox and Cletie Whitfield; Roy (1918-1946) married Dorothy Riddle, daughter of David Riddle and Cleda Cravens.



Isaac A. & Mary Jane Jones & children - Roy on lap, Lillian standing, Ezra & Stanley in back.

Paternal grandparents: Moses E. Jones (ca. 1797-1846) and Margeret Miller (1848-1906) daughter of Andrew Miller and Ellendar Evans. Their children were: 1) Isaac A. (1867-1958); 2) Veachel (1869-1870; 3) Thomas L. (1870-1950) married first Theodocia Jones, married second Maggie Denham; 4) William H. (1872-1872); 5) Twins; Mary and Jane (1874-1874); 6) Butler (1874-1929) married first Hester Ann Smith, married second Sally Whittinghill; 7) Zelma (1876-1894).

After Moses' death, Margaret married Rob Johnson and had four sons; 1) Melvin; 2) Julian; 3) John; 4) Charkie.

Maternal grandparents; Ezra Ward (1853-1911) son of Albert E. Ward and Martha Harrall and Georgeann Simpson (1842-1910) daughter of William C. Simpson and Mary Jane Denton. Georgeann first married Buford W. Nash and their children: 1) Cicero; 2) Louise; 3) Martha.

Great grandparents: Isaac Jones (1820-1894) son of Moses E. Jones and Honor Painter, and Rachael Conway (ca. 1820-1870's) daughter of Thomas Conway and Elizabeth Oliphant. Their children: 1) Moses (1840-1878); 2) Honor (1845-?).

Great-great grandparents: Moses E. Jones (ca. 1979-1846) and Honor Painter (ca. 1800-1860's). Moses born Kentucky, but parents and siblings unknown. Honor was daughter of John Painter and Patience Oller and granddaughter of George Oller and Prudence Logsdon. Children of Moses and Honor: 1) John C. (ca. 1817/18-1880's) married first Mary ___, married second Martha J. Gaither; 2) Isaac (see above); 3) Alvin (ca. 1822-1875) married first Ellen Garrison and second Elizabeth Cardwell; 4) Mary "Polly" Ann (1824-1907) married Thomas Conway (brother of Rachael who married Polly's brother Isaac). 5) Nancy (1827-1887) married Joab Jones; 6) Moses E. (ca. 1829-?) married Elizabeth ___; 7) Patience (1831-1860's) married Thomas Lindsey; 8) Richard (ca. 1833-?) married Rebecca Jones; 9) Daniel W. (ca. 1838-?) married Mary Johnson; 10) Washington (ca. 1841).

Moses Jones was living in the Nolin River of Grayson County when it became Edmonson County in 1825. His father-in-law, John Painter lived in the Sunfish area at this time. *Lillian Jones.*

JORDAN

The surname JORDAN is a good example of the evolutionary nature of names.

JORDAN means "flowing down." Many pious Anglo-Norman crusaders returned from Palestine in the early 12th century with precious canteens of water taken from the Jordan River where Christ was baptized.

They used this water (which they regarded as sacred) to baptize their own sons. Thus, may knights named their sons JORDAN in memory of their special baptism, and these sons in time often took their given name and used it as a aurnaem. In this way the family JORDAN had its beginning.



Front: Edith & Carl Jordan. Back: Collene, Kenneth, Anise & Morrell.

Carl Jordan, (Jan. 1, 1900-Jan. 11, 1984) born in Edmonson County, the oldest of seven children born to Will and Minnie Brooke Jordan. Other children were: 1) Eldridge (Dago) May 28, 1902 - May 13, 1950; 2) Helen Mar. 29, 1911; 3) Annie Apr. 1, 1915 - May 21, 1965; 4) Elbert May 20, 1918 - Dec. 16, 1983; 5) Ruby (Dugan) Jan. 1, 1921; 6) William Coy Feb. 7, 1925. Carl's Grandparents - William Spencer and Sara Jane Long Jordan. Carl's Great grandparents - Hiram F. and Martha Jane Dunn Jordan. Carl married Edith Watt Aug. 16, 1922. She was born Apr. 28, 1905. Edith's parents - Lawrence Dec. 27, 1877 - Sept. 27, 1922 and Minnie Bailey June 14, 1881 - May 3, 1921. Edith's grandparents - Jessie and Elizabeth Cowles Watt.

Edith is the oldest of seven children. Other children were: 1) Clarence (Bud) Watt (Oct. 30, 1909); 2) Walker (Mar. 23, 1913); 3) Howard (Feb. 15, 1917); 4) Earl (Nov. 11, 1918); 5) Lawrence Morgan (Nov. 12, 1920 - Dec. 7, 1920); 6) Robert (Feb. 8, 1915 - July 27, 1930).

Carl farmed in Warren County until he became active in politics. He was deputy sheriff in 1949-1953, elected sheriff 1953-1957. He served two four-year terms as public relations director for Kentucky Sheriff's Association. he had a standing ovation at the Sheriff's Convention in 1981 for being the longest member, as well as the oldest. He was a member of Shady Land Church of Christ. Edith retired from Pushin's Department Store. She is also a member Shady Land Church of Christ.

Carl and Edith had four children, eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. They are: 1) Anise Laing - (Apr. 27, 1925) - widow of William, self-employed. Two daughters: a) Linda Stewart - married to Jack - two sons, Todd and Cory. b)Vicki Hanna - two sons - Aaron and William. 2) Kenneth - (Apr. 14, 1927) - married to Stella Anderson (May 22, 1931) on Oct. 23, 1948. Two daughters: a) Peggy Thompson - married to Dewayne - two children - Leslie and Lance. b) Judy Brooks - married to Gilbert - three children - Julie, Daniel, Andrew. Kenneth farms on the home place near Oakland. 3) Morrell (Sam) - (Sept. 21, 1930) - married to Patricia (Patti) (Aug. 5, 1951) on May 1, 1987. He has four children and one step-son. Employed by Colt Industries for 33 years. a) Teresa Barrick - married to Danny - three children - Holly, Jamie and Isaac; b) Michael - married to Barbara East - two children - Nicole and Shane; c) Carl Jeffery - factory worker and a first lieutenant in the National Guards; d) Jennifer - student at North Warren Elementary; e) Jeffery Hester - Orlanda, FL; 4) Collene Swetmon - (May 13, 1932) - married to Lee (Dec. 28, 1935) on June 18, 1988. Collene opted for early retirement from Western Kentucky Gas Co.; Lee is employed by Kirtley and United Furniture Companies. One step-daughter: a) Vonda Harbin - married to Mark - one daughter - Layne.

A census taken in 1964 from the files of the Social Security Administration reveals that JORDAN is the 104th most numerous name in the country. *Collene Jordan Swetmon.*

JONES

George Brinton McClellan "Mack" and Fannie (Willis) Jones. George Brinton McClellan "Mack" Jones was born on Apr. 27, 1872 at Roundhill, KY and died June 7, 1933 at his home, in Roundhill, located on the north side of what is now highway 70 on the east bank of Reedy Creek. "Mack" was the son of Julian and Elizabeth (Bolton) Jones. His grandparents were Joab and Nancy Jones and Haile and Dinah (Woosley) Bolton.

On Feb. 22, 1893 Mack was married to Fannie Belle Willis born Sept. 10, 1872 at Roundhill and died Jan. 8, 1939 at Louisville. She was the daughter of John and Charlotte Temple (Johnson) Willis. Her grandparents were Henry and Sally (Moore) Willis and John Johnson.



Standing: Wilford, front row: Fannie holding Anna, & Sailey & Mack Jones holding Sible.

Mack and Fannie were the parents of: 1) Wilford Jones born Dec. 3, 1893 and died July 22, 1965. He was married Dec. 18, 1912 to Ader Dalton born Apr. 28, 1897 and died Mar. 25, 1931, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Keown) Dalton; 2) Walter Jones born Aug. 7, 1896 and died Oct. 10, 1899; 3) Sally Jones born Mar. 9, 1899 and died Dec. 26, 1953, son of Sam and Josephine (Tomes) Anderson; 4) Sybil born Sept. 19, 1902 and died May 17, 1933. She married 1st May 21, 1918 Lester Jones, born May 21, 1897 and died Jan. 6, 1960, son of "Att" and Mary Jane (Ward) Jones. her 2nd marriage, on July 14, 1921, was to Lester Woosley, born Jan. 11, 1895 and died June 28, 1962, son of Louis Franklin and Lucinda (Nash) Woosley; 5) Anna Cecil born Sept. 6, 1906 and died July 26, 1936. She married, Nov. 25, 1926, Aubrey Woosley, born Aug. 26, 1906, son of Birdie and Rebecca (Anderson) Woosley; 6) Pirtle Jones born Dec. 2, 1907. He married Aug 24, 1928 Cova Lawrence, born Jan. 17, 1908, daughter of Tildon and Sarah Ann (Key) Lawrence; 7) John Willis born Nov. 18, 1914 and died Jan. 1, 1988. He married Reva Huff, born 1912 and died Nov. 17, 1964, daughter of Oscar and Pate Cleopatra (Embry) Huff.

In addition to farming his 160 acre farm, Mack was a mail carrier. He carried the mail from Big Reedy to Richardsville for 16 years. Mack, Fannie and their children; Wilford, Walter, Sally and Anna are buried at the Threlkel Cemetery in in Roundhill. Syble is buried at Mt. Pleasant in Big Reedy. John Willis is buried at Big Reedy Church Cemetery.

JONES - DALTON

Wilford Jones was born on Dec. 3, 1893 at Roundhill, KY. He died on July 22, 1965. Wilford was the son of George B. McClellan "Mack" and Fannie Belle (Willis) Jones. His grandparents were Julian and Elizabeth (Bolton) Jones and John and Charlotte Temple (Johnson) Willis. On Dec. 18, 1912 Wilford was married to Ader Dalton at the home of her parents, Jesse Columbus "Little Jess" and Sarah (Keown) Dalton, at Huff, KY. Her grandparents were Martha (Dal-



Wilford & Ada Dalton Jones & children; Ted, Gradie & Gracie.

ton) Low and Milburn Redmon "Red" and Matilda (Hood) Keown.

Wilford and Ader were the parents of the following children:

Gracie born Dec. 18, 1915 at Roundhill. She was married on Feb. 23, 1935 to Lester Woosley born Jan. 11, 1895 at Roundhill. She was married on Feb. 23, 1935 to Lester Woosley born Jan. 11, 1895 at Big Reedy. He was the son of Louis Franklin and Lucinda (Nash) Woosley. Lester died June 28, 1962;

Gradie born Aug. 4, 1917 at Roundhill. She was married on May 1, 1940 to Birdie Woosley born Mar. 11, 1887 at Big Reedy and died Dec. 12, 1942. He was the son of Louis Franklin and Lucinda Woosley;

Charlie born Sept. 16, 1919 at Fisk, MO and died Oct. 17, 1919. He is buried in the Ash Hill Cemetery at Fisk, Mo;

McCellan "Ted" born May 29, 1923 at Roundhill, KY and died on Mar. 16, 1973 in a car wreck at Sunfish. He was married on Oct. 1, 1959 to Margaret "Margie" Hayes born Mar. 6, 1939. She is the daughter of Lum and Zena (Bailes) Haynes;

Raymond born Oct. 13, 1924 at Roundhill. He was married Jan. 4, 1949 at Cass Co., IL to Lyda Wiseman born Dec. 8, 1922 daughter of James and Eva (Griffin) Wiseman;

Howard born Sept. 29, 1926 at Roundhill. He was married to Margaret Ann Denkhoff born May 9, 1934 at Louisville. She is the daughter of Albert and Anna Laura (Riley) Denkhoff;

Reva born May 16, 1929 at Roundhill. She was married on Sept. 16, 1944 to Milburn Seabolt born Nov. 20, 1920 in Illinios and died Dec. 29, 1966 at Indianapolis, IN. he was the son of Dewey and Nell (Stewart) Seabolt. Reva married 2nd on Nov. 11, 1979 at Orlando, FL to Richard Hahn born Apr. 8, 1939 in Indianapolis, IN son of Frank and Lynetta Hahn;

Eugene born and died on Apr. 20, 1931 at Smith Grove, KY;

Ader born Apr. 28, 1897, died on Apr. 25, 1931 giving birth to this last child (Eugene). She and Wilford are buried in the Threlkel Cemetery at Roundhill.

Wilford and Ada went to Butler, Co., MO in 1919 and stayed about a year and a half with his uncle Joe Haley Jones. There he worked cutting and cleaning right of ways for drainage ditches. They later returned to Roundhill, KY where he bought a farm that had belonged to his uncle Joe Haley before he had left Roundhill in 1914. In addition to farming Wilford worked at Natural Rock for as long as it was in operation. When he wasn't working Wilford enjoyed going fox hunting with many of his neighbors.

JONES - DAVIS

Howard Wayne Jones was born on June 22, 1953 at Louisville, KY. He is the only child of Howard, born Sept. 29, 1926, and Margaret Ann (Denkhoff) Jones, born May 9, 1934. His grandparents were Wilford and Ader (Dalton) Jones and Albert and Anna Laura (Riley) Denkhoff.

Howard Wayne lived in the west end of Louisville until 1971. He attended J.B. Atkinson Elementary, Western Junior High and Dupont Manual High Schools. In 1971 he attended Edmonson County High School.



The Joneses, Howard, Debbie, Hardie, Terry, Jennifer, James, Lelia & Laura.

On Dec. 12, 1971 Howard Wayne was married to Deborah Kaye Davis, born Nov. 9, 1953. She is the daughter of William Elbert, born Oct. 6, 1924, and Earline (Basham) Davis, born Apr. 3, 1927. Her grandparents were J. Otto and Lelia (Jones) Davis and Edward and Lima (Dalton) Basham. Deborah lived on the south side of Highway 70 one mile east of the Roundhill crossroads, in a house her parents had just built the year she was born. She graduated from Sunfish Elementary in 1967 and from Edmonson County High School in 1971.

Howard's first job was as a paper boy for the Courier-Journal and Louisville times. He also worked helping a plumbing contractor named Herbert Keeling. In the summer of 1971 Howard worked as a labor on the construction of the Bowling Green High School. In February of 1972 he started working for Unex Corporation in Louisville building pre-fab houses and in July, wishing to return to the country, applied for and got a job at American Chain and Cable Company in Bowling Green. In November of 1972 Howard and Deborah moved from Roundhill to 1433 (now 1333) Scottsville Rd. in Bowling Green in a house that belonged to Deborah's parents. On Apr. 3, 1973 Howard started working for the L & N Railroad as a labor. In February 1974 he started working as a welder helper and in May became a welder. He has worked in this capacity ever since. L & N changed it's name to The Family Lines, to Seaboard Systems and it is now known as CSX Transportation Company.

In March of 1974 Howard and Deborah bought a house and farm, from Bobby Roof, in the Windyville (Segal) community off of highway 655 and on April 4th (the day of the tornados) moved from Bowling Green to Edmonson County. They lived there until July of 1981 when they sold the place and moved back to Roundhill in the house on the Steve Embry farm, which they purchased in 1979, in March of 1983. This farm is part of the land once owned by Howard's great-great-great grandparents, Joab (1828-1897) and Nancy Jones (1827-1887). It is on the east side of highway 185 one mile north (toward Caneyville) from the Roundhill crossroads.

Howard and Deborah are the parents of six children; 1) William Howard born Aug. 15, 1972; 2) Terry Dwayne born July 19, 1973; 3) Jennifer Lynn born Aug. 20, 1974; 4) James Christopher born Oct. 12, 1975; 5) Lelia Renee' born March 1982; 6) Laura Kaye born Aug. 31, 1973. They were all born at the Methodist Evangelical Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Howard and Deborah are charter members of the Edmonson County Historical Society and are members of the Butler County Historical and Genealogical Society. They are members of the Pine Knob United Baptist Church at Pine Knob, KY in Grayson County.

JONES - WILBORN

Jacob Jones; b. Nov. 30, 1822, Barren County; d. Feb. 14, 1909, Stockton, Cedar Co., MO; Bur. Panky Cemetery, Lynn Township. North of Stockton; m. Rachel Wilborn, Oct. 28, 1847, Barren County; d/o Thompson Wilborn, s/o Joshua Wilborn and Rachel Smith and Ricilla Bartlett, d/o Solomon Bartlett and Isabelle Marshall; b. Dec. 10, 1827, Missouri; d. Sept. 7, 1895, Valley View, Cooke, Co., TX; Bur. in Family Plot, Valley View Masonic Cemetery, Valley View.

Jacob and Rachel once owned the farm near the Northeast Entrance to the Mammoth Cave National Park on which Sand Cave is situated and in which Floyd Collins lost his life in January 1925. The house and tobacco barn still stand. Their two daughters, Alice and "Dora" played dolls in the sink hole which is the entrance to the cave, now sealed. The farm is more commonly known today as the "Bea" Doyel farm, he being the owner at the time the land was purchased by the Park Service.



Jacob & Rachel Wilborn Jones

Jacob served as a Private, Company K, 21st Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War from 21st day of September to the 6th day of July in 1865. At

the time he was drafted he was described as being five feet, eight inches tall; fair complexion; blue eyes; brown hair. He was discharged at Nashville, TN due to chronic diarrhea from which he suffered greatly the remainder of his life; becoming unable to ride in a wagon or on horseback; thereby, making it necessary he walk several miles into town to see the doctor. He drew a Civil War Pension, Case No. 307005, during his last few years of $30.00 per month from the 15th day of November until death.

By deed, Book K, Page 458, Edmonson County Records, Jacob and Rachel sold their farm of 150 acres described as being a part of the G. Dennison Survey to Caroline Vial, dated Mar. 21, 1877; and, along with their daughter, Alice and husband, George W. Doyel and families moved to Denton, Denton Co., TX; thence, to Valley View, Cooke County where they farmed until the death of Rachel; at which time Jacob went to live with his son "Joe Ben" and family, Stockton, MO, until his death.

To Jacob and Rachel six children were born, all in Edmonson County, as follows:

William Thomas; b. Oct. 27, 1949; d. Jan. 5, 1909, Edmonson County; bur. Joppa Missionary Church Cemetery, Mammoth Cave National Park; m. Sally B. Doyel, d/o Richard G. Doyel, s/o Richard Gott Doyel, s/o Gregory Doyel and Ann Slemmons, d/o Ebenezer and Sarah Slemmons; Dec. 5, 1872, Edmonson County; b. July 17, 1858, Edmonson County; d. Oct. 27, 1894 Edmonson County; bur. Lottle Hope Cemetery, Mammoth Cave National Park.

Joseph Benjamin; b. Oct. 9, 1851; d. Jan. 30, 1940, Stockton, Cedar Co., MO; m. Ernis Mae Slemmons, d/o John William Slemmons and Sani Davis; Mar. 26, 1877, Edmonson County; b. May 4, 1860, Edmonson County; d. July 1, 1935, Stockton, Cedar Co., MO; both are buried in the Panky Cemetery, Lynn Township, north of Stockton.

Mary J.F.; b. 1852; d. Nov. 26, 1853, Edmonson County; no further information known about Mary.

Alice Cerepta; b. May 3, 1856; d. Sept. 8, 1946, Rush Springs, Grady Co., OK; m. George W. Doyel, s/o Richard C. Doyel, s/o Samuel, s/o Gregory Doyel; and Nancy Catherine Estes; Feb. 15, 1872, Edmonson County; b. Jan. 29, 1850, Edmonson County; d. Feb. 17, 1910, Loco, Stephens Co., OK; both are buried in the Loco Cemetery.

Claudis Cedith; b. Dec. 11, 1857; d. Dec. 29, 1896, Valley View, Cooke Co., TX; m. Phoebe Rebecca Shotwell, d/o Caleb C. Shotwell and Ellen D. Marlatt; May 3, 1885, Gainsville, Cooke Co., TX; b. Dec. 28, 1861, Scranton, Lackawaana Co., PA; d. Oct. 20, 1929, Fort Worth Tarrant Co., TX; both are buried in Family Plot, Valley View Masonic Cemetery, Valley View.

Andora "Dora" Bell; b. Aug. 22, 1865; d. July 28, 1948, Fletcher, Comanche Co., OK; m. William Erastus Corcoran, July 28, 1884, Valley View, Cooke Co., TX; b. Feb. 13, 1857; d. Jan 12, 1930, Fletcher, Comanche Co., OK. Both are buried in the Fletcher Cemetery. "Dora" suffered the loss of her foot and leg to the knee in a sorghum grinding mill when very young, ca. 2/4 years of age and used an artificial limb for the reminder of her life. *James L. Doyle.*

JOAB JONES

Joab Jones was born Jan. 18, 1828 on Little Reedy Creek in Butler Co., KY. It has been said that his father came from Dover, England during the war of 1812. At the age of five Joab and his two brothers Josiah (born June 22, 1823) and William (born Apr. 5, 1830) "poor boys of the county", children of Rebecca Jones, were indentured in Edmonson County court of James S. Jones who was to teach the Apprentices in the art and mastery of farming. Joab later went to live with Julian N. Phelps who lived at Brooklyn in Butler County. At the age of 14 Joab carried the mail between Russellville and Elizabethtown, and being unemployed on Mondays would often attend school one day a week.



Joab Jones

On Apr. 14, 1846 Joab married Nancy Jones (born Mar. 22, 1827, died Aug. 17, 1887) daughter of Mose E. Jones (@ 1797-1846) and Honor (Painter) Jones (1800-1860's). Honor was the daughter of John and Patience (Oller) Painter. Joab and Nancy were the parents of 13 children: 1) Annie (b. July 23, 1847 d. June 7, 1914) married Sept. 17, 1861 to John N. Conway (b. Jan. 6, 1841 d. Nov. 15, 1924) son of William and Mary (Embry) Conway. John and Annie are buried in Gorden, TX where they lived in later years; 2) Julian N. (b. May 18, 1849) married Jan. 3, 1867 to Elizabeth Bolton (b. Nov. 4, 1844) daughter of Haile and Dinah (Woosley) Bolton. Elizabeth died giving birth to triplets and she and Julian are buried in unmarked graves in the old part of Threlkel Cemetery at Roundhill. Julian's 2nd marriage was to Mattie (Harmon) Dotson (b. Mar. 25, 1856 d. Mar. 30, 1929) daughter of John and Elizabeth (Willoughby) Harmon; 3) Mary "Molly" (b. June 2, 1850 d. Mar. 5, 1901) never married, buried at Threlkel; 4) William Harrison (b. Jan. 24, 1852 d. Aug. 18, 1887) married Feb. 15, 1872 to Eva Dweese (b. May 23, 1855 d. Sept. 20, 1930) daughter of Jesse Dweese. Harrison was killed and thrown off of a train between Clinton and Bowling Green, KY while on his way to his mothers funeral. He and his wife are buried in the New Harmony Cemetery in Hickman Co., KY. 5) James Butler (b. Jan 24, 1854 d. Jan. 3, 1892) never married. He went to Oklahoma and Homesteaded in the Oklahoma Indian Territory. He built a barn and got his house half finished when a storm came. He took pneumonia and died. He is buried in what is now Jones, OK; 6) Patia Jane (b. Apr. 13, 1855 d. Aug. 9, 1916) married Feb. 26, 1874 to Jacob Marion Duvall (b. Apr. 16, 1848 d. May 23, 1913) son of Gabriel and Ellen (French) Duvall. Jake and Jane are buried in the Wash Duvall Cemetery; 7) Honor Elizabeth (b. Mar. 13, 1857 d. July 11, 1858) buried at Threlkel; 8) California (b. Jan. 22, 1859 d. Feb. 7, 1866) buried at Threlkel; 9) John J. Crittenden (b. July 27, 1861 d. Feb. 12, 1939) married Mar. 5, 1878 to Lou Eller Woosley (b. Jan. 4, 1862 d. Jan. 3, 1947) daughter of Samuel and Leah (Denton) Woosley. Crit and Lou are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Big Reedy; 10) Emily Vashti (b. Feb. 7, 1864 d. Aug. 14, 1936) married Sept. 22, 1880 to Edward Luther Lawrence (b. July 3, 1858 d. Oct. 15, 1937) son of Woodford and Kitty (Haynes) Lawrence. Emily and Luther are buried in Monte Vista, CO; 11) Wilton Woodford (b. Dec. 10, 1866 d. Oct. 31, 1924) married to Idena Wells (b. May 20, 1868 d. 1961) daughter of Jim Wells. They are buried at Threlkel; 12) Julie K. (b. Sept. 25, 1868 d. July 3, 1924) married to Wilson Lawrence (b. Feb. 2, 1863 d. Nov. 30, 1938) son of Woodford and Kitty (Haynes) Lawrence. Threlkel; 13) Madison (b. Aug. 18, 1872 d. Jan. 30, 1876) buried at Threlkel Cemetery.

After the death of Nancy, Joab married Martha Jane (Bolton) Hunt (b. Feb. 5, 1841 d. Dec. 12, 1930) daughter of Haile and Dinah (Woosley) Bolton and widow of Walker Hunt. Martha had one daughter from her first marriage, Joshie (Hunt) Keown (b. July 29, 1864 d. Dec. 25, 1943) married to R.L. Keown. Joab and Martha had one daughter. Theodoshie (b. Feb. 17, 1873 d. Apr. 22, 1904) married to Thomas L. Jones (b. Nov. 22, 1870 d. 1950) son of Mose E. and Margaret Alice (Miller) Jones. Tom was a nephew of Joab's 1st wife Nancy.

Joab came a long way during his life, from a poor boy orphan to a very successful business man and farmer. He was one of the organizers and directors of the Morgantown Deposit Bank. He owned a good business property in Bowling Green and owned about 4,000 acres of farm land in Butler and Edmonson Counties. Joab loaned out money to individuals, churches, and etc. At his death on June 11, 1897 he had over $24,000 in out standing loans. He and his wives are buried in the Threlkel Cemetery at Roundhill, KY.

JOHN CRITTENDEN JONES

Crit was born on July 27, 1861 in Butler County died Feb. 12, 1939 in Bowling Green, KY. On Mar. 5, 1878 Crit was married to Lou Eller Woosley born Jan. 4, 1862 in Edmonson County died Jan. 3, 1947. Lou was daughter of Samuel and Leah (Denton) Woosley Lou's sisters and brothers were, 1) Capernica Cummings m. James A. Cummings; 2) Martha Heel m. John C. Woosley; 3) Rebecca Belle m. Stanford Huff; 4) Eliza Ann m. Fie Whalin; 5) James Samuel m. Martha Woosley and 2nd m. Linnie Gross; 6) Clarisa Catherine m. Commodaore Tomes;



Standing: Nellie, Lark Huff, Dellie Jones Huff. Seated: John Crittenden Jones, Lou Eller Woosley Jones.

7) Berdine m. Cora Huff; 8) Myrtle m. Onice E. Miller; 9) Bennett m. Kate Woosley.

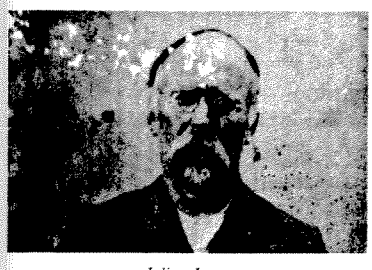
Crit and Lou were parents of four children: 1) James Albert b. Jan. 29, 1879 d. Aug. 29, 1881; 2) Dellie b. Apr. 4, 1881 d. Apr. 9, 1965 m. on Apr. 6, 1899 at Crit's home. She married James Lark Huff b. Jan. 25, 1875 d. May 22, 1951. Son of Mathias Huff and Parsitta (Jones) Huff. Lark and Dellie had on son, Hurdle Huff b. Aug. 2, 1901 d. Sept. 14, 1979 m. Mallie Phelps Sept. 25, 1914 daughter of Ben and Doomie Ann (Johnson); 3) Inf. son b. Aug. 6, 1882 d. Aug. 8, 1882; 4) Nellie Lee b. Dec. 11, 1884 d. Oct.7, 1949 m. Mar. 28, 1901 to Commodore P. Huff b. Sept. 20, 1881 d. Apr. 5, 1955 son of Mathia Huff and Parsitta (Jones). Commadore and Nellie had two children: a) Elsie b. Jan. 24, 1903 d. Aug. 24, 1941 m. Edward Gross b. Dec. 30, 1898 d. Nov. 29, 1960; b) Carl G. b. Aug. 7, 1913 d. Oct. 1, 1944 m. Lucille Lawrence.

Crit and Lou, Commodore and Nellie, are buried at Mt. Pleasant in Edmonson County. Lark and Dellie are buried at Big Reedy in Edmonson County.

Submitted by Howard Jones

JULIAN N. JONES

Julian N. Jones b. May 18, 1849 was the eldest son of Joab and Nancy Jones. His grandparents were ___ and Rebecca Jones and Mose E. and Honor (Painter) Jones. On Jan. 3, 1867 Julian married Elizabeth Bolton, b. Nov. 4, 1844, the daughter of Haile and Dinah (Woosley) Bolton. Her grandparents were John and ___ Bolton of Halifax, VA and Samuel and Phebe (Bailey) Woosley from Halifax Co., VA.



Julian Jones

Julian and Elizabeth were the parents of:

Joseph Haley Jones b. Jan. 9, 1868 at Round Hill, KY and d. Apr. 4, 1939 in Butler Co., MO. He was married to Annie Drake b. Jan. 10, 1877 in Butler Co., KY and died Nov. 21, 1964 in Butler Co., MO. She was the daughter of Kneut and Mary Josephine Drake.

William B. Jones b. Sept. 17, 1869 at Roundhill.

George B. McClellan "Mack" Jones b. Apr. 27, 1872 at Roundhill. He was married to Fannie Belle Willis b. Sept. 10, 1872 d. Jan. 8, 1939 at Round hill. She was the daughter of Johna and Charlotte Temple (Johnson) Willis.

Albert Sidney "Dud" Jones b. July 23, 1873 at Roundhill and d. Oct. 18, 1939 in Evansville, IN. He married Mary Margaret Massey b. Aug. 7, 1870 at Reedyville. She was the daughter of Greenberry and Harriet (Whalin) Massey who came to Reedyville from North Carolina. Dud was married 2nd to Tillie Fields of Evansville.

J.W. Jones b. July 7, 1877.

Doctor Thomas "Doc" Jones b. May 20, 1879 at Roundhill d. 1943 in Fulton Co., KY. He was married to Annie M. ___ Benford b. 1870 d. 1954 widow of Asa W. Benford. They are buried in the New Harmony Cemetery in Fulton Co., KY.

Elizabeth died giving birth to triplet boys. They also died.

On Mar. 14, 1887 Julian married Mattie (Harmon) Dotson b. Mar. 25, 1856 d. Mar. 30, 1929 daughter of John and Elizabeth (Willoughby) Harmon. To this union was born twin daughters; Caldona and Leona. Mattie had two sons by her first marriage; Jim and Sidney Dotson.

Caldona b. Apr. 21, 1889 d. June 1, 1967. She was married to Americus V. Watt. b. Nov. 24, 1885 at Glenmore, KY d. Oct. 5, 1967 at Roundhill. He was the son of F.W, and Mary (Young) Watt.

Leona b. Apr. 21, 1889 d. Nov. 17, 1970. She married J.T. "Tommy" Alford b. Oct. 28, 1878 at Degal, KY d. Dec. 1, 1950 at Roundhill. He was the son of W.H. and Ruby (Vincent) Alford.

Julian and Elizabeth are buried in unmarked graves in the Threlkel cemetery (old part). Mattie is buried in the new part of Threlkel Cemetery at Roundhill.

JOHN KEEFUS

John Keefus was born in Erie Co., PA on Nov. 13, 1839. He came to Kentucky in the late 1850's and was immediately attracted to Edmonson County. But it was probably a young lady that caused him to remain. He met Polly Ann Hazelip a daughter of one of Edmonson County's proudest and most prominent families. He was an unknown but he soon won her heart and on Feb. 7, 1861 she consented and became his wife. These days just prior to the Civil War. In the early days of the war Keefus enlisted in the Union Army. He was in the command of General Don Carlos Buell.

In the winter of 1861-1862 the Confederate Government was notified that, because of the fall of Forts Donelson and Henry, defence of Nashville was impossible. Buell had entered Kentucky and was expected to strike at Bowling Green. John Keefus was in Buell's group. As the Army advanced south, Keefus desired and received leave from General Buell to come home and see his wife and child, a son that had been born while he was away. Keefus was anxious to be home for his first wedding anniversary. Word was received that General William J. Hardee and his confederates were advancing to meet Buell. It was expected that a battle would take place near Brownsville. Keefus's brother-in-law, Ransom C. Hazelip, a strong Union advocate not as of yet mustered into the service, having received word of the expected clash, planned that all of Brownsville's citizens should prepare to hold the ferry at all cost. It was known that Buell's wagon train planned to cross the river at that point. Hazelip summoned the men to guard duty. Crossing the river he met Keefus at the top of the bank. Hazelip ordered Keefus to fall in and prepare to defend the ferry. This Keefus refused to do explaining that he had a furlough from Buell and that he was going to see his wife and child. Hazelip insisted that he stay and guard the ferry. Keefus again refused and started to walk off. (It has been said that Hazelip told some of the men that stood by; "Watch me clip that gallus strap.") At any rate, Rance Hazelip raised his rifle, shot and killed John Keefus on the spot. This was on Feb. 3, 1862.

Hazelip resigned his position as clerk of the county and circuit court and entered the Union Army, falling in with the 11th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, which marched to Nashville, TN. Rance wrote letters home to the family expressing remorse for having committed this deed. He said he would have his eye plucked out and his right arm cut off if he could just recall that fateful day. Rance brooded over the tragedy and sought solace in travel. Keefus's widow, Polly, remarried after four years to John White Davis. In atonement, Rance sold her a farm for a very modest price. (It is now known as the Sherman McCrady farm). As a final gesture to try and quell his remorse Rance erected a tombstone for Keefus. It is located in the Luttrel cemetery on the North side of Green River from Brownsville. It reads as follows:

To the memory of John Keefus born in Erie Co., PA Nov. 13, 1839. Shot and killed Feb. 3rd 1862 by R. C. Hazelip., who writes this epitaph and places this stone at his grave as a token of the fraternal love cherished for the deceased and the deep regret and profound sorrow at having had cause to commit such a deed. May God in his mercy save him in heaven.

By his side lies Little Johnnie his only child. *Howard and Deborah Jones*

KEY - LASHLEY

Elige Thomas Lashley was born Oct. 16, 1905 in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the eighth child born to John Thomas and Cassie Jane Elmore Lashley.

Elige Lashley married Belva Mae Key, daughter of Francis Marion and Sarah Bell Woodcock Key on Dec. 5, 1925 in Brownsville, KY. To this union were born 12 children. Nine survived to adulthood.

Edgar Elvern b. Sept. 24, 1927 married Chrystal Webb daughter of Jess and Elsie



Elige & Belva Key Lashley

Webb. They had two children Edward and Judy. They were divorced and he married Ruby Butler from Allen County.

Melba Allen b. Apr. 16, 1933 married Barbara Cook, daughter of Percy and Marie Ashley Cook. Their children are James, Brenda, Carolyn, Joyce, Marilyn Sue, Sarah, Karen, Sharon, and Amy.

Charles Harlan b. Apr. 27, 1935 married Marie Wells, daughter of Alec and Goldie Hawks Wells. They had three children, Charles Junior, Debra, and Donna. After Marie's death he married Goldie Lashley daughter of Marlin and Anne Sowders Lashley.

James Gilbert b. Feb. 23, 1937 married Grace Dean Webb, daughter of Oren and Sybil James Webb. Two children were born, Sherry and Terry.

Clifford Jackson b. Dec. 31, 1939. He has never married.

Howard Lewis b. Feb. 2, 1941 married Betty Bratcher, daughter of Robert and June Elmore Bratcher. They have one daughter, Shelly. Howard died on Oct. 5, 1987.

Catherine Joyce b. July 7, 1943 married Ronnie Rogers. They have four children, Charles, Mary, Teresa, and Ronnie Vance. They divorced and she married Tom Thompson from Paducah.

Don Keven b. Apr. 30, 1949 married Patsy Eckols. They have three children, Tammy, Betty, and Danny.

Janice Jane b. Oct. 31, 1949 married Robert Miller, son of Hiriam and Dicie Stamper Miller. They have two children, Michele and Chrystal.

Elige Lashley was reared in the Ollie community. His parents divorced when he was young and very often left to fend for himself. He went to work for the Kyrock Asphalt Co. at age 12 as a water boy. He worked there in various capacities until it closed in the mid-fifties. He moved his family to the Poplar Springs community early in their marriage and remained there until his death. At the end of the Kyrock Era he made a living doing carpenter work. He did some of the construction on Park Mammoth. He joined the Poplar Springs United Baptist Church late in life and remained a member until his death. *Submitted by Janice Miller*

KINSER

A.D. Kinser was the son of Christopher Columbus and Elizabeth Culipp Kinser. Born on Jan. 17, 1875. Mary Alice Johnson, daughter of Anderson and Dee Johnson, born 1881. A.D. and Mary Alice had 15 children. They lived in the Chalybeate community of Edmonson County.

A.D. was known by his family and friends as Pappy Kinser. He was a civic-minded person. He considered education to be very important and gave the land and the lumber to build the Chalybeate School, and also the land for Kinser Cemetery. Pappy was a farmer and lumberman. He appraised the timber for the Mammoth Cave National Park. He was known as a kind, good and honest man who was always paying his help more than they charged.



1st row L to R: Blanche Wingfield, "Pappy" Kinser, Paul Kinser, "Maw" Kinser, Christopher Columbus Kinser, Mildred Alexander. 2nd row L to R: John Kinser, Grace Graham, Carl Kinser, Gertie Houchins, Myrtle Kinser.

Mary Alice "Maw" Kinser was a good wife, home-maker and mother. She was known all around the Chalybeate community for her famous biscuits. She was always cooking for Pappy's friends, business associates and for anyone who helped dig a grave at the Kinser Cemetery.

Mary Alice "Maw" Kinser died at a very young age of 47 years. She is buried in the Kinser Cemetery. She left Pappy Kinser with 14 children to raise; one had died in infancy.



1st row L to R: Blanche Wingfield, Lois Willis, Grace Graham, Mildred Alexander, Gertie Houchins, Willie Denham, Leda Cassady. 2nd row L to R: John Kinser, Conard Kinser, Howard Kinser, Paul Kinser, H.E. Kinser and Carl Kinser.

Gertie married Virgal Houchins; Carl married Delta Mitchell; Grace married Hughie Graham; John married Modest James; Mytle died at a young age; Mildred married J.P. Alexander; Blanche married Raoul Wingfield; Paul married Alta Dunn; Christopher Columbus died in infancy; Conard married Estelyne Parker; Howard married Imogene Vincent; Lois married Herald Willis; Willie married Noel Denham; H.E. unmarried; Leda married Glenn Cassady.

Pappy Kinser's importance placed on education carried through his children and grandchildren, among whom are teachers, principals, lawyers, businessmen, barbers, farmers and homemakers. The Kinser name was a well respected name all over western Kentucky.

A.D. "Pappy" Kinser died May 23, 1952. He is buried in the Kinser Cemetery.

DELTA THOMAS MITCHELL KINSER



Delta Mitchell Kinser

Delta Thomas who married Carl Kinser. They had a son David Mitchell Kinser. Carl and Delta lived in the Chalybeate community. Carl worked for the Wells Oil Co. for many years. Delta is a wonderful community member, active in Home Makers and she too worked at the School for many years. *Mrs. C.C. Kinser*

THE LANE FAMILY

Thomas S. Lane born 1858 in Monroe Co., KY, the son of Thomas Lane and Elizabeth MacIntyre, married Ell Zade Houchin on Nov. 8, 1881. She was the daughter of Willis C. Houchin and Paradine Cole.

To this union the following children were born: Alva Valentine, Earl, Vanda Terrell, Eve Maude, Mary, Willis C. Jr., Paul, Averill and Stella.

Not only was T. S. Lane a school teacher and farmer, he was known far and wide as a singing school teacher. "Fedo," as he was affectionately known among his close friends, was also a great entertainer, especially of children.

Ell Zade was the pillar of the family, the one you could turn to when in need. She was from true pioneer stock that helped to mold this county into the very high moral and ethical standards that we enjoy today.

Fedo and Ell were devout Christians. Both attended church and were active in church activities as long as their health permitted. At the time of their deaths they were members of Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

BRYAN WILLIAM LESIEUR

Bryan William LeSieur was born Apr. 1, 1947 in Paducah, KY, son of Donald Bryan LeSieur and Barbara Grubb LeSieur, an English WW II bride. The LeSieur ancestry having been traced through New Madrid,

MO to Francois LeSieur and Geoffrey LeSieur, who had arrived from Three Rivers, Canada.

Bryan had one sister, Barbara Donna, born Mar. 1, 1944 in Warrington, England.

Donald, an employee of Bell Telephone moved to Hopkinsville, KY in 1960. In 1965 Bryan graduated from Hopkinsville High School after having been active in fraternal and social organizations and sports. Being active in the Demolay for several years he was named Kentucky's outstanding Demolay in 1966.

After attending two years of college he enrolled in U.K.'s College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1970. While in internship at C.D.S. #1 in Bowling Green in 1969 he met Karen Lee Byrnes, of Brownsville.

Karen was born June 18, 1951, the youngest child of John R. (Jack) Byrnes and Zona Ritter Byrnes. Karen had five siblings, Maggie Sue Constant, Mary Lou (Bobby) Vincent, Betty J. Basham, Doris Raymer, and William Charles Byrnes.

Bryan married (not to Karen) in May 1970; but he and Karen worked together until September 1971 when he moved to Lexington where Bryan became assistant manager, The Treasury Drug Center.

Karen married Roger Childress, June 10, 1972, moved to Louisville in 1973 and on Nov. 18, 1976 their daughter Natalee Zona Childress was born.

Bryan was promoted to store manager of Treasury Drug in Lithonia, GA and moved there in 1973.

In 1976 looking for challenges, Bryan entered the University of Louisville school of law.

He "re-met" Karen in 1977, both in the process of divorces.

Sept. 1, 1978 Bryan and Karen were married.

Bryan graduated from law school in 1978 and passed the U.S. Patent Bar and the Kentucky Bar and the family moved to Brownsville in August 1980 and opened a law practice.

On Aug. 15, 1981 they had a daughter Briton Byrnes LeSieur, nicknamed "Boogin".

In 1985 they moved into the old Dossey house and started restoration. They got the house listed as a Kentucky Landmark, and on the national register of historic places as "Reed-Dossey" house.

On Dec. 20, 1986 a long awaited son John Bryan LeSieur, nicknamed Jack was born to complete the family.

Bryan and Karen were active in many organizations and politics. Karen belonged to the Womens Club, Rescue Squad, Arts Counsel, Dental Board, F.F.A. Alumni, Promise Program Counsel, and the Executive Board of the Democratic Party. She was the first woman ever elected to the Brownsville City Counsel. Bryan belonged to the Rescue Squad, was Assistant D.E.S. Coordinator, the county's Public Defender, the Arts Counsel, the local and regional Health Board, Bar Association, and the Edmonson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Throughout his life up to 1988 Bryan reckoned he had moved to different places no less than nine times, but having moved to Edmonson County had found his home. *Bryan LeSieur*

LINDSEY

Elizabeth Jane Lindsey was an only daughter of Enoch and Dorcas Lindsey. She was born Dec. 25, 1869. She had one son William Jackson (Jack) Lindsey. Her son Jack Lindsey married Annie Luttrell on Jan. 17, 1912, I am one of Jack and Annie's daughters (Helen).

I can remember how Grandma Jane would come live with us, part of the time. She was always so good to my mother. When she stayed with us she would chop wood with the old ax that we had and then she would carry it in. She helped with the cooking, washing clothes, and she even helped us children carry water from the spring. Oh, how us children loved her.



L to R: Jane Lindsey, Martin Lindsey, Nancy E. Lindsey. Jack Lindsey, son of Jane, is standing in back.

Grandma Jane worked hard to support herself. She supported herself by working in corn fields, she would sheer sheep, when someone had a new baby she would stay and help the people, she would help people pick geese or ducks as many as 50 to 100 at a time, and she would set up all night with people when there was sickness, if she was needed. Grandma Jane also repaired shoes. I don't remember if she was called a shoe cobbler. She would sew them together, put soles and heels on shoes for people. I can remember how she would stop what she was doing, to repair a pair of shoes for 10 cents.

It was a sad day when Grandma Jane had to be taken to Louisville, KY to be operated on for cancer. Jack, Annie, and four of us children took her to the train station and to see her off. My father (Jack), got Noah Skaggs and his wife Lizzie and two of their children to take us to the train station. It was the first time I had ever rode in a car, it was a Model T. There was 11 of us in that one car. My mother (Annie), cried so hard over Grandma Jane's sickness. On our way to the train station, we had a flat tire in front of an elderly couples house. They let us come under the shade tree and gave us some Home Made Cookies. It took us all day to go from Step Hollow to Rocky Hill and back.

I don't remember how long Grandma Jane lived after she had surgery, but she died Oct. 7, 1921. She was living with Jack and his family at the time of her death. Jack was living on the Rance Skaggs Place near Mt. Zion at the time. The last word that Grandma Jane spoke was "Jack", her son's name. I can remember some of the people that was there: Uncle Cal and Aunt Molly Vincent, Aunt Nan Sanders, Uncle George and Aunt Nora Luttrell, and there were others but I don't remember their names. Uncle Nacy Luttrell made the coffin and wooden box and covered it with black cloth. She was taken by wagon to the cemetery. She was buried in the Luttrell Cemetery. *Helen Bullock*

LINDSEY

Enoch Lindsey was born in either 1842 or 1843. He was born in Edmonson Co., KY. Enoch was one of 12 children born to Hayton and Mary Hanes Lindsey. Enoch's parents came to Kentucky from North Carolina, around 1820.

At the age of 18, Enoch was listed as a laborer in the Edmonson County Census of 1860. At the age of 26, Enoch married, 27 year old, Dorcus Meredith daughter of Joseph (Fed) and Edy Vinson Meredith. Dorcas was born in Edmonson County in either 1842 or 1843. Her parents came to Kentucky from Tennessee. Dorcas was also known by the name Dorothy Ann and by "Aunt Darky". Enoch and Dorcas were married Feb. 28, 1869, in the Holly Springs Meeting House.

According to the Edmonson County Census of 1870, Enoch's occupation was listed as a farmer, like his father Hayton had been. Enoch first started paying Poll Taxes in 1867. This years records showed that he did not have any lots of land. In 1870, the records showed him having 35 lots and then on another years records he had 40 lots of land. I do not know what the largest number of lots of land was that he had at one time. These Poll Taxes also showed him owning different types of livestock. From year to year, the number of livestock and the type of livestock might change.

The descendents of Enoch and Dorcas Lindsey, believes that Enoch died on Mar. 18, 1887, and that Rev. Robert Luttrell preached his funeral on Mar. 19, 1887. It is also believe that Enoch and Dorcas are buried in the Old Popular Springs Cemetery, which is located in or around the Mammoth Cave National Park area.

Enoch and Dorcas had four children: Elizabeth Jane born Dec. 25, 1869, died Oct. 7, 1921; Martin W. born 1872; John born 1874; James Mitchell born Aug. 29, 1878, died Feb. 14, 1945. *Danny Ray Meredith*

LINDSEY - BLAIR

Conard and Katie M. (Blair) Lindsey both grew up in Edmonson Co., KY. They went to school at the Corner School in 1910. Conard was the son of Hardin E. and Sellie (Webb) Lindsey. Katie was the daughter of William Benjamin and Sarah Rebecca (Sanders) Blair. Conard served in the army in World War I, in the Philippines, France and Germany. Conard also had a brother, Cecil Lindsey, who served in the army in World War I.

Katie went to school and received a teaching certificate in 1919. She taught school for

three terms, two at Little Jordon and one at Cub Run. She had two brothers, Arthur and Wardie Blair that served in the army in World War I.





Conrad Lindsey
Sallie Jane Blair Lindsey

Conard came home and was stationed on Camp Taylor, Louisville, KY. Conard and Katie were married on Dec. 24, 1919, in Edmonson County. She was a member of Good Spring Baptist Church.

When Conard was discharged from the army they moved to what is known as Highland Park, Louisville, KY. He worked for the L & N Railroad. Three children were born there; Catherine Louise, who died at birth, Arthur C. Lindsey of Louisville, Ky and Ruth E. (Lindsey) Mattingly, Louisville, KY. They moved back to Edmonson County and a daughter, Inez L. (Lindsey) Reece, was born and now lives in Okolona, KY.

They returned to Louisville and a son, Clyde Lindsey was born.

Katie died on May 26, 1930. Conard remarried a woman named, Sallie Blair Poteet and three children were born to that marriage. They were Anna Laura Lindsey Lichte of Tucson, AZ, Gilbert (Bobby) Lindsey, Okolona, KY, and Patsey Lindsey Poyner of Shepherdsville, KY. Most of the family returns to the Memorial Services the last Sunday in May, every year, at Good Springs, KY.

LINDSEY - BLAIR

Sallie Jane Blair was born Mar. 4, 1896 in Edmonson Co., KY. She grew up near Good Spring Church. She attended Maple Spring School. Her death was Sept. 16, 1960; she is buried at Good Spring Church Cemetery. She was the youngest daughter of Joseph Ransome and Susan Sanders Blair. Her brothers and sisters were Kate, Alfred, Ace, Felix, Hildra, Parthenia (Bill) and Ned. (Louise, Cora, Argil and Henry all died in infancy.)

Sallie married John Poteet and had seven children of that marriage: Virgil, Edward, Kenneth, Theodore, Katherine, William (Sam), and Betty Ruth. They divorced and Sallie later married Conard Lindsey. Conard was born in Edmonson Co., KY. He attended Corner School.

He was born June 28, 1892 and died Aug. 10, 1971; He was married to Katie Blair and had four children with her. They are Authur, Ruth, Inez and Clyde. He was in W.W. I and was in the Philippines, France and Germany. He was stationed at Camp Taylor and Fort Ore, CA. He worked in Louisville at L & N Railroad Company and Gamble Brothers Lumber Company for about 30 years.



Conrad Lindsey

Sallie and Conard were married June 18, 1931. They had three children who are Anna Laura Lichte, Gilbert (Bob) Lindsey and Patricia Poynter.

His parents were Sellie and Hardin Lindsey. His brothers and sisters were Ollie, Mollie, Bennett, Addie, Clarence, Cecil, John and Eldridge.

Lindsey decendants came from North Carolina in 1800's

On retirement Conard and Sallie moved back to Mammoth Cave, KY.

Joseph Ransome Blair was son of George Edward Blair who was the son of Henry Brown Blair of Warren Co., KY.

ALLEN LINDSEY

Son of William Jackson (Jack) Lindsey and Cynthia Ann (Annie) Luttrell Lindsey. Allen is the oldest of seven children born to Jack and Annie.

Allen married Jearline Raymer in July of 1934. They have two children. Etheline Elmore of Lindseyville, Edmonson Co., KY and Howell Lindsey of Louisville. He has seven grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

Allen farmed much of his life in the early thirties. He worked on road construction also. Allen worked on what is now 259 and Hwy. 70 and 187 in Edmonson County.



Allen Lindsey

In 1938 Allen moved to Warren County and farmed there till 1945 when he came back to Edmonson County and farmed for Truman Demnbrum on Bear Creek. Mr. Demnbrum was county attorney at that time.

In 1951 Allen moved to Louisville where he was employed by the Willett Furniture Company. In 1953 he was employed by the Reynolds Metals Company. Allen worked there till 1965. Due to medical reasons his Doctor suggested he leave Louisville. He then returned to Edmonson County and farmed for himself and his brother the late Walker Lindsey on a farm they owned in partnership. In 1968 they sold the farm.

Allen then did farm work for Clyde Webb, who was both Judge and Sheriff of Edmonson County.

In 1980 Allen retired. In 1971 Allen and Jearline divorced. Allen never remarried. He now lives at Joywells Rest Home in Brownsville, Edmonson Co., KY. *By Aline Lindsey Vincent*

ANDREW JACKSON LINDSEY

Andrew Jackson Lindsey was born Jan. 4, 1823, in Warren Co., KY. He was the only child born to William and Mary "Polly" Edwards Lindsey.

William Lindsey married Polly Edwards on Aug. 6, 1821, in Warren Co, KY. William was the son of Caleb Lindsey. Polly was the daughter of Andrew Levi and Elizabeth Amos Edwards. Andrew Edwards was born in 1773, in Virginia. Elizabeth Edwards was born in 1782, in Virginia.



Andrew Jackson & Sarah Ann Roof Lindsey

Soon after their marriage, William and Polly Lindsey made their home near the Big Beaver Dam Creek. Marital bliss was short-lived for the Lindseys. After months of separation, in 1825, divorce papers were filed in the newly formed County of Edmonson. In 1826, William and Polly were officially divorced. Thus, the first divorce in Edmonson County was now history.

Andrew J. Lindsey was only four months old when the Warren County Court Clerk bound him over to his grandfather, Andrew Levi Edwards. The entry stated that Andrew J. Lindsey was "to learn the business of farming." It would seem that Andrew J. Lindsey came to think very highly of his grandfather Edwards; enough to drop his surname and take the Edwards name. This was indicated when a marriage bond was made in 1845 between Andrew J. "Edwards" and Sarah Ann Roof. He did, however, resume using the Lindsey name.

Andrew J. Lindsey and Sarah Ann Roof were married Dec. 3, 1845, in Edmonson County. Sarah Ann was born July 26, 1822 in Hart Co., KY. She was a daughter of Nicholas A. and Rheuby Rhoads was born circa

1795, in Kentucky. Nicholas A. was the son of Nicholas and Barbery Roof. Rheuby was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Rhoads. Daniel was born Feb. 6, 1774, and died Nov. 22, 1850. Elizabeth Rhoads was born Aug. 21, 1773, and died July 30, 1835. Daniel and Elizabeth are buried in the Luttrell cemetery near Brownsville.

Andrew J. and Sarah Ann Lindsey were the parents of the following children: Delaware W. (1847-1923) married three times; John Francis (1848-1924) 2nd marriage was to Bennie Jane Johnson; Washington (1850-1920) married Ollie Johnson (2nd marriage in 1899); Eliza Jane (1852-) married Levi Davis; Caroline (1853-1946) married John T.B. Stice; Mary Ann (1856-); Nancy Melvina (1858-1894) married George Washington Lindsey; Andrew Jackson, Jr. (1859-); Willis (1862-1900) married Sirelda Bennett Hazelip; James Henry (1864-); Sarah Ann (1866-) married William V. Johnson; Margaret J. (1867-); Mary C. (1869-); William Thomas (1870-).

During the Civil War, Andrew J. Lindsey sided with the Union. On Sept. 1, 1863, he enrolled with Captain Francis Houchins' Company H 52nd Regiment of the Kentucky Mounted Infantry. He was discharged Mar, 11, 1865, at Bowling Green, KY; his term of service had expired. At his discharge, Lindsey's physical description listed him as being five feet eight inches tall, with a fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair.

Andrew J. Lindsey was one of the first trustees of the Mt. Zion United Baptist Church in Edmonson County. The church was organized between the months of August and December 1869.

Sarah Ann Lindsey died July 2, 1902. She was buried in the Mt. Zion cemetery. Andrew Jackson Lindsey died Sept. 4, 1904. He was buried next to his wife. His body was taken to the cemetery in a road wagon driven by Lon Johnson.

Submitted by Ricky L. Carroll

JAMES EDGAR LINDSEY

James Edgar Lindsey was born Feb. 7, 1945 in Edmonson County. He is the son of John Henry and Ollie Blansett Lindsey, James is the sixth son of seven children born to Henry and Ollie. The other children were Pleas, born in 1928, William Leon, born in 1932, Lonard, born in 1938, Walter Glen, born in 1942, and Dorothy, born in 1946. One died as an infant.

James' paternal grandparents are John Francis and Bennie Jane Johnson Lindsey. John Francis is the son of Andrew J. and Sarah Ann Roof Lindsey. Bennie Johnson Lindsey is the daughter of William R. Johnson and Mary Jane Wells Johnson.

James' maternal grandparents are William and Jeannie Sensabough Blansett. William is the son of Windon and Vinnie (maiden name unknown) Blansett. Jeannie is the daughter of John and Frances Johnson Sensabough.

On Aug. 8, 1964, James was married to Gladys Mae Blair. Gladys was born, Mar. 18, 1948 in Edmonson Co., KY. She is the daughter of Franklin and Cathleen Puckett Blair. Gladys is the fourth child born to Franklin and Cathleen. The other children were Irvin, born in 1946, James, born in 1950, and Jessie, born in 1954.

Gladys' paternal grandparents are Lidge and Fannie Bell Wilkson Blair. Her maternal grandparents are Robert Lawrence and Pearly Etolia Puckett.

James and Gladys were the parents of three children. Marilyn, born Aug. 28, 1967 at Glasgow, KY, Freddie, born Feb. 25, 1969 at Caverna, KY, and James Robert, born Jan. 4, 1976 at Bowling Green, KY. Marilyn graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1985.

James was a farmer in Edmonson County. He raised pigs and tobacco. James, Gladys, Marilyn, Freddie, and Robert made their home in the Oak Grove Community.

JOSEPH L. LINDSEY

Joseph was born June 12, 1828. He was the son of William and Sarah Logan Lindsey. William was born in North Carolina in 1793 and was an early pioneer of Edmonson County.

Joseph married Sarah Jane Lindsey (Caleph's daughter) Mar. 6, 1848 in Edmonson County. Sarah was born May 4, 1830. They had at least eight children: Nancy Frances B. 1848 died 1877 md. James Bullock Mar. 28, 1865; Mary b. 1852; Laury b. June, 1855; Josephine b. 1857; John C. b. Aug. 21, 1859; Murlin D. b. 1861, d. Dec. 27, 1923; Sarah A. b. 1865, md. J. W. Luttrell Oct. 19, 1880; Caleb b. 1867.



Joseph L. Lindsey

When Sarah died, Joseph married Mary Elizabeth Luttrell Thompson Oct. 22, 1878 in Edmonson County. She was born September, 1848 and died Aug. 1, 1907. She was the widow of James Thompson and had two children, Betty and Will Thompson. Joseph and Mary's children were: Effie b. 1879 md. J. H. Ham; Silas Ben b. Oct. 17, 1881 d. Oct. 29, 1951 md. Surrilda Meredith; Ethyl b. November 1888; Lloyd; Gillia b. February 1891; F.S. b. December 1887 Son listed in 1900 Edmonson County Census.

Joseph and Mary also raised Joseph's three grandchildren, Sarah, Mary Ann, and Robert Bullock after his daughter Nancy and her husband James Bullock died.

Joseph served as magistrate in Edmonson County and was also a school teacher. The log home he built for his family in the Grassland Community is still being lived in today. His great-grandson, Clauda Skaggs of Brownsville fondly remembers sitting in his "Grandpa Joe's" lap and playing with his beard on the front porch of that home.

Joseph died Oct. 29, 1909 and Sarah died Feb. 29, 1869. Joseph, Sarah, and Mary are all buried at the Holly Springs Cemetery.

Written by Opal Harris Meredith

WASHINGTON LINDSEY

Washington Lafayette Lindsey was born May 22, 1850, in Edmonson County. He was the son of Andrew Jackson and Sarah Ann Roof Lindsey. Andrew was the son of William and Mary "Polly" Edwards Lindsey. Sarah Ann was the daughter of Nicholas and Rheuby Rhodes Roof.

Like most men of his time, Washington was a farmer. On Apr. 3, 1882, he married Sarah Jane Stice. She was born in Edmonson County on Jan. 3, 1847. This was her second marriage. She died June 10, 1898, and is buried on the Norman Warnell farm. No children were born from this marriage.



Washington & Ollie Johnson Lindsey

On Feb. 23, 1899 Washington married Olivia Catherine Johnson, daughter of Isaac Perry and Nancy Catherine Hazelip Johnson. Ollie, as she was known, was born Mar. 23, 1876, making Washington 26 years older than her. They were married at the home of Washington's brother John France Lindsey.

From this union were born two daughters: 1) Marie born Nov. 28, 1900 died Apr. 25, 1985, married Gordon Campbell; 2) Loren born July 21, 1904, married Jack Campbell (Gordon's brother).

Washington died Mar. 10, 1920. Ollie was bedridden and in poor health for several years before her death on Jan. 13, 1957. They are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, next to Oak Hill Church. As family tradition has it, Ollie's father, I.P. Johnson, donated this land to the Oak Grove Church for the purpose of a cemetery.

Submitted by Ricky L. Carroll

WILLARD WILLIS LINDSEY

Willard Willis "Cap" Lindsey (1893-present) was born Oct. 1, 1893 to Delaware (1847-1923) and Sarah Ella Bean (1871-1956) Lindsey who lived north of Brownsville on Mt. Zion Road near the Mt. Zion School. His grandfather was Jackson Lindsey who owned a Green River farm down the River from Brownsville on the north side. His brothers and sisters who lived to adulthood included: Bertha Stella (1892-1923); Ola

Mae (1894-present); Golda Bennetta (1896-1952); Wilbur Ellis (1897-present); Amy Alice (1899-1968); George Thomas (1902-1963); Lillie Maud (1904-present); Arthur Franklin (1906-present); Mary Lenora (1911-1987); Nat Terry (1913-1977).

W.W. "Cap" Lindsey attended the Mt. Zion School where he completed the available eight grades. His teachers included Bill Davis and Lillie Emery. As a young lad he watched the Lock and Dam being built on Green River north of Brownsville. He passed the Teacher's Examination and taught school for three years in Edmonson County, one at Ollie, one at Oak Grove, and one at Wingfield. He taught school during the administrations of Mr. Cayton and Mr. Billy Purdue.

In 1916 he enrolled in the Bowling Green Business School and after five months he was hired as payroll clerk for the Buffalo Collieries in Chatteroy, WV. He traveled by train to West Virginia to take up this job. Two years later he became superintendent of two coal mines. In 1921 these mines were sold and he moved to Left Beaver Creek in Floyd Co., KY to manage a coal mine.

Shortly after moving to Floyd Co., KY gas and oil were discovered there. He befriended some gas and oil drillers by letting them use the coal mine railroad siding for unloading their rigs and pipes. That year (1921) he helped drill five gas wells and went into the oil and gas business. Three of those five original wells are still pumping gas.

In 1926 "Cap" Lindsey married Nora Webb of Edmonson County, daughter of Noah Webb and sister of Gilbert Webb of Lindseyville. To this union were born four children: Willard Willis, Jr. (now of Charleston, WV); Jean (now of Huntington, WV); (Daughter-deceased); Wilbur T. (now of Milton, WV.)

In 1965 Mr. Lindsey purchased the Bonanza Steak House franchise for West Virginia and two years later gave this franchise to his four children. These children, spouses, and grandchildren now operate Bonanza Steak Houses in West Virginia.

In 1934 Mr. Lindsey came to Pikeville in Pike Co., KY to take up gas leases. Later, he worked on the construction of the new Kentucky State Office Building in Frankfort in the late 1930's.

He moved to Pikeville in the 1940's where he now lives. He is President and owner of the Lindsey Gas and Oil Company and at the ripe age of nearly 95 years he operates 127 gas wells in five counties of Pike, Floyd, Knott, Letcher, and Perry Counties in Kentucky. As I interviewed him in early August 1988, his mind was alert as we sat in his office and he reflected on his early years in Edmonson County. I noticed on the wall of his office that he was a long time member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and that Governor Louie Nunn had made him a Kentucky Colonel in 1968, I marvelled at his knowledge and alertness as he described the history of the Columbia Natural Gas Company and their subsidiaries, at the price structure of natural gas, the BTU values of the gas, and the well pressures and gathering line pressures. Colonel Sanders may have known his fried chicken, but Colonel "Cap" Lindsey knows his natural gas. Edmonson Co., KY and Pike Co., KY should be proud of this native son.

WILLIAM JACKSON LINDSEY

William Jackson "Jack" Lindsey was born June 21, 1890, in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the only child born to Elizabeth Jane Lindsey.

Elizabeth Jane Lindsey was the daughter of Enock Lindsey and the former Dorcas A. Meredith. Elizabeth Jane was born Dec. 25, 1869, in Edmonson County. She and her parents were all Edmonson County natives.



Jack & Cynithia Ann Lindsey

Jack Lindsey married Cynthia Ann "Annie" Luttrell, Jan. 17, 1912, in Edmonson County. Annie was the only daughter of John and Sarah Luttrell. She had nine brothers. John Luttrell was the son of Robert "Bob" Luttrell and the former Cinthy Ann Webb. He was born Dec. 6, 1861. Sarah Luttrell was the daughter of Joseph L. and Sarah J. Lindsey.

Jack and Annie Lindsey were the parents of the following children: Allen Lindsey (1913-) married Jerline Raymer; Helen Lindsey (1914-) married Loyd Bullock; Walker Lindsey (1917- 1979) married Maxine Key; Ruth Lindsey (1921-) married Fred Gero; Aline Lindsey (1925-) married Thomas Vincent; Loyd Lindsey (1929-) married to the former Aleta Higgs; Dorothy Lindsey (1933-) married Elmer James Meredith.

Jack Lindsey's major occupation was farming. He spent short periods of time working as well digger on road construction and with corp drill and also craddled wheat. He helped build what is now called Washington Street in Brownsville, KY, which was a road at that time. It was all done by hand. They made the road through to where Pleasant Union Church now is, which was probably called Steep Hollow at that time.

They naped the road with cobble stones using Nappen Hammers. The rock was hauled by wagon and team. His Nappen Hammer is still in the family. He also worked on Hwy. 259 in 1931, and worked on the Sunfish road, 287, in the late thirty's.

Annie Lindsey died Apr. 4, 1944, in Edmonson County. Jack Lindsey died Nov. 12, 1968, in Jefferson County.

They are both buried in the Luttrell Cemetery, located in Edmonson Co., KY.

He had 18 Grandchildren, 32 Great-Grandchildren, and 31 Great-Great Grandchildren. *Helen Bullock*

WILLIAM PLEASANT LINDSEY

W.P. Lindsey (Bud) Lindsey was born Aug. 12, 1860 in Edmonson County. He died there Feb. 16, 1932. He was the son of Jesse Lindsey and Nancy Merideth Lindsey. Jesse was the son of Hayten and Mary Lindsey. Nancy's father was Joseph Merideth. Hayten was born in 1795 in North Carolina and was listed on the first Edmonson County census. Mary was born in 1801 and is believed to be the daughter of John Harris. She died in 1859. When Mary died, Hayton married Sarah (Sally) Moon. Oct. 8, 1860 in Edmonson County. He died in 1869, and his will recorded July 7, 1869. Jesse and Nancy were born in 1827 and died between 1900 and 1910. They were married in Edmonson County Dec. 28, 1845.

Bud married first Jemima Vincent Mar. 2, 1879. They had 14 children some of which moved to Arkansas. Their children: William Hayden b. February 1880 d. Nov. 13, 1942; Nancy E. b. September, 1881; Bette; Laura B. b. January, 1886; Lura A. b. February, 1887; Lorie P. b. 1889; Willis b. 1890; Bessie b. April, 1891; Lewis B. b. 1893; Jessie (J.) b. May, 1896; Alfie b. 1901; Hattie J. b. 1903; Norene b. 1905; Audie b. 1907, died infant.



William Plesant Lindsey & Palestine Skaggs Lindsey with baby Lonie. Photo taken c 1910.

After Jemima died Bud married Palestine Skaggs in Warren County June 14, 1908. Palestine was born June 5, 1888 in Edmonson County, daughter of James Thomas Skaggs and Sarah Bullock Skaggs. Tom was the son of James and Delilah Lashley Skaggs. James was a Union soldier in the Civil War, Co. G, 17th KY Cav. He was the son of William and Polly Harrison Skaggs. Delilah was the daughter of John and Nancy Lashley. Sarah's father was James Bullock, also a Union soldier, Co., H. 52nd KY Mtd. Inf., son of Charles and Sarah Bullock. Her mother was Nancy F. Lindsey, daughter of Joseph L. and Sarah Jane Lindsey. Nancy caught her clothes on fire and burned to death and James accidently shot and killed himself when Sarah was a small girl.

Palestine ran away from home and married Bud. Their children: Lonie Lindsey, died about two years, buried in Arkansas; Tho-

mas Lindsey md. Clorene Vincent; Leonard Lindsey md. Maggie Farris; Iland Lindsey md. Ivy Lindsey; Clarence Lindsey md. Helen Reddish later Kathryn Johnson; Monroe Lindsey md. Cordie Burkhead; Gertie Lindsey md. Haskell Harris; Dollie Lindsey md. Arthur Duvall later Roy Blair; Mary Bell (Ruby) Lindsey md. Blossie Hack later Carl Howard.

Palestine died Nov. 18, 1926. After she died Bud married Sis Johnson Aug. 29, 1927. Bud, Palestine, and Jemima are all buried in the Morris Cemetery.

Besides having 23 children, Bud worked some in log woods in Edmonson. When he was close to 65 years old he pulled the body of Aubrey Lindsey from the Sycamore Pool at the Sycamore coal mine. The boy's body had been in the water quite some time and others had failed getting him out. He also had a small store near the Bungalow School. He was a farmer and made molasses for many people in the area. *Written by Opal Harris Meredith*

WILLIE EDWARD LINDSEY

Willie Edward Lindsey was born July 25, 1932, in Edmonson Co., KY. He is the son of Arthur and Gertrude LaCross Harmon Lindsey. Willie is the oldest son of eight children born to Arthur and Gertie. The other children were Ada, born in 1934, Maggie, born in 1937, Johnny, born in 1943, Walter Oval, born in 1945, and Evelyn, born in 1948. Two died as infants.

Willie's paternal grandparents are John Francis and Bennie Jane Johnson Lindsey. John Francis is the son of Andrew J. and Sarah Ann Roof Lindsey. Bennie Jane Johnson Lindsey is the daughter of William R. Johnson and Mary Jane Wells Johnson.



The Willie E. Lindsey Family

Willie's maternal grandparents are Thomas Jefferson and Mary Magaline Nash Harmon. Thomas Jefferson is the son of Alford Wessley and Elizabeth Armstrong Harmon. Mary Magaline is the daughter of Elijah and Martha Elizabeth Woosley Nash.

On July 16, 1960, Willie was married to Thelma Pauline Sego. Pauline was born July 17, 1938 in Edmonson Co., KY. She is the daughter of Willie Lee and Dora Bell Mansfield Sego. Pauline is the youngest of four children born to Willie and Dora. The other children were Christine, born in 1922, Chester, born in 1926, and Herman, born in 1931.

Pauline's paternal grandparents are William Henry and Nannie Bell Puckett Sego. Her maternal grandparents are Jasper Newton and Mary Annie Sturgeon Mansfield. Jasper Newton taught school at Little Jordon in Edmonson Co., KY.

Willis and Pauline were the parents of two daughters, Latrenia Faye, born Apr. 12, 1962 and Jeanetta Ann, born Apr. 8, 1963. Both were born in Glasgow, KY. They both graduated from Edmonson County High School, Latrenia in 1980 and Jeanetta in 1981. They both earned Associated of Science Degrees from Bowling Green Junior College, Latrenia's in Executive Administrative Specialist and Jeanetta's in Accounting.

Willie established his own business as a licensed plumber and electrician. His work took him to all areas of Edmonson and surrounding counties. He was also an active member of the Chalybeate Volunteer Fire Department. He was a Trustee of Oak Grove United Baptist Church in Edmonson County, where he and his family were members. Pauline was a housewife.

Willie, Pauline, Latrenia and Jeanetta made their home in the Chalybeate Community.

GILLIS LOGAN

Gillis Logan was born in Hardin County in 1832. He received his education and taught school for a number of years. He fought for the Union during the Civil War and afterward followed the occupation of farming. He was a Democrat but never held any political office. He was a member of the United Baptist Church. Gillis Logan died in 1915, at the age of 82.

Gillis' wife, Georgiana Houchin Logan, was born in 1849, in Edmonson County. She was the daughter of Asel and Polly Webb Houchin. Asel was a member of the United Baptist Church and his political support was given to the Republican party. Georgiana Logan died on the Logan homestead in 1911.

Gillis' parents were Marvel Mills "Squire" and Elizabeth Merlin Logan. M.M. Logan resided for many years in Edmonson County where he was a justice of the peace for half a century and was known as the squire of Wolf Creek. He was born in South Carolina sometime between 1808 and 1810, and came to Kentucky with a family of Lindseys about 1816, and settled on Indian Creek. He was the son of the Rev. Joseph D. Logan born Oct. 1, 1781, and died after 1820, and Jane Butler Dandridge Logan. Joseph and Jane were married in Goochland Co., VA, on Oct. 3, 1812. Squire Logan and Elizabeth Merlin were married July 24, 1827, by the Rev. John Jones of the old Holley Springs United Baptist Church, of which the Logans were members.

Their children were: 1) Merilda (Serilda) born 1829; married David Stice. W.N. Stice, an early school teacher in Edmonson County was their son; 2) Siny (1830-1912) married Garrett Vincent. They were the parents of several children, among whom were Jim Potter's first wife and Gillis Vincent, father of Attorney B.M. Vincent of Brownsville. Another daughter named Caledonia married S.D. Brill and were the parents of Delpha Britt, of Morgantown; 3) Gillis Franklin, born 1832, married Georgiana Houchin. Gillis was the father of Senator M.M. Logan; 4) George Logan born ca. 1834; 5) Standford Logan born ca. 1837.

Elizabeth Logan died in Edmonson County in 1838. After her death, Squire M.M. Logan remarried and had several other children. In 1880, he moved to Leitchfield, KY, where he spent the remainder of his life.

JOHN A. LOGAN

John A. Logan was born the third child of Stanford J. Logan (1836-1909) and Catherine Humphrey Logan on a farm overlooking Green River in Butler Co., KY, on Sept. 29, 1878, where his father was a tenant. Life was very tumultuous in his early years, as his mother died when he was an infant and his two older siblings died when he was ten years of age.

Following his mother's death, and before his father's second marriage he was cared for by the wife of the owner of the farm on which his father was a tenant. As a result, he apparently was considered a member of that family and subsequently developed a life long relationship with Ben Threkeld whom he considered a brother.



John A. Logan - 1943

His father's second marriage was to Chassie E. Mustain (1851-1912), a widow with six children. His half-siblings were: Elbert; Ed; Lula (Holder); Pansy L. (Skaggs); Mary (Johnson); and Date (Madison). Three of his sisters (Mary, Kate, and Pansy) are buried in the Logan Cemetery at Fairview.

At an early age, he was attracted to the great outdoors. With his enterprising mind, he was able to sell chestnuts and wild animal furs to acquire the money with which he would purchase books of great historical characters who obviously had a considerable impact on his future.

On Jan. 1, 1897, on a snow covered ground, at the age of 19 years, afoot, penniless, with his worldly possessions in a hand grip, he began his journey to Brownsville with hopes of preparing himself to take the examination required to teach school. He was successful in this endeavor, and subsequently taught school in Edmonson County for approximately four years, during which time he was able to study law (probably in the law office of M.M. Logan). In June 1900, he passed the bar examination and was admitted to practice law.

On Dec. 1, 1901, he was married to Emma Roberts of Grayson Co., KY, the daughter of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth Roberts. During the next 25 years, they lived in Brownsville, where he enjoyed a very successful law practice. It was during this period of time that he held the offices of Master Commissioner; County Attorney; Examiner for County Teachers; and Commonwealth Attorney for the Eighth Judicial District. On or about 1925, he moved the family to Bowling Green, KY, where he continued the practice of law until his death. He apparently maintained a close personal relationship and association in the practice of law, both in Brownsville and in Bowling Green with the late Senator M.M. Logan.

To the above wedlock was born three sons. The two oldest, Rex (1902-1973) and Victor Roberts (1904-1970) would later successfully complete the bar examination, with Rex subsequently becoming a banker and Victor Roberts practicing Law.

The youngest son, Ben Threkeld (1910-1955) served as a Washington aide to U.S. Senator M.M. Logan and later as a state parole and probation officer.

Always ever mindful of his meager and humble beginnings, he was keenly attuned to his fellow man's misfortunes and problems, He once stated, "My fortune came as a result of my efforts in trying to help others, having no expectations of making money at the time." In 1930, he published a book of poetry entitled "Echoes From The Hills of the Mammoth Cave Country", which shall ever remain a living tribute to the colorful characters and unique events of Edmonson County.

It was upon his request, and prior planning, that following his death, he be returned to the place he so dearly loved. He lies entombed in the Logan Circle—Fairview Cemetery, just southeast of Brownsville. *J. A. Logan*

SENATOR MARVEL MILLS LOGAN

Senator Marvel Mills Logan was born Jan. 7, 1874, on his father's farm which was located a mile and a half from Brownsville on the Rocky Hill Road. His parents were Gillis Franklin and Georgiana Houchin Logan. He was one of ten children, seven boys and three girls, who lived in a log cabin on the farm.

His brothers and sisters are now all deceased, and most of them, together with his parents and one uncle, Stafford Logan, are buried in the Fairview Cemetery on Gillis Logan's old farm.



Senator M.M. Logan - 1930's

The old log cabin still stands on its original site and is marked by a Kentucky Historical marker on the roadside. The logs are still in place except they have been covered with more modern siding.

Senator M.M. Logan's formal education was in the school which was known as Fairview School not far from his home. He studied law with Senator J.S. Lay and A.A. Sturgeon at Brownsville. He was admitted to the bar in 1896, and engaged in the practice of law from that year until 1912. In 1912, he was called to the staff of the Attorney General at Kentucky as first assistant by Attorney General James Garnett, and held that post until 1916. In 1917, M.M. Logan was elected attorney general as Mr. Garnett's successor, but he resigned early and on June 17, 1917, he was appointed the first chairman of the Kentucky State Tax Commission. He subsequently resigned from that office. He and his family, Della Hayden of Barren County, and his four children, Hubert, Agnes, Leland and Ralph Hunter, moved to Louisville in 1918, where he practiced law for approximately four years before moving to Bowling Green, KY. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and became the Grand Sire of the World, its highest office.

After moving to Bowling Green in about 1922, he practiced law in Warren County and surrounding counties until his election to the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, at that time Kentucky's highest court. He ran for and was elected to the United States Senate in 1930, and remained in that position until his death in October 1939.

As inscribed upon the plate on his monument in the Fairview Cemetery, which was for many years known as the Logan Cemetery, he had attended Sunday School for 33 years without missing a single Sunday. During most of those 33 years he taught a Bible class in the Baptist Church.

His only remaining survivors are his youngest son, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

VICTOR ROBERTS (BILL) LOGAN

Victor Roberts (Bill) Logan was born in Brownsville, KY, on May 7, 1904, the second son of John A. (1878-1945) and Emma Roberts Logan (1880-1953).

He was educated in the public schools of Edmonson County and later Ogden College. He studied law in the office of his father, following which in 1924, he passed the bar examination and began a career as a lawyer in Brownsville. He continued an active law practice there until his death in 1970.

With many varied interests, he successfully operated a rock quarry while maintaining his active law practice. He was successful in obtaining a patent for extracting a bituminous product from asphalt converting it to a waterproof paint.

At times abrasive and even obstreperous, he always commanded the respect of his peers for his thoroughness in preparation of a legal case and in his aggressiveness in representing his clients.



V.R. (Bill) Logan - 1925

He was a lover of the outdoors, a sportsman, a quail hunter, and a fisherman—a trait he successfully passed on to his children.

On April 1, 1927, he was married to Ruth Brooks, the youngest daughter of Simeon Thomas (1864-1954) and Sophia Elizabeth Brooks (1873-1954). To this wedlock was born four children: Emma Elizabeth (b. July 7, 1927, m. John Lowery of Crittendon Co., KY)—business career—Saginaw, MI; William Anderson (b. Nov. 26, 1934, m. Joyce Hite - Hopkins Co., KY)-Attorney, Former State Senator Hopkins Co., KY, former Chairman of Public Service Commission of Kentucky — Madisonville, KY; John A. III (b. Dec. 16, 1937, m. Jackie Barnett - Webster Co., KY)—Physician— Henderson, KY; Thomas Brooks (b. Apr. 12, 1941, m. Joe Lloyd Brown - Hopkins Co., KY) - Physician- performed first successful cochlear (Inner Ear) implant in Western Kentucky —Henderson, KY.

A man of many philosophies, a good attorney and an outspoken champion on matters in which he believed, he left behind to his children three frequent quotes (not necessarily original to him) that will remain with them forever:

"The road to hell is paved with good intentions."

"Anything worth doing, is worth doing well."

"The world is full of good beginners, but damn few good finishers."

Following his death in 1970, he was entombed in a grave next to his mother and father in the Logan Circle, Fairview Cemetery, southeast of Brownsville. *J.A. Logan*

LOWE & MEREDITH

Silas Efford Meredith was born June 4, 1905 to "Brite" and Sudie Brown Meredith, the fifteenth (15) child in this large family.

He married Ethel Lowe on June 6, 1926. Ethel was the daughter of Miles and Nora Stinnet Lowe of the Bear Creek Area.

They had three children: Orene, born June 8, 1928, married Deweey Thurman Vincent; Charles, born July 5, 1934 and married Myrna Vincent; Glen, born Oct. 26, 1938, and married Mary Stewart.

Efford was a farmer and worked at Kyrock Company for a time.

He was a gentle and kind man who loved his family and his land. He enjoyed playing his banjo for his family and friends.



Efford & Ethel Lowe Meredith

Efford died July 5, 1957 at home from a long illness. He is survived by six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The New Salem Church Cemetery was chosen for his burial site. Written by Susie Wood. *Submitted by Orene Vincent*

MILLS & LILLIAN MEREDITH LOWE

Born May 7, 1915 in North West Edmonson County on the border of Big Ready and Sunfish communities. Youngest of seven living children-born to James and Josephine Willis Lowe. Children: Versie (1/2 sister by James' first wife, Olivia Willis); Elton; Gifford; Delphin; Cleon; Daphine; Mills (one died). These are the children of James and Josephine Lowe and his two sister wives. James and six of his children taught over 200 terms of school in Edmonson County (a record I'm sure) James taught over 50 terms himself.

Daphine and Mills (the two youngest children) had to foot their expense of their education alone as father was very sick in his reclining years and financially broke. Daphine (in the middle of the great depression of the thirties) couldn't make it, but married a good boy from the hills and did well. Mills was able to borrow some, trade some, work at the college digging ditches and other odd jobs and made it through two years. Taught five years to pay off his debts (on emergency certificates). All the other children got their life certificates with two years college. They raised the requirement to four years a year before Miles got his two years in.



Mills & Lillian Lowe

Mills—Early life—farming, schooling (elementary and High School)-Hunting and fishing (in Sunfish Creek), working in timber for father, two days a week delivering my father and older brothers to and from their High School at Brownsville or their teaching areas, playing basketball and baseball in High School (Sunfish High School) and on into later years as an adult, two years college at Western Teacher's College, five years teaching in one room schools (Sunny Point, Lincoln, Mt. Zion), took over my father's two mortgages on the home place and the one on Bear Creek (he had never been able to pay a penny on the Bear Creek farm and deeply in debt on the home farm, gave them a home when their home burned.)

Volunteered for the Air Corp in 1940 (for Pilot training) in East St. Louis, passed all examinations and trained in flying for a short while. Had ear trouble in all my early youth and ears acted up at high altitude. Was discharged from the Air Corp, worked over two years in the powder plant at Du Point, IN.

While working at Du Pont, the greatest event of my life took place. Got married to Lillian Meredith, James and Cora Vincent Meredith's daughter on Nov. 27, 1941-worked a while at Du Pont-re-drafted in the regular army in 1943. My wife, Lillian's brothers and sisters are, Ivil, Avil, Lillian, Warner, James, Oneta, and Donald (all of Bee Springs, KY).

For a short while my wife and husband stayed in Louisville-leaving for Basic Training at Ft. McClellan, AL, my wife moved in to take care of James and Josephine on the Bear Creek Farm. She wanted to be with her husband and came to Ft. McClellan for the remainder of the training period. Wife wasn't allowed to go back to the farm without a hassle from others-she moved in with her father and mother-stayed with them until the war was over-meantime Mary Jo, our first child was born. Mills went to camp Stoneman, CA, was to ship out from there-father died-went back home-returned to Stoneman-outfit had shipped out-remained in Stoneman a while partially recuperating from a back injury experienced in Basic Training. Sent to Guadal Canal-on to Bougainville (Soloman Island)-assigned to the Americal Infantry Division (only division formed over seas)-to 182nd. Inf. (H.Co-heavy Inf. Co.)-fought through Bougainville (Solomons), Latye (Philippines), Cebu (Philippines) and ended up as occupation troops in Japan (after the Bombs were dropped)-position was one with one of the shortest life span in the army-giving over head fire to advancing rifle troops with cross fire from our machine guns-made a beach head on Cebu-ambushed in Cebu after taking the airport-all my section was severely wounded or killed expect my sergeant and I-My sergeant played dead and Mills was the only one standing up. To get out-crawled out and dragged my wounded gunner in-bandaged him, went back up to ambushed area looking for my sergeant-he got up from among his dead buddies and walked up to me and said kicking his feet out "Well, Lowe, they cut my shoestrings." The war left me nerve racked and severely disabled with a back injury.

Meantime Lillian had our second child shortly after I had gone over seas (Virginia). Honorably discharged at Atterbury-joined wife at home on Bear Creek Farm. Had malaria fever, depressed and very nervous-Virginia died-went back to Western two years-got my B.S. Degree and majored in Agriculture-taught veterans "On the Job Training" for five years-farming on the side-raising my family of nine-tried farming for five or six years-army back injury plus side effects of arthritis became worse-saw that farming was impossible-nearly gave farms away-got back into school work-got my Masters Degree and over forty hours above-emergency principal of Sunfish High School-taught in Edmonson County 22 years, Warren County two years and Jefferson County nine years-Retired in 1976-came back to Edmonson County-built home-fished until disability closed in on me-Wrote over a hundred poems. Through all of this God guided me and lifted me above and beyond in life's activities.

The things that have transpired could never have happened but for a wonderful wife who has been by my side day and night with love, care, dedication far beyond her duties. But for her support and love it could not have been done. I owe it all to God and her.

MICHAEL LUDWIG

Michael Ludwig was born Mar. 23, 1974, at St. Louis, MO. He is the son of Arlin and Coleta (Pickle) Ludwig. Michael has two sisters, Sherry born in 1965, and Karen born in 1969. Sherry graduated from Edmonson County in 1983, and from Western Kentucky University in December, 1986. She married Kevin Pinet of Edmonson County. He is in the Air Force Stationed in Michigan and Sherry is teaching school there. Karen graduated from Edmonson County in 1986, and is currently a student at Western Kentucky University.

Michael and his family moved from St. Louis, MO to Edmonson County in 1981. Before moving to Edmonson County he attended Our Redeemer Lutheran School. His father works for the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, KY.

He participates in all sports available in Edmonson County. He joined the Wildcat Dribblers the first year it was available (1981-1982 school year). He has played baseball, basketball, and football and hopes to continue in these sports until he finishes school. He will graduate from the 8th grade in May, 1988.

Michael has one grandparent living, Elmer Ludwig of Risco, MO who will be 91 years of age Feb. 24, 1988. Most of Michael's relatives live either in Missouri where his father is from or Arkansas where his mother is from.

He attends Christian Fellowship Church in Warren County. He has made numerous friends since moving here and is very glad that his parents decided to move from St. Louis, MO and to settle in Edmonson County.

Michael speaks for his entire family that they are satisfied with living in Edmonson County.

VAURIECE D. MADDOX

Vauriece Maddox was born Jan. 9, 1924, at Breckenridge, TX, the youngest child of John Louis Maddox and Minnie Calvert. Grandparents were George Tarlton Maddox of Arkansas and El Dora Caroline Smith of Memphis, TN. Also, Elijah Drewie Calvert and Casa Florence Williams.

During World War II, Vauriece was stationed at Fort Knox, KY before going overseas. He met and married Gertrude Blair (from Edmonson County).



Vauriece & Trudy Maddox

Gertrude's parents were Elias Ward Blair born Feb. 10, 1893 and died Nov. 9, 1962, and Candis Parsley born June 22, 1898 and died Oct. 29, 1975. They were married May 27, 1920.

Oldest child was Gertrude, born Sept. 14, 1925. Married Vauriece D. Maddox on Aug. 11, 1944.

Joseph Alen Blair was born Feb. 12, 1932 and married Chinetha Vincent Oct. 22, 1949.

Lois Blair was born Aug. 2, 1933. She married Woodrow Hogan May 20, 1949. He died April 14, 1970. Is now married to Elvis Turner on Apr. 4, 1970.

Gertrude's paternal grandparents were William Benjamin Blair and Sarah Rebecca Sanders. Paternal great-grandparents were George Edward (Ned) Blair and Mary Louisa Margaret Age. Also, Elias J. Sanders and Susanna Skaggs.

Gertrude's maternal grandparents were George Washington Parsley and George Ann Houchins. Maternal great grandparents were John Parsley and Mary Wells. Also, Jesse Houchins and Mary Peterson Davis.

Other names in paternal great-great grandparents include Henry Brown Blair, Mary Pace (daughter of Edward M. Pace of Virginia), John Sanders and William Benjamin Skaggs.

Maternal great-great grandparents; Anthony Parsley and Elizabeth Isobell. Gedeon Wells and Elizabeth C. Kinslow. John Richard (Dick) Houchins and Polly Blair, Israel Davis and don't know others.

Vauriece was discharged from the United States Army in April, 1946 at Fort Lewis, WA. He and Gertrude came back to Kentucky to live in November 1946.

Three children were born to this union:

Vauriece DeVoe Maddox II was born Dec. 5, 1947, married to Taeng-On Thongprasop (of Thailand) Mar. 1, 1973. There is a daughter Som Wan Maddox born July 6, 1975. And a stepson Ekachai Huansanti born May 11, 1964. Devoe has retired after 22 years in the United States Air Force and now resides in Goodyear, AZ.

Melody Sue Maddox born Jan. 9, 1951, married Kenneth Wayne Ray Apr. 2, 1979. They have three children: Dennis Wayne Ray born Dec. 6, 1976, Beverly Sue Ray born May 1, 1983, and Kenneth Wayne Ray II born May 17, 1984. They reside in Park City, KY.

Minnie Candace Maddox born Feb. 7, 1955, married James Douglas Bullock Nov. 17, 1979. There is one son, Tony Douglas Bullock born Jan. 6, 1974. They reside at Scottsville, KY.

Vauriece and Gertrude Blair Maddox are now retired and reside at Barren River Lake in Allen Co., KY. *By Gertrude "Trudy" Blair Maddox*

MADISON

The name Madison has its origin in son of Matthew. Variations on the name are Matthews, Matthewson, Matthiason, Mathes, Mathias, Mattison and finally Madison. Records show that in colonial times it was often spelled Mattison and colloquially shortened to Matt, which we have seen in recent times locally.

James Madison, the emigrant, came to Virginia in 1653 as a ship's carpenter and took a patent on 600 acres of land in Gloucester County which borders on the York River and Chesapeake Bay. He became successful as a builder of small boats to handle the tobacco trade and within ten years had acquired an additional 1,100 acres of land. His descendents moved north and west where Ambrose Madison married Frances Taylor in Orange County. They lived comfortably for their day on a 5,000 acre plantation worked by many slaves. Frances Taylor's father was the ancestor of Presidents James Madison and Zachary Taylor. The ancestral homes of the Madisons and Taylors built in the eighteenth century are now historical landmarks. Montebello where Zachary Taylor was born is the place from which his father Richard migrated to Kentucky to help found the city of Lousville. Montpelier, the last home of President James Madison is administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation *By Glen C. Skaggs*

MADISON

Lonnie Mitchell Madison was born Nov. 24, 1887 and died July 16, 1968. He married Nora Hardison Jan. 23, 1910. She was born June 6, 1883 and died Oct. 18, 1968. They died at the home of their daughter Sopha and were buried in Rocky Hill Cemetery.

From this Union the following children were born: 1) Elbert Addington, born Nov. 26, 1910, married Auril Crump Jan. 2, 1937, died Nov. 26, 1979. They had four children-Harold, Elberta, Patricia, and Edward; 2) Shelby James, born July 8, 1912, died Feb. 17, 1937. Elbert and Shelby are buried in Rocky Hill Cemetery; 3) George Grider, born Apr. 9, 1916, married Neva Crump July 3, 1937. Parents of six children: Phyllis, Benard, Marjorie, Carol, Gwen & Gary; 4)



Lon & Nora Madison

Howard Mitchell born July 15, 1918, married Flora Martin Dec. 12, 1944. Mitchell served in WWII. They are the parents of three children: Teresa, Brian (died at birth), and Brent; 5) Audrey Lois, born Dec. 17, 1920, married Owen Doyle Dec. 21, 1939. Parents of three children: Ronald, Glenda and Brenda died Jan. 1, 1970. Lois died Nov. 30, 1971. They are buried at Fairview Cemetery near Brownsville; 6) Sopha Jewell, born Apr. 15, 1923, married Elbert Lancaster November 1940. Parents of two sons, Donald and Larry. Sopha later married Lloyd Cook Mar. 12, 1960, 7) Meriam Agnes, born June 20, 1927, married Emmette Beams Jan. 21, 1941. Parents of three children: Burton, Sue, Madeline. They later adopted Ralph and Debbie: 8) Pauline, born Aug. 30, 1930, married Albert Parsley Dec. 5, 1947. Parents of one daughter Beverly. They were divorced in 1967. Pauline has never remarried; 9) Chirstine (twin of Pauline) married Lindon Toms Aug. 16, 1948. Parents of one son Michael.

Lon and Nora were the parents of nine children, 25 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren at this date. Lon was the son of Horace and Sopha Houchins Madison. Nora was the daughter of the Rev. Richard Cecil Hardison and Sarah George Lindsey Hardison. Rev. Hardison helped organize the Fairview General Baptist Church near Rocky Hill.

Submitted by Sopha Cook

ANTHONY MADISON

Anthony E. Madison was born the son of Everette Madison, deceased and Lucille Vincent Madison, Nov. 13, 1951. He was educated in the county schools of Kyrock and Edmonson County High and attended Western Kentucky University. He was married to Pamela Berry, daughter of Kenneth and Beatrice Wheet Berry of Louisville; May 13, 1972. Pamela Madison was born Mar. 11, 1950 in Hopkins Co., KY. Both Anthony and Pam are members of Poplar Springs United Baptist Church. They are the parents of Autumn Brooke Madison, born Nov. 10, 1981 and Trevor Anthony Madison, born Dec. 4, 1984.

Anthony and Pam Madison are the owners of Madison's Flowers in Brownsville, Ky. Anthony also works for Holley Automotive in Bowling Green, KY.

Anthony Madison is a member of the Brownsville Oddfellows and the Washington Meredith Masonic Lodge. He spent some nine years of his life singing in Gospel quar-

tets, they being; the Jubalairs, The Travelers, and the Kentucky Harmoneers. Anthony Madison is the seventh child of 11, and has lived most of his life in Edmonson County. He helped to compile the history of the Green River Association of United Baptists in 1976 and wrote and compiled the history of the Madison-Vincent families, in a book titled "Those Who Came Before". Pamela Madison is housewife and mother and helps in the flower business. Their two children, Autumn and Trevor and their life, and they especially take pride in their flower business, by giving of themselves to people in time of need. Their motto in their business is "We're the little shop, that cares alot." *Submitted by Anthony Madison*

EVERETTE MADISON

Everette Madison, born the third child of 14, to the late John Wesley and Myrtle Vincent Madison, Nov. 9, 1913; was a direct descendent of James (Shoemaker Jim) Madison, who came to the Nolin River country of Edmonson County in the 1850's. Everette Madison lived the most of his 67 years in or near the Poplar Springs Community of Edmonson County. He died Feb. 10, 1981 and was buried in the Poplar Springs Cemetery. Everette Madison was married to Lucille Vincent, Apr. 3, 1935. Lucille was the oldest child of Archie and Gertie Sowders Vincent. There were 11 children born to Everette and Lucille Madison: (1) Gerald A. Madison born Aug. 3, 1937 and married to Alice M. Webb; (2) Charles E. Madison born Jan. 5, 1940 and married to Janet Jaggers; (3) Gertie E. Madison born June 4, 1942 and married to Ed Minyard; (4) Rev. Elzie R. Madison born Nov. 3, 1944 and married to Dorothy Hatcher; (5) John G. Madison born Apr. 10, 1947 and married to Carla Johnson; (6) Raymond V. Madison born June 27, 1949 and married to Shirley Page; (7) Anthony E. Madison born Nov. 3, 1951 and married to Pamela Berry; (8) Rev. David K. Madison born Mar. 2, 1954 and married to Marsha Dunn; (9) Joel K. Madison born Apr. 9, 1956; (10) Martha N. Madison born Sept. 2, 1958 and married to Paul York; (11) Sherry L. Madison born Jan. 17, 1963 and married to Gary Pate.

Grandchildren of Everette and Lucille Madison include: Gerald W. Madison, Brian K. Madison, Regina G. Madison, Michael L. Madison, Donna Madison Moore, Cindy Minyard Lee, Danny Minyard, Amy Minyard Haycraft, Aaron E. Madison, Paula Madison, Wes Madison, Chris Madison, Lori Madison, Mark Madison, Tammy Madison, Autumn Madison, Trevor Madison, Alan Madison, Allison Madison, Dereke Madison, Chad Hogan, Donald York, Jonathan York, Ashlee Pate and Brittany Pate.

Great-grandchildren of Everette and Lucille Madison include: Gerald W. Madison Jr., Amanda Madison, Crystal Madison and Keith Madison.

Everette and Lucille Madison and their family were active members of the Poplar Springs United Baptist Church, where he was a deacon. They and their children began singing when most of the children were very young. Everette Madison was well known for his deep bass voice and from the talent which God gave him he taught his children to sing. Many persons were blessed by the singing of the Everette Madison family through their help in their families funerals and through revivals and homecomings in the county. If there was a legacy of which Everette Madison could hand to his family it was one of gentleness, love of God and country, and singing for the Lord. *Submitted by Anthony Madison*

GEORGE MADISON

Records show that in colonial times it was often spelled Mattison and colloquially shortened to Matt, which we have heard in recent times locally. James Madison, the immigrant, came to Virginia in 1653.

Thomas Madison was born in 1746 and grew up in Virginia. His brother, George, migrated to Kentucky and became governor of the state. Thomas acquired large land holdings in Kentucky which was, at that time, still a part of the state of Virginia. Much of this land lay along old highways 68 and 31E between Barren and Green Rivers. His children and grandchildren came and settled on this land which is probably still occupied by his many descendants.

My great-great grandfather, Samuel G. Madison, migrated from Virginia having passed through the Cumberland Gap. (This information was related by my father, George Madison.)

Samuel G. Madison was married to Ellender Garmon. They had 11 children, one of which was G.W. (Green) Madison. His first wife was Nancy Davidson. She died in 1890. They had four children, one of which was George Madison. After his first wife's death, he married Dollie Lee and had 14 children.

George Madison and Kate Logan were married May 28, 1908. George and Kate had five children; Charles (deceased), Lulu, Emmett, Edna, and Guy. Charles died in his 24th year. Emmett has one child, Ruth. Edna has three children: Marilee, Lynn, and Jack. Guy has four children: Merrill (Jr.), Penny, Charles, and Darla.

Lulu and Haskell Stice were married Aug. 22, 1931. They have two children: Harold and Franklin. *Written by Lulu Madison Stice.*

PATRICK HENRY MADISON

Patrick Henry Madison was born circa 1793 in Botetourt Co., VA, the son of General Thomas Madison and Susannah Henry. His earliest American paternal ancestor was John Madison of St. Stephen's Parish, New Kent Co., VA where he first granted land in 1653 on the West side of Mattapony. By 1662 he had received a total of 1,700 acres in the area.

John Madison, Jr., son of John Madison, Sr., patented land in King and Queen Co., VA where he was elected sheriff in 1704. Here he married Isabella Todd and they became the parents of another John Madison who moved to Augusta County where in 1745 he became the first clerk of the county. His wife was Agatha Strother the daughter of William Strother and Margaret Watts of Stafford Co., VA.

John and Agatha were the parents of General Thomas Madison of Botetourt County who served as Captain of Militia in the Cherokee Expedition. He was later a member of the Council of the State of Virginia 1789-1790, served in the House of Delegates in 1793 and was a general in the Virginia Militia. Thomas married Susannah Henry the daughter of Col. John Henry, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and his wife Sarah Winston.

Susannah's brother was the famous Virginia orator, Patrick Henry, who is remembered for his "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech during the American Revolutionary War. Her sister, Jane, married Col. Samuel Meredith whose family settled in the Edmonson Warren County area.

After the death of her husband, General Thomas Madison, Susannah moved in 1816 to Warren Co., KY where she acquired a large tract of land on the Louisville Road from the Middleton family. According to the 1830 census she was the owner of 25 slaves making her one of the largest slave holders in the area.

Susannah died in 1831 leaving a valuable estate the bulk of which she willed to her favorite child Patrick Henry Madison whom she had named after her illustrious brother. She was first buried on the plantation but almost a century later was removed to the Smith's Grove Cemetery.

In 1837 Patrick Henry Madison sold his mother's homeplace to Samuel Murrell of Barren County. He remained on a portion of the property until the 1840's when his residence became Edmonson County. The 1840 census of Warren County shows him with nine slaves and the 1850 census of Edmonson County lists only three.

Sometime during the 1850's Patrick removed to Farmington, MO where he lived out almost 100 years of life. He was an eccentric bachelor, a book worm and seldom mingled with society. *Submitted by Kenneth C. Thompson, Jr.*

SAMUEL GREEN MADISON

Samuel Green Madison was born Feb. 14, 1828 in Cumberland Co., KY the son of John and Isabelle Madison who were born 1784 and 1786 both natives of North Carolina. He married Ellender Garmon who was born Sept. 13, 1829 in Cumberland County the daughter of John and Catherine Garmon. They had six sons and five daughters namely: Horace, Crittenden, Jim, Green Wiley, Grant, Johnny, Alice, Hester, Sarah, Norah and Belle.

Green Wiley was born in 1865 and spent most of his life in Edmonson County where he married Nancy Catherine Davidson, born 1862, the daughter of Allen D. Davidson and Mary "Millie" Ann H. Dodd natives of Barren Co., KY. Their four children were Fannie, Grace, Hunter and George. After Nancy's death he married Dollie Lee and had the following 12 children: Nellie, Goldie, Enid, Hazel, Sam, Ernest, James, Athel and triplets Paul, Pauline and Pearl. Pearl and an-

other unnamed infant died at birth. When Dollie died he married Sarah Johnson who survived him.



Green Wiley Madison & first wife Nancy Catherine Davidson.

Frances "Fannie", daughter of Green Willy Madison, was born Mar. 11, 1884, married June 11, 1899 William Harrison Campbell the son of Moses Campbell and Elvira Merritt. Their daughter Virginia Mae married Raymon Harrison Alexander and had Billy Ray who married and had Donald Ray and James Franklin *by Mrs. Mae (Campbell) Alexander*

THOMAS MADISON

Thomas Madison was born in 1746 and reared at Madison Hall, Orange Co., VA. He was a first cousin of James Madison, the president. His father was John Madison who became the first clerk of Augusta Co., VA. It was through assisting his father in his work that he acquired his knowledge and love of law. His mother, Agatha Strother, was from a nearby prominent Virginia family. One of his brothers, James, was president of William and Mary College and Bishop of Virginia. Another brother, George, migrated to Kentucky and became governor of the state.

The Madison family moved from Orange County into Botetourt county when it was formed in 1770. It was on the first day of its organization that Thomas produced his license to practice law and took the office's oath for his majesty's government. He purchased land on Tinker Creek (then Buffalo) in November 1770 from the Robinson family. This area of Virginia west of the Blue Ridge had few settlers before 1750.

Thomas Madison with the exception of one brief period, lived in Botetourt County from its beginning until his death in 1798, and was the recipient of many honors heaped upon him by his neighbors and friends. He was deputy sheriff in 1770, he was state's attorney for a number of years beginning in 1778. He represented Botetourt County as a member of the house of delegates for several terms from 1780 to 1796.

In 1767 he had qualified as captain of militia in the county and saw service in the French and Indian wars. He married Susannah Henry, sister of Patrick Henry, and from all accounts they lived busily and happily for many years. Although he was successful in both political and military endeavors, he reveals through his record that his heart was in his home, his church and educational interests. County records show that he purchased the famous Stone House Lands at the southern end of Tinker Mountain from Israel and William Christian in 1779. The Stone House had once been a store and from the beginning was a community center. Records show that John Mills patented 300 acres of land in 1748 on which Stone House was built. It later became a trading post in the hands of Erwin Patterson who transferred it to Israel Christian. Israel Christian gave the property to his son William when he married Ann Henry (1769), another sister of Susannah Henry Madison and Patrick Henry. In 1779 this land with additional acreage amounting to a total of 1410 acres was transferred to Thomas Madison. The builder of the house is unknown but judging by its occupants it must have been an imposing structure for its day and was Botetourt County's first mansion house.

The first glebe (church land) house was built upon land owned by Thomas Madison, thus providing a more convenient location and more improvements over the previous home to accommodate the Reverend Adam Smyth. On Feb. 14, 1795, Thomas and Susannah Madison conveyed this glebe land in the amount of 404 acres to Christian Ebersole. Upon this land still stands a house with excellent construction which in all probability is the original glebe house built under the direction of Thomas Madison. He made every effort to obtain schools for the Botetourt Parish and was a trustee for the Botetourt Seminary. Though he was baptized by a Presbyterian, he grew up in his father's faith and was one of the few staunch Episcopalian Vestrymen in the Parish.

When Patrick Henry was governor of Virginia, Thomas acquired vast tracts of land in central Kentucky, which at that time was still a part of Virginia. much of this land lay along old highways 68 and 31W between Barren and Green Rivers. His children and grandchildren came and settled on this land which probably has many of his descendents still occupying parts of the original tract. The extensiveness of his estate is suggested by the fact that he went his brother's bond for sheriff in the amount of forty thousand pounds. He died in 1798, still a young man, at his Stone House land on Tinker Creek near the present town of Cloverdale, VA.

There is no evidence that Thomas Madison ever came to Kentucky to view his large land holdings. His wife did make the trip. One has to wonder why this affluent, middle aged widow would undertake such an arduous journey which under the best of conditions could involve weeks of discomfort and hardships. A possible route could have been by coach to the Ohio River across West Virginia, then by flatboat down to Maysville or Louisville and again over land to central Kentucky. Perhaps the lady just wanted to see her children and grandchildren and spend her remaining days in the midst of her family. She is buried at Smith Grove.

MCCOUN

Robert McCoun, b. Kentucky 1800, m. Jane Isabella Eccles in Harodsburg, KY Jan. 29, 1829. Jane, daughter of John and Nancy (Shepherd) Eccles, was born in Harrodsburg Dec. 23, 1802. Nancy's parents, William and Isabella (McNeil) Shepherd, were Harrodsburg pioneers.

In 1831, following two years in Barren County, Robert purchased 70 1/2 acres on the south side of Lexington Road in Edmonson County from Francis and J.M. Johnson of Jefferson County, adjoining Green F. Rountree's and Maxwell's lines. In 1832, McCoun and Rountree obtained another adjoining 225 acre parcel from Elijah Jones, in two equal and overlapping shares. A dispute arose later with the widow and heirs of Elijah Jones, over title to this property. The courts decided in favor of McCoun and Rountree.

In 1834, David N. Maxwell sold another adjoining 64 acres on the south side of Lexington Road to Robert McCoun. From late 1831 to 1837, Robert operated a wholesale-retail store and stage coach stop at the crossroads on Lexington Road in the Dripping Springs area. In 1837, he sold all of his Edmonson County properties for $3,000 cash to Green F. Rountree's brother-in-law, John White, of Warren County, and moved to Horse Well in Barren County, purchasing in 1838, a 237 1/2 acre tract and the Inn at the crossroads from William and Elizabeth (Jarbo) Savage, who were retiring to Hart County. From then until his death on July 25, 1840, the Inn was known as McCoun Inn. Robert McCoun is buried at Horse Well, next to baby Hugh. Jane married William J. McKittrick of Washington County in Barren County, Nov. 16, 1844. He died in May, 1845. His first wife, Betsy McCoun, died in 1839.

Children of Robert and Jane McCoun were: James H., b. 1829, arrived in California with the *Green River Mining Company of Kentucky* Apr. 22, 1849 and died there in 1858; William Alford, b. 1831, d. 1839; John Eccles, b. 1832, d. 1870, St. Joseph, MO, m. Sarah Elizabeth Wilson; Elizabeth Ann, b. c 1833, d. @ age four; Ferdinand, b. 1836, d. 1916 in St. Joseph MO, m. Helen Conway, m. Sallie Conway, sister of Helen, m. Mary Jane Maxwell, granddaughter of David N. Maxwell; Robert M., b. 1838, d. 1927 in California, m. Nannie Wilson, sister of Sarah E.; Hugh Lawson White, b. c 1839, d. 1840 at nine months.

Jane and her sons, John E., Ferdinand and Robert, moved to Andrew Co., MO, in 1857. John and Robert were married there in 1859. After the Civil War they all moved to St. Joseph, MO, where Ferdinand married Helen Conway in 1867. Jane I. Eccles McCoun died in St. Joseph, MO Dec. 11, 1897 @ age 94. *Submitted by Maurie (McCoun)Klimcheck*

SAMUEL H. MCCRADY

Samuel H. McCrady (1860-1942) was a resident of the Mt. Zion Community of Edmonson County throughout his adult life. Born in Grayson County, son of Charles and Lydia A. Booker McCrady, young Sam in 1883 married Arminda R. Keeton of Edmonson County. She was the daughter of Kealon and Frances Alexander Keeton.

"Sam" McCrady, of Irish descent, was a grandson of Jonathan McCrady born in Tennessee in 1813 who had an older brother also born in Tennessee in 1801. It is apparent from records that Jonathan's father was an early Irish immigrant of Tennessee from the State of North Carolina during the beginning development of Nashville. And it is most likely that young Jonathen and his father were at the Nashville home of Timothy Demonbreun in 1821 where the first Catholic Mass was celebrated in Middle Tennessee. Forty Irish Catholic immigrants who built the first bridge across the Cumberland attended the service.

For those who can remember the pre-World War II days of Brownsville no doubt recall "Sam" McCrady as a regular visitor on "County Court Day" to horse trade on "Jockey Street". Sam's faithful mule which he rode to town could always be counted upon to deliver him home at the end of the day regardless of Sam's "state of fatigue".

With meager resources but an unwavering support from his wife, Sam McCrady saw seven children grow to adulthood: Elizabeth Ann (1882-1970) who married Noah Morris Skaggs, the lockmaster of Lock No. 6 at Brownsville, Ethel (1889-1967) who married Silas Hicks of Ohio County, Cora (1884-1948) who married John Alexander of the Steep Hollow community, Sherman (1893-1982), a World War I veteran and long time resident of Mt. Zion, Cleveland (1886-1971), a farmer and minister of Grayson County, Wrennie L. (1898-1976), a long time resident of Mt. Zion and Elbert (1900-196?), a lockman on the Ohio River.

Sam and Armenda McCrady were buried in the Steep Hollow Church Cemetery near their Mt. Zion home of many years.

MCELWAIN

Zora Mae McElwain was born Dec. 2, 1912, at Stockholm, Edmonson Co., KY, in a log cabin.

She was the ninth of ten children born to James Leslie and Elizabeth Loravina Merideth.

Leslie was born May 5, 1872, in Edmonson County. His parents were Louis Wallace (Jan. 24, 1831) and Susan (Blair) Merideth (Sept. 14, 1832), both of them were born in Edmonson County.



Bottom row: Ken Logsdon, Susan Price, Zora McElwain, Robbie Johnson, Romona Johnson. Top row: Richard Logsdon, Goldie Logsdon, Lisa Johnson and Robert Johnson.

Elizabeth (Lizzie as she was known) was born June 8, 1874, in Hart Co., KY, and was the daughter of James Semer (Apr. 9, 1848) and Mary Elizabeth (Lush) Wood (Mar. 3, 1841). James was born in Hardin Co., KY, and Mary in Larue Co., KY.

Leslie and Elizabeth were married in a civil ceremony Sept. 3, 1892, in Grayson Co., KY. Then on Dec. 4, 1892, in Edmonson County, their marriage was solemnized in a religious ceremony by Reverend Anthony Sullivan, priest of St. Benedict's Church of Wax, KY, according to the marriage certificate.

Louis and Susan Merideth were among the pioneers of Stockholm, Good Spring, and Corner communities.

The Merideth family was originally from Wales and came to America on a sailing vessel, The Globe, in 1635. They migrated from Virginia to Kentucky.

Information that Zora received said there is a castle known throughout Wales as the ancient home of the Merideth clan.

Zora was four and one-half years old when her family moved to Highland Park, now a part of Louisville, KY.

She doesn't remember much of what happened when she lived in the country, but her mother took the younger children back to visit each summer.

Some aunts and uncles had passed away, but the visits to those still living leaves her with many happy memories, which she will always cherish.

They were Lee and Roena Wood, Sonny and Nell Wood, Ida Davis, "Boy" and Rill Merideth, Betty Demumbrun, Margaret Parker, and Janie Merideth.

On one visit when Zora was about 12 years old, she wanted to spend the night with Ruie Davis. She had to walk about a mile and pass a graveyard. She was somewhat afraid, but put her fears behind her and went.

Another time she remembers when her Aunt Roena Wood took the children to a shallow place in Green River and dunked them — they called it "baptizing."

Zora married Kenneth Reeves McElwain, Mar. 4, 1933. To this union were born three children: Goldie Elizabeth, June 20, 1934; Kenneth Dale, Sept. 11, 1937 (stillborn); and Romona Gayle, Nov. 16, 1942.

Goldie married Richard Logsdon, June 7, 1957. Their children are Susan Elizabeth, Sept. 18, 1961, and Kenneth Marshall, Mar. 18, 1964.

Susan was united in marriage to Gary Price, Sept. 8, 1984, and are expecting a baby in May, 1988. This will be Zora's first great-grandchild.

Ramona married Robert Johnson, Aug. 4, 1967, and have two children - Lisa Gayle, Apr. 2, 1971, and Robert Allen, May 20, 1974. All are of Louisville, KY.

Zora lost her husband July 22, 1962. She wishes her daughters could have spent time in Edmonson County and had the happy times she did. *Zora M. McElwain*

MISS TANDIE LEWIS MCINTIRE

Tandie Lewis McIntire was born Feb. 15, 1865. She was the daughter of T. B. and Angeline Winston Gardner McIntire, lineage unknown. She died Mar. 1, 1947 and was buried in the Smiths Grove Cemetery in Warren Co., KY.

Miss Tandie became an active member of the teaching profession in Edmonson County at the age of 17 and remained active until June, 1946. Silent Grove was one of the first schools she taught. For many years she taught in the one-room school house that was located on the hill behind where the Edmonson News office is now located in Brownsville. When the Brownsville School became a two-room school, Miss Tandie was one of the two teachers employed for this school. Since school terms at that time were short, Miss Tandie often taught a two or three months' subscription or winter school, especially for those who wanted to prepare for the teachers' examination in the spring.



Miss Tandie McIntire

Miss Tandie was one of the first high school teachers in the Brownsville High School, heading the Ancient and Modern Language Department. In 1937, she resigned from the high school faculty after falling and breaking an arm. From 1937 to 1946, she was employed as secretary to Earl C. Reed, Edmonson County School Superintendent.

Miss Tandie was one of Edmonson County's greatest benefactors. She was active in church work at the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church. She is remembered for the many good deeds she did while going about doing these deeds in a quite, unostentatious way.

Every Christmas, for many years, Miss Tandie gave a gift to each family of the black community in Brownsville. At her death, the black people provided a floral arrangement for her funeral.

Miss Tandie died at the home of a cousin, Mrs. Lena Davis, of Houston, TX where she had resided for several months. Her body was brought back to Brownsville to the home of Mrs. Willie Dossey, another cousin with whom Miss Tandie had boarded for many years. A brief funeral service was held at the Dossey home, after which the body lay in state for 30 minutes in the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church, then regular funeral services were held conducted by Reverends Ben F. Mitchell, Lewis Ray, and W. Lloyd Hellams.

In front of the Brownsville High School building (the building was named "Tandie McIntire Hall"), a monument was dedicated in 1941. The monument reads:

Miss Tandie Lewis McIntire, who gave 65 years of her life to the training of the youth of Edmonson County; whose life was the embodiment of genuine Christian character; whose noble example inspired many to higher ideals, in whose memory she is affectionately enshrined as "Miss Tandie". 1865-1947 *Dale Huffman*

MEISEL & VINCENT

Willis Chester Vincent was born Jan. 31, 1883 in the Vincent Community of the Bee Spring area. His parents were John P. and his second wife, Sarah Elizabeth Lindsey Vincent. Willis' grandparents were Ruben and Easter Saling Vincent; Jesse and Nancy Meredith Lindsey.

Sarah Elizabeth died in January 1892 and ten days later, John, too, died. They left four of their five children as orphans. One child had also died from the flu.

Willis, at the age of nine years when his parents died, then made his home with one of the older half-brothers, Mitchell, until his marriage at the age of seventeen to Mary Ellen Meisel. She was always known as Ellie, the daughter of Max and Annie Curran Meisel.



Willis & Ellie Meisel Vincent & their children: Back row L to R: Edna, Sarah, Anna, & Pearl. 1st: Willis with Max, Virginia standing, Ellie with John.

After their marriage in 1902, they made their home in a log house at Broadway. Here their nine children were born: Annie Mae, died at three months; Sarah Elizabeth m. first, Carl Schultz, second to Thelma Vincent; Edna m. Oval Wood; Pearl m. Carl Decker; Anna m. Sherman Meredith; Virginia m. Randal Hill; Max A. m. Lottie Conway; Mary Louise, died shortly after birth; John H. m. first Edna Meredith, second to Betty Brown.

Ellie was a very loving and caring mother. Going to church was the highlight of her life. Willis was a large sized person who claimed kinship with all he came into contact with. He farmed just about all of his life as well as owning and operating a general store for many years at Broadway. He operated the only weigh-scales in the area. The scales were built next to the store building, and as the trucks loaded with coal drove over the scales, he would weigh the trucks and their loads. Then he would write up a ticket as a weigh bill for the drivers, so they would know how many tons of coal they were selling.

Willis was very much a pioneer. He loved his hound dogs, his guns and the sport of hunting more than a good meal.

In later years, they were to help raise three of their grandchildren. Willis and Ellie sold the land that had been given to her by her mother, Annie Curran Meisel, in 1948 to move to Grayson County. They settled in the Clarkson Community on another farm. It was here that they both passed into another life. Willis died May 27, 1950 at home after a long illness and Ellie died Feb. 9, 1970 in the Grayson County War Memorial Hospital. They are buried in the Vincent Community Cemetery. *By Betty Peger*

MEISEL

In the Edmonson County clerk's office amongst the yellowed pages of Will Book 1, on page 45, a very interesting Will was recorded. The last Will and Testament of Augustus Meisel, County of Middlesex, Boston, MA, was recorded because he held land titles in Edmonson County.

After his death in 1876, the court settled his affairs according to Augustus' wishes.

Many years before this date, some of the Meisel family had left Baden Baden, Germany to make a new home in America.



Maximilion Meisel of Germany

Maximilion (Max) Meisel was born May 23, 1850 in Baden Baden. At the age of 17 years, he with his brothers, Amel and Berthol, decided to come to live with their Uncle Augustus in Boston. With only enough money for two tickets, they put the smallest of the three persons, which was Max, into a traveling truck for the ocean crossing. The older brothers carried food and water to Max while on the ship.

Max's father, Sebastian, had died a few years before, so the custom was for all young men to join the German Army. Max and his brothers did not desire to go with the Army. The only way out was to come to America, also.

Max arrived in Boston about 1867. There living in his uncle's house, he met Annie Curran, who later became his wife in 1873. Annie was an orphan, taken from the orphanage train from New York City by Augustus to be reared as his own.

Max and Annie had one child Augustus, born Sept. 28, 1874 while living in Boston. In 1875 they moved to Lincoln Co., WI, where two other children were born, Charles in 1876 and Isdora (Dora) in 1879.

During this period of time, Uncle Augustus' Will had been devised and settled in court.

The land holdings in Edmonson County were left to Max as his share and the money from the life insurance policy was given to Annie Curran Meisel. So with money to pay their way and land for the claiming, the Meisels arrived in Edmonson County about 1881, to live in the Broadway area.

Two more children arrived in Edmonson County, Elizabeth, b. 1882 and d. 1887, and Edward Amel, b. 1887. While Annie was pregnant with the seventh child, Max was killed in an accident with his team of horses and freight wagon, hauling a load of goods from Leitchfield, KY. The wagon had passed over his body and he died two days later on Nov. 17, 1888. The youngest child was born the following April 1889, although a daughter, she was named Maximillion, for her father. She was known as Millie for her lifetime.

Annie was a mid-wife, who delivered almost every one of her own grandchildren. She married William P. Vincent in later years. She died in 1929, to be buried along beside of Max in their own family cemetery in Bee Springs.

Their children, but for Charles, (who was sent back to the family in Boston) lived their lives in the Edmonson County area: Gus never married; Dora married Thomas C. Vincent; Ellie married Willis Vincent; Ed married Nora Vincent (they lived in Oakland, KY); and Millie married Thomas Rich.

As of May 1988, a count of 503 direct blood line descendants can trace their heritage to these two brave and hardy people. *By Betty Peger*

MEREDITH

John Oval Meredith, known as J.O., b. Friday, Aug. 13, 1948. He was the son of Sherman and Anna Vincent Meredith.

He did his school years at the Bee Spring Grade School; Jr. High at Kyrock and attended Edmonson County High School.



John Oval Meredith

He grew up on the family farm, helping with the farm work and helped his father with the milling of lumber at the sawmill.

J.O. started working on electrical construction jobs at a very early age. He was killed Sept. 16, 1978 about five miles east of Orleans, IN while working on an electrical construction job.

The 29 year-old man started work four days prior to the accident for the Drabing Construction Co. of Evansville, which was under contract to the Orange County Rural Electric Membership Corp.

He was working on a utility pole when he came in contact with a 7,200-volt wire. Other crew members applied artificial respiration, but Meredith was pronounced dead on arrival at the Orange County Hospital in Paoli, IN.

He was survived by his wife, Doris Vincent Meredith, a son, John Robert Meredith; a daughter, Heather Marie Meredith; and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Meredith; two sisters, Betty Peger and Jane Houchins; and a brother Randy Philip Meredith.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Home General Baptist Church, with burial in the Vincent Cemetery. The Rev. Elmer Ashley and the Rev. Charles DeWeese conducted the service. Sometime before his death, J.O. had asked these two men, in the event of his death, to preach his funeral. *Betty Peger*

MEREDITH

The Meredith family of Edmonson Co., KY came from Wales in Great Britain. The name means "Sea Protector" and "Lively Animated One." CAPTAIN WILLIAM MEREDITH of Virginia married Elizabeth Henry (a sister of Patrick Henry). He fought in the American Revolutionary War and received a Kentucky land grant for that service. His son, JOSEPH MEREDITH (born between 1760-65 in Virginia) came to Kentucky with his children and wife, NANCY SKAGGS MEREDITH, and the Skaggs family in the 1790's through the Cumberland Gap. They lived for awhile in Green County, then came to Hardin County, at about the same time that Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln arrived with their son, Abraham. The area in which they settled was later made a part of Edmonson County. Joseph's father, Captain Meredith, had already moved to Warren Co., KY from Virginia.

Joseph and Nancy Meredith's two oldest sons were THOMAS MEREDITH and CHARLES WALLACE MEREDITH.



Martha Ann Meredith (1866-1944) photo taken c 1890

THOMAS MEREDITH married RHODA BALE in 1811 (daughter of C. Jacob Bale of Dutch descent who had come down the Ohio River by flatboat to Kentucky from New Jersey). Their eighth child was Solomon B. Meredith, born in 1833, SOLOMON B. MEREDITH married NANCY WHOBERRY. Solomon and Nancy Meredith's fifth child was Martha Ann Meredith, born in 1866. MARTHA ANN MEREDITH'S second husband was CHARLIE WATT MEREDITH (a great-great grandson of Joseph Meredith and Nancy Skaggs Meredith)

CHARLES WALLACE MEREDITH married SARAH (SALLY) WELLS in 1801. Their oldest child was Bradley Meredith, born in 1804. BRADLEY MEREDITH married JEMIMA SANDERS on Jan. 30, 1826. Bradley and Jemima Meredith's fifth child was Washington "Watt" Meredith. WASHINGTON "WATT" MEREDITH married NANCY BROOKS on Apr. 4, 1861. They settled on property in Edmonson County that is now Kyrock and part of Bee Spring. The Bee Spring Post Office was established there in 1854. Watt Meredith (as he was called) had acquired most of his land through moonshining and apparently lost it the same way. Most of the Mereditha, however, were farmers. Washington and Nancy Meredith's second child was CHARLIE "WATT" MEREDITH, born in 1864 during the Civil War. This is the same CHARLIE WATT MEREDITH who on Apr. 5, 1890 married MARTHA ANN MEREDITH, great granddaughter of Joseph Meredith and Nancy Skaggs Meredith.

The union of Martha Ann Meredith and Charlie Watt Meredith (second cousins, once removed) produced 12 children, but only 5 lived to adulthood. These were LINCOLN, BILL, NOAH, ADA LEE and LILL.

ADA LEE MEREDITH, born Aug. 1, 1900 in Edmonson Co., married TONY RAY YATES on Christmas Day in 1928. They had one child, KAY JOYCE YATES, born Mar. 3, 1934.

Ada Lee Meredith Yates is 87 years old and now lives in Louisville, KY. Her sister, Lill Meredith Cole is still residing in Edmonson Co., KY, as is her son, Dickie Cole, and many other descendants of the first Meredith family to come to Kentucky. *Submitted by: Mrs. Kay Joyce Yates Basham*

MEREDITH - BULLOCK

Elbert Meredith was born Sept. 27, 1910 in Edmonson County. He is the son of Fred Asbury Meredith and Mary Bertie Duvall Meredith. He is also the grandson of Jacob Meredith and Sophia Davis Meredith and William Duvall Sr. and Elizabeth Brown. He is the great grandson of Miles Meredith and Tabitha Rich and William Duvall and Soaffa Meredith; A.N. Davis and Jim Ed Brown and Mary Sego Brown. He was the only son born to this union. He has one surviving sister and two deceased. He grew up in Bee Spring. He graduated from the old Kyrock High School and then attended the Bowling Green Business University. In 1932 he married Clara Rose Ann Bullock on December 29. She was born on Dec. 23, 1913. She was 19 at the time of her marriage. She is the daughter of Fred Bullock and Bessie P. Lindsey. She is also the granddaughter of Charles McDaniel Bullock and Charity Ann Metcalf and Martin Woodford Lindsey and Elizabeth Likens and the great-granddaughter of Charles Bullock and Sally Lindsey.

To this union was born four sons: Clement, Gerald, Kenneth, and Linuel. Clement married Venita F. Morris and has one daughter-Malea. Gerald married Mary Lou Harper and has one son and one daughter-Steven Clark and Marcia Geraldlyn. Gerald later married Sue Coates Simon. She has one son-Eric Simon. Kenneth married Arlen Parker and has one son and one daughter-Allyson and John. Kenneth later married Nancy _____. Linuel married Judith Cunningham and has one son and one daughter-Jeffrey David and Jennifer Lynn.

Elbert was employed by the U.S. Government at Fort Knox from 1944 to his retirement. He was a supply officer. Elbert and Clara later took over the "Pickle Station" operation from his father in Bee Spring. The couple bought cucumbers for the Paramount Pickle Co. in Louisville at a building on the Fred A. Meredith farm in Bee Spring. She was the bookkeeper and he was the grader.

Elbert and Clara were faithful members of the Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church during their entire lifetime. Clara was instrumental in the building and funding of the Bee Spring Sunday School to which she devoted her life. Sunday School, she felt was very important to the youngsters of the church.

Elbert and Clara have led a very happy and blessed life, although sickness sometimes occured to mire this happiness, they still were happy and contented. They are valuable leaders of this community and our parents and grandparents to be loved and appreciated, and to be proud of.

MEREDITH - MORRIS

Clement A. Meredith was born Nov. 18, 1933 in Bee Spring. He is the son of Elbert Meredith and the late Clara Bullock Meredith. He is the eldest son of this union. He has three brothers. He is the grandson of Fred A. Meredith and Mary B. Duvall Meredith and the great-grandson of Jacob Meredith and Sophia Davis Meredith and the great-great-grandson of Miles Meredith and Tabitha Rich Meredith. He grew up in Bee Spring Community and still resides there. He was drafted in 1953 at the age of 19. He served with the US 25th Infantry Division in Japan, Korea, and Hawaii. He returned to the states in May of 1955. After completing his tour of duty, he was employed by the United States Government at Fort Knox. He will have completed 37 years of service in November of 1988. He is a Production Controller Specialist in DIO Field Maintenance at Fort Knox.

In 1953 on August 15, he married Venita Morris, daughter of Fred Morris and Lottie Davis Morris. She is the granddaughter of Virgil W. Morris and Moria Meredith Morris, and Elijah Davis and Rena Blanton Davis. She is also the great granddaughter of Reubin Morris and Nancy Conway and John Anderson Davis and Isabelle Constant. She is the great-great granddaughter of Hiram Morris and Millian Hazelip and Robert Davis and Eleanor Miles. She is an only child. She was employed by Sears and Roebuck Co. from 1955-1957. Then from 1957-1972 she was employed as a bookkeeper, at Wells Lumber Company. She then was em-

ployed for 10-11 years at the Brownsville Deposit Bank as an Assistant Cashier.

In 1958, a daughter was born to this union. Her name is Malea Gale Meredith and she was born on June 12.

Clement and Venita are both members of Bee Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

Clement and Venita are both looking forward to retirement after working for so many years. They hope to be able to travel and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the United States. They are very happy and have certainly been blessed. They are the type of parents any child would be proud to have and are the kind that make the future brighter for the many generations to come. *Written by daughter Malea Meredith*

MEREDITH - PEGER

The wedding invitation read: "Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Meredith request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Betty Ellen, to Raymond Peger, son of Martha and the late Michael Peger; Tuesday, the nineteenth of May - nineteen hundred and fifty three; eleven o'clock in the morning at their home, Bee Spring, KY. A luncheon reception following at the bride's home."

Betty, the oldest daughter of Sherman and Anna Vincent Meredith, was born at home with the assistance of a midwife, Mrs. Mary Whobrey, June 14, 1936. The Mereditths were renting an apartment in the Bee Spring Hotel, once a very enterprising business.



Raymond & Betty Peger - Michael Peger

Betty attended the two room school at Bee Spring for the first six grades. Betty went to Kyrock High School for her Junior High and High School education. While attending the tenth grade, she received a letter from a man through a Lonely Heart's Club.

This man was Raymond Peger from Cleveland, OH, who became her husband at the end of that school term, on his 26th birthday.

Raymond was born May 19, 1927 to immigrant parents, Michael and Martha Mahler *Peiger*. (The name was spelled differently, then. Bp.) Michael's death certificate lists his birth place as Hungary, while Martha's states Germany.

Ray was the youngest child of 12 born to Martha. Martha had four children by her first husband. Following his death, she married Michael, who reared those children as though they were his own.

Raymond did his elementary school work at Strongsville, where the family lived on a farm. He attended Junior High and High School at Olmsted Falls, where he graduated in 1947. His high school junior year was interrupted by the induction into the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II. He served in occupied China until the war ended.

After high school graduation, he traveled and worked in Fairbanks, AK for some time before returning to Ohio in 1949 to take advantage of his G.I. Bill. He attended college at Ohio State University, in Columbus, where he completed three years of credit hours.

After their marriage, Raymond and Betty lived in Olmsted Falls for nine years where their first three children were born: Sherman, Martha and Jan.

In 1961 they moved to Alaska, but returned to a farm in Edmonson County. Ray completed his college at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, at the age of 41 years. With a B.S. degree he taught school for 17 years, also farmed, worked in all types of construction labor and worked as a park ranger at Mammoth Cave National Park before retiring to the farm.

Betty furthered her education by going to night classes for her G.E.D. She enrolled for one term at Western Kentucky University.

Three other children arrived after the move to Brownsville: Edna, died as a young child in 1963; Happiness, b. 1966 and Michael, b. 1971.

Michael is still living at home; he attends Edmonson County High School where he is a junior. He played freshman basketball and played football and track for three years.

BRADLEY (BRITE) MEREDITH

Bradley Meredith was born in 1858, the oldest child born to the union of Woodford Meredith who had married Polly Meredith in 1956 in Edmonson Co., KY. Polly was the daughter of Joseph (Fed) Meredith and Edy Vincent. Woodford data in another history.

Bradley was known by the nickname of Brite. He was the first child of ten children. He had three sisters, Mary (Molly) Blanton, Janie Carnes and Maggie Duvall, all who lived their adult lives in Grayson County. There were three adult brothers, Joseph, Noah and Jack. One brother and two sisters died young.



Bradley "Brite" Meredith & 2nd wife Sudie Brown Meredith.

Brite's other grandparents were Bradley and Jemina Sanders Meredith. Both are buried in the old Bee Spring Cemetery, located in back of the present Bee Spring post office building.

Brite's parents gave a half acre of land to build a Baptist Church in the Bloomington Community of Grayson County. This is where Woodie and Polly were laid to rest.

Brite married when he was 20 years old to Martha Chase in Edmonson County in 1876. Two children were born to this marriage, Mitch and William. This marriage was dissolved by divorce in 1883.

In Grayson County, 1884, Brite married 14 year old, Sudie Brown, who had been born in Breckinridge Co., KY. Her parents were Eli Louis and Mary Jane Abell Brown.

Brite and Sudie made their home in Bee Spring where he farmed and made a living for his family by working in timber. During those early years 14 children were to be born to this second marriage: Annie; Jack; Louis; Polly; Mary M.; Noah; Tildia; Betty; Bradly; Teenie; Jim; Efford; Bert; and one unnamed child.

All of the sons took the letter B. from their fathers name and added to their own names, a long time custom in the early settlers.

Bert died of injuries suffered from falling into a fire. All the other children lived hard, clean lives and had large families of their own.

Sudie died in 1940 from injuries resulting from a fall, while on her way home from visiting her youngest daughter, Teenie. Brite died from natural causes of old age in 1942. They are buried in the family farm cemetery. *Written & submitted by Betty Peger*

DANNY RAY MEREDITH

Danny Ray Meredith was born Feb. 20, 1959 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Louisville, KY. He was born to Donald Ray (son of James Archie "Jim B." and Cora Vincent Meredith), and Martha Jane Meredith (daughter of Loyd and Helen Lindsey Bullock). He lived in a three room apartment on Elliott Avenue in the West end of Louisville. Danny was hospitalized when he was 13 days old and tests showed that he had been born with a congenital heart defect which was diagnosed as Eisenmenger's Syndrome. He was told that surgery could not be performed because of the high pressures inside the lungs. Surgery still cannot be performed today, because technology has not advanced far enough for this type of operation.



Danny Ray Meredith

In 1963, Danny moved to Bee Spring, KY. He attended school at Kyrock Elementary

School in Sweeden, KY; Edmonson County High School in Brownsville, KY; and then on the Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY where he graduated with a A.A. (Associate of Arts) and a BA (Bachelor of Arts) Degree in Information Systems in December of 1980. He has worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Meredith's Grocery, *Park City Daily News*, and for Brownsville Deposit Bank.

Some of the activities that Danny has been involved in are: While in the fifth grade, Danny's classmates elected him to be one of the cheerleaders during the class tournaments that year, he was the first male cheerleader at Kyrock Elementary School. In High School he was a manager of football, basketball, and track. He was also a FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), Officer. He received a Business Certificate for completing the requirements of their business program. At Western, he was an active member of Phi Beta Lambda (college level of the Future Business Leaders of America), and the Data Processing Management Association (DPMA) Fraternities. He is a member of the Western Kentucky University Alumni Association. Danny is also a member of The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. *Danny Ray Meredith*

DONALD RAY MEREDITH

Donald Ray Meredith was born and raised in a little four room farm house, located on the Russ Jones Ford Road in Bee Spring, KY (known now as the Cedar Grove Church Road.) He was born May 30, 1937 to James Archie "Jim B." (son of Bradley "Brite" and Sudie Brown Meredith), and Cora Vincent Meredith (daughter of Oliver and Nora Saling Vincent.) Donald is the youngest of eight children.

While growing up Donald attended a two room school house in Bee Spring for five years, he then attended the New Kyrock School in Sweeden, KY for two years. In school he enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. Donald had to walk to and from school, which was a distance of about two miles in each direction, in order to attend school every day. His days of youth were spent doing chores around the farm, hunting, fishing, and roaming the hills and hollows with his dog Prince.



Donald & Martha Meredith

At age 15, Donald married Martha Jane Bullock (daughter of Loyd and Helen Lindsey Bullock), on Dec. 24, 1952. They were married by Rev. Johnnie Jones at his home in Brownsville. They then moved to Bowling Green, where they lived in a two room apartment. Donald worked for a tobacco warehouse until the tobacco season was over. Then moving to Louisville, KY in 1953, he found employment at Kroger where he worked for 19 1/2 years. Starting as a stock boy and working his way up into management, and he also worked as a store detective. In 1959, he also worked for a service station as a second job. At this time he was working 80 some odd hours per week. He and his family moved back to Bee Spring in 1963, where he still resides. Other jobs that he has had are: working for A & P Supermarket, and Patton's Funeral Home.

Since 1973, Donald and Martha have owned and operated Meredith's Grocery in Bee Spring, KY. Donald was the Deputy Sheriff of Edmonson County from July 1985, until Jan. 6, 1986, when a new Sheriff was elected. Donald drives an Edmonson County School Bus and was elected by the Brownsville Town Council to be Chief of Police of Brownsville and the Edmonson County Community. He was sworn in by Circuit Judge Carmol Cook, in Edmonson County on June 1, 1987. He still holds this position. Donald is a member of The Honorable Order of KENTUCKY COLONELS.

Out of this marriage came three sons: James Loyd, born Nov. 2, 1954; married Aug. 24, 1974 to Cynthia Lynn Wolfe, born June 6, 1956. Two children; Jamie Lynn, born Feb. 10, 1976; Donald Edward, born Aug. 26, 1977; Danny Ray, born Feb. 20, 1959; Teddy Lee, born Nov. 14, 1963, married Dec. 20, 1981 married to Carolyn Yvette Crump, born June 25, 1963, one child, Christopher Lee, born Aug. 1, 1983. *Donald Ray Meredith*

REV. FED MEREDITH

The Rev. Fed Meredith was born Dec. 22, 1830. He was the third of 12 children born to Bradley and Jemima Meredith. He was reared in Edmonson County, within two miles of Bee Spring.

In 1844, he confessed his faith in Christ. He joined the Holley Spring Church about 1864, and was chosen as church clerk the same year. He was elected Assessor of Edmonson County and served several terms as school commissioner. Also, Meredith served several terms as deputy clerk of the Edmonson County Court, which showed the high esteem in which he was held by his county. He was clerk of the Green River Association from 1885 until his death.

Rev. Meredith died Apr. 7, 1902, at the age of 71. He was buried in the Bee Spring Cemetery, near Bee Spring Church of which he was a faithful member. His funeral was preached by Elders E.E. Parsley and M.W. Meredith. The Rev. Fed Meredith was buried with Masonic honors.

FREDERICK MEREDITH

Frederick Meredith was born Dec. 22, 1830 in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the third child in a line of 12 children born to Bradley and Jemima Sanders Meredith. He joined the Holly Springs United Baptist Church about 1864 and was chosen clerk of that church the same year. He was elected Assessor of Edmonson County and also served several terms as School Commissioner. He also served as deputy clerk of the Edmonson County Court for several years. He was elected clerk of the Green River Association of United Baptists in 1885 and held that office up to the time of his death.

He was born, raised and spent all his life in Bee Spring. He donated the land and helped in the building of the Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church. He died on Apr. 7, 1902 and was buried in the Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. His funeral was preached by Elders E.E. Parsley and M.W. Meredith. He was buried with Masonic honors.



Frederick Meredith & first wife, Rhoda

First wife: Rhoda Meredith, Bn. Mar. 27, 1827, died Apr. 11, 1866. Md. June 10, 1852. Children: 1) Martha (Mattie), md. John Davis; 2) Cynthis (Sis), md. Noah Morris, 1879; 3) William (Will), died at age 24, unmarried; 4) Willis, md. Cora Morris, 1884; 5) Sarah (Sally), md. John Wesley Potter, 1884; 6) Betty, md. Louis Vincent.

Second wife: Serrilda Morris, md. Jan. 1, 1867. Children: 7) Ransome (R.C.), md. Francis (Fannie) Goff, 1892; 8) Addie, md. John Henry Woosley; 9) Annie, md. (1st) ___ Woosley (2nd) ____Simpson; 10) Fannie, md. Thomas J. Anderson, 1891; 11) John, md. Ellis Sanders, 1908. John drowned ca. 1912; 12) Mary J., md. W. B. Goff, 1888; 13) Eugene, md. Norah Houchin, 1903. *Dale Huffman*

JACK AND MAGGIE MEREDITH

Jack Meredith was born on June 22, 1888, to Bradley "Brite" Meredith (1857-1942) and Sudie Brown (1866-1940). Jack had two half-brothers, Woodford Mitch and William, from Bradley's first marriage to Martha Chase. Bradley and Sudie's children were Annie, Jack, Louis, Polly Mae, Mary M., Noah, Tilda, Betty, Bradley, Tean, Jim B., Efford, Berthal, and one that was not named.

Jack's paternal grandparents were Woodford and Polly Meredith. Woodford was the son of Bradley Meredith and Jemima Sanders. Polly was the daughter of Frederick (Fred Joe) Meredith and Edie Vincent.

Jack's maternal grandparents were Eli Louis Brown and Mary Jane Abell from Breckinridge Co., KY.



Jack & Maggie Meredith with daughter Alta & son Wilmoth.

On Nov. 27, 1912, Jack was united in marriage with Maggie Carroll at Louis Meredith's in Edmonson County. The ceremony was performed by H.T. Rich.

Maggie was born on Apr. 6, 1892, to Tom Wood Carroll (1866-1938) and Bettie VanMeter (1862-1933). Tom and Bettie were married on Feb. 16, 1889, at the VanMeter School house in Edmonson County. Their children were Eliza, Maggie, Eva, Roxie, and Athel.

Maggie's paternal grandparents were William Albert Carroll and Lucinda Thompson. William Albert was born in South Carolina to John Carroll and Francis Franklin. John and Francis are buried at the Hill Grove Cemetery. William is buried in Larue County, and Lucinda is buried in a lone grave in Grayson County near Moutardier Road.

Maggie's maternal grandparents were John VanMeter (1825-1903) and Polly Brooks (1831-1901) of Edmonson County. John and Polly are buried at Salem Cemetery. John was the son of Nathan VanMeter (1788-1870) and Nancy Meredith (1792-1862). Nathan and Nancy were originally buried at Dickey's Mill, but were later moved to Hill Grove Cemetery. Polly was the daughter of Smith Brooks (1800-1859) and Elizabeth "Betty" Meredith (1803-1885). Smith and Elizabeth were originally buried at the old Brooks graveyard on Nolin River, but were moved before the Nolin Dam was built.

Jack and Maggie lived on a farm out the Brite Road in Bee Springs. They raised seven children - Alta, Wilmoth, Nina, Carlene, Ileene, Willard, and Laverta. When their oldest daughter, Alta, died at the age of 24, they raised her young son, Jerry, as one of their own.

Jack was a serious, but understanding man. He made his living by farming, and he worked at the Kyrock Asphalt Plant for many years. He loved to talk and reminisce about his younger days.

Maggie was a quiet, loving, and patient woman. She enjoyed sewing and raised her own cotton to make the cotton batting for her quilts. Maggie was also a very spiritual woman who was often seen shouting the praises of the Lord.

Jack and Maggie were members of the Salem General Baptist Church. Jack died on Sept. 9, 1968, and Maggie died on Jan. 2, 1976. Both are buried in the Salem Cemetery in Edmonson County. *By: Billie Jo Rich*

JAMES ARCHIE MEREDITH

The lineage of James Archie Meredith, hereafter referred to as Jim "B", or Jim "Brite", is on this wise: Beginning with the union of Bradley (Brite) Meredith and Sudie Brown in 1884.

Jim "B", born on Sept. 4, 1901, at Bee Spring, Edmonson Co., KY, was the tenth of 13 children. Two half-brothers, "Mitch" and "Will" were by a previous marriage to Martha Chase.



Jim & Cora Meredith, 1959

A familiar scene of that time in history was a rural dwelling composed of two hewn-log rooms separated by a dog trot, under one roof, with a fireplace at either end. Apart from and to the rear, would be the kitchen, connected by an uncovered board walkway. Such were the accomodations of this large family.

Formal schooling was not of top priority, although history teaches that cream rises to the top, and a beautiful flower will spring forth from a garbage heap.

The heads of families traveled far and wide in search of labor. For example, rafting logs to distant places down stream and migrant farm work, just to name a few, leaving a heavy burden on the mother and older children.

Such was Jim "B"s life. He learned to work with his hands, and the strength of his back would prove to be the mainstay in providing for his family later in his life. He nevertheless found time to hunt wild game and play baseball. To this day, he relishes reminiscing with old pals of that era. He also kept hounds and enjoyed the rhythm of a good fox chase.

Jim "B" always had an ear for music and he still enjoys playing the fiddle. In 1985, he performed in a scene of "Runaway to Glory", starring Pat Cranshaw on location at Wandering Woods near Mammoth Cave, KY.

In his late teens, Jim "B" courted a maiden from the other side of Bear Creek, one Cora Vincent, and on Feb. 16, 1920, they became no longer twain, but one. Cora is the daughter of Oliver Vincent and Nora Saling Vincent.

To provide for his family, Jim "B" found labor in various industries: farming, public works (during the depression), construction, etc. He was employed at Kentucky Rock and Asphalt Company (Kyrock) in its "boom" years. He also found employment in the defense plant, DuPont, in Charlestown, IN during World War II, and later at the U. S. Army Post, Fort Knox, KY, repairing Sherman tanks.

Jim and Cora sold their 60 acre farm, bought and operated a general store in the Bee Spring community until retiring in 1973. They still reside in Edmonson County. *Warner Meredith*

JAMES L. MEREDITH

James L. Meredith, born Nov. 12, 1930, was the son of Jim B. and Cora Vincent Meredith. Jimmy married Ruby Skaggs, daughter of Cladua E. and Ethel Hudson Skaggs, Jan. 10, 1952. They are the parents of three children Regina Ann, born Apr. 7, 1953. Regina was married to Brent Webb, Mar. 16, 1972. They are the parents of two children, Brian Stephen, born Jan. 19, 1973 and Meredith Lanette, born Aug. 1, 1975.



Meredith Lanette Webb



Jimmy & Ruby Meredith

Stephen Louis Meredith, born Feb. 23, 1954, was married to Brenda Meredith 1980. They had no children and later were divorced.

Cliff Alan Meredith, born Apr. 28, 1954, was married to Beverly Meredith July 2, 1982. They had one daughter, Jordan Leigh, born Oct. 5, 1987.

James (Jimmy) graduated from Kyrock High School in 1950. He joined the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 1948 while a sophomore in high school and after graduation entered the U.S. Air Force where he served four years.



Cliff, Beverly & Jordan Meredith



Brian Webb

Jimmy and Ruby later moved to Bowling Green, KY where he was employed with Sears Roebuck and Company for over twenty-five years. He later became interested in the insurance business and served as the representative for a major firm through out Western Kentucky.

Jimmy, Ruby, Steve and Cliff are members of the Midway United Baptist Church where Jimmy has served as a Deacon since the 1960's.



Steve Meredith



Brent & Regina Webb

Ruby was graduated from Brownsville High School in 1950 and the Lois Glynn School of Cosmetology. She established her own business in 1975 Lindseyville House of Beauty and was self-employed. *Ruby Meredith*

JAMES LOYD MEREDITH

James Loyd Meredith was born Nov. 2, 1954, to Donald Ray (son of James Archie "Jim B." and Cora Vincent Meredith), and Martha Jane Meredith (daughter of Loyd and Helen Lindsey Bullock), in Louisville, KY, where James lived and attended Elementary School until 1963, when the family moved to Bee Spring, KY. There he attended Kyrock Elementary School later to graduate Edmonson County High School with degrees in Business and Art Education. He sought to continue his education at Western Kentucky until he met Cynthia Lynn Wolfe the daughter of Elliot Edwin "Eddie" (son of Jim and Janie Stice Wolfe), and Agnes June Carroll Wolfe (daughter of Harlin and Dora Saltsman Carroll). On Aug. 24, 1974 James and Cindy were joined in matrimony and in the years to come had two children, one on Feb. 10, 1976 a daughter Jamie Lynn Meredith and one on Aug. 26, 1977 a son Donald Edward Meredith.



James L. Meredith, Cynthia Lynn, Jamie Lynn, Donald E.

In his efforts to make a living for his family, James held the positions of Butcher, Insurance representative, restaurant co-owner and Operator, Photographer, and has had training in the field of Medicine as a Certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The one position he was most proud of was that of a Singer and Entertainer. James was blessed with a God given talent to sing. He started singing in the choir at Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church. He was asked to join the Chancellors Quartet as the first tenor for this local group in 1982, they represented Edmonson County at the Kentucky State Fair and placed Third out of 19 other groups. Then he was invited to join a professional group called the Monitors Quartet from Nashville, TN. In 1984 he was nominated by the fans of Southern Gospel Music, as male vocalist of the year. He continued with this group recording and touring until 1987, when he received a call from the World Famous Swanee River Boys and was asked to become their first tenor, which incidentally was the second Edmonson County native to hold that position in the groups 51 year existence. James accepted and began recording and touring with the group such places as the Grand Ole Opry.

James and his whole family are all members of the Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church. They are currently living in Brownsville, KY. James is also a member of The Honorable Order of KENTUCKY COLONELS. *Martha Meredith*

JOSEPH MEREDITH HISTORY

Joseph Meredith born in Virginia m. Nancy Skaggs in Virginia, perhaps in 1775-1780. Nancy was the daughter of Charles and Lucinda Thompson Skaggs. Charlie was one of the "Long Hunters" of much history. Charles Skaggs was given several land grants in Green Co., KY for his war efforts in the Revolutionary years.

With the Charles Skaggs' family move, so did his married children move, too. Many of his grandchildren were born in Virginia.

Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith settled for a number of years in Green County before moving into the Rock Creek area of what is now Grayson County. The records show that a number of their children married in Green County. Their oldest son, Charles Wallace Meredith married Sarah Wells in Green County, 1801. Thomas, another son, married Polly Brooks there in 1811, too.

One daughter, Suzann Meredith, married Arron Skaggs, 1812 in Adair County and the youngest daughter, Betsey Meredith, married Smith Brooks in Edmonson County in 1825.

When Joseph and Nancy settled into Rock Creek, the year was 1809, their Deed is recorded at the Hardin County Courthouse, as the county of Grayson was one year away from being made into a county, which it was in 1810.

Joseph and Nancy built a home and a grist mill on Rock Creek. They were neighbors to the VanMeters, Brooks and Skaggs. Some of their children were married in Grayson County: the Courthouse in Grayson County has burned several times, so those records are impossible to find now.

Nancy Meredith was named in her father's Will, read in Green County in 1816. The children are beginning to settle up and down along Nolin and Green Rivers. The grandchildren are coming fast and everyone of the sons named their sons for their father, Joseph. As a result—there soon were so many Joseph Merediths around that nicknames were taken to tell the different families apart. Nancy, too, was blessed with namesakes.

Nancy died in early 1840 on the Rock Creek farm. Joseph lived alone for about six months after Nancy's death, before his death in 1840. They are buried in the old farm site, along side the Highway No. 1214 East from Grayson Springs, KY. There are no formal stones, but the grave sites are kept clean by relatives living nearby.

After the deaths, a Will was filed in the Edmonson County Courthouse because some of their children lived in Edmonson County. Assuming that all the heirs were named, these names would be: Charles Meredith, Thomas Meredith, Frederick Meredith, Alexander Meredith, John Meredith, William Meredith, Joseph Meredith, Jr., Betsey M. Brooks, Nancy M. VanMeter, Susanah M. Skaggs, and Linsey M. Skaggs who was represented by her friend and husband for their five children: Susan, Ann, Archibald, Nathan, and James Skaggs. Oral history tells of other children, but no documented proof. *By Betty Peger*

LAYMON MEREDITH

Laymon Meredith was born in the Bee Spring Community of Edmonson Co., Jan. 19, 1919. He was the fourth child born to Louis "Brite" Meredith and Eva Carroll

Meredith. He attended school at Bee Spring to the sixth grade. He got the nick-name of Sam as a small boy, so the name of "Sam Brite" stuck with him all of his life. He was married to Bonnie Meredith, daughter of Roy and Ollie Vincent Meredith. Sam and Bonnie had three children, Ollie Evelyn, R.L., and Yolanda. He was also married to Bonnie's sister, Edna, they had two boys, Timmie and Terry.



Laymon Sam "Brite" Meredith

Sam worked at different jobs some of which were coal mine, hauling coal, farming, and construction work at Ft. Knox. In 1942, Sam and Bonnie professed faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. Coot Watt Meredith and joined New Salem General Baptist Church. Around 1945 Sam went to work driving a truck for the Kyrock Asphalt Company and stayed there until the company stopped operations in 1956. In 1954 he felt the hand of God calling him into the ministry so he announced his calling to preach and along with Willard Saltsman started a revival in the Sunfish area. In this revival his oldest son professed faith in Christ and is now a Baptist minister. The revival was held under a bunch of sugar trees in the yard of an abandoned farm house owned by James Saling. The services led to the organization of the Cedar Grove General Baptist Church. It started with just five members. The pews were made of oak two by six boards laying on blocks of wood. In the winter time the pews were moved inside the old building. Bro. Meredith led the singing, conducted the services, did the preaching and praying. He heard they were going to build a new church building at Shrewsbury, in Grayson Co., so he made arrangements to purchase the old one. The price was around $600.00. Free-will offerings were collected to help pay for the building. I still remember the little Sky-Hi note book in which Dad kept the names of each one who gave. Donations ranged from ten cents to one hundred dollars. At long last he had the money needed and with the help of men from the community and his family he took the building down in sections and moved it on his brother, Sherman's dump truck. The building was put back together and still stands. The land was given to him by another brother, Moman. Sam was pastor there until his death. Some of the churches he pastored are: Vincent, Christian Home, and Independence in Edmonson County, Old Salem, St. Charles, and Humble Valley in Ohio County, and East End in Louisville, all of which were General Baptist Churches. He died in 1972 at the age of 53. *Written by Yolanda Vincent, Daughter*

LEWIS W. MEREDITH

Lewis W. Meredith was born Jan. 24, 1831. It is believed that he was the son of Joseph W. and Mary Sanders Meredith.

On Dec. 27, 1849, Lewis married Susan Blair, the daughter of Henry Brown and Mary Pace Blair. Susan was born Sept. 14, 1832. Her parents were married Dec. 23, 1824. Susan had three brothers, namely, James Riley, Henry B. and Edward "Ned" Blair.



Lewis W. & Susan Blair Meredith

Lewis and Susan spent most of their lives around the Stockholm, Good Spring and Corner communities of Edmonson County. At one time, they owned and operated a general store at Stockholm. Their children attended the Corner School and the Good Spring Baptist Church.

Their children were: 1) John L. born Mar. 13, 1853 died Feb. 27, 1906, married Janie Miles; 2) George W. born May 30, 1855 died June 10, 1898, married (1) Mary Ritter (2) Mary Doyle (3) Mary McGaffic; 3) Joseph E. "Boy" born July 14, 18— died May 27, 1935, married (1 Shan Minyard (2 Rill Demunbrun; 4) William Orse born Apr. 18, 1865 died July 17, 1949, married Ollie Minyard; 5) James Leslie born May 5, 1872 died Feb. 2, 1933, married Lizzie Wood; 6) Jane born June 26, 1852, married Jasper Miles; 7) Margaret born Oct. 5, 1857 died Nov. 20, 1936, married Balem Parker; 8) Sarah Elizabeth "Betsy" born Dec. 22, 1859 died June 26, 1935, married Henry Demunbrun; 9) Rebecca Ann born Jan. 28, 1867 died Nov. 15, 1901, married Willie Barbee; 10) Ida born Jan. 27, 1870 died Aug. 16, 1940, married Noah M. Davis.

Lewis Meredith died Nov. 3, 1899. He and Susan are buried in the Good Spring Cemetery. *Ricky L. Carroll*

MALEA GALE MEREDITH

Malea Gale Meredith was born June 12, 1958 in Bowling Green, KY. She is the daughter of Clement Meredith and Venita Faye Morris. She is their only child. She lived in Bee Spring for most of her life. She attended Kyrock Elementary School, Edmonson County High School, and Western Kentucky University. She graduated from Western in 1980 with a B.A. Degree in Government. During the time she was attending college, she worked in the office of County Court Clerk, Richard Sanders. Upon graduation, she was employed by the Edmonson County Fiscal Court and County Judge Executive Donald F. Doyel in the County Judges Office. In 1983, she reorganized the Edmonson County Young Democrats and was elected President of the Organization. While serving as President of this organization, she became involved in the campaign to elect David L. Armstrong Attorney General. She was the county chair-person for his campaign. She also was a committee member on the Democrats Together 83 Committee to elect Martha Layne Collins, Governor. In 1984, she resigned her position in the County Judge Executives Office and accepted a position in the Office of Attorney General David L. Armstrong. She became a Program Coordinator for the Tobacco Rebate Anti-Discrimination Law Enforcement Program. She currently lives in Louisville and continues to work for the new Attorney General Fred Cowan. She is a member of the Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church and is a Sunday School Teacher.

MILES ASHLEY MEREDITH (MERIDETH)

Miles was born Aug. 9, 1864 in Edmonson County. He was the son of Pleasant H. and Sarah Cox Meredith. He married Nannie Christine Rigsby Aug. 20, 1890 in Edmonson County. Nannie was born Jan. 8, 1867 in Barren County. She was the daughter of John and Cass Whitlow Rigsby.



Miles Ashley Meredith (center), Nannie Rigsby Meredith (Rt.) Left of Miles is his sister Martha & her daughter.

They had three children: 1) Oscar C. Meredith B. Sept. 23, 1896 D. 1968 Md. Annie; 2) John Hartford B. Sept. 10, 1893 D. Feb. 3, 1975 Md. Berchie S. Crews Jan. 3, 1915 in Metcalfe County; 3) Beiri Ann B. Mar. 5, 1892 D. Feb. 26, 1963 Md. Porter Garmon.

Miles and Nannie moved to Metcalf County in the early 1900's. He died there May 1, 1935 and she died Feb. 22, 1934. They are both buried at Beaumont Cemetery in Metcalfe County as are their children. *Written by Opal Harris Meredith*

MILES MEREDITH

Miles Meredith was born Nov. 11, 1828, in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the son of Bradley and Jemima Sanders Meredith. Miles had about 12 brothers and sisters. He was brought up on Dismal Creek close to Nolin River.

His paternal grandparents were Charles Wallace and Sarah Wells Meredith. Charles was the son of Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith.



Tabitha Rich Meredith & husband Miles Meredith

His great-grandparents Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith, came from Virginia to Grayson County in 1809 and settled on Rock Creek, a branch of Nolin River. They remained there until their death. Joseph built a watermill - probably the first in this part of the state. Miles came from a hardy stock of pioneers whose lives depended upon the land. At that time, the land was fertile and full of wild game.

Miles married Tabitha Rich when she was 16 years old. Tabitha was born Dec. 10, 1830, to John and Elizabeth Morris Rich. She had 12 brothers and sisters.

Her paternal grandparents were William and Lucy Lee Rich from North Carolina.

Her maternal grandparents were Rueben and Lucy Morris. Rueben was born in South Carolina, and Lucy was born in Virginia.

Miles and Tabitha made their home on Dismal Creek. He was a farmer and worked in timber. They had ten children: Jacob, Rhoda, Hunt, Frederick B., Nancy Anderson, Mary Duvall, Lucy Jane Duvall, Washington B., Martha Sanders, Jemima Morris, and John D. Meredith.

Miles and Tabitha were members of the Holly Springs Church on Dismal. In 1868, when the church was built, Miles was a trustee.

On Mar. 11, 1869, at the age of 41, Miles died of "brain fever." He left Tabitha, at the age of thirty-eight, with ten small children to raise. She was of strong character and remained on the family farm raising her children to adulthood. She died Aug. 10, 1914, at the age of 83, and was buried with her husband in the family cemetery. The cemetery is now named the Washington Meredith Masonic Cemetery after her son. *By Donna Brooks & Billie Jo Rich*

PETE "JOCKEY" MEREDITH

The name of Pete "Jockey" Meredith is dropped frequently during conversations with older residents and vivid tales are still recounted about his feats of strength and as a prankster who would do things which at best would be labeled ornery.

Pete, born 1848, was the son of Thomas "Jockey" and Jane VanMeter Meredith and an grandson of Thomas and Rhoda Bales Meredith. Pete was a large robust man weighing 350 pounds and feared neither man nor beast. "Bigness" seemed to run in the family as he had a sister known as "Big" Rhoda who married a Brooks; she wore a size 11 shoe.



Pete "Jockey" Meredith in front of Floyd Demunbrun's store at Stockholm in 1905.

Pete operated a blacksmith shop next to the Sonny Woods corner in the Stockholm community for many years. He married first to Mary Meredith in 1869 and to Amanda Davis 1878 and possibly more after that. His son Johnny "Pete" Meredith is still remembered by people around Bee Springs.

It was Pete's great strength and size that made him to be regarded as one of the strongest men who ever lived in Edmonson County. The real power centers of a strong man will be found in the back, legs, shoulders and forearms. In all four departments, Pete was marvelously equipped. His massive upper body was supported by a pair of thighs, the size of a man's waist. By the time he was a teenager, it was generally accepted that the young lad was already stronger than any two men of their small farming community. His strength was phenomenal, and it has often been told about the time that he bent a large iron bar at Lock No. 6, while attempting to prize a barge loose from its mooring.

Old-timers say that Pete himself was always raising a ruckus with everybody and was in a continuous feud with the Kerseys and Brooks who lived in that area. Certain tales now seem almost humorous, but in reality they relate wanton acts of danger.

Perhaps the nearest that Pete came to meeting his match was with Abe "Cattey" Brooks. According to the traditional story, Abe and Pete could never get along. They wrangled and disputed, getting further apart all the time. Brooks was as tough as they came and never gave Pete the chance to get the drop on him. One day as Pete was passing Abe's house, he accosted him. Abe, unable to fight because of an injured foot, warned Pete not to walk into the yard. Pete then picked up a rock and threw it, hitting Abe's sore foot. Abe limped to where he kept his rifle, as Pete walked off down the road. When Abe reappeared, he took aim, fired, and the shot struck Pete, breaking his arm.

In his last years, Pete was converted in a Revival at Nolin, and baptized in the Hickman Hole near Elias Sanders place. Acie Carroll's mother went to the baptizing and said that because of Pete's size, it took three men to baptize him. He died December 1912. *Norman Warnell*

PETER W. MEREDITH

Peter W. Meredith, "Pete Joe," was born on Feb. 27, 1856, in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the son of Joseph and Edy Vincent Meredith.

His paternal grandparents were Frederick and Mary Brooks. Frederick was the son of Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith. Mary was the daughter of William and Darcus Gordon Brooks.



Peter W. "Pete Jo" & wife Amanda Meredith

His maternal grandparents were Reuben and Easter Salings Vincent. Reuben came into the state of Kentucky from North Carolina. Easter was the daughter of John and Nancy Salings.

Pete Joe married Amanda Hazelwood who was born in 1851, in Grayson Co., KY. She was the daughter of Thomas and Emily Hazelwood. They had the following children: Emma who married Patrick Carroll, Annie who married Jack Carroll, Ella who married William Carroll, Froney who married Harv Stevenson, Woody who married Maude Haycraft, and Samson who married Bertha Watson and then later Lucille Stinnett.

Pete Joe was quite a character. He considered himself a God fearing man, but the community saw little proof of it. He attended the Bee Springs Church and sat in the Amen Corner, but when his daughter was a mourner trying to get saved, she had to slip off to go to church. Pete Joe assigned certain chores for his children to do each day, and he demanded they do them. Pete was abusive to his wife, Amanda. On one occasion Pete's brother, John, had a warrant served on him for abusing her. One time Pete shot his son, Woody, in the back with a shotgun after having an argument with him. Pete had a disgusting habit of lying in the bed and spitting tobacco juice on the ceiling.

Amanda was a good woman and well liked in the community. She died Dec. 23, 1919, and is buried at McGrew Cemetery in Grayson Co., KY.

Pete died Mar. 13, 1913, and is supposedly buried in Bee Springs. After Pete's death, Jack was bossing Annie (one of Pete's daughters) and she replied, "I can do as I please, the Devil is dead." She was referring to her father, Pete Joe. *By Donna Brooks & Billie Jo Rich*

PLEASANT H. MEREDITH (MERIDETH)

Pleasant was born in Edmonson County Feb. 10, 1827. He married Sarah Cox there

on Feb. 9, 1953. Sarah was born June 6, 1832 in Hart County. They had at least 11 children: 1) Nancy Jane b. Aug 4, 1853; 2) Sarah Elizabeth b. Feb 8, 1855; 3) William b. 1857; 4) James Henry b. July 24, 1859; 5) Rebecca b. 1861 d. 1899 md. G.B. Sanders Apr. 2, 1881; 6) Surrelda b. Oct. 27, 1862 d. Aug. 17, 1908 md. John A. Hester. Buried Union Light Baptist Church Cemetery; 7) Miles Ashley b. Aug. 9, 1864 d. May 1, 1935 md. Nannie Rigsby Aug. 20, 1890. Buried Beaumont Cemetery in Metcalfe County; 8) Martha b. 1867; 9) Eliza b. 1868; 10) Male b. 1870 (According to 1870 Edmonson County census, they had a four month old baby boy not named); 11) Roseanna b. 1872 md. J. Benjamin Whitlow Dec. 24, 1893.



Pleasant H. Merideth

Pleasant lived and raised his family in Edmonson County. He died in 1900. His estate was sold and settled there Dec. 13, 1900. *Written by Opal Harris Meredith*

SHERMAN L. MEREDITH

Sherman L. Meredith was born Sept. 14, 1912 and died Dec. 13, 1981. He was the oldest child of Louis B. and Eva Carroll Meredith. He had four brothers: Moman, b. 1915; Layman, b. 1919-d. 1972; Jack A., b. 1923; Nelson, b. 1938 - d. 1957; and three sisters, Maudie, b. 1914; Nova, b. 1926; Delphia, b. 1928.

Sherman attended Bee Spring Grade School as he grew up. He lived his entire life in the Bee Spring Community.

He married Anna Vincent, daughter of Willia C. and "Ellie" Meisel Vincent, Apr. 20, 1935. Four children were born in this union. Betty (see Meredith-Peger history); Jane, b. 1939; John Oval (see J. O. Meredith history); and Randy, b. 1951.



Sherman L. Meredith

In his early years he worked for Ernest Lane in construction; at the powder (gun) plant in Charleston, IN; helped build the army barracks at Ft. Knox during 1942-44. He always owned a truck which he used to haul coal, railroad ties, furniture, tobacco and other farm products to market.

He and his brothers were all carpenters. They would build all kinds of buildings. He owned and operated his own saw mill for years. At one time he owned two saw mills, the one until his death. He also drove a truck for Kyrock Asphalt Company for many years.

In later years of his life, he was a carpenter's foreman for the Job Corps training program at Mammoth Cave. He helped build the new football stadium at Western Kentucky University Campus.

Sherman loved to listen to the voice of the fox hound, fish, squirrel hunt and go seine digging with his father, brothers and friends.

At one time he was a Deacon and Superintendent of Sunday School of the New Salem General Baptist Church.

He was a dedicated family man. He loved his children and his grandchildren more than anything else in life.

At his untimely death from cancer, he was survived by 13 living grandchildren, two grandchildren deceased; and three great-grandchildren. Five other great-grandchildren have been added to his family at this date.

(Written and submitted by his daughter, Eva Jane Houchin)

TEDDY LEE MEREDITH

Teddy Lee Meredith was born Nov. 14, 1963 at Grayson County Memorial Hospital in Leitchfield, KY. He was born to Donald Ray (son of James Archie "Jim B." and Cora Vincent Meredith), and Martha Jane Meredith (daughter of Loyd and Helen Lindsey Bullock). He lived and was raised in a house on the Old Bee Spring Road in Bee Spring, KY.

Teddy attended school at Kyrock Elementary School, Edmonson County High School, and Bowling Green Vocational School. He went to Bowling Green Vocational School, during his Junior and Senior years of High School, and received the training that was required to become a certified welder. While still in school he worked part time at Meredith's Grocery, had a paper route, and he did various welding jobs for people. After graduating from High School, he started working for Dayton Walther Corp. in Franklin, KY as a welder.



Teddy Lee, Yvette, and Chris Meredith

At age 18, Teddy married Carolyn Yvette Crump (daughter of Robert Leon Sr. and Hazel Harman Crump), on Dec. 20, 1981 at Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church. They were married by Rev. William B. Barbee. On Aug. 1, 1983 his son Christopher Lee was born, in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Cumberland Co., NC.

In October, 1981, Teddy enlisted in the United States Air Force, due to the lack of job openings in the field of Law Enforcement, he was put on the; delayed entrance program. On Feb. 2, 1982, he joined the United States Air Force. He attended basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in Texas. Upon completion, he attended a formal technical school in Law Enforcement. After graduation, he was assigned to the 317th Security Police Squadron at Pope AFB, in North Carolina. While at Pope he attended many schools ranging from human relations to Air Base Ground Defense. At the rank of Sergeant, he attended and graduated from the Air Force Non-commissioned Officer Leadership School at Charleston AFB, South Carolina. Being in the Air Force, he has traveled to such places as: Little Rock, AR, Savanna, GA, Avon Park AFB in Florida, Charleston AFB in South Carolina, Shaw AFB in South Carolina, and Frankfort, Germany. On Nov. 10, 1987, he was assigned to the 7217 Security Police Squadron, at Ankara Air Station in Turkey. As of May 1, 1988, Teddy has earned the right to wear the rank of Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force. *By Danny Ray Meredith*

WARNER MEREDITH

Warner Meredith was born on Sept. 16, 1926 in Bee Spring, KY. He was the fifth of eight children born to Jim "Brite" and Cora (Vincent) Meredith.

Warner attended Edmonson County Schools and during his time there, enjoyed participating in basketball, baseball and various other activities. His love of the outdoors prompted him to hunt, fish, and would affect his job choices later in life.



Warner & Clarice Camp Meredith

When Warner was 17 years old he left Edmonson County to enlist in the United States Navy. He served in the latter part of World War II on the L. S. T. 822. Warner engaged in the Battle of Okinawa, in the South Pacific. After the war, Warner worked in Louisville for a short time, but then reentered the Navy.

In 1950, Warner Meredith met a wonderful woman, Clarice Camp, from Parkersburg, WV and a year later, on Feb. 27, 1951, the two were united in marriage.

While living in Portsmouth, VA, a son was born to Warner and Clarice on Mar. 19, 1954. They named him Edward Barton Meredith. Also, during this time, a daughter was born to the happy couple. Her name was Catheryn Meliss Meredith. She was born on July 27, 1957.

The family of four lived in Portsmouth until Warner was issued a transfer to the naval base at Corpus Christi, TX. In 1965, the Meredith's moved to Texas and lived there until 1970. Warner decided to retire from the Navy after 22 years, to pursue a civilian life.

So the family once again moved. This time they moved to Morgantown, KY, where Warner and Clarice reside to this day. But, on June 5, 1971, a third and final child was born to Warner and Clarice. The child was a girl and her parents named her Lorrie Ellen Meredith.

Warner has worked as an insurance salesman, an advisor at the Green River Boys Camp in Butler County and is a farmer on his farm, also in Butler County.

WILLIAM ORSE MERIDETH

William Orse Merideth was born Apr. 8, 1865, in Edmonson County. He was the son of Lewis W. and Susan Blair Merideth. Lewis was born Jan. 24, 1831, and is thought to be the son of Joseph W. and Mary Sanders Merideth. Lewis and Susan were married Dec. 27, 1849. Susan was born Sept. 14, 1832. She was the daughter of Henry Brown and Mary Pace Blair. Henry and Mary were married Dec. 23, 1824.

Orse, as he was known, was married June 28, 1883, to Olivia "Ollie" E. Minyard. They were married by Henry Demunbrun. Ollie was born in Warren County on Aug. 9, 1869. She was the daughter of James Edward Minyard, born Nov. 3, 1838, and died July 14, 1916, and Nancy Dossey, born Oct. 2, 1845, and died Oct. 28, 1898. Nancy Dossey Minyard was the daughter of the Rev. Parker Murphey and Martha Kenady Dossey.



Ollie & Orse Merideth

Orse and Ollie were the parents of six children. They were: 1) Grover Clinton b. June 26, 1885 d. May 29, 1973, married Lillie Age; 2) Meedie b. Jan. 13, 1887 d. Oct. 26, 1977, married James Walker Gipson; 3) Myrtle b. Feb. 9, 1890 d. Aug. 9, 1975, married (1) Overt Richards (2) Budge Staples; 4) Elmer Lewis (Mann) b. Sept. 25, 1891 d. Aug. 7, 1977 married (1) Minnie Sego (2) Anna May Martin; 5) Fred b. Oct. 31, 1894 d. May 29, 1967, married Mary Alexander; 6) Zella b. Dec. 27, 1897 d. 1985, married Frank Dunn.

Both Orse and Ollie professed faith in Christ at early ages. For many years they were members of Good Spring Baptist Church. In later years, they moved their memberships to the Cedar Springs Baptist Church, where they remained faithful members until their deaths.

Ollie Merideth died Nov. 1, 1944. Funeral services were held at the Cedar Springs Baptist Church. She was buried in the Lambert Cemetery.

After Ollie's death, Orse broke-up housekeeping and spent his last few years living among his children. He died July 17, 1949, at the home of his daughter Myrtle Staples in Louisville. His body was brought back and laid to rest next to his wife. *Ricky Carroll*

MILLER

Happiness Peger Miller was born Jan. 1, 1966 in Warren County to Raymond and Betty Peger of Poplar Springs, Edmonson County. She grew up in Poplar Springs with her two brothers, Sherman Louis and Michael Ray Peger and her two sisters, Martha Ann and Jan Patrice Peger. She attended Kyrock Elementary, Jr. High School; grades one thru eight. During these years she actively participated in 4-H, where she learned valuable lessons for life while achieving numerous awards and honors.



Edward & Happiness Peger Miller

In 1980 Happiness entered Edmonson County High School. She participated in band, playing the Flute and Baritone Saxophone. Happy enjoyed her academic endeavors greatly; she received several medals and certificates for her accomplishments in the classroom. After graduating in 1984, she attended Midway College majoring in Nursing. While at Midway, Happy met her husband Edward C. Miller of Lexington, KY. Edward, born in Lancaster, OH and raised in Fremont, MI, home of GERBER BABY FOOD, was employed as accounts manager with Color Tyme when he and Happy met. After a courtship of 32 months and after Happy's graduation from Midway College in 1986, they decided to be married. The marriage took place May 16, 1987 in Lexington, with the Rev. Charles W. Bertrand performing the ceremony; long time friend and pastor of Edward's. Numerous friends and family shared their joy. With an Associated degree in Nursing, Happiness is presently employed at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington as a staff nurse in the Coronary Care Unit. She is pursuing advanced degrees in Nursing at the University of Kentucky while working full-time. Edward is employed now with Emro Marketing Co. They reside in their new home, bought July 31, 1987 in Lexington. They hope to have two or three children and many years of good life together.

MINTON

On the first tax list for Edmonson County in 1825 is one Phillip Minton. According to the 1830 census, his wife was Nancy. Both Phillip (b. around 1793) and his wife (b. approximately 1796) were, again according to the census, from Virginia.

The 1840 census lists Phillip, James, and Bluford Tom Minton. Through 1845, Thomas' name appears on the county tax list. In 1843, Nehemiah's name appears, as does James' in 1845. Elinor Minton is added as the head of a household the next year, while Thomas never again appears. Were they married?

Elinor (Elender, Elleanor) had four children: James Russell (1835-1865), Mary Ellen (1837-1936), Bluford H. (1839-1864), and Princess Parasada (1841-1920).

In 1858, James Russell married Rosanna Skaggs. Four children followed: William Henry (1859-), Martin Hardin (1860-1948), Nancy Ellen (1862-1922), and James Bluford (1865-1950). Bluford married Lura Ann Lindsey in 1860 and had three children: William N., m. Fern Vincent; Sarah E., m. Bill Brown; and Elender F., m. George Hayes Vincent.

Mary Ellen married John Webster Blanton in 1856. They had at least nine children: George Washington, Sarah Jane, Parizada (m. George Walters), Margaret (m. Jesse Crawley), William, Jasper (m. Ida Nolin), Lon, (m. Lilly Basham), John Martin, and Robert (m. Ora Wingfield).

Parasada married Shadrick Ditto Vincent (July 4, 1841-June 2, 1918) and to them were born Martha, b. 1864, m. Mitchell Saling; James Weldon, b. 1866, m. Evelyn Huff; Jacob, b. May 3, 1867, m. Minnie Angeline Ray; H. J. b. 1876; Mary b. 1878, m. James H. Coble; and Sina, who married Hardin Hampton in 1899. Dit's father, Reubin, was a first generation American, having been born around 1795, in South Carolina. James, Dit's grandfather, was born in France in 1750.

After finishing at least two terms in the Union Army, Dit obtained custody of the children of Russ Minton (brother of Dit's wife). Both Russ and his brother, Bluford, died while serving in the Union army. At age 16, the eldest of Russ' children, William Henry Minton, married Mary A. Vincent (daughter of Thomas Y. Vincent) in 1875. S. A. McIntyre became his second wife; in 1919, he married Bernetta Woosley. Also at 16, the second issue, Hardin, married Martha

Bailey, followed four years later by a marriage to Martha Kersey and in 1902 to Mary Francis "Mollie" Gott.

Nancy Ellen married James Webb. They had seven sons: Stanford, Andrew F., Rubin, Warren, Dit, William, and George. Their one daughter, Lilli May, married Eldred Parsley. James Bluford married Palestine Woosley, and at 74 he married Media Williams.

The writer is the son of Eldon Myro Minton (a son of Hardin and "Mollie") and of Elwanda Meredith, first daughter of Nora Edith Vincent and Gurmon Ishel Meredith. Nora was Jacob Vincent's daughter. The result is that the writer is the great-great-grandson of Elleanor Minton paternally and the great-great-great-grandson maternally, his own third cousin once removed.

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MINTON - GROSS

William Eddie Minton and Vera Elizabeth Gross were married at the Edmonson County Courthouse, in Brownsville, KY June 8, 1911, as were her parents, and grandparents before her.

They set up housekeeping in a two room log cabin near Wingfield, known then as Nick. The parents of both, with brothers and sisters, helped raise the crops on the two hundred acres, owned by the bride's grandparents, the Claytons. It took more than one family on a farm that large, because all they used was two mules, and a flat bottom plow.



William Eddie Minton - 1974

They stored their winters root crop in a hole in the ground, lined with straw. The vegetables stayed fresh, all but the outer layers, until spring. The roas'en ears (corn) was stored in the late green fodder shocks, and stayed tender until freezing weather or later.

They used tallow for candles, (taller) they called it. Just goat fat in a jar, with a rag wick. Water for drinking and cooking, was carried by bucket, from the one spring, a half mile or better. Wash water was caught in a wooden barrel, under the eaves of the house also for the Saturday night bath, in a big wooden tub. The soap they used was made by boiling hog fat and wood ashes, with a little vanilla flavoring for a good smell.

They later moved to the Bill Brown homeplace out Mohawk road, some three miles from Brownsville. The old house still stands, with the Gross Brown Graveyard near by.

From here, they all went their own ways. Eddie and Vee raised five daughters on his sawmillers income, and lived their last years in the Wingfield Community, and were buried in the Wingfield Graveyard. Both belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon).

Children: Willie Louise (Reno) Young, Mollie Marie (L.D.) Smith, Nona Faith (John) Carmickle, Melba Jo (Ray) Lay, Wanda Jeanette (Bethel) Carmickle; Minton Family: F) Silas Russell, M) Martha E. (Bett) Wand, B) Effort Thomas, B) Allen Thurmon, S) Mollie Colburn, William Eddie, B) Evan Abner, S) Myrtle Jane Gabbard Jones; Gross Family: F) Steve Washington, M) Mary Louisa James, S) Sarah Emmiline Clemmons, S) Mollie Anetta, S) Mary Effie Campbell (Eugene), B) George Anderson, S) Olivia Florence Minton (Evan), Vera Elizabeth Minton (Eddie), 1/2 S) Claira Omance Campbell (Bob), 1/2 S) Rose Davis (Rev. Rance Davis).

Clara and Rose were children of Louisa James and Jim Roofe. *Melba Lay*

MITCHELL

The first known ancestor of the Mitchell family of Edmonson County is Archelus Mitchell who was born in Amherst County, VA, Feb. 6, 1819. He came to Henry Co., KY as a young man and married Elizabeth Shuck Sept. 23, 1839. The Shucks were of the Low Dutch Settlement who came to Kentucky from West Virginia. Following the Civil War, Archelus and family located in Grayson County near Shrewsbury community. There were ten children in this family one of whom was David Mitchell. David married Lou Ada Arms. David and Lou Ada had six children one of whom was Orin T. Orin Mitchell grew up in Grayson County and at the age of 21 joined the Army. He was assigned to the 78th Co. U.S. Artillery as a Musician and was honorably discharged in 1904 at Fort Adams, RI. He was a Spanish American War Veteran.



Macy Morris Mitchell

Two months following his discharge from the Army, he married Macy Morris. Shortly thereafter the marriage, the Morris family returned to Edmonson County to live out their lives. Since daughter Macy was the youngest child, she and Orin lived with her parents part-time. They owned and operated a farm, during this time Orin was a deputy sheriff, General Agent for the U.S. Government. This was during the Prohibition period, so much work was done like rousting out stills and discouraging the operators to reopen their operations. Orin later worked at Kentucky Rock Asphalt Company as foreman and mechanic. At this time he moved to Kyrock and lived there and educated most of the children through high school.

Submitted by Mrs. C.C. Mitchell

ALBERT MITCHELL

Albert wed Glenna Bishop, graduated from Kyrock High School and WKTC entered the services as 2nd Lt., was with 101st Airborne and was killed in France near Monteberg June 17, 1944. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Edmonson Co., KY. He was Captain at the time of his death.



Mitchell Brothers: C.C., Albert, Alton, Edwin & Morris

Albert had a son Michael Raley who graduated from Transylvania College and Harvard Law School and is in private practice in Los Angeles, CA. *Mrs. C. C. Mitchell*

ALTON B. MITCHELL

Alton B. married Eleanor Below and has lived much of his life in Edmonson County. Alton served in the Ky. Legislature three times, was in WW II and taught school for many years in this county. He was a graduate of Western Kentucky Teacher's College. Since his wife Eleanor has lived among you Edmonson folk for so many years she too gets recognition. She taught many many years at Edmonson County High School in the Home Ec field. Active in Home Makers, Womans Club and wherever there is a job to be done.



Brooks Mitchell - Jane Mitchell

Alton and Eleanor have son A.B. II (Brooks) who is a graduate of Edmonson Co. High School, Murray State University and many banking courses. He presently is with a bank in Birmingham, AL.

Alton and Eleanor have a daughter Jane, graduate of Edmonson County High School,

Murray and has her Law degree from University of Ky Law School. Presently Jane is Defense Attorney for the city of Los Angeles, CA. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

CECIL C. MITCHELL

Cecil C. (C.C.) married Eunice Park after meeting as students at W.K.T.C. C.C. taught in Edmonson County for ten years, worked at General Electric in supervisory capacity for 30 years, grad of W.K.T.C. C.C. & Eunice have son David, who graduated from Georgia Tech as a Chemical Engineer and received his Masters at the University of Houston. David was in service during the Vietnam conflict and served overseas in Africa two years, leaving the Service as a 1st Lt. He worked at NASA helping to train the Astronauts. Is presently employed in the Chemical field in Houston area. Father of two sons.

C.C. & Eunice have another son, Douglas Park who graduated from Yale University, Vanderbilt School of Medicine and is in private practice in Nashville, TN. Douglas served in the Navy during the Vietnam conflict and retired at Lt. Commander. He has three children, the first, a daughter has just completed her first year at Harvard University. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

EDWIN ORIN MITCHELL

Edwin Orin married Mildred Langnese, an Army nurse in Trinidad. Edwin graduated from Kyrock High School and WKTC and entered the service as 2nd Lieutenant retired after 21 years with the rank of Major. This family moved to Los Angeles area and Edwin was Labor Commissioner for the State of California at the time of his death. He had three children all of whom are in the medical related field. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

JAMES MORRIS MITCHELL

Macy and Orin Mitchell had eight children born to them in Edmonson County with the oldest being James Morris, known as Morris. Morris married Phyllis Rich of an Edmonson County family. To their union was born daughter Shirley who has a PhD. and full professor at Eastern University, Kentucky. A son, James Albert, also belongs to this family and is a Ohio State Grad. *Mr. C.C. Mitchell*

AVERILL LANE MOODY

Averill Lane was the daughter of Thomas Sylvester and Ell Zade Houchins Lane. She was born on Aug. 9, 1906 in Edmonson Co., KY. She married John Marvin Moody on June 24, 1923.

Thomas Sylvester Lane was born to Thomas and Elizabeth McIntyre Lane on Mar. 3, 1855 in Fountain Run, KY. He was raised and for a small time was taught by his mother what he learned. He later became a school teacher and also taught singing. He married Ell Zade Houchins on Nov. 8, 1881. He died on Jan. 6, 1942.

Ell Zade Houchins parents were Pardine Cole and Willis Columbia Houchins. She was born on Nov. 15, 1865 in Edmonson County.



Mrs. Marvin Moody



Marvin Moody

She had little or no education. She did not learn to read until she married a school teacher, Thomas Sylvester Lane. She died Nov. 19, 1950.

The following children were born to Thomas S. and Ell Zade Houchins Lane.

Earl born Sept. 15, 1881 and died Oct. 30, 1884; Willis Columbia born Dec. 10, 1855 and died Feb. 2, 1978; Eva Maude (Dawes) born Jan. 22, 1888, died May 15, 1969; Vanda Terrel (Ray) born May 29, 1891 and died Feb. 25, 1975; Alva Valentine (Hawkins) born Feb. 14, 1893 and died Dec. 16, 1973; Paul born Nov. 28, 1895 and died June 20, 1982; Mary Smith (Dobbs) born Nov. 30, 1897 and died Sept. 25, 1982; Averill born Aug. 9, 1906; Stella Bessie (Moody) born July 1, 1910.

Averill and John Marvin Moody had one son, Charles Weldon, born July 23, 1934. Averill was a school teacher for a few years at Cedar Springs and Capitol Hill. She is a member of the New Liberty Methodist Church where she was a Sunday School Teacher for 43 years.

JOHN MARVIN MOODY

John Marvin Moody was born Aug. 11, 1904 in Edmonson Co., KY to William "Will" P. and Dona Ica Holton Moody. He is the fourth child of nine. His brothers include Coleman, Joe, George, and Leroy. His sisters were Ermine, Daisy, Lola and Willie. William was born Dec. 13, 1878 and died in January, 1963. Dona was born April 1881 and died in May, 1968.

Marvin's paternal grandparents were Samuel I. and Mary Ann "Mollie" Tarter Moody. Samuel was the son of Samuel L. Moody of Warren County. Sam was a whiskey maker in Warren County before moving to Edmonson County where he raised an orchard. Mollie was from Pulaski Co., KY. They had seven children. William, Clint, Ed, Tom, Mattie, Fannie and Juliana. Sam was born June 15, 1845 and died November 1918. Mollie was born August, 1857 and date unknown of death. They both are buried in the Belle Key Cemetery, near Brownsville on Highway 259.

His maternal grandparents were George W. and Sarah Elizabeth Sturgeon Holton. They were farmers in Hart Co., KY. Sarah was George's second wife. They had six children. Charlie, Dona Ica, Effie, Fannie, and Zenie. George was born in 1852 and died in 1913. Sarah was born in August 1854 and died in December 1910. George was married to Mary E. Adwell who died in July 1875 and is buried in the Adwell cemetery near Mammoth Cave Kentucky where George and Sarah are also buried. Sarah was the daughter of John and Catherine Sturgeon. John died in July, 1911 and Catherine died in August 1907.

On June 24, 1923, Marvin married Averill Lane in Jeffersonville, IN. They made their first home in Louisville, KY where he worked for the Belknap Manufacturing Company. Averill is the daughter of Thomas Sylvester and Ell Zade Houchins Lane. Marvin and Averill had one son, Charles Weldon, born July 23, 1934. Charles married Linda Blackwell and they had two daughters. Rhonda Leah, born June 27, 1959 and Darla Lynn born June 11, 1963. Rhonda is married to Terry Rich and they have one son Matthew. Darla is married to Eric Deweese and they have two daughters, Kristy Lynn and Andrea Leigh, and one son, Brian Dallas. Charles is now married to Brena Harmon and they now reside in Bowling Green, KY.

Marvin was a farmer and a carpenter most of his life. He received citations from the War Department for his work at the Wabash River Ordinance Works in Indiana, and for his work on the Oak Ridge Atomic Bomb Plant in Tennessee. He was a crop adjustor for 35 years, served 15 years as commissioner on the Edmonson County Water District, eight years on the Mental Health and Retardation Board that serves ten counties.

He worked for Planters Tobacco Warehouse of Glasgow for 12 years and Brannons Tobacco Warehouse for 25 years. He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for 48 years. He is a Kentucky Colonel. He help build the New Liberty Methodist Church of which he has been a member since 1931. He is now serving as Trustee and Chairman of the Board of the church.

SAMUEL I. MOODY

Samuel I. Moody was born June 16, 1845, in Warren Co., KY near the Bays Fork Baptist Church. He is the son of Samuel I. Moody. Sam became a whiskey maker in Warren County, and married Mary Ann "Mollie" Tarter around 1865. Mollie was from Pulaski Co., KY. They later moved to Edmonson County where they raised an orchard.

The following children were born to Sam and Mollie Moody: Mattie who married Henry Justice. They had five children. George, Annis, Roland, John Wesley, and



Sam & Mollie Moody



Harold & Mildred Moore

Paul. William "Will" who married Dona Holton. They had nine children. Ermine, Daisy, Coleman, John Marvin, Joe, George, Lola, Willie and Leroy. Fannie who married John Wesley Lewis. They had one daughter, Millie. Juliana who married Ed Smith. They had ten children. Alice, Cecil, Carvin, Owen, Gilbert, Louise, Audry, Garland, and two children names unknown.

Clint who married Sarah Campbell. They only had two children, Erin and Martie. Ed who married Emrie Morley. They had two boys, Jack and Ralph. Tom who married Janie Sturdivant, they only had one boy, Earl.

Sam Moody died Nov. 16, 1918 and Mollie was born Aug. 16, 1847 and died date unknown. They both are buried in the Belle Key cemetery near Brownsville on Highway 259.

MOORE

Harold Moore the youngest of five children born to David and Volanta (Skaggs) Moore was born Mar. 15, 1915. Although not a native of Edmonson County, Mr. Moore and his family have been intimately connected with this county for many years. Mr. Moore was born in northwest Allen County near Butlersville water mill on Trammel Creek. He received his education at Western Kentucky University at Bowling Green an AB deg. in 1948 and followed by his second degree (Master's) 1963 and Rank I/in 1972. He also received a Dr. Min./degree from Baptist University at Chattanooga, TN in 1983.

Mr. Moore is a retired teacher having taught eight years in one room rural schools of Allen County one year at Glasgow and 20 years at Bowling Green High. He is also a farmer and minister, having operated a 140 acre farm since 1941 in Allen County and was also ordained in that same year and pastored a number of churches in Allen, Warren, and Logan Counties. He presently pastors New Hope Baptist Church in Allen County near intersection of Hwy. 1533 and 101.

Harold Moore married Mildred Lambert Jan. 25, 1936. They have six children: Patricia E. Glasscock; born Oct. 26, 1936; Nancy D. Thomas; Apr. 28, 1938; M. Jeanette Meyer; Jan 31, 1943; R. Cheryl Blankenship, June 12, 1946; Nathan Criswell Moore, Jan. 4. 1949; and Sharon L. Oliver, Oct. 26, 1953.

Mildred taught school in Allen County two years in early life and entered nursing in 1956 and retired in 1981 as L.P.N. after 25 years at Bowling Green Medical Center.

Harold Moore takes great pride in the history of his g-grandfather, Rev. William Skaggs of Edmonson County who was ordained in 1838 and a charter member of Nolin Baptist Church. A strange coincidence even if of no significance is that William with two other ministers and a group of local people organized Good Spring Baptist Church the 3rd Saturday in February 1842 which was 99 years to the day before Harold preached his first sermon on the 3rd Saturday in February 1941, at Harmony Church in Allen Co., KY where William's son, Nathan, pastored and was buried in Harmony Cemetery.

Harold pastored Harmony church after his ordination there in 1941 until 1949, where Nathan had pastored and was buried as were his three youngest children, Volanta, Eugene, and Serena.

Harold and Mildred reside at 1031 Nutwood Ave. where they have lived since 1955. The five daughters live in or around Bowling Green and the son Nathan, resides in Huntsville, AL, where he is an engineer with Teledyne Brown. *Harold Moore*

PETER MOORE

Peter Moore, born July 19, 1801, died Aug. 30, 1883, is believed to have moved to Kentucky in approximately 1803 with his parents, William D. Moore (Dec. 5, 1759 - Jan. 31, 1822), and Sarah (Grimmett) Moore (Apr. 5, 1766 - 1834), from Virginia. William was a soldier in the American Revolutionary War of 1776.

Peter married Letitia (Magers) Feb. 17, 1824 in Barren County. Their home was on the boundary of Warren, Edmonson and Barren Counties, on Sinking Creek near Rocky Hill, KY.



Peter Moore

Peter remained in Kentucky when his parents and brothers moved to Illinois from the Rocky Hill area. He operated a successful water mill on Sinking Creek for many years. A member of the Moore family now has the key to the old mill, although the mill itself has been gone for many years. The Moore family owned many acres of land in this area. A spot was donated by Peter Moore to what is now the Oak Grove Methodist Church (in Barren County) near the Rocky Hill Section.

Peter and Letitia had five children: Perry Nov. 13, 1828 - Jan. 19, 1901, Andrew, Jackson Mar. 23, 1829 - Dec. 14, 1887, Sarah 1832, Job Oct. 7, 1837 - Oct. 12, 1913.

Job Moore continued operating the mill after his father. Job was married to Nancy Ann Gibson (May 2, 1847 - Apr. 19, 1931), the daughter of James and Mary (Spradling) Gibson, on May 23, 1883.

Born to Job and Nancy Ann were: Chester May 3, 1884 - Oct. 23, 1955, Effie June 15, 1885 - June 11, 1899, Frances (Frank) Marion Dec. 10, 1886 - July 24, 1958, Arrie Mar. 7, 1888 - Jan. 6, 1983, James Harrison Dec. 30, 1889 - Nov. 23, 1911, Mattie, Lillie A.

Frank and Ella (Hester) continued to live on the farm until 1934. Both of their daughters, now married, continued to live on the Moore farm. Daughters of Frank and Ella: Elva B-D 1928, Helen Jan. 14, 1911 (married Jessie Lobb) Oct. 12, 1929, Annie Marie July 4, 1915 (married Terry Payne) July 25, 1934.

Annie and Terry left the farm in 1956. Helen and Jessie live still on the Moore land where the mill stones are also at rest.

Peter and Letitia Moore are buried in Edmonson County near Rocky Hill in what was then known as Hester Cemetery along with two of his sons and their wives.

Job and Nancy Ann are buried on the Moore land.

Frank and Ella are buried in the Rocky Hill Cemetery. *Submitted by Frances Beckner, g-g-g-granddaughter of William Moore*

MORRIS

The first known members of the Morris family of Edmonson County are Reuben and Lucy Morris. Their death record shows that Lucy died at the age of 89 in 1855, that Reuben died in 1853 at the age of 88 and that he was the son of Peter and Elizabeth Morris of South Carolina.



Reuben Morris

Other records show that Reuben was from Rutherford Co., NC and since this is a border county there is little problem here. There are three Reuben Morris's. The one who married Lucy was born near 1765, had a son Reuben

born 1806, and was Hiram Morris' brother. Hiram had a son Reuben born 1837. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

MORRIS-DAVIS

Fred Rueben Morris was born Feb. 25, 1911 in the Mt. Zion Community of Edmonson County. He is the son of the late Virgil Walter Morris and Moria Meredith Morris. He is the grandson of Reubin Morris and Nancy Conway Morris and the great grandson of Hiram Morris and Millian Hazelip. He was the fifth child of ten brothers and sisters born to this union. He was raised in numerous communities across the county including Jock, Sweeden, Bee Spring, and Windyville. At the age of 23, on Dec. 12, 1934, he married Lottie Jane Davis, daughter of the late Elijah M. Davis and Rena Blanton Davis. She was the granddaughter of John Anderson Davis and Isabelle Constant Davis, and the great-granddaughter of Robert Davis and Eleanor Miles Davis. She was born in the Mammoth Cave Community of Edmonson County.



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Morris

After they were married, the couple resided in Cade, KY. After a short time, they moved to the Windyville Community of Edmonson County, where they still reside. To this union was born a daughter, Venita Faye. She is their only child.

Fred was a union painter by trade and worked in different states before retirement. When the new bridge was built across Green River in Brownsville, he was one of the painters that worked on the new bridge. He also helped complete new bridges in Carrollton and Morgantown, KY. He is a registered Republican and always enjoys a lively discussion of anything dealing with politics.

Fred and Lottie are both members of New Home General Baptist Church and have been diligent in attendance and support until poor health prevented it.

In December of 1984, the couple was honored by a reception honoring their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The fruits of their kindness and generosity to friends and relatives alike was proven by the numerous friends and family who turned out for the event. It was a very happy and momentous occasion for them.

They have lived a very good life and have been very blessed. They are the kind of people who make this County, State and Country the great place for its future generations to be proud of. *Written by granddaughter Malea Gale Meredith*

MORRIS-GIBSON

John Wesley Morris b. Sept. 30, 1893 d. Dec. 9, 1959 m. Dec. 30, 1913 Louise Gibson b. Feb. 25, 1898 d. Nov. 13, 1982. Both buried Rocky Hill Cemetery. They had three children:

1. Rosa Nell b. Sept. 11, 1914 m. Dec. 2, 1933 Hoyt H. Tarter b. Jan. 23, 1913 (See his genealogy under "Tarters" Article I and Article II. 2. Ovannie b. Oct. 23, 1916 d. Feb. 25, 1926 (Rocky Hill Cemetery). 3. Mary Virginia b. Dec. 9, 1922 m. Nov. 19, 1938 Haskel Shipley b. July 27, 1909 d. Feb 11, 1978, presently married to Carl Yann b. Mar. 29, 1919.

John W's parents were Robert F. Morris b. May 22, 1866 d. Mar. 27, 1938 and Emma J. Whittle b. Feb. 10, 1876 d. Apr. 13, 1947. Both are buried at Rocky Hill Cemetery. Robert and Emma had two other children; John being the oldest.



John Wesley Morris



Louise Gibson Morris

1. Hadie b. July 17, 1899 d. approx 1961 no stone. Rocky Hill Cemetery m. Leon Estes. 2. Lonnie b. July 17, 1903 d. Dec. 1, 1976 Rocky Hill Cemetery m. July 10, 1927 Deany E. Hatcher b. Dec. 21, 1907 Barren County.

Emma's parents were Martin Whittle b. ca 1840 and Mary C. Rountree b. ca 1844. They had three other children: Huldah (Aunt Hop) and Jim and Joe.

Robert's parents were Mason Morris b. Oct. 4, 1830 d. Feb. 23, 1916 (Smith's Grove Cemetery) and Nancy Brooks b. May 12, 1831 d. June 27, 1892. They had three other known children; Noah, Kate (Ford) and Mandie. Mason's parents were Hiram Morris b. Aug. 18, 1799 North Carolina d. Sept. 14, 1877 and Million Blair b. May 9, 1806 d. Nov. 12, 1888.

Louise Gibson's father was William C. "Darb" Gibson b. Jan. 17, 1870 d. Feb. 18, 1940. (William's son McFarland said his Dad told him that the C. in his name stood for Clifford although everyone called him William Clifton.) He married October 1892 Della T. Marr b. Mar. 6, 1876 d. June 3, 1952. Both buried at Rocky Hill Cemetery. They had 11 children:

1. Eva b. Sept. 13, 1893 d. Sept. 18, 1984 m. (1) Arther Denham: one daughter Fran M. Lester Hawkins (2) W.W. Reynolds b. Feb. 22, 1886 d. Sept. 13, 1947. Both Eva and W.W. buried Rocky Hill Cemetery. Five sons: 1. Deward-Gladys Smith, 2. William-Josephine Ferina, 3. Garnett-Mildred Jean Burris, 4. James-Marie Davis, 5. Rollie-Ruby Cook.

2. David b. Feb. 2, 1895 d. May 31, 1959 m. Edna Davis b. Dec. 11, 1900 d. Apr. 24, 1988. Both buried in Grandview, IL. Three daughters: 1. Lillie, 2. Florence, 3. May Pearl.

*3. Louise b. Feb. 25, 1898 d. Nov. 13, 1982 m. Dec. 30, 1913 John W. Morris. Both buried Rocky Hill Cemetery. Three daughters: 1. Rosa Nell, 2. Ovannie, 3. Mary Virginia.

4. Marshall b. Mar. 4, 1900 d. Oct. 1, 1961 m. Ruby Snead b. 1904 d. 1986. Both buried Rocky Hill Cemetery. Six children: 1. Brooks, 2. Laverne, 3. Joe, 4. Marshall Jr., 5. Charles, 6. Gladis Lucil.

5. Leonard Claude "Bill" b. Aug. 23 1903 d. Oct. 6, 1978 Fairview Cemetery Bowling Green, KY Warren County m. Ada Ruth Kirgan b. Oct. 3, 1912. Three children: 1. W. Claude, 2. Wayne, 3. Judy.

6. Mary Maude "Mame" (Twin to Leonard Claude) b. Aug. 23, 1903 d. Jan. 19, 1952 m. (1) Ulysses S. Whitehouse b. Feb. 11, 1884 d. Oct. 26, 1943. Six children: 1. First child died in infancy, 2. Dean, 3. Katie, 4. Sylvia, 5. Rose, 6. Betty m. (2) Garner T. "Thompie" Hampton b. Mar. 28, 1903 d. Jan. 20, 1985.

7. Brooks-died in infancy.

8. Paul-died age three or four.

9. Jessie b. Oct. 9, 1909 d. Sept. 21, 1977. Buried Greenlawn Cemetery Bowling Green, KY m. November 1931 Elsie Waller b. July 28, 1908 d. Jan. 15, 1976. Three children: 1. Barbara, 2. Marvin Dale, 3. Wallace.

10. Guy b. Dec. 25, 1911 m. Ruby Oaks Williams. One son: Larry.

11. McFarland b. Sept. 3, 1913 m. Oct. 29, 1932 Maida Watson b. Mar. 22, 1913. Two sons: 1. Charles Owen, 2. Garland.

William C's father was from Tennessee. His mother was Sarah Elizabeth b. ca 1847 "Aunt Dink" Gibson. Wm. C. has one sister Rebecca (married a Hawkins) Sarah has two sisters Nancy A. and Mary W. Their parents were James Gibson b. ca 1818 and Mary Spradling b. ca 1821.

Della T's parents were Robert Bartley Marr b. 1835 d. 1893 (buried in Texas) and Louisa Francis Hester b. May 24, 1847 d. Feb. 17, 1924 Rocky Hill Cemetery. They had seven other children: 1. Rufus, 2. Robert, 3. Frank, 4. Mary, 5. Peaches, 6. Zenna, 7. Nannie.

Robert's parents were Thomas Marr b. 1803 d. 1856 and Sarah Whitley. Louisa's parents were J. William Hester, Sr. Barren Co. and Polly Marry (?) Dennison.

By Loretta T. Vincent

CHESTER MORRIS

Chester Morris was born Dec. 28, 1913 in Edmonson County. He was the son of the late Virgil Morris and Moria Meredith Morris. He was the 6th child of ten brothers and sisters born to this union. At the age of 19 he married Zelma Davis. The marriage took place on June 21, 1932. She was the daughter of the late Eliza Davis and Rena Blanton Davis. They were the proud parents of one adopted son named Virgil.

Chester Morris was an iron worker by profession. On Oct. 12, 1949, he was killed by a fall from a bridge he was working on in Gary, IN.

His son, Virgil, was also killed on Jan. 6,

1968 in a train/car accident in Louisville. He was 19 years of age.

Zelma later remarried Conda Decker. He died recently and Zelma still resides in Brownsville.

EDWIN MORRIS

Edwin Morris was born Apr. 27, 1921 in Edmonson Co., KY in the community now known as Windyville. He is the ninth of ten children born to the late Virgil W. and Moria Meredith Morris, and one of the six surviving children of this union.

Edwin attended the public schools in Edmonson County and graduated from Brownsville High School in 1939. He attended Western Kentucky University one year, colleges in New York State and California, and graduated from the University of Miami School of Law in 1953, and was admitted to the Florida Bar Association the same year and is a current member.



"Virgil Walter and Moria Meredith Morris" "Their children, left to right: Lester, Noel, and Mable". Photograph taken about 1904.

During World War II Edwin served with the 101 Airborne Division, and was one of the "Battered Bastards of Bastogne" during the Christmas Holidays of 1944.

After briefly practicing law in 1953 and 1954 in Coral Gables, FL, Edwin joined the firm of Research-Cottrell, Inc., and Air and Water Pollution Control Company that constructs projects world wide, and is considered a leader in the Industry. He retired in April in 1987 as manager of Construction having served in that and other positions for almost 30 years. He is currently under contract as a Consultant for the same firm.

Edwin married Barbara Dombruski from Warwick, NY on July 11, 1964. That marriage produced two daughters, Edwina, born May 22, 1966, and Shannon, born Dec. 30, 1968. Barbara died in October, 1981. Edwina attended a business school in 1985 and 1986, and married Kevin Halko, from New Jersey, in 1985. They reside and work in Flemington, NJ. Shannon lives with her father in their home in Lebanon, NJ, and commutes to Centenary College where she is completing her freshman year.

Edwin's Ancestors arrived in what is now Edmonson County in the early 1800's. The Morris' came from Pennsylvania via North Carolina, and his maternal ancestors, also pioneers, from North Carolina.

During the Civil War, Edwin's Grandfather, Ruben Morris, and four of his brothers fought for the Union. Will and Samuel Morris was killed during the war, and Robert Morris lost a leg in the Battle of Shilo. Ruben Morris managed to remove Robert from the Battle Field, shooting himself in the foot in the process. Captain Noah Morris commanded the Infantry Company during this battle, all of which were Edmonson County volunteers.

Information regarding Edwin Morris' Ancestors is, in part, taken from the late Morris Webb's "History of the Morris' and The Webb's" published in 1978, also from the late Charles E. Whittle's "Edmonson County Flashlights In Folklore." Both contain excellent information regarding Edmonson County's early settlers.

HIRAM MORRIS

Hiram Morris was born Aug. 18, 1799, wed Millian Hazlip Mar. 13, 1828, in Edmonson County, and died Sept. 14, 1877, and buried in Morris Cemetery Edmonson County. Battle Perrin & Kniffin say that Hiram and Million had 13 children, that Reuben was the eighth child and that Robert was the seventh. Robert was nicknamed "Doc" and was thought to have had healing powers as being the seventh son. I can account for only eight growing to maturity and we know one died young, a son, as a result of a fire. The Mother Million, was burned in this fire and many years later had to have an arm removed because of the injury. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

MASON MORRIS

Mason Morris was the only son of Hiram and Million Morris who did not serve in the War. He amassed quite an estate of land and properties. He along with two other members of his family married into the Brooks family. Mason wed Nancy Brooks and had children, Millie, Noah, Rose, Kittie, Allen, Robert, John and Amanda. Mason married the second time Elizabeth Jane Moore Hazlip widow of William Hazlip. He is buried at Smiths Grove Cemetery, KY. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

NOAH MORRIS

Noah Morris, another son of Hiram and Milliam, enlisted Dec. 9, 1861, at the age of 25. The Muster roll gives his rank at time of enlistment as 1st Lt. Co. E 11th Reg. Ky. Inf. He was mustered in as an officer to fill a vacancy. At the age of 28 in Decatur, GA he was commissioned Capt. by Governor Bramlett. He served until Dec. 16, 1864.



Noah Morris

Washington D.C. has extensive papers on this man. It tells he resided in Kentucky until 1882; Missouri 1882-1885; four years in Arizona Territory and California ever since. He wed Isola Ann Mallory Dec. 9, 1867, at Cave City, KY. Their children were, Elonzo, Margaret (MD), Julie, Million, Mason, and Hiram. Capt. Noah died Dec. 31, 1930, at the age of 95, at Glendale, CA.

His Military record shows that he left the Service with a disability of left hip and varicose veins, lung disease caused by contacting measles while in service. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

REUBEN MORRIS

Reuben Morris son of Hiram and Milliam Morris was born May 8, 1837, married Dec. 27, 1860, to Nancy Conway and died Feb. 23, 1924, was buried in Morris Cemetery Edmonson Co., KY. To this union were born the following children: Rosanna Rebecca who married Wm. M. Sanders. The Sanders children were: Cora, Ellis, Tennie, Henry, Jesse, Hershell, O.A., Faye, Glennie and Paul.

William F. died young as he was burned to death while the father, Reuben was serving in the War.

Mary Jane died young.

Sarah Angeline married Noah W. Webb. The Webb children were: Walter, Luthur, Reuben Tipp, Hubert, Guy, Fred T., Nora, Morris ? Wilbur, Lonard, Willard, Gilbert, and Cecil.



Reuben Morris - Nancy Conway Morris

Effie R. married Willis R. Skaggs. The Skaggs children were Nina and Morris.

Virgil W. married Moria Meredith. Their children were: Noel, Lester, Mable, Virginia, Fred, Chester, Nanie, Maggie May, Edwin, Earl.

Millian married W.N. (Bud) Carrier. The Carrier children were: Claude, Roy, Arthur, Walter, Floyd.

Macy Lenore married Orin T. Mitchell (their children will be enumerated in the Mitchell part of this book)

Myrtle lived on a few months.

Reuben mustered in at Camp Calhoun Dec. 9, 1861, for a period of three years. He is listed as Sgt. at the age of 24. He was in the hospital 1862, in Columbus, TN, in hospital in Knoxville, TN, wounded at Bean Station 1863 and mustered out Dec. 16, 1864. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

ROBERT MORRIS

Robert Morris, son of Hiram and Million, served in the same outfit as his brothers and

suffered a battle injury. He lost a limb at the Battle of Shiloh. His brother, Reuben pulled him from the battlefield saving his life. Robert married Kitty Brooks and had children, James, Simeon, Ruby, Noah, Annie, Nancy, and Rosannah. Robert is buried in Morris Cemetery. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

SAMUEL MORRIS

The oldest of Hiram Morris sons, Samuel wed Jane Vincent and had two sons. Their names were Reuben "Little Rube" who wed Mima Meredith and Hirum. Samuel at the age of 32 enrolled for service in the Union Army of the Civil War. He was hospitalized in Nashville, TN August 1862, and died Oct. 9, 1862, lung congestion. Records in Washington D.C. give his grave location as #928 Nashville Cemetery. Samuel served in the 11th KY Regiment Co. E as did all the Morris brothers. Family tradition tells that Samuel marched in a heavy rain and his clothing was soaked. Rather than to be left behind, he chose to accompany his brother Capt. Noah Morris Regt., took pneumonia and death resulted. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

VIRGIL WALTER MORRIS

Virgil Morris was born June 7, 1875. He was the son of Ruben and Nancy Conway Morris; grandson of Hiram and Lucy Morris, who came from North Carolina in about 1815.

His sisters were: Effie Skaggs, Angie Webb, Rose Sanders, Millie Carrier and Macy Mitchell.

He married Moria Meredith on Dec. 22, 1897. She was the daughter of Fredrick and Mary Elizabeth Sanders Meredith. They had ten children and 22 grandchildren.



Virgil Walter & Moria Meredith Morris - 1936

The eldest son was Noel, born Nov. 23, 1898, died 1981. He was WW I veteran and lived most of his adult life in Middletown, OH, where he was a well driller.

Lester was born Feb. 18, 1901, died 1984. He was in the Navy during WW I and lived most of his adult life in Brooklyn, NY, where he was an iron worker. After retiring, Lester lived on the family farm in Edmonson County.

Mabel was born Mar. 5, 1903, and married James J. Hill. They have lived in Hamilton, OH, all of their married life. She and her husband opened their home to her father and several of her brothers and sisters while they worked in Hamilton.

Virginia Foxley Campbell was born May 18, 1908, died in 1986. She taught school for a time in Edmonson County and later moved to Wyandotte, MI, where she worked in a war plant during WW II.

Fred was born Feb. 25, 1911. He has lived in Edmonson County all of his life except when his painting jobs would take him to Louisville and Jeffersonville, IN, during WW II.

Chester was born Dec. 28, 1913, died 1949. He was an iron worker, living in Gary, IN, when he joined the Navy C.B.'s during WW II. He died in a construction accident.

Nannie was born Mar. 13, 1915. She married Ergo E. Blanton and they live in Louisville, KY all of their married life.

Maggie was born May 14, 1919. She was in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during WW II, and served in the state of Washington where she met and married Henry Loehr and they settled in California.

Edwin was born Apr. 27, 1921. During WW II he was a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division. He is semi-retired as construction manager of Research Cottrel and living in New Jersey.

Earl was born Sept. 18, 1923. During WW II his ship U.S.S. Princeton was sunk in the Pacific but he escaped serious injury. He is product manager for Engs Motor Company, Peterbilt Trucks, and lives in California.

Virgil Morris was a school teacher, a farmer, and served one term as State Representative in Frankfort in 1906. During the depression he had to leave Edmonson County and worked at the Champion Paper Company in Hamilton, OH, to support his family He worked there for 15 years before retiring back to the family farm. He died in 1961 at the age of 86 and is buried along with this wife at New Home General Baptist Cemetery, where they were both members. *By Nanie Morris Blanton*

WILLIAM MORRIS

William Morris, son of Hiram and Million, enlisted on the Union side of Civil War November 1861, was killed in service and was buried in Murphysboro, TN. He was survived by his widow, Serilda McClellan Morris and daughter Cora. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

DR. & MRS. J.W. MORROW

Dr. J.W. Morrow died at Fountain Run, KY on August 1934. He practiced medicine in Edmonson County for about 20 years and suffered a complete nervous breakdown brought about by overwork. Though there was not a stretch of improved road in the County at that time, Dr. Morrow answered every call whether it be from the well to do or the poor whom he knew would never be able to pay for their services. It is said that when he left Brownsville he had more than $20,000 on his books which he never made an effort to collect.



Dr. & Mrs. John C. Morrow

Dr. John Kelley Woods who began practice in the county with Dr. Morrow said, "...He was the greatest friend of suffering humanity that I ever knew." They had two children born to them that died in infancy. *Norman Warnell*

MUSIC

John Musick/Music came to what is now Edmonson County (then Grayson County) prior to 1820. He was a native of North Carolina and was born about 1770-1775. From around 1800 till 1815 he and his family resided in Tennessee before coming to Kentucky.

John and his wife were active in the Baptist church. There is no doubt that he was a charter member of the old Holly Springs Baptist Church. In 1822 that church sent three messengers to the Green River Association; John Jones, James Jones and John Music. The Holly Springs Church was constituted in the home of William Music in 1817. His relationship to John is not known but he was probably a brother-or son of John Music.

From the existing records of Edmonson County, only an incomplete list of the children of John Music can be made. Since the early court and marriage records of Grayson County were all destroyed by courthouse fires (he was in Grayson County till Edmonson was formed in 1825), the elder children of John would have been married in Grayson County. The following children would be at least a portion of John's family: 1. Mary A ? born 1800 married Christopher Kinser in 1834, 2. Elizabeth born 1802 in Tennessee, married Daniel Miller. 3. Rachel, b. Apr. 7, 1808, married Abraham Miller in 1825, she died 1883 and was buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Edmonson County). 4. Jonathan b. ca/1810-1812, married Laura Jones in 1835, he died in 1837-1838. Laura then married Marvell M. Logan. 5. Anna born ca/1815 Tennessee, married William Lindsey in 1839. Other possible children would be William and Abraham. At the death of John Music (in the 1850's) he owned about 400 acres of land.

Abraham Music was listed in the 1820 Grayson County Census (just as John was). From the census record, one can determine that he was a young (26-45 years old) man and was married but with no children. From Edmonson County marriages, the following would seem to be his children: 1. Sarah F. born 1822 married William T. Doyle in 1839. 2. Mary Ann (or Polly) born 1825, married John H. Gravil in 1842 (see the Gravil Family History sketch). 3. John M. born 1830, married Dianna Salling in 1851.

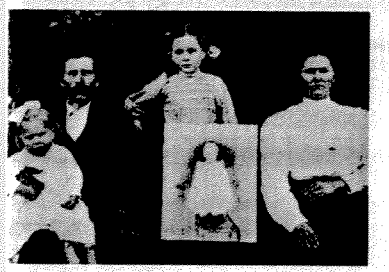
Abraham was on the tax records of Edmonson County in the late 1820's. In 1830 he

sold 100 acres of land to Haton Lindsey. He seems to disappear after this time period. It is not known if he migrated to another state or died in Edmonson County. In 1850, John M. Music was living with Hyram and Catherine Tarrence.

Mary Ann (Polly) Music Gravil is the great great grandmother of Lloyd M. Raymer of the Anna Community of Warren Co., KY

OLLER-NAPIER

The Oller is a surname that has been in Kentucky as early as the late 1700's. They have been on the Madison County tax list, the Hardin County marriage records, Census records of Grayson, Edmonson and on into Butler, from these records there is proof that this Oller family all came from George and Prudence (Logsdon) Oller of Madison Co., KY. Records show that Johnson Oller was ordained a deacon, May, 1852 at the old Big Reedy Baptist Church in Edmonson Co., KY. It is believed that Johnson Oller was a grandson of George and Prudence (Logsdon) Oller, through their son John (born ca. 1780) John Oller was 70 years old on the 1850 census in the Edmonson County census records.



Seated: George B. Oller, holding daughter Kate, picture of Mattie (burned to death), Lillie Napier Oller, standing is Pernie Oller Martin.

Johnson Oller and his family were members of The Big Reedy Baptist Church for years along with a James Oller who represented them as their delegate at the associations. Johnson Oller (born ca. 1818 Grayson Co., KY died Butler Co., KY) married ca. 1840 to Mary (Polly) Johnson, she died at Horse Mill, KY. Johnson and Mary's son John (born July 4, 1846 Little Reedy, KY died May 21, 1926 Leonard Oak, Butler Co., KY) buried at Beller Cemetery, Butler County. John Oller married Oct. 7, 1868 to Mary "Polly" Burden (born 1848 Butler Co., KY died Sept. 24, 1913) buried at Beller Cemetery. Their son George B. (born Feb. 18, 1871 Butler Co., KY died Mar. 6, 1917 at Long Branch, KY on Welches Creek) married Mar. 29, 1899 to Lillie Napier (born Feb. 7, 1878 at Flatwood, KY died Feb. 26, 1953) both are buried at Morgan Smith Cemetery, Butler Co., KY. To this union was born three daughters: Pernie, Mattie and Kate. 1) Pernie (born Jan. 11, 1901 died Dec. 22, 1975 Warren Co., KY) married May 16, 1917 to James O. Martin (born Mar. 10, 1896 died Aug. 3, 1978) they are buried at Fairview Cemetery, Bowling Green, KY. They are the parents of Mrs Wayne (Irene) Constant, Bowling Green, KY.

The James Oller (born 1799) and was Sheriff in 1840 of Edmonson Co., KY is buried in the cemetery at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, near Big Reedy. This could be where the Old Big Reedy Baptist Church, once stood, some 150 years ago. *Irene Constant.*

PAINTER

Joseph Painter Sr. was the first of the surname in this area of Kentucky (Logan, Warren, Grayson, Hardin and Edmonson Counties). He first appears in the 1795 Logan Co., KY Tax List (in what became Warren County in 1797). Joseph and John are listed in Warren County's 1797 Tax List. By 1806 a Henry and William Painter are paying taxes there. In 1800 Joseph was on the Hardin County Tax List.

Many facts of Joseph Painter's origins remain unknown. He was probably born ca. 1750-1760. A Matthew Painter of Pasquotank Co., NC left a will in 1789 which he lists his four sons - John, Thomas, William and Joseph. Its very much possible that the Joseph Painter Sr. of Kentucky was the same as the Joseph of Pasquotank Co., NC. Not far from there, in Isle of Wight Co., VA, a William Painter arrived from England in 1665.

When Edmonson County was formed in 1825, three Painters were on that first tax list: Joseph Sr., John and Joseph Jr. Both the elder Joseph and son John were paying taxes on 200 acres of land each (on the Reedy Creek watercourse). Joseph Painter Sr. died in the 1820's in Edmonson County.

John Painter, son of Joseph, was born ca. 1775-1780. On Apr. 22, 1799 in Hardin Co., KY he married Patience Oller. They were the parents of 11 children:

1) Honor b. ca. 1800 married Moses E. Jones; 2) Joseph b. ca 1802; 3) Nathan b. ca. 1805; 4) Anna b. ca. 1807 married ___ Durbin; 5) John b. ca. 1810; 6) Daniel b. ca. 1813 married Nancy ___; 7) Solomen b. ca. 1815 never married ?; 8) Peggy b. ca. 1815; 9) Squire b. 1820; 10) Nancy b. 1823 never married died July 21, 1905 Warren County; 11) Mary (Polly) b. May 2, 1825 Edmonson County, d. Mar. 1, 1889, married in 1840 Samuel Worley (of Butler County).

John Painter died in 1829 in Edmonson County. His will was probated on Nov. 9, 1829. Patience Oller Painter (born 1788) became his widow at the age of 41. She remained in Edmonson County till around 1840. At that time, she and most of the family moved to Butler County. Patience died in Butler County on July 6, 1854.

Mary (or Polly) Painter, youngest child of John and Patience, married Samuel Worley of Butler County in 1840. Their firstborn Marada Worley (born ca. 1842) married Phillip Alfred Raymer. This couple are the great grandparents of Lloyd M. Raymer of the Anna Community of Warren Co., KY. *Lloyd Raymer.*

PARDUE

William A. Pardue (Uncle Billy) was born in Warren County July 12, 1869, son of John C. and Rebecca Kinslow, Frank Pardue, great grandfather of William A. was born in Virginia, and in 1816 became a pioneer farmer of Barren Co., KY. His son William Henry, born in North Carolina in 1814 and was taken by his parents to Barren Co., KY. He married Rebecca Britt who was born in Virginia.

John C. Pardue born 1839 in Barren County, KY where he was reared and educated and in 1861 enlisted in the Co. K. 9th Regiment, Kentucky Infantry for service during the Civil War, engaged in the Battle of Shiloh, honorably discharged after ten months, of a disability. He engaged in farming and 1875 settled in Edmonson County, died 1906. He was a Baptist and in later years a deacon. He married Rebecca Kinslow, who was born in 1841, died in 1936. They became parents of seven children: 1) John C.; 2) Mary Ellen Ray; 3) Melissa Hawkings; 4) William A.; 5) T. Haywood; 6) Eugene G.; 7) Rebecca Jane Stevens.

William A. attended rural schools of Edmonson County and in 1899 engaged in teaching school. He attended Southern Kentucky State Normal School in Bowling Green, KY. In November 1913 he was elected County School Superintendent, serving until 1927. He retired after more than 40 years teaching. He was a Baptist having served as a Deacon in the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church and at his death on Oct. 17, 1942 was Sr. Deacon in that Church. As a fraternalist he belonged to J.M.S. McCorkle Lodge No. 355 A.F. and A.M. and was post grand of Brownsville Lodge 164 I.O.O.F.

William A. Pardue was married to Flossie Lindsey Reed, daughter of Nathan and Georgeana Hazelip, pioneer farming people of Edmonson County. They were the parents of one daughter, Anna Rebecca who married Wayne Clevenger (died, 1979) and a step-son James Nathan Reed (died 1969) who was married to Martha Davis, daughter of Stanford and Elsora Harrison Davis of the Sweeden Community. *Written by: Rebecca Pardue Clevenger: daughter.*

PAYNE

Terry R. Payne Oct. 6, 1911, son of William Alford and Mary Belle (Reynolds) Payne and Annie Marie Moore, July 5, 1915, daughter of Francis Marion (Frank) and Ella (Hester) Moore, were married in Jeffersonville, IN July 25, 1934. Born to Terry and Annie Payne were: Mary Ella (Apr. 27, 1935 - Apr. 28, 1935) and Frances E. (May 21, 1936), who married Albert Louis Beckner Aug. 6, 1955.



Albert & Frances Beckner



Paula Beckner



Terry & Annie Payne

Shirley Ann (Feb. 3, 1941) married Aubrey East Dec. 22, 1956, later divorced in 1969, married Lowell Maynard July 25, 1982. Terry Franklin, May 8, 1944 - Feb. 13, 1945. Phyllis born and died Nov. 20, 1946. Rose Marie, Aug. 23, 1949, married William L.Martin, Jr. on Sept. 20, 1966.

The children of Albert and Frances Beckner are: 1) Pamela Frances (July 16, 1958), married to Barry Joe Rutherford July 1, 1974; 2) Paula Faye (July 27, 1960).



Pamela Beckner



Chris & Barry Rutherford

Born to Pamela and Joe Rutherford were: 1) Christopher Joe (Jan. 24, 1975); 2) Barry Scott (Aug. 30, 1978.)

Children of Shirley and Aubrey East are: 1) Shirley Diane (Feb. 7, 1957), married to Jerry Higgins; 2) Audrey Rose (Mar. 2, 1958), married to Robert Lee Gentry, Jr.; 3) Terry Ray, (July 3, 1959 - July 4, 1959); 4) Connie Faye (June 12, 1960), married Robert Prentice; 5) Sandra Louise (June 23, 1961), married to Ray Byrd.

Born to Shirley Diane and Jerry Higgins: 1) Brittany Roseann (Dec. 6, 1987).

Born to Audrey Rose and Robert Lee Gentry, Jr. are: 1) Amy Renee (June 26, 1976); 2) Robert Lee, III (Feb. 7, 1979).

Born to Connie and Robert E. Prentice are: 1) Diane Michelle (Sept. 8, 1984) and Ken (born and died Nov. 6, 1977).

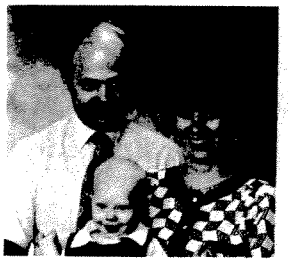
Born to Sandre and Ray Byrd is: 1) April Nichole (Sept. 12, 1980).

Children of Rose and William L. Martin, Jr. are: 1) William Nicholas (Apr. 9, 1967); 2) John Edward (June 28, 1969). *Submitted by: Frances Beckner, g.g.g.granddaughter of William Moore.*

PEGER - HATFIELD

Martha Ann Peger was born on Oct. 4, 1955 in Berea, Cuyahog Co., OH to Raymond Peger and Betty Ellen Meredith. The oldest child and daughter of Sherman Lewis Meredith and Anna Vincent. Ray and Betty were married on May 19, 1953 in Bee Spring, KY in her father's home. Ray and Betty moved to Oldstead Falls, OH until June of 1961; then the family moved back to the native home town of Betty Ellen where her roots and relatives were for 12 generations and part of the earliest settlers in the county. Being members when Edmonson County was founded in 1825.

Martha is the second child of five children and the oldest daughter. She graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1977 as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and served a short tour of duty. She has maintained a reserve status and has attained the rank of Captain.



Michael, Martha & Morgan Hatfield

Michael Edwin Hatfield was born Sept. 8, 1954 at Jones Hospital in Fulton, KY to Gene Edwin Hatfield and Mildred (Cissy) Murphy Hatfield Roberts. Mike, the oldest of three children attended Auburn University and the University of Kentucky on a Air Force ROTC scholarship. While serving at a training camp he met Martha. They were married on Mar. 4, 1978.

Michael and Martha reside in Fulton, KY; as Mike was working in the family business; A. Huddleston Company, as the hardware buyer. Martha began her career as a bank teller at City National Bank where she is still employed, but now as a loan secretary. Michael opened his own business in 1983; The Emporium, just one door from where his great-grandfather started the hardware business over 80 years earlier. In 1985 the business was sold and drawing on his experience in the hardware and gift business began a career as a manufacturer representative selling gifts, jewelry and linens; with the State of Kentucky as part of his territory.

After eight years of marriage Michael and Martha began a family as Morgan Michael Hatfield was born Oct. 9, 1986 in Martin, TN.

The Hatfield's attend the First Christian Church and are active members of the community Their address is 308 Eddings Street. Fulton, KY 42041. Although they are not now a current resident of Edmonson County the State of Kentucky will always be the homeplace of the Hatfield's; as our love for the beauty of the state is everlasting.

PEGER - HORNBEAK

Jan Patrice Peger began her life in Edmonson County at the age of three years of age. Her parents, Raymond and Betty Meredith Peger moved from Ohio at that time.

Jan was born Jan. 19, 1958 in Berea, Cuyohoga Co., OH.

After moving to Edmonson County, the Peger family lived on the farm Betty grew up on. Six months after looking for a farm to buy, the family found a farm in the Poplar Springs Community. Jan spent many enjoyable years growing up here.

Jan started her schooling at the age of six years at Kyrock Elementary, the same building that once was Kyrock High School. She completed eight grades there. She took an interest in 4-H, where she learned and achieved many skills and awards during her days as a 4-Her. She was a member of the Kyrock Cheerleading Squad for two years, graduated from Junior High May 1971.



Richard & Jan Peger Hornbreak, daughters Erin and Jamie. Twins - Paula & Patricia.

Then came the unforgettable years of high school. Her freshman year was very memorable because she traveled with the Edmonson County High School Football Team as a Manager and Water Girl. She was on the Cheerleading Squad in her sopho-

more year. The sophomore year also saw Jan on the Track and Field Team because she loved to run. She joined the first Edmonson County High School Girl's Basketball Team. She was the first girl to receive a letter jacket from the high school. At one time she held five school records for track and one still holds.

The next three years of her life were spent at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, studying for a degree in Education. Jan met her husband, Richard Hornbeak from Paducah, while enrolled in Air Force R.O.T.C. classes.

Jan and Richard were married May 26, 1979, St. John's Catholic Church at Sunfish, Edmonson CO., KY. Richard was the son of Mildred and the late James Hornbeak, Paducah, KY.

Richard worked at Pennyrile State Park for his internship towards his B.S. degree from the University of Kentucky. It was a wonderful summer for the newlyweds.

January 1980 saw Jan and Richard at Vandenburg Air Force Base in California. After three months there, they were transferred to Maelstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, MT.

Their first daughter, Erin Danielle, was born Mar. 28, 1983, Great Falls; another move back to Vandenburg A.F.B. for three years and another daughter, Jamie Rae, born Mar. 24, 1985.

Because of family ties in Kentucky, they bought a small farm in Edmonson County, located on Indian Creek Road.

On Jan. 11, 1987, their family increased by two more daughters when the twins arrived. Paula Jane came first and five minutes later, Patricia Ann made her entrance into the world. California had been good to them - three children in three years.

The year 1987 saw the Hornbeak family at Offutt A.F.B. in Omaha, NE. Their tour of duty at that base will end in 1990.

Kentucky is their state of residence and the Air Force, their way of life. After a few more years in the Air Force, retirement will find them back home in Kentucky. *Written by Jan Peger Hornbeak and submitted by Betty Peger.*

MOLLIE PETERSON

Nimrod Lewis was the son of Joseph and Nancy (Faulkner) Lewis, born in Virginia in 1802 near Cullpepper Courthouse. He was reared on a farm until 1818, when he moved with his parents to Kentucky. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and his wife Matilda (Isbell) Lewis, of the Christian Church.

To this union was born John W. Lewis, on Jan. 6, 1837, in Warren Co., KY. John W. attended the common schools of that county, enjoying the benefit of the Craddock fund. He began teaching there at the age of 19. At age 23 he attended Camden Seminary for five months.

John W. married Martha J. Hamilton in 1865. They had two boy children, Benjamin and Clinton C. The first died at an early age. Martha died at the age of 30 of rheumatoid arthritis.

In 1898, John W. Lewis married Mary Frances Moody, and to this union one daughter was born. Mollie (Lewis) Peterson was born in Edmonson Co., KY, on Dec. 29, 1900. She attended Western Kentucky Normal in Bowling Green.

Mollie moved west in 1926 to Clayton, NM where she taught 3rd and 4th grade for nine years. This was during the time of the awesome dust storms of that area.

In 1930, the year of her father's death, Mollie met Franklin C. Peterson. Originally from Seattle, WA Franklin had moved to New Mexico for health reasons.

They were married June 2, 1935. In 1938 they moved to California, eventually settling in La Habra where they have lived for the last 32 years. To this union were born three children: 1) Vera R. (Peterson) Klure; 2) Vernon Peterson; 3) Virginia (Peterson) Ambler.

From the marriages of these children have sprung nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Four of the grandsons stand over six feet tall.

Mollie has kept in touch with friends and family remaining in Kentucky, and continues to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, recently receiving her life membership.

Franklin Peterson has been a member of the Masonic Order for nearly 50 years.

Franklin and Mollie recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Both being teachers, they have tried to leave their mark on the world, by the impressions they left on the minds and hearts of their many pupils.

JOSEPH & EMILY POTEET

Joseph and Emily Poteet resided in a log cabin about a mile north of a little place known as Arthur, located on the highway between Brownsville and Mammoth Cave. They had four children: 1) Clarence; 2) Jim; 3) John; 4) Ella. Joseph supported his family by farming his 160 acres.

Of these four children, John Poteet married Sally Blair around 1914. They had seven children: 1) Virgil Valentine (Bud); 2) James Edward (Ed); 3) Kenneth Earl (Kenny); 4) Theodore Aaron (Bo); 5) Datherine Opal (Twins); 6) Betty Ruth; 7) William Samuel Parr (Bill). From Bill the memories of Edmonson County are recalled.

Joseph and Emily lived approximately 100 yards from the Mammoth Cave National Park Boundary. There was a cave spring about a mile down in a holler toward Green River. At this cave the families of Poteet and Richards shared spaces in the stream to keep their milk and butter cold. A cool breeze would come from the cave in the summertime and a seemingly warm breeze would come from the cave in the winter.

Knowledge, that comes with age, has since revealed that the temperature was really the same all year round. Drinking water would be carried from this cave in the summer months, a chore that everyone disliked, because of the long climb back up the hill. Many pleasant days were spent at this log cabin in Bill's early childhood. There were many



Joe & Emily Campbell Poteet

cousins who played together, as well as children from surrounding farms.

Bill attended school at Silent Grove, which was located about two miles from his Grandfather's house. Silent Grove Church was about a mile farther down the road, where recently Bill discovered his Great Grandfathers were laid to rest. Their names were Moses Campbell and Elvire Merritt, the parents of Emily Poteet. Silent Grove School is no longer there but Silent Grove Church still stands as of this writing.

John and Sally lived in Kyrock in it's heyday, in the 1920's. They had concessions on a grocery store, barber shop, and restaurant. They, like most other people, during the depression, lost what few possessions they had accumulated. Kyrock is where Bill was born but he has no memory of living there. After the depression, John turned to many things to make a living for his large family, some of which included digging water wells and running a portable saw mill, which he moved throughout the country sawing lumber.

Of the five boys born to John and Sally, four of them served their country in WW II, and all returned safely. Of the seven children born to John and Sally, two remain alive: Betty and Bill. They both live in California.

There were other marriages and children involving John and Sally; however a separate book would be needed to include all names and events that took place, but perhaps this will serve to jog a few memories of some of the readers. *William S. Poteet (Bill).*

JOHN WESLEY POTTER

John Wesley Potter was born Oct. 11, 1855, died 1940 in Edmonson Co., KY to Absolem Potter (1832-1905) and Mary Elizabeth Turpin (1836-1924). His parents came to Kentucky from Roane County in Eastern Tennessee. Absolem Potter was a veteran of the Civil War. His occupation was farmer. He and his wife are buried near Weatherford, OK.

John W. Potter married his first wife Sarah Skaggs Jan. 17, 1878. To this union were born the following children: 1) James William (Willie), married Ida Lindsey; 2) Jessie W., married Tinsie Luttrell.

John Wesley Potter married his second wife, Sally Meredith, Nov. 13, 1884. Sally Meredith Potter was born May 7, 1866 and died Jan. 24, 1948. She and her husband John W. Potter are buried in the Bee Spring Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. She



Absolem Potter

was the daughter of Frederick Meredith and Rhoda Meredith Meredith. Her grandparents were Bradley Meredith and Jemima Sanders Meredith. The children of John W. Potter and Sally Meredith were: 1) Sell, married Irene ___. WW I veteran; 2) Willis, WW I veteran. Married Maud Lowther; 3) Anise (1887-1961) married Thomas Huffman (1882-1962); 4) Levie, married Jim Carroll; 5) Lonnie, unmarried. (1908-1936); 6) Millie, unmarried. (Sept. 12, 1897-Mar. 2, 1967). *Dale Huffman.*

SHERMAN L. POTTER

Sherman L. Potter was born Aug. 24, 1901, in Edmonson County. He was the only son born to Willie Potter and Ida Lindsey Potter. His favorite quote was: "that each of his sisters all had a brother a piece." They were Lora, Bethel, Lillie, Chloie, Ruth and Dahlia.

He married Elton Lowe Potter of Edmonson County. She was born May 9, 1903, and was the oldest child of the union of James Lowe and Josephine Willis Lowe. She had one half sister Versie, older, whose mother was sister of Josephine, named Levy Willis Lowe. Versie's mom died while Versie was a baby. Other children of James and Josephine were: Gifford, Delphin, Cleon, Daphne and Mills.

Sherman and Elton lived and worked around the Bear Creek Area near Huff, KY their entire life span. They had two daughters: Dehlia born Mar. 28, 1931 and Nadine born Oct. 10, 1937, who were raised on the old Willis farm. They purchased the farm, from Elizabeth and Almedia Willis, sisters of Josephine. The sisters remained and help work the farm. The two were very dear hard-working ladies. They did a lot of babysitting while Elton continued her teaching, which she started at age of 18. She was the first principal of Sunfish High School and taught 36 years all around our County. She lived to see her students learn.

Sherman, son in the family had to work with his dad a lot at farming and sawmill. He maybe went to school one day a week but he farmed, hauled a mighty good load of lump coal for his neighbors and drove a school bus to serve Sunfish High. His route also served Asphalt School, near Segal. Insurance not being so strict, he gave several of the citizens a ride to local grocery, run by Mr. Hurbert Hazelip. On ballgame nights he took the children home and stayed down at the beginning of the route, Segal or even closer to the river until time to bring a load of students and parents back to the game. He enjoyed a lot of good suppers and fellowship on this job.

Both now rest in the New Home General Baptist Cemetery, about a mile from their home they built and enjoyed through their retirement. Needless to say, they are missed very much by alot of loved ones.

Dehlia married Jothrey Booth and they have four sons: Douglas, Ronnie, Barry and Todd, who were raised in the same area.

Nadine married James L. Vincent and they have four daughters: Vickie, Sherri, Pamela and Staci, She and Jim now live in Wisconsin.

There are a few grandchildren scattered around from these grandchildren of Sherman and Elton but his family name of Potter now dwindles.

WILLIE & IDA POTTER

James William Potter was born Apr. 7, 1879, in the Bee Springs Community of Edmonson Co., KY. He was one of two children born to John Wesley Potter and Sarah Skaggs Potter. "Willie's" younger brother Jesse Potter married Tinsey Luttrell. John Wesley Potter's dad was Absalom (Ab) Potter 1832-1905, his wife was Mary Elizabeth 1836-1924. They came from Roane Co., TN (next to Knox Co., TN) they were buried near Weatherford, OK. Absalom was in the Civil War. He reportedly "buried large sums of money before the war." "Ab" enlisted as Cpl. Absalom Potter, Co. F, 1st Tennessee Inf. USA. This was a Tennessee Company fighting for the Union mostly in Central and South East Kentucky. His brother Merritt Potter was captured and died in a Confederate prison in Virginia. Absalom's father Thomas died in 1870 and we believe was also buried in Oklahoma. Thomas (Tom) Potter's father was John Potter from North Carolina, where Thomas was born.



Willie Potter, Ida Potter & baby Lora, c 1900.

John Wesley Potter and Sarah Skaggs Potter were later divorced and John married Sally Meredith of Bee Springs. Sarah married Clay Ray and they had two son Luther and Herschel Ray. Luther married Vasta Lee Lindsey and they had two children Herschel, who died at 16 years of age of pneumonia and Nell Lee also deceased, all are buried at the Grassland Cemetery. Luther ran a barber shop in Brownsville for years prior to his death. Herschel, his brother went with Clay and Sarah to Oklahoma and then to Longmont, Co. where they lived and were buried. James William Potter and Ida Florence Lindsey were married Jan. 5, 1899 in her parents home at Holly Springs in the Grassland Community of Edmonson County. Ida was born Sept. 8, 1879 in Edmonson County. She was the daughter of Marshall and Matilda Lindsey. Marshall's dad was Kale Lindsey and Matilda was a Bullock.

James William and Ida were the parents of the following children: 1) Lora Lee (born 1900) married Sammy Lindsey; 2) Sherman Lane (born 1902) married Elton Lowe; 3) Goldie Bethel (born 1907) married Gilbert Davis; 4) Lillie Lorraine (born 1914) married Cleon Lowe; 5) Chloie Matilda (born 1915) married Cecil Webb; 6) Vanda Ruth (born 1918) married George Raymer; 7) Dahlia Ivyl (born 1920) married Morris Webb.

Willie Potter Feb. 13, 1962 and Ida Florence Potter died May 29, 1969. They are buried at Sweeden Cemetery. *Charlotte Webb Kleier.*

PRATHER

From Sparta, TN the young John Prather (1869-1964), and his wife Eliza Jane (1868-1955), moved their children: 1) Bill (1890-1941); 2) Alfred (1892-1950); 3) Nanny (1896-1986); 4) Floyd (1900-1976); 5) Julia (1897-); 6) Beulah (1902-); 7) Lula (1904-); 8) George (1907-1987); 9) Frank (1909-1983), to a ramshackle house near Glasgow Junction (now Park City). They worked hard and in 1913 were able to purchase the Patterson farm in Rocky Hill. The farm included several acres of land, a fine barn with hand hewn beams, and a sturdy house that had begun as a log cabin and had been enlarged with a frame addition.



Prather Family: John, Eliza Jane, Alfred, Bill, Floyd, George "Pig", Frank "Red", Nancy, Bula, Lula, & Julia Lea.

The Children were becoming adults and some of them moved from Rocky Hill and even the state of Kentucky as a result of marriage or in the service to their country. Frank and George remained in Rocky Hill, at first helping on the farm of their parents and later acquiring their own farms as partners. Frank had married Ethel Priddy (daughter of Henry "Bib" and Mary Priddy, also of Rocky Hill) and their son, Frank Jr. (1929), had been born in the log house in a corner close to the huge brick fire place. Sometime later a daughter, Virginia (1931) was born. The family business continued to grow and

thrive and in 1954, Frank Jr. returned from England where he had served during the Korean Conflict to join as the third partner. With him came his British wife, Jill (1932), and their infant daughter Lynda (1953). Two more children, David (1955), and Barbara (1960) joined the family on their Rocky Hill farm. Frank Jr.'s sister married and had two children Gary Lee (1954) and Denise Jane Cole (1966) and today resides in Bowling Green. During these years Prather's Dairy continued to expand even further until it became one of the largest if not the largest Grade A dairy in Edmonson County.

Today the family dairy business is owned and operated by Rank Prather, Jr. and his son David Prather. David lives in Rocky Hill on the farm, is married to the former Beverly Daughtery, and is the father of David Christoper George Prather (1982), and Crystal Leigh Ann Prather (1987). Lynda Prather lives in Rocky Hill and is the mother of Johnathan Dail Meredith (1971). Barbara is married to Orville (Buttons) Johnson and is the mother of Diana Marie (1976) and Amanda Jane (1979) Abbott, all of Edmonson County.

Some of the first Prathers in Edmonson County still survive. Beulah now lives in Louisville where she has made her home for many years. Lula Boxell has retired to Bowling Green and still frequently visits Rocky Hill. Julia Jacoberger lives in a house in Rocky Hill, very close to the original Prather homesite.

ANNIE PRYOR

Annie V. Hogan was born in Lindseyville, Edmonson Co., KY. She was the second child born to George Hillard and Effie Browning Hogan on Nov. 8, 1917.

She grew up in this area, receiving her education at the Lindseyville Grade School.

Annie married John Philips on Feb. 8, 1942. They had one son, James William Philips, b. Jan. 23, 1943 in Indiana. He married a girl by the name of Linda. They have two children, James William (Jimmy) and Melisa. They live in Indiana.

Annie had another son, Lawrence Taylor Chandler, b. May 6, 1941. Annie's husband died and she remarried to Millard E. Pryor on May 6, 1967. They live in Key West, FL.

REV. CHARLIE RAY

In the old cemetery at Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church we find the name of a remarkable preacher, Rev. Charlie Ray (1877-1950) son of Charles W. Ray and Rebecca Brown of Western Kentucky. Although not a native born son of Edmonson County, Bro. Ray located in this area while a young man and commenced his work among the people. He often had to make his way afoot, through underbrush, creeping along cattle paths, to reach his appointments. Many times he waded creeks, braved snow and ice, wind and storm, in order to preach the gospel to the poor of this county, a people "after his own heart", and over whom he had a wonderful influence.

The churches owe, in large measure, their establishment and present efficiency to the



Rev. C.W. Ray & wife

self-denying labors of Brother Ray. Enjoying the confidence of his brethern and willing to undertake a hard job, Bro. Ray was at different times and much of the time preaching in the field of labor within the bounds of the Edmonson and Green River Baptist Associations.

Bro. Ray was taken up by God from the humbler rank in life and if the dispensation of the gospel was committed to him to be delivered to any particular class, it was to the poor. It was to this class that his labors were to be useful. Hence he condescended so as to make himself easy of approach by such, and wished by this means to make them feel that they were his equal, their brother, their friend and not their lord or overseer-elevated so far above them as to have no sympathy with them.

He came to Edmonson County a few years prior to the great flu epidemic of 1919 and bore the ark of the Lord into the dark corners of the county preaching "Ye must be born again." His heart had felt, in all its significance, the power of the new birth. He had been born again. He had rejoiced in the testimony of the Holy Ghost. He had attested, in his own heart and life—in his own precious experience—the truth of the doctrine which he preached. His sermons never lost their power; it was the great felt truth that carried conviction to the hearts of those that heard him. Such preaching served at once to edify the church and to turn many to righteousness. Many who died during the flu epidemic testified that their knowledge of salvation was a result of Bro. Ray preaching the Gospel to them. Bro. Ray had two children; Stan Ray and Emmaline Ray Bozarth.

Here in the shadow of the Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church sleeps the dust of Bro. Ray.

It would afford us pleasure to record words of triumph falling from his lips, in the hour of his departure; but he had so often in life borne his testimony to the saving power of grace, that we need not this additional evidence to assure us that he has entered upon eternal life.

KEVIN RAY

Kevin Ray was born Sept. 30, 1965 at Glasgow, KY. He is the son of Clifford T. and Brenda Browning Ray. Kevin is the oldest of two sons born to Clifford and Brenda. The other son, Keith born in 1974. Kevin's paternal grandparents are Clifford T. and Naoma Rountree Ray. Clifford was the son of Samuel Hardin and Latisha Hazelip Ray. Naoma was the daughter of John Morton and Pearl Renfro Rountree. Kevin's maternal grandparents are Dewey and Pauline Skaggs Browning. Dewey was the son of Wm. T. and Orelia Vincent Browning. Pauline was the daughter of Jim. T. and Sarah Bullock Skaggs.

On Aug. 30, 1985, Kevin was united in marriage to Donna Bratcher by Rev. Melvin Strange. Donna was born Mar. 12, 1967 in Jefferson Co., KY. She is the daughter of the Rev. Lawrence Riley and Madge Newton Bratcher. Donna is next to the oldest in a family of four children born to Lawrence and Madge. The other children, Lisa born 1964, Connie born 1974, and Amy born 1977. Donna's paternal grandparents were Chestine and Dorothy Wood Bratcher of Hart County. Chestine was the son of John Wesley and Mary Elizabeth Gonterman Bratcher. Dorothy was the daughter of Rector and Florence Stinson Wood. Donna's maternal grandparents were Percy and Avis Brooks Newton. Avis was the daughter of Norman and Martha Ann Meredith. Percy was the son of Matthew and Maude Constant Newton.

Kevin graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1983, and Donna in 1985. Kevin attended Western Kentucky University from 1983 to 1984. Kevin is a member of Beaver Dam Chapel United Baptist Church where he professed his faith in Christ in August 1980. He was baptized by Rev. Eddie Dermit. Donna is a member of Union Light Missionary Baptist Church where she professed her faith in Christ in July 1978. She was baptized by the Rev. James Jessie.

Kevin and Donna have made their home in the Silent Grove Community.

ABRAHAM RAYMER JR.

One of the earliest settlers and land owners in Edmonson County was Abraham Raymer Jr. (often spelled Raimer, Ramer, Raymour). He lived in what is now Edmonson County in the period of 1801-1807 (owned 400 acres on Little Beaver Dam Creek). From 1808 till his death in the 1840's his lands were on the North Side of Green River (near the mouth of Bear Creek).

Abraham Raymer Jr. was born around 1760-1765 in Pennsylvania. His father Abraham Sr. came to Kentucky at an early date (at least 1780). The family lived in South Carolina during the late 1770's. Abraham Sr. settled in old Jefferson County in Kentucky and received two Virginia Land Grants. One for 400 acres on Caney Creek, a branch of Rough River (1783) and the other 250 acres on the South Fork of Nolin River (1785). Abraham Sr. was one of the early settlers at Severns Valley Fort (at present day Elizabethtown). Other pioneer families at that fort around 1780 were Haycraft, Helm, Hynes, Vanmeter and Vertrees. In 1785 the Raymers were in Nelson County and on the Eastern waters of Nolin River near the Lincoln, Larue and Hodgen families. By 1792 Abraham Sr. and Jr. were living on Big Barren River in Warren County (then in Logan County). They received permission to operate a ferry on Barren River in

1792. It was near McFadin's Station, and was one of the very first ferry's in the new state of Kentucky. In 1798 Abraham Raymer Sr. and his wife, Sevalah sold their land in Warren County and moved to Ohio County (now Grayson). Another son, Michael Raymer Sr. lived on his father's land. Abraham Sr. died at some time between 1801 and 1809. His children included:

1. Abraham Jr. b. ca/1765 Pennsylvania married Margaret Cruse/Crews 1787. 2. Michael. Sr. b. ca/1768-1770 in Pennsylvania married Precious Brown in 1800 Ohio County. He had several sons-Miles B., Samuel, Abraham and James Michael. 3. Catherine b. early 1770's, married 1st Fredrick Lee 1792 Nelson County, 2nd Andrew Friend, 1795 Hardin County. 4. Lewis ?? b. ca/1775. 5. Adam ??? b. ca/1779.

Abraham Raymer Jr. married on Mar. 8, 1787 in Nelson County to the widow Margaret Cruse (Crews). Patrick Brown was the surety for the bond. Abraham Jr. and Margaret were parents of these children:

1. Catherine ? b. ca/1795. 2. Richard Michael b. Oct. 4, 1797, married-Minerva Goodman (see his sketch). 3. John A. ?? b. ca/1800, his known children are: America Elizabeth married Wm. H. Skaggs, Ann E. married Leander Skaggs, Jim married Martha Davis, and Lucy, married Isaac Jackson Honaker. 4. Jacob, b. June 8, 1802, married 1st Sally Burris, 2nd Mrs. Mary Joyner 5. Phillip b. Feb. 14, 1804 married Elizabeth Johnson, their children; Francis M., Missouri, Abraham, Jacob, Sarah, Phillip Jr., Mary, Virginia & Sciota Jane. Phillip Sr. died Jan. 25, 1894 and buried in Kinser Cemetery. 6. Isaac (b. June 4, 1812) married Vina Doyle, died Feb. 14, 1882 and was buried in the Raymer/Alford Cemetery. He had ten children.

From 1797 till 1807 Abraham Raymer Jr. lived in Warren County. The later part of those years he lived in that section that is now in Edmonson County. After he moved to the North Side of Green River in 1808 he began to own much land. Up to 1825 this land was Grayson County but then became Edmonson County. As early as 1814 he owned 560 acres on Green River. By 1817 he owned 700 acres. Most of his lands, however, were centered around the 640 acre tract that had been patented by John Crow (lying on North Bank of Green River).

When Edmonson County was formed in 1825 and the Circuit Court impaneled its first grand jury, Abraham Raymer Jr. was one of the 20 jurors. His death date is not known but was between 1845 and 1849. His last 40-45 years of life was spent in Edmonson County. A great, great, great, grandson-Lloyd M. Raymer lives in the Anna Community of Warren County.

RICHARD MICHAEL RAYMER

On Oct. 4, 1797 Richard Michael Raymer was born in Warren Co., KY to Abraham Jr. and Margaret Raymer. Michael spent most of his early years and all of his later years in Edmonson County. The other years were spent in Butler County on Big Ready Creek. He married Minerva Goodman on Oct. 14, 1827. She was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Davis) Goodman of Warren County. Family legend tells of Samuel and some of the family being killed by Indians. Michael and family moved to Butler County in 1829-1830, all of their children were born there. In the mid 1850's they moved back to Edmonson County and remained there the rest of their lives.

The family of Michael and Minerva were: 1. Samuel b. ca/1829, married Emily Laws. 2. James Jackson b. May 1, 1830 married Ellen Phelps, he died 1893. 3. Charlotte b. Nov. 26, 1831 married John F. Alford, she d. 1908. 4. Margaret b. 1834 married Phillip Hack. 5. Phillip Alfred b. Dec. 31, 1836, married Marada Worley, he d. 1876. 6. George Washington b. 1838 married Georganna Hazelip, died in Civil War. 7. Rachael b. 1839 married James Doyle. 8. Minerva b. Oct. 31, 1840 married Fleming W. Willis, she d. 1910. 9. Priscilla b. 1847 married Jim Johnson.

Richard Michael's last 20 years was spent in Edmonson County. He died on June 6, 1876 and was buried on his land in the Old Raymer (Alford) Cemetery in the Segal/Asphalt Community. His wife died on Dec. 1, 1881 and was also buried there.

Richard Michael Raymer's great, great, grandson-Lloyd M. Raymer (descends from Phillip Alfred Raymer) lives in the Anna Community of Warren Co., KY.

REECE

Amy Reece was born on Jan. 22, 1974, in Bowling Green, KY. She's the daughter of Denise Ashley Reece Johnson, and Freddy Reece.

Amy's maternal grandparents are Wayne and Geneva Ashley. Wayne is the son of Lorin D. and Inez Mae Ashley. Geneva is the daughter of Ezra Lindsey and the late Rebecka Lindsey.



Amy Reece

Amy lived in Edmonson County until the age of seven, she then lived in Ft. Knox for two years and then her mother remarried to a Captain in the U.S. Army that was stationed at Fort Knox, and was moved to Texas. Her stepfather then quit the Army after nine years of service and moved to Jacksonville, FL, his native home. They are now living in Brownsville, KY. She is a member of Steep Hollow Baptist Church and has been since 1984. She is now attending Edmonson County Schools and has no plans for moving. She refers to it as "home".

MICHAEL WAYNE REED

Michael Wayne Reed was born Jan. 16, 1950 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY. His parents, who were Edmonson County natives, had relocated there because of the work force.

Michael was the sixth child born to James Nathan (Nat) Reed, b. Apr. 11, 1906, d. Feb. 17, 1969, and Martha Davis, b. May 26, 1908. His paternal grandparents were Samuel Geneva and Flossie Lindsey Reed; his maternal grandparents were Stanford Mitchell and Elzora Bell Harrison Davis. (Note: Davis was a descendant of "Ole" Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith.)

Other issue born to Nat and Martha Reed were: 1. Walter Frederick, b. July 19, 1926; m. Ruth Deweese. 2. Ann Marie, b. July 12, 1928; m. Carl Nichter. 3. James Nathan Jr., b. Feb. 10, 1932; m. Delores Gallusser. 4. William Samuel, b. Aug. 20, 1934 and d. June 17, 1935. 5. Maybell, b. May 7, 1936, m. Charles Crawford.

In December 1957, at the age of seven years, while attending first grade in Louisville elementary school, Mike suffered spinal meningitis. For 14 days he was comatose and the after effects left him paralized. He spent three months in Louisville Children's Hospital.

At the age of eight years he professed faith in Christ and joined Hearld Johnson General Baptist Church in Louisville, where he remained a member until 1965. The family moved back to Brownsville, at which time Michael joined the Brownsville General Baptist Church.

Michael finished elementary and junior high school in Jefferson County. He graduated from high school in Edmonson County 1969.

In September 1969 Mike enrolled in the Spencerian Business College. In 1971 he studied Business Administration at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitational Center in Fisherville, VA. In 1972 he studied radio and television broadcasting at Elkins Institute of Broadcasting, from which Mike received a lifetime license in broadcasting.

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RICH-MEISEL

William Thomas Rich was born Feb. 25, 1886, to John Wilson Rich (1856-1887) and Mary C. Moon (1863-1960) of Edmonson County. His paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Morris Rich. His maternal grandparents were Joseph and Eveline Moon.

John Wilson Rich died when his son, William Thomas, was a year old. He left Mary with the following children to raise: Lizzie, Joda, Lou, and William Thomas. Later, Mary married William D. (Will Jake) Meredith (1874-1957), and they had two children Vernon and Retha. John Wilson is buried at the Rich Cemetery near Nolin Dam. Mary and William are buried in the Fred Jake Cemetery in Bee Springs.

On Jan. 22, 1908, William Thomas married Maxmillion (known as Millie) Meisel of



William Thomas Rich & Maxmillion Meisel

Edmonson County. Millie's parents were Maxmillion (known as Max A.) Meisel and Annie Curran. Max A. was born in Germany on May 23, 1850. Annie was born in New York on Dec. 30, 1856. Max and Annie had the following seven children: Charles Alton, Augustus (Gus), Idadora Margaret, Elizabeth (Lizzie), Mary Ellen, Edward Amel, and Maxmillion (Millie). Max A. died from internal injuries suffered in a wagon accident on his way home from Leitchfield. He died on Nov. 17, 1888, five months before his daughter Millie was born on Apr. 1, 1889. Later, Annie married William Vincent. When Annie died on Feb. 2, 1929, she was buried in the Meisel Cemetery in Bee Springs near Max A.

William Thomas and Millie earned their living by farming land which is now owned by Barry Rich (a grandson). They lived in a log cabin which had one big room and a smaller kitchen room built across the back of the house. William was of light complexion, had blue eyes, and had a head full of gray hair at the age of 21. Millie was the opposite. She had dark hair and brown eyes. William and Millie were good-natured, hard-working people who had a good relationship with each other throughout their marriage. They had six children. Two died as infants and are buried in the Meisel Cemetery. The other children were: Floyd (Nov. 11, 1909), Lucille (Apr. 7, 1912), Amel (Feb. 18, 1916), and Annie (Oct. 14, 1918). Millie died on May 8, 1963, and William died four months later on Sept. 25, 1963. They are both buried in the Meisel Cemetery.

Floyd died in August of 1978 and is buried in Jefferson County. Amel died about three months later on Nov. 17, 1978, and is buried at the Meisel Cemetery along with his sister, Annie, who died on Dec. 9, 1981. Lucille is living in Barren County and is a cheerful kind-hearted lady who is held in high regard by her family.

William Thomas and Millie have 27 grandchildren, 56 great grandchildren, and 19 great-great grandchildren. Although over half of these descendants live outside of Edmonson County, their roots are deeply implanted in the county. *By Billie Jo Rich*

AMEL RICH

Amel Rich was born in a log cabin in Edmonson Co., KY, on Feb. 18, 1916. His parents were William Thomas Rich (1886-1963) and Maxmillion "Millie" Meisel (1889-1963). William and Millie had six children two died in infancy. The other four are Floyd (1909-1978), Lucille (1912), Amel (1916-1978), and Annie (1918-1981).

Amel's paternal grandparents were John Wilson Rich (1856-1887) and Mary C. Moon (1863-1960).

Amel's maternal grandparents were Maxmillion "Max A." Meisel (1850-1888) and Annie Curran (1856-1929).



Amel & Nina Rich

When Amel was a young child, he had a head full of blonde hair, and he was often called "Cottontop" by his family. He was high tempered and often held his breath until he got his way. He had to quit school in the eighth grade to help his father on the farm. When he was in his late teens or early twenties, he was in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Ely, NV.

On Aug. 19, 1938, Amel married Nina Meredith born on July 21, 1917. Nina is the daughter of Jack Meredith (1888-1968) and Maggie Carroll (1892-1976). Jack and Maggie were married on Nov. 27, 1912, in Edmonson County. They had the following seven children: Alta, Wilmoth, Nina, Carlene, Ileene, Willard, and Laverta.

Nina's paternal grandparents were Bradley "Brite" Meredith (1857-1942) and Sudie Brown (1866-1940).

Nina's maternal grandparents were Tom Wood Carroll (1866-1938) and Bettie Van Meter (1862-1933).

Amel and Nina started their married life in the log cabin he was born in. They had 12 children: Rebecca, Jack Meisel, Sue, Barry Joe, Linda, Joan, Wilma, Charles Edd, Clifton Amel, Terry Moore, Phil Thomas, and Marvin Jeffery. Ten of these children still live in Edmonson County.

Amel was an honest, generous man. He worked many long, hard hours to support his family. In those early years, he worked as a coal miner. When Amel and Nina were living in a small two-room house on Pete Decker Hill, Amel got started in the carpenter profession by purchasing a square-tool for drawing or testing right angels. He studied this square until he knew how it worked. His first building job was to add on to a two-room house belonging to Gabe Duvall. Later in life, Amel built, owned, and operated the Bee Springs Lumber Company. His reputation as a first-class carpenter was known throughout the county.

Amel and Nina are born-again Christians. Although Amel belonged to the Bee Springs Missionary Baptist Church, he donated the land for the Jock United Baptist Church, helped build the church house, and helped support it throughout his life. Nina's membership is at Jock.

On Nov. 17, 1978, fate dealt a hard blow to the Rich family when Amel died of a heart attack. He is buried in the Meisel Cemetery in Bee Springs across the hollow from his birthplace.

Amel and Nina have 19 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. *By Billie Jo Rich*

BARRY JOE RICH

Barry Joe Rich was born in Edmonson Co., KY, on Aug. 4, 1944. He is the second son out of 12 children born to Amel and Nina Meredith Rich.

His paternal grandparents were William Thomas Rich and Maxmillion "Millie" Meisel. His maternal grandparents were Jack Meredith and Maggie Carroll. All of Barry's grandparents were born in Edmonson County.

Barry attended his first year of school at the one room Anderson School at Jock. His remaining elementary school years, 2nd through 9th, were spent at Kyrock Elementary. He graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1963.



Barry, Donna & Joey Rich

On June 21, 1963, he married Donna Jean Houchin. Donna was born on Mar. 17, 1945, to Rumsey Houchin and Julie Frances Whobrey. Her siblings are Donald Houchin (current Edmonson County Judge-Executive) and Dorothy Houchin Patton-fraternal twins born on June 30, 1953.

Donna's paternal grandparents were Nelson Houchin and Lou Clark. Her maternal grandparents were Eldon Whobrey and Kate Johnson.

Donna attended Brownsville Elementary School and graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1963. She currently works for the Edmonson County Board of Education having started in 1981.

Barry worked as the Maintenance and Construction Supervisor for the Kentucky State Parks from 1967 through 1971. He was an elected School Board Member for eight years-serving six years as Chairman. He is the Magistrate of the 4th District and has been since 1981. He is also co-owner of the Bee Springs Lumber Company, a business started by him and his father, Amel, in 1964. Barry is also a Mason belonging to the Washington-Meredith Lodge in Brownsville, KY.

Barry and Donna have one son, Barry Joe Rich, Jr., known as Joey. He was born on June 12, 1968. Joey graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1987 and currently attends Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY.

Barry, Donna and Joey belong to the Bee Springs Missionary Baptist Church and are members in good standing. They are liked and well-respected throughout the county. They reside on a farm in the Bee Springs Community that has been in Barry's family for generations. *By Barry Rich, Billie Jo Rich, Bee Springs, KY*

CLIFTON AMEL RICH

Clifton Amel Rich was born Aug. 18, 1953, at the Grayson County War Memorial Hospital. He is one of 12 children born to Amel (1916-1978) and Nina Meredith Rich (July 21, 1917). His brothers and sisters are: Rebecca (1939), Jack Meisel (1940), Sue (1942), Barry Joe (1944), Linda (1946), Joan (1948), Wilma (1950), Charles Edd (1952), Terry Moore (1955), Phil Thomas (1957), and Marvin Jeffery (1959). Clifton was the first one of Amel and Nina's children to be born in a hospital. All the previous ones were born at home in Edmonson County.

Clifton's paternal grandparents were William Thomas and Maxmillion "Millie" Rich. William Thomas was the son of John Wilson Rich and Mary C. Moon. Millie was the daughter of Maxmillion Meisel and Annie Curran.



Clifton, Billie Joe, David & Chris Rich

Clifton's maternal grandparents were Jack and Maggie Meredith. Jack was the son of Bradley "Brite" Meredith and Sudie Brown. Maggie was the daughter of Tom Wood Carroll and Bettie Van Meter.

On Sept. 25, 1976, Clifton married Billie Jo Carroll at Jock United Baptist Church in Edmonson County. Billie Jo was born Dec. 5, 1955, in Bainbridge, MD. She is the daughter of Clyde Carroll (Apr. 4, 1923) and Irene Brooks (Apr. 18, 1927) of Grayson County. Her brothers and sisters are: Donna Lee (1953), Jesse Robin (1957), Jeffery Edwin (1960), and Glenna Marie (1965).

Billie's paternal grandparents were Joseph Edward and Amanda Gipsy Carroll. Joseph was the son of Jackson Carroll and Nancy Ann Meredith. Gipsy was the daughter of James Farris and Martha A. Key.

Billie's maternal grandparents were Arlie Washington Brooks and Iva Mae Hunt. Arlie was the son of John T. Brooks and Alice Stinnett. Iva was the daughter of Miles Palmer Hunt and Rebecca Brooks.

Clifton went to Kyrock Elementary School except for his fourth grade year when he attended the one-room Anderson School at Jock. During that year, he suffered from a severe bone infection in his right arm. He graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1971. He attended Elizabethtown Community College for one and a half years. In 1978, he completed the Barren River District Manpower-Training Program.

Clifton, nicknamed Porky by his father, followed in his father's footsteps and became a carpenter. He has built several homes in Edmonson County, remodeled many, built the employee's dormitory at Mammoth Cave Park, and worked on several structures for the county. He is currently employed by Pence Construction Company of Elizabethtown, KY, and has been since 1984. Clifton's hobbies include hunting and archery. Billie Jo enjoys reading and has an interest in genealogy.

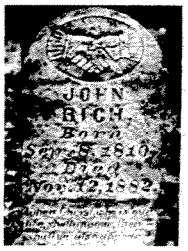
Billie Jo graduated as co-salutatorian from Clarkson High School in 1973 and attended Elizabethtown Community College for two years. She has an Associate Degree in business. She worked at the Leitchfield Comprehensive Care Center as a Clinical Secretary for three years.

Clifton and Billie Jo are members of the Jock United Baptist Church. They reside in the Bee Springs Community with their two sons, Clifton David (July 25, 1978), and Christopher Miles (Sept. 27, 1983). *By Billie Jo Rich*

JOHN RICH

An early pioneer of Edmonson County was John Rich. He was born in North Carolina on Sept. 8, 1810, to William Rich and Lucy Lee. His brothers and sisters were James, Sarah, Sydney, Obed, Nancy, Charlotty, William Jr., Polly, and Patsy. William Rich died in Illinois sometime after writing a letter to his son, John, expressing a desire to see him again in Kentucky.

When John Rich first came to Kentucky is not known, but he was in the state when he was 18 years old. At that time, he fell in love with Miss Elizabeth Morris who was 16 years old. John Rich followed Elizabeth to Bowling Green, KY, where they were married on Oct. 16, 1829.



Tombstone of John Rich

Elizabeth was born in North Carolina on Mar. 24, 1813, to Reuben and Lucy Morris. Her brothers and sisters were Hiram, Reuben, Noah, and Wilson (believed to be a brother, but not positive). Her father, Reuben, was born in South Carolina around 1765 and died in Edmonson County on Oct. 11, 1853, of intermittent fever. Her mother, Lucy, was born in Virginia around 1766 and died at Nolin Creek on Dec. 7, 1855, of old age. Her paternal grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth Morris.

Sometime after John and Elizabeth were married, they moved to Illinois where her parents and his had gone to live. While there, John took part in the Black Hawk War of 1832. After he came home from the war, he moved his family back to Edmonson Co., KY. They settled near Nolin River not far from Dismal Rock. John and Elizabeth had 13 children: Tobitha, James Riley, Mary, Lucy, Martha, Sarah, William Allen, Miles Washington, Nancy, Hiram Thomas, Emiline, John Wilson, and Clara Rebecca.

John Rich was a Baptist and was a messenger to the Green River Association several times dating as early as 1841. In 1868, John was one of the trustees of the Holly Springs Church on Dismal Creek when a deed for one acre of land was obtained from W.C. Dodge for a church house (where Silas Hunt's house now stands). When the Holly Springs Church on Dismal divided in 1874, John Rich went with the "Moon" Association and became known as a "Hard-Shell Baptist" because he did not believe in corresponding with Missionary Baptist Churches. John was a messenger from Holly Springs (known as Old Swayback) for the "Moon" Association in 1874 and 1875.

John Rich was said to have been of dark complexion and very strong. It is rumored that he was part Indian. This may have been true, or it could have stemmed from his exceptional ability to use a bow and arrow. He could also handle a gun with the ease of a true marksman. Wild game was bountiful in those days, and John Rich was truly at home in the forest of Edmonson County.

Elizabeth Rich died on Dec. 22, 1881, and John Rich died on Nov. 12, 1882. Both are buried in the Rich family graveyard near Nolin Dam in Edmonson Co., KY. *By Billie Jo Rich*

PHIL THOMAS RICH

Phil Thomas Rich was born in Edmonson Co., KY on Nov. 7, 1957. He is the sixth son out of 12 children born to Amel and Nina Meredith Rich.

Phil attended Kyrock Elementary School, grades 1-8. He attended Edmonson County High School, grades 9-12. He graduated from E.C.H.S. in 1976 and was a member of the 1976 State Basketball Championship team.

Phil started attending Western Kentucky University in 1976 where he was a member of the Hilltopper Football Squad. He graduated in 1981 with a B.S. degree in Health and Biology. He also later earned his M.A. degree in Biology and education.

In June 1981, Phil attended the Dallas Cowboy's Football Camp in Thousand Oaks, CA. In June 1982, he attended the New York Jets Camp in New York, and in January

1983, he worked out with the New Jersey Generals.

Phil taught for one year at Marion County and one year at Grayson County before coming to Edmonson County in 1984. He teaches Biology and is assistant football coach at E.C.H.S.

On June 2, 1984, Phil married Valerie Dee Bedwell in Green Brier, TN. Valerie was born on July 12, 1960, in Springfield, TN, to John D. Bedwell and Rachel Patsy Morrow. Her siblings are Patricia Bedwell Laipple and Jill Bedwell Freeman.

Valerie's paternal grandmother is Frances Bedwell and her maternal grandmother is Luna Morrow.

Valerie attended Green Brier Elementary School and graduated from Green Brier High School in 1978. She attended Western Kentucky University and received her B.S. degree in Business Administration/Information Systems. She currently works at Holley Automotive as a computer operator.

Phil enjoys training quarter horses. He also enjoys camping, hiking and hunting.

Phil and Valerie are expecting their first child which is due February 1989. They reside on a farm in the Bee Springs Community. *By Vallerie Rich*

ROUNTREE

The Rountree family originated in Yorkshire, England and from there emigrated to Northern Ireland. In 1720 William Rountree came to Goochland Co., VA where he reared the following children: Thomas, Samuel, William, Jane and Nancy.



Green F. Rountree's home built c 1815

Thomas, son of William, was born in 1752 in Goochland Co., VA. At age 29 he served for three years as a private in Captain Woodson's Company, 9th VA Regiment commanded by Col. George Mathews in the Revolutionary War. This company of Grenaider's were all over six feet in height. His name appears on the muster roll for May 1777.

Thomas married Letitia Barnard of Fluvanna Co., VA who was born in 1748 and died in January 1835. They were the parents of Jessie, William, James, John, Turner, Green F., Holly B., Susan, Elizabeth, Priscilla and Millie. Thomas was an early settler in Warren Co. later Edmonson Co., KY where he lived and died near the Dripping Spring. He died in 1815 and Letitia died in 1835.

Green F., son of Thomas, was born in 1790 in South Carolina and married June 14, 1814 in Warren County to Nancy White who was born in 1793 in Virginia. Circa 1815 they built a Georgia cottage that stood until 1970 when it was razed to make room for a mobile home. It was located near the Rocky Hill Crossroads on 31W.

Green and Nancy reared the following children: Granville J. who married Angeline B. Daughtry; Orville H. 1816-1883 who married Elizabeth Wright Sept. 7, 1840 a daughter of William Wright; Pleasant P. 1819-1904; Edwin W.; Greenberry M. who married Sarah J. Jones Mar. 19, 1849 a daughter of Wiley Jones; Melville B.; Nancy; Betsey and Barrett.

Elizabeth Rountree 1849-1924, daughter of Orville H. Rountree and Elizabeth Wright, married Dec. 2, 1869 William Terry Duke 1846-1938. They were the parents of William Terry, Jr. who was born Dec. 10, 1870 who married first Mattie Alexander 1875-1904 a daughter of Reuben Alexander and Sarah Nunn. William T., Jr. was employed in the 1890's by George Washington Vanderbilt of The Biltmore Mansion in Ashville, NC to develop a Jersey Herd of cattle. While there his family occupied a suite of rooms in the mansion where his daughter Agnes was born on July 16, 1895. When her mother died in 1904 she was sent to Smith's Grove, KY to live with her paternal grandparents. After graduating from high school she went to live with her father in Mesa, AZ where he owned the Silver Creek Ranch and was running 20,000 head of sheep. He died in 1955 in Ontario, Canada.

Agnes Duke married George Leslie Todd and had one son George Kenneth who was killed in World War II. She lives 1988 in Cortez, CO. *Submitted by: Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.*

JAMES GOODNIGHT SALING

James Goodnight Saling was the son of Samuel P. and Roseann Vincent Saling. He married Pearle Lucy South Oct. 13, 1909. They were the parents of seven children.

(1) Henry Clay Saling born Dec. 8, 1910. (2) Ruby Mae Saling born Sept. 27, 1912. (3) Gladys Marie Saling born Sept. 26, 1913. (4) Ida June Saling born Dec. 14, 1921 and died Feb. 27, 1982. (5) James Hershell Saling born Sept. 26, 1924. (6) William Thomas Saling born Feb. 18, 1927 and died Feb. 27, 1947. (7) Samuel Arthur Saling born Feb. 18, 1927 and died Aug. 17, 1947.

James G. Saling died May 31, 1977. He is buried in the Midway Cemetery in Lindseyville, KY. His wife Pearle Lucy South Saling born Sept. 15, 1890 is still living as of this writing, she is 97 years of age.

Henry Clay Saling born Dec. 8, 1910. He married first Lydia Mandy Newton, and second to Mildred Elizabeth James Apr. 13, 1940. They were the parents of three children.

(1) Albert Franklin Saling born Nov. 15, 1937. (2) James Clay Saling born May 14, 1943. (3) Martha Jean Saling born Apr. 21, 1951.

Albert Franklin Saling born Nov. 15, 1937, he was married to Joan C. Cottrell born July 12, 1937. They are the parents of five children.

(1) Paul Albert Saling born Oct. 7, 1957. (2) Denise Marie Saling born Dec. 2, 1960. (3) Kathryn Maria Saling born Feb. 17, 1962. (4) David Franklin Saling born Sept. 11, 1963. (5) Timothy Edward Saling born June 13, 1968.

James Clay Saling born May 14, 1943, married Carylon Sue Vernon June 20, 1963. They are the parents of two children.

(1) Pamela Kai Saling born Oct. 10, 1964. (2) Katcheav Lane Saling born Apr. 20, 1972.

Martha Jean Saling born Apr. 21, 1951. She was married three times. (1) Charles Otis Rush, (2) James Eugene May, (3) Ronald Rothwell.

Ruby Mae Saling daughter of James G. and Pearle Saling, was married first to Krumbar Herndon. They were the parents of one child. (1) Panella Jean Herndon. Ruby was married second to George Stuart. They were the parents of one child. (2) Narda Ann Stuart.

Panella Jean Herndon born Sept. 29, 1934, she married Earsel Devere Frick Jr. They were the parents of six children,.

(1) Michael Devere Frick, (2) Stephen Allen Frick, (3) Thomas James Frick, (4) Jerome Waring Frick (5) Andrea Louise Frick, (6) Pamela Ann Frick.

Narda Ann Stuart born Sept. 18, 1942, she married Larry Roland Lenberg. They were the parents of four children.

(1) Cheryl Ann Lenberg, (2) Darla Jean Lenberg, (3) Rhonda Sue Lenberg, (4) Marsha Kay Lenberg.

Gladys Marie Saling born Sept. 26, 1918. Was married first to Lee Roy Ball second to Thomas Goodin. They have no children.

Ida June Saling married Kermit T. Skaggs Mar. 15, 1940. They are the parents of two children. Janet Irene Skaggs, Belinda Skaggs.

James Hershell Saling married Concella Gentilcore. Their children are: Sandra Saling, Steven Allen Saling.

JOSEPH EDWARD SALING

Joseph Edward Saling was born July 4, 1905. He was the son of Samuel Payton and Roseann Vincent Saling. Samuel P. and Roseann were the parents of 14 children. 1. Cleveland Mitchell Saling; b. June 17,. 1886 - d. Feb. 5, 1969. 2. William Albert Saling; b. Oct. 10, 1887 - d. Jan. 5, 1969. 3. James G. Saling; b. Nov. 12, 1889 - d. May 31, 1977. 4. Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Saling; b. Oct. 19, 1891 - d. 1977. 5. Louis Clarence Saling; b. Dec. 20, 1894. 6. Maude Saling; b. December 1898. 7. Nora May Saling; b. Dec. 20, 1892. 8. Irene Saling; b. 1899. 9. Arthur Saling died of crib death. 10. Verna May Saling; b. Sept. 13, 1903 - d. May 24, 1984. 11. Joseph Edward Saling (see above). 12. Bertha Saling; b. Feb. 11, 1908 - d. Sept. 16, 1975. 13. Ralph Saling; b. 1909, and died about two years of age. 14. Ellen Saling; b. 1910 - d. 1911.

Joseph Edward married Silva Mae Vincent Kinser a divorcee, on Sept 13, 1942. One child, Joseph Glen was born to this union on Aug. 4, 1944.

Silva Mae had been married to Cliffie Kinser. They were the parents of two children. 1. Elisa Dean Kinser; b. 1934 - m. Daniel W. Baugh. 2. Billy Lee Kinser; b. 1934 - m. Mary Ann Bullock.

Joseph Glen, son of Joseph Edward, married Almeda L. Frances on June 23, 1982; Almeda had four children by a previous marriage. 1. Linda Kay Spaulding. 2. Deboah Ann Spaulding m. Ray Walles. 3. Brenda L. Spaulding. 4. Albert Ray Spaulding.

Joseph Glen had two sons by a previous marriage.

1. Joseph Edward Saling; b. July 23, 1964. 2. James William Saling; b. May 19, 1966. Both boys are single.

Joseph Edward owned and operated the Saling General Store at Bee Spring until his death in 1957. Silva Mae died Sept. 13, 1970. They are buried in the Bee Spring Church Cemetery, located off of Highway 259 in Bee Spring, KY. *By Joseph Glen Saling*

KAREN SALING

This is the history of my family; Karen Delane Vincent Saling, born Apr. 7, 1959 in Edmonson County .

Johnny Carroll was my great, great, great grandfather. He was born in Georgia and married Fannie Franklin, a cousin to Benjamin Franklin. She was born in South Carolina. One of their sons was William Albert Carroll father of Tom Wood Carroll.

William Albert Carroll married Lucinda Thompson in Larue Co., KY.

Tom Wood Carroll (July 6, 1866 - Aug. 2, 1938) married Betty VanMeter (Jan. 31, 1862 - Dec. 30, 1938). Their son Elzie was my grandfather. He married Lula Carroll daughter of Thomas & Eva Scott Carroll. Their other children were: Maggie, Evie, Athel, and Roxie.

Maggie married Jack Meredith. Their issue were: 1. Wilmoth, 2. Alta, 3. Nina, 4. Carlene, 5. Ilene, 6. Willard, 7. Laveda.

Evie married Louis Meredith; a brother to Jack. Their children were: 1. Sherman, 2. Maudie, 3. Moman, 4. Laymon, 5. Jack, 6. Nova, 7, Delphia and 8. Nelson.

Athel never married. He died young with the flu.

Roxie died young at the age of two years.

Thomas Jefferson Carroll married Eve Scott. Their children were: Carlie, Harlen, Nannie, Rosie, Noah, Elbert, Melvin, Willie, and Lula.

Carlie Carroll married Ohmie Meredith. Their children were Coy and Arrie.

Harlen Carroll married Dora Saltsman. Their children were: Denny, Danny, Billy, Lanny, Franklin, Jimmy, Mance, Eve Ellen, and Agnes.

Nannie Carroll married Roy Meredith. Their children were: Willidean, Pat, and Opal.

Rosie Carroll married Watson Farris. They had a daughter, Arlene.

Noah Carroll married Lucy Meredith. Their children were: Ollie, Elvie, Raymon, Denton, Laymon, Normal, Helen, and Charles.

Elbert Thomas Carroll married Perlie Mangus. Their children were: Gadus, Gladys, Hanna, Gracie, Arthur, Edward, and Wilford.

Melvin Carroll married Lula Cook. There children were: Alton and Elzie (Zeke).

Willie Carroll married Ethel Vincent. Their children were: Ruby, Faith, Geraldine, Dewey, Wilda and Elwood.

Lula Carroll (May 23, 1893 - Apr. 17, 1949) married Elzie Carroll (May 8, 1890 - Nov. 7, 1918). Their children were: Hubert, Lloyd (Bud), Eula, and Trula.

After Elzie died, Lula married Sam Farris. Their children were Peggy and Helen.

Hubert married Clois Scott. Their children were Jimmy and Patty Ellen.

Lloyd (Bud) married Irene Purvis. Their children were Jerry and Paul.

Eula Carroll married Willie Vincent. Their children were: Betty Gray Humfreys, Patricia Ann Torrence, William Don, Doris Jane West, David Lon, Francis Elaine Woodcock, Judith Kay Childress, and Johnny Allen. Marilyn and Janet are deceased.

Trula Carroll married Eddie Vincent; a brother to Willie Vincent. Their children were: Billy Rose Cook, Elmer Ray, Homer Gearl, Vickie Sue Brooks, Margaret Ann Bratcher, Terry Landon, Rebecca Ellen Higdon, Tommy Lee, Janell Glenn, Kenny Otto, Bonnie Anita Vincent, Joan Vincent, and Karen Delane Saling. Karen married David Wayne Saling. Their children are Melanie Dawn and Amanda Nicole. *By Karen Saling*

SHEDRIC MERLE SALLENG

Shedric Merle Salleng was born Sept. 16, 1827, in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the son of Shadrick D. and Elizabeth Jones Salleng. Shadrick D. Salleng was born in Virginia in 1780. He went to South Carolina, and then came to Kentucky in the early 1800's. He and Elizabeth Jones were married in Barren Co., KY on Aug. 15, 1805. Shadrick D. Salleng died Sept. 12, 1852, in Edmonson Co., KY. The location of where Shadrick D. and his wife Elizabeth Jones Salleng are buried is not known.



Samuel P. & Roseanna Vincent Saling

Shedric Merle Salleng married Mary Ann Miller Feb. 14, 1848. Mary Ann was the daughter of John Miller. They made their home on a farm in the Bear Creek Community of Sunfish, KY. They were the parents of nine children.

(1) William J. (Will) Salleng was born December 1850, he married Polly Ann Blanton. She was born in October 1841.

(2) Shedric Abraham Salleng was born June 6, 1852. He married Mary E. White Dec. 19, 1877. She was the daughter of Thomas and Martha White. Mary E. was born in 1858, and died Jan. 15, 1926. Shedric Abraham died Nov. 11, 1921. They are buried on the Roy Lashley Farm near Sunfish, KY.

(3) Samuel Peyton Saling was born Sept. 25, 1854. He married Roseanna Vincent Sept. 16, 1885. Roseanna was born Nov. 15, 1870. She was the daughter of Reuben and Tincy E. Elmore Vincent. Samuel P. Saling died Oct. 10, 1943, and Roseanna died Dec. 19, 1928. They are buried in the Saling Family Cemetery behind the Cedar Grove Church in Edmonson Co., KY.

(4) Mary Ann Saling was born Sept. 7, 1856. She married Rev. Adam Decker July 25, 1882. He was born July 9, 1841. They are buried in the Decker Cemetery in Grayson Co., KY.

(5) John Saling was born June 6, 1858. He married Flarence White. She was a sister to Mary E. White, who married Shedric Abraham Salleng. They moved to Echols, KY and lived out their lives there.

(6) Merle Morgan Saling was born in 1864. He married Larentine Dotson Jan. 28, 1886. He and his family moved to St. Louis, MO in 1913. They are buried in St. Louis, MO.

(7) Rachal Jane Saling was born in 1868. She married Riley Crowder. They are buried in the South Cemetery on the Edmonson and Grayson County Line.

(8) Norah H. Saling was born in 1870. She married Oliver Vincent Oct. 10, 1887. He was a brother to Roseanna Vincent, who married Samuel P. Saling. Norah Saling Vincent died in 1942, and Oliver Vincent died in 1944. They are buried in the Saling Family Cemetery behind the Cedar Grove Church in Edmonson Co., KY.

(9) Elizabeth Saling was born in 1873. She married Robert Woodcock. He died, and she married _____ Johnson. They moved to Washington, IN.

Shedric Merle Salleng died Mar. 21, 1919, and his wife Mary Ann Miller Salleng died Feb. 2, 1915. They are buried in the Saling Family Cemetery. *Alex Saling*

SALTSMAN

Tonya Lynn Saltsman, 13 of Bee Spring, was born on Mar. 25, 1974 in Breckinridge County Hospital. She is the daughter of Mickey and Linda Saltsman. Tonya has one younger brother, Mitch, who is in the fifth grade at Kyrock Elementary. Tonya is in the eighth grade at Edmonson County Middle School. She lived in Grayson County until she was five months old, she then moved to her former home in Bee Spring.

Linda, Tonya's mom, is a Breckinridge County native. She has three sisters and three brothers. Linda is the daughter of Beatrice Blair and the late Audra Howard.

Mickey, Tonya's dad, is an Edmonson County native. He has one brother and six sisters. Mickey is the son of Willard and Ival Saltsman.

Tonya has been a member of Bee Spring Baptist Church for four years.

SANDERS

Family tradition relates that Samuel Sanders migrated from Scotland to America during the colonial era of the early 1700's. This was a turbulent period in Scotland's history which resulted in a large-scale immigration of Scots to North America, including the Sanders, a sept or branch of Clan Donald, the greatest and largest of all the Highland clans.

A son of this Scottish immigrant was also named Samuel, born around 1734, who was reputedly a veteran of both the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars. This young Samuel married Anna Gordon and resided in Virginia before migrating west in 1779, by way of the Wilderness Road. Following a brief sojourn at Whitley's Station in Lincoln Co., KY, Samuel pushed farther west to the uninhabited Cumberland River area of Tennessee, settling at Mansker's Station at Goodlettsville. Indian raids forced the abandonment of this settlement, and the Sanders returned to Kentucky, locating at Pitman's Station in Green County in 1780. During the following year, Indian attacks caused the evacuation of the Green County settlements, and the Sanders took refuge to the north at Pottenger's Station in Nelson County. A few years later, after the Indian threats had subsided, the Sanders returned to Green County to inhabit a 400 acre homestead on Big Brush Creek, north of Greensburg. Samuel died there in 1807, and was survived by his wife who was still living as late as 1820 in nearby Hart County with her daughter, Anna Lancaster.

The sons of Samuel and Anna Sanders were instrumental in the early settlement and development of Edmonson County. Around 1804, the youngest son, John, led the Sanders migration to the isolated "Forks" section of Nolin and Green Rivers. Shortly afterwards, John's older brothers, Joseph, Samuel and Joshua ventured into this relatively uninhabited domain.

Joseph Sanders (1768-1825) was one of Kentucky's early Baptist ministers. He married Mary "Polly" Wooldridge, who left Edmonson County a few years after her husband's death.

Samuel Sanders (1770-1866) married Nancy Wilton and was an early magistrate, sheriff and justice of the peace of Edmonson County, residing along Brier Creek.

Joshua Sanders, born in 1775, married Margaret Haycraft and moved westward around 1832.

John Swadden Sanders (1776-1856) married Martha "Patty" Daugherty and settled on Dog Creek.

Practically all of the Sanders in Edmonson County can trace their ancestry to two of these pioneer brothers, Samuel and John Sanders. *Barry W. Downs*

SANDERS

Reverend Roy and Beatrice Davis Sanders have long been residents of Edmonson County.

Roy was born to James P. and Linda Miles Sanders on Feb. 13, 1913 in the Sand Spring Community. He grew up in that community with two brothers; Walter "Brub" and Ernie "Dick" three sisters; Callie, Vernie and Hazel.

At the age of 18 Roy professed faith in Christ, was baptized, and joined Good Spring Church. In 1932 at the age of 19 the Lord called Roy to preach the gospel and he was ordained in January of 1934 at Good Spring Church.



Roy & Beatrice Sanders

Bro. Roy has pastored churches all over Edmonson and surrounding counties. He preached all over the county in the days when you walked or rode a horse, but his labor went on and he has been a spiritual help to lots of of people in Edmonson County.

Beatrice Davis was born to Willie and Mary Susan Strange Davis on June 27, 1916 in Buffalo Community. She grew up with four brothers; Lawson, Dawson, Ervin and Hershell, and one sister; Lilly.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Good Spring Church in 1933 where she remained a member until the Park Service took over and the Church was disbanded. She then joined with Roy, Ollie United Baptist Church where they are faithful members.

On June 27, 1936, Rev. Roy and Beatrice Davis were united in marriage. To this union were born two sons; Clifton and Nelson.

Clifton married Anna J. White on Sept. 11, 1959, one son, Donnie Ray was born to this union. Donnie married Connie Meredith on Dec. 27, 1981 one son, Anthony Scott was born to this union on Mar. 8, 1983.

Nelson married Pauletta Childress on Dec. 19, 1964 two sons were born to this union: Brian Keith was born on May 8, 1966, Kerry Lelan was born on Feb. 7, 1969.

Bro. Roy and Beatrice have walked a true path down this life and any Edmonson Countian would be proud to follow in their footsteps.

I have been so proud to be a part of this family. *Anna J. Sanders, daughter-in-law*

SANDERS-VINCENT

Samuel E. Sanders and Elizabeth Vincent were married Aug. 15, 1844 in Edmonson Co., KY. Little is known about Samuel's parents (believed to have been-Edward Sanders (born-ca 1793-married a Margaret Bell in Green Co., KY, then later in life, he married a Catherine Sensabaugh in Edmonson Co., KY). Samuel E. Sanders (born 1822-died 1907 Edmonson Co., KY, court records) Elizabeth Vincent (born 1799-died-?) She was a daughter of Reubin Vincent (born ca-1795-South Carolina) and Easther (born ca 1799-South Carolina).

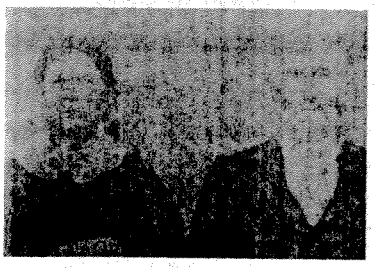
Samuel E. and Elizabeth had children-Sarah married Jacob Kersey (deceased) later married John Rich. William Sanders, John Sanders, James Sanders, Cintha Sanders never married, Tabitha Sanders married Green Blanton, Mary Ann "Polly" married William Higgs, Nancy never married, Parasady "Sadie" Sanders married Benjamin Franklin Clark (see Benjamin Franklin Clark and Parasady "Sadie" Sanders). This one history here gives the family lineage of one of Benjamin and Sadie's children, the one named Samuel.

Samuel "Sam" Clark was born at Ollie, KY (Aug. 3, 1894) married Stella Houchin Feb. 22, 1915. Stella Houchin (born Oct. 25, 1894 died Apr. 14, 1988). Their children were Paul Clifford (born Dec. 7, 1915) married June 10, 1939 to Martha B. Duckworth. Hubert Mack (born Feb. 5, 1920) married June 21, 1940 to Francis Dillow. Bonnie (born Aug. 17, 1922) married Feb. 10, 1941 (1st) Edgar Sanders married (Apr. 26, 1961 (2nd) Marvin Rex Weeks. Albert John (born May 22, 1924) married Aug. 12, 1955 to Ann Johnson (born May 1, 1929-died Oct. 9, 1982. Connie (born Dec. 28, 1927) married Sept. 6, 1945 to Douglas Price-(1st) married Dec. 12, 1960 to Bill J. Bergan (2nd) Lillian (born Jan. 2, 1930) married to Howard Price (1st) married Nov. 25, 1966 to Robert L. Cook. Stewart Warner (born Aug. 2, 1931) married July 31, 1951 to Clara D. Cecil Westen (born Aug. 25, 1934) married June 7, 1958 to Betty Clauson.

Samuel "Sam" and Stella lived for years in Florida, some of their children live there, some live in Grayson and Edmonson Counties. They always made it back to the Houchins Reunion at Brownsville. They will long be remembered and loved in Edmonson Co., KY. *Irene Constant*

ELIAS SANDERS

Elias B. Sanders was born at Brier Creek near Nolin River in Edmonson Co., KY on Sept. 20, 1828. He was the son of John W. and Mary "Polly" Meredith Sanders.



Elias & Susannah Sanders

Elias B. Sanders was a farmer, minister and justice of the peace. He married Susannah Skaggs, the daughter of Rev. William Benjamin Skaggs, on Sept. 10, 1851. Elias and Susannah resided on a 100-acre farm

which adjoined the property of his father, John W. They were the parents of eight children, one of which died at birth. These children were:

Elizabeth Jane (1852-1862), Martha Ann (1855-1870), Henry G. (1857-1860), Mary E. (1859-1941) married Frederick B. Meredith, Sarah Rebecca (1861-1935) married W.B. Blair, John William (1866-1918) married Eveline Sanders and died in Arkansas. Rhoda B. (1864-1933) married first to John Wesley Sanders and second to Addison B. Webster.

Elias B. Sanders professed religion and was baptized in the fall of 1849 and became a member of the Nolin United Baptist Church. He later became a Baptist minister and was ordained by the church on Apr. 3, 1869. Elias B. Sanders was a minister of the Gospel for about 37-years, and was pastor of the Nolin Church most of that time. He died on June 20, 1899 and was buried in the family cemetery near his home. His wife, Susannah, survived her husband and was buried beside him following her death on Jan. 15, 1907. *Barry W. Downs*

ELIAS BOLEN SANDERS

Rev. Elias Bolen Sanders was born July 26, 1858 on Cub Run Creek in Hart Co., KY. He was the son of Harlan Sanders and Eliza Blair Sanders. On Dec. 24, 1858 he married Laura Gill (born Apr. 15, 1861, died Sept. 7, 1953). Rev. Sanders was ordained to the ministry Apr. 27, 1889 at White Oaks Baptist Church in Hart County.

Rev. Sanders spent most of his life in the Forks section of Edmonson County. He spent nearly 60 years as a minister in the Baptist Church.



Rev. Elias Bolen Sanders

Children: 1. Walker, born Nov. 28, 1879, married Rosanna Self, died May 5, 1912. 2. Ben, born Sept. 12, 1882, md. Lulu Windham, died Aug. 13, 1953. 3. Mattie, born Feb. 14, 1892, died Jan. 1, 1980, md. George Davis. 4. Emmer Sue, born Jan. 25, 1896, died Nov. 17, 1968 md. Moss Strange. 5. James P. (Pert), born May 24, 1887, died Oct. 20, 1923, md. Linda Miles. 6. Jeff, born June 8, 1892 died Jan. 15, 1959 md. Mary Meredith. 7. W.B. (Buck) born Apr. 17, 1899 md. Mary Liz Priddy. 8. Pat, born Feb. 14, 1901 died Nov. 14, 1944 md. Laura Mae Priddy. 9. Erman, born July 31, 1903 died May 19. 1975 md. Logan Mansfield. 10. Arnold born July 8, 1908. 11. Hillary born June 15, 1894 never married. 12. Emmett, died 1888.

Rev. Sanders died Apr. 4, 1948. He and his wife are buried in the Otter Gap Cemetery in Edmonson Co., KY. *Submitted by: Dale Huffman*

HARDIN SANDERS

The son of John W. and Mary "Polly" Meredith Sanders, Hardin Sanders was born on Apr. 11, 1841 on Brier Creek near the Nolin River in the "Forks" of Edmonson Co., KY.

At the age of 27 years, Hardin married Mary F. Constant (1846-1908) on Jan. 23, 1869 in a marriage performed by Henry Staples. Mary was the daughter of William Bryce and Delilah Carroll Constant, who came to Edmonson County from Larue County.



Hardin & Mary F. Sanders, and daughter Maggie

Hardin Sanders was a farmer who raised a large family on a 54-acre farm near the waters of Longfall and Brier Creeks. He was a member of the Nolin United Baptist Church, of which he served as church clerk for many years.

Hardin Sanders died in Hart County, near Cub Run, on Mar. 4, 1917 and was buried in an old family cemetery near Brier Creek which is known as the Uncle Johnnie Sanders Cemetery or Old Nolin Cemetery.

The children of Hardin and Mary Sanders were: Nancy Ellen (1870-1888) married George Thomas Carroll. Sam Tom (1872-1937) married Permielia Ann "Nude" Thompson. Noah M. (1879-1956) married Minnie Meredith. Richard A. "Dick" (1876-1931) married Mollie Templeman. Laura Jane (1878-1920) married H.B. "Bib" Priddy. Mitchell (1881-1926) married Myrtle Caswell. Annie (1884-1962) married Henry V. McGrew. Maggie B. (1890-1976) married Mitchell L. Carroll. *Barry W. Downs*

JAMES PERTIE (PERT) SANDERS

James P. Sanders was born May 4, 1887 in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the son of Rev. Elias Bolen Sanders and Laura Gills. He lived all his life in the Forks of the River section of Edmonson County. On Jan. 16, 1908 he married Linda Miles (1892-1940). He died Oct. 20, 1923 and is buried in Good Spring Cemetery. Linda Miles Sanders was born Nov. 30, 1892 and died Mar. 1, 1940 and is buried with her husband in Good Spring Cemetery.

Children: Callie (1908-____), married Ernest Doyle. Ernie Estil "Dick" (1911-1972), married Nealie Ritter. Roy (1913-____), married Beatrice Davis. Romie (1915-1915), died as an infant. Verna (1916-____), married Gilbert Elmore. Walter (1919-1951), married Thelma Hawks. Hazel (1921-____), married Alvie Richards. *Submitted by: Dale Huffman*



James P. & Linda Miles Sanders

JOHN SWADDEN SANDERS

John Swadden Sanders was born in 1776 near the Clinch River of southwestern Virginia, the son of Samuel Sanders and Anna Gordon. At the age of three, John's family left Virginia for the new frontier of Kentucky, passing through the Cumberland Gap and traveling the Wilderness Road to Whitley's Station in Lincoln County. John Swadden also spent brief periods of his early life at Mansker's Station near the Cumberland River in Tennessee; at Pitman's Station in Green Co., KY; and at Pottenger's Station in Nelson Co., KY. Finally, the Sanders put down roots on Big Brush Creek in northern Green County.

John Swadden Sanders married Martha "Patty" Daugherty on June 9, 1801 and shortly afterwards the couple ventured into the virtually uninhabited Dog Creek area of present-day Edmonson County around 1804, among the earliest settlers of the "Forks" of Nolin and Green Rivers. Here John Swadden built his log cabin, planted his crops, and raised his family.

In 1856, at the age of 80-years, one of Edmonson County's earliest pioneers died at his cabin on Dog Creek.

The children of John Swadden and Patty Sanders were: Elias (1803-) married Ede Taylor. Elizabeth (1806-) married David H. Blair. John Daugherty (1809-1885) married Sarah "Sallie" Laswell. Samuel (1812-) married Neoma Laswell. George W. (1815-) married three times. Maria married Joseph Truelock. Stephen B. (1822-1899) married Luann Meredith, first and Maggie Bush, second. *Barry M. Downs*

JOHN W. SANDERS

John W. Sanders was born around 1801 in Green Co., KY, the son of Samuel "Sammie" Saunders, Jr., and Nancy Wilton. He was raised on Big Brush Creek, but his family later moved to nearby Lynn Camp Creek. After remaining at this site for a few years, the family removed to the "Forks" area of Nolin River in present-day Edmonson County around 1815.

John W. Sanders, or Johnnie, as he was

known, married Mary "Polly" Meredith, the daughter of Charles Wallace Meredith and Sarah "Sally" Wells, during the early 1820's.

Johnnie Sanders resided on 225-acres of land along Briar Creek, a tributary of Nolin River. On this homestead in a large, two-story log cabin, Johnnie and Polly Sanders raised ten sons and two daughters:

William H. "Lord Bill" (1825-1880) married Susannah Van Meter. Thomas S. "Tom Toad" (1827-1908) married Rachel Houchin. Rev. Elias B. (1828-1899) married Susannah Skaggs. Joseph W. (1831-) married Eliza Ann Robinson. James W. (1833-1912) married Mildred Ann Reynolds. Susan (1835-). John M. (1839-) married three times. Hardin (1841-1917) married Mary F. Constant. Rev. Benjamin (1843-1892) married Mary J. Smith. Nancy Jane (1845-). Samuel (1947-) married Martha E. Grant. David A. (1851-) married Cora H. Houchin.

In January of 1830, the Nolin United Baptist Church was constituted in the home of John W. Sanders, and he was one of the original 25 charter members of the newly-organized church, which was one of the earliest churches in Edmonson County. A meeting house was constructed on an acre of land which Johnnie donated to the church. On many occasions, Johnnie Sanders represented the Nolin church as a messenger to the Green River Association of United Baptist. John W. Sanders was definitely a pillar in the Nolin church and he passed from this life in 1886. *Barry W. Downs*

ROBERT STANFORD SANDERS (BOB)

His Great-great-grandfather, came from Scotland, to the shores of North Carolina in 1700. His name was, Samuel Saunders. When his son was born, he too was named Samuel. Samuel II.

Samuel II, married Anna Gordon & had at least eight children, one of which was a son, named John Swadden Sanders-born 1775 at Clinch River, VA died July 29, 1856 Edmonson Co., KY & is buried at The Buzzards' Roost. He married Martha (Patty) Daugherty June 9, 1801 in Green Co., KY. She was born in Ireland around 1782.



Robert (Bob) Stanford & wife Mary Louis Sanders made in 1942.

John & Patty had seven children, the youngest son was named, Stephen B. He was born Dec. 28, 1822 died June 18, 1899. He married Luanna Meredith Oct. 8, 1843.

Steve & Luanna were the parents of nine children, the youngest son Robert (BOB) Stanford born Apr. 7, 1865 died Oct. 22, 1948. He married Mary Louis Bush Dec. 19, 1889. She was born Sept. 25, 1872 died Sept. 23, 1954. They were parents of 13 children 1. Guyola mar. "Doc" Barnes, 2. Sarah, 3. Brisco md. Elsie Johnson, 4. Ethel md. Arthur Shaw, 5. Maud md. George Dailey md. 2nd G. Hedgepeth, 6. Minnie md. Otis Short, 7. Byrdie, 8, Mandie md. Tom Bush, 9. Hollie Ora Stevenson md. 2nd Lillie Higdon, 10. Mary Erma born Jan. 7, 1907 died Jan. 25, 1971 married Oris Stasel born Feb. 29, 1908 died Dec. 13, 1970, they have one daughter, Vilma Jean Stasel born Dec. 14, 1928. 11. Kirmet md. Marie Bumgardner, 12. Ebbin md. Edna Norman md. 2nd Alberta Lewis 13. Lorez md. Bill Wilson.

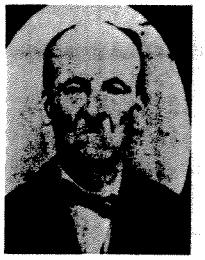
Although, some of his brothers & sisters remained in Edmonson County. Bob raised his large family on the farm he owned in Hart County in the Northtown Community.

Bob & Mary Louis Sanders are buried in the Horse Cave Cemetery. *Written by his granddaughter Vilma Jean Kinney*

SAMUEL SANDERS, JR.

Samuel Sanders, Jr. was born on Dec. 8, 1770 in Virginia. He was the son of Samuel Sanders, Sr. and Anna Gordon, who were among Kentucky's earliest pioneers.

As a youth, Samuel, Jr., nicknamed "Sammie", spent his early childhood in Virginia. In 1779, Sammie's family traveled the Wilderness Road into Kentucky and settled briefly at Whitley's Station in Lincoln County. Later that year, the Sanders migrated to the Cumberland River area of Tennessee and located at Mansker's Station. Hostile Indian raids forced the Sanders to return to Kentucky to a safer location at Pitman's Station in Green County in 1780. However, in March of 1781, renewed Indian attacks forced the evacuation of this settlement and Sammie's family assisted Captain Samuel Pottenger with construction of Pottenger's Station in Nelson County. A few years later, though the Sanders returned to Green County to settle on Big Brush Creek, where Sammie grew to manhood.



Samuel Sanders, Jr. (1770-1866)

Sammie Sanders played an active role in the early government affairs of Edmonson County, serving as a Justice of the Peace and magistrate around 1830. And in 1833, Sammie was appointed Sheriff by the Governor of Kentucky.

Samuel "Sammie" Sanders, Jr. died in 1866, at the age of 96 years.

The children of Samuel, Jr. and Nancy Sanders were: Elizabeth (ca 1793-) married Joseph Meredith. Edward (1794-1868) married twice and nicknamed "Ned". William (1798-) married Mary and later moved to Arkansas. John W. (1801-1886) married Mary "Polly" Meredith. Thomas (1803-1865) married to Susan Meredith, first and Sarah Anne Reynolds, second. Jemima (1805-1886) married Bradley Meredith. Samuel (1807-) married Elizabeth Gillespie and moved to Illinois. James Walter (1812-) married Nancy Meredith. Robert (1814-) married Harriett M. Jones and moved to Indiana. Nancy (1822-1906) married William Morrison. *Barry W. Downs*

SIMMONS-DAVIS

Robert Marion Davis born 1868 and died in 1947 married Doshie Simmons who died in February of 1919. Their children were: William Green, Hattie Jane, Robert Arthur, John White, Eula Mae, Lottie, Archie Clifton, Shirley Irene. *Submitted by: Janice Miller*

SKAGGS

Rev. Nathan Skaggs (Mar. 1, 1834-Mar. 5, 1910) was born in the "Forks" section of Edmonson County and was reared to manhood near the Good Spring Baptist Church to which he became a member in 1857. He was the son of Rev. William and Linsey Meredith Skaggs, being the fifth child born to that union.

Soon after joining Good Spring Church he was licensed to preach and preached the gospel in its purity for 52 long years. In preaching he was firm. He yielded to the whims of no man or men, but tried to understand the Bible. It was estimated after his death that he had preached between 1,200 and 1,300 funerals.



Rev. Nathan Skaggs

He was married to Martha Hill Jan. 25, 1865. To this union were born two children. The wife and one child dying and leaving him in lonely widowhood.

On Feb. 21, 1878, Nathan married Livonia A. Agee. To this union three children were born: Volanta (Skaggs) Moore (May 24, 1879-Dec. 28, 1968); Eugene G. Skaggs (1881-1959); and Serena (Skaggs) Lyles (Oct. 22, 1884-May 14, 1963).

Volanta married David Moore and had five children: Nora (Moore) Towe (Mar. 16, 1898-Apr. 28, 1974); Flora Moore (Nov. 25, 1900-Apr. 1, 1905); Ina (Moore) Hazelip (Jan. 27, 1905-Dec. 10, 1979); Henry Moore (Jan. 31, 1910-Jan. 19, 1978); and Harold Moore (Mar. 15, 1915) who married Mildred Lambert on Jan. 5, 1936 and is the compiler of this article.

To Harold and Mildred Moore were born six children: Patricia (Moore) Glasscock (Oct. 26, 1936); Nancy (Moore) Thomas (Apr. 28, 1938); Janette (Moore) Myer (Jan. 31, 1943); Cheryl (Moore) Blankenship (June 12, 1946); Nathan Criswell Moore (Jan. 4, 1949 and Sharon (Moore) Oliver (Oct. 26, 1953).

Rev. Nathan Skaggs served as pastor of Bays Fork Baptist Church in Warren Co., KY from May 1873 to June 1875, when he succeeded his father, William, who was the first pastor of Bays Fork, from April 1860 to April 1873.

Nathan and Livonia were lettered out of the Bays Fork on Dec. 9, 1882, and this coincides with the time that he moved to Allen County, on Trammel Creek, in the Harmony Baptist Church area where he later pastored and was buried. It is interesting to note that Nathan served as pastor of Bays Fork in 1904, after that he had moved to organize Little Elk Spring Baptist Church. He also helped constitute Bays Fork Baptist Church in Warren County.

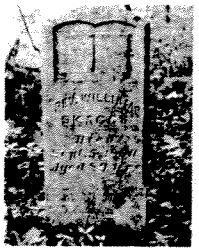
Between 1870 and 1873, Rev. William Skaggs moved back to Edmonson County and joined the Beaver Dam Baptist Church at Rhoda, where he remained a member until his death. He was laid to rest in the Squire Ray Cemetery near the Mammoth Cave National Park on Hwy. 70. Sarah, his second wife, followed him in death June 24, 1902, age 81 years.

Rev. William Skaggs served as moderator of the Green River Association at least three different times and the confidence that his brethren had in him is evinced in the fact that he was chosen to preach the introductory sermon before that body on nine occasions. He appeared as a messenger to the association 35 times in addition to the other offices. He pastored many churches during his lifetime, and at the close of one revival meeting at Good Spring, he helped baptize 42 converts. He was a strong man and one whose influence even continued into the next century. *Harold Moore*

SKAGGS

Rev. William Skaggs (Nov. 18, 1797-Sept. 5, 1886) was the son of Sarah Skaggs who came to Edmonson County at an early date. Sarah's husband may have been Aaron Skaggs but this hasn't been documented.

William's brothers were Richard (oldest born ca. 1781 Virginia); Jim, Henry and Aaron. These all came to Kentucky, with William being born three days after they passed through the Cumberland Gap, 1797, on their way to Adair Co., KY. The family lived in Adair County until after 1810, when they moved near old Henry Skaggs (Revolutionary War Soldier) in Grayson County. The mother, Sarah died about 1826 as her name disappears from the Edmonson Co. Tax list thereafter.



Rev. Wm. Skaggs' tombstone in the Squire Ray Cemetery.

Also living in the same area of Grayson-Edmonson Counties was Joseph Meredith who had settled on Rock Creek about 1809. Both William and Aaron married daughters of Joseph Meredith as revealed by Chancery Suit File No. 209, Edmonson County. Aaron married Susannah and William married Linsey.

Children of William and Linsey Skaggs:

1. Siller (born about 1828), 2. Susan (1829) married Elias Sander, 3. Amanda (1831), 4. Archibald (1832), 5. Nathan (Mar. 1, 1834-Mar. 5, 1910) married 1st Martha Hill; 2nd. Livona Agee. 6. James (1837).

After the death of Linsey Meredith, William married Sarah Ann Smith Mar. 17, 1846. Their children: 7. Frederick, 8. Francis M. married Lurendy Meredith, 9. William (born 1849 died 1930's Dallas, TX).

Rev. William Skaggs professed religion and was baptized in the year 1829. He was then living in the "Forks" of the Nolin and Green Rivers of Edmonson County. Shortly thereafter, when the Nolin United Baptist Church was constituted at the home of John Sanders, William became a member of that body. He was set apart in the ministry in the year 1838 by Nolin. In 1842, on the third Saturday in February he helped organize Good Spring Baptist Church. About 1863, Rev. William Skaggs and family moved to Warren County where he helped organize Little Elk Spring Baptist Church. He also helped constitute Bays Fork Baptist Church in Warren County.

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SKAGGS

Haskel Edward Skaggs was born on May 4, 1922 in the Reedyville community on the Edmonson and Butler counties line. He was the son of Clauda E. and Ethel Hudson Skaggs. Haskell's brother and sister were: Leroy md. Joyce Vincent, Catherine md. Thomas L. Overcast, Ruby md. James L. Meredith, Helen md. Noah K. Webb, Wallace md. Mary Brown, Jerry D. md. Colleen Slaughter.

At the age of three, Haskel's family moved to Lindseyville. Haskell lived there until he joined the Army at Fort Knox. Haskel was a member of the 1st Cavalry Division which became the 1st Armored Division. In 1941, Haskel went to Pine Camp, NY, and became part of the 4th Armored Division. Haskel spent a year in England preparing for the invasion of France.

Haskel's division landed 15 days after D-Day. He was wounded in a battle near the German border.

Haskel returned to Edmonson County in October of 1945. He met and married Bertha Thompson, the daughter of William T. and Flossie A. Doyle Thompson. They were married Oct. 20, 1945. This union lasted 41 years during which three children were born: Neva M., Michael E., Philliph C.

In 1952, Haskel began work at Mammoth Cave National Park. He worked there until 1977 when a heart condition forced his retirement. After his retirement, Haskel spent his time farming and enjoyed his grandchildren. He died on Sept. 1, 1986 and was buried at the Midway Cemetery in Lindseyville. *Berth Skaggs*

SKAGGS-BULLOCK

Tom was born Mar. 31, 1861 in Edmonson County. He was the son of James and Delilah Lashley Skaggs. He was a direct descendent of the first settlers in Edmonson County, or for that matter, the state of Kentucky. His father, James, fought for the Union in the Civil War, as did Sarah's father, James Bullock. Sarah was born February 1870. Her mother was Nancy F. Lindsey Bullock. She was raised by her grandfather, Joseph L. Lindsey, after the tragic deaths of her parents. Her mother caught her clothes on fire and burned to death and her father accidently shot and killed himself when his gun went off as he was preparing to go hunting.



James Thomas & Sarah Bullock Skaggs

Tom married first Fannie Rich. They were divorced with no children. He then married Elizabeth Potter July 6, 1880 in Edmonson County. They had two children: 1. James Thomas, died young, 2. Mary, md. W.R. Crowder Jan. 7, 1907.

After Elizabeth died Tom married Sarah Sept. 9, 1886 in Edmonson County. They lived and raised their family there. They had 13 children:

1. Palestine b. August 1888 d. Nov. 18, 1926 md. William P. Lindsey June 4, 1908. 2. Eugene b. December 1889 d. Aug. 27, 1920 WW I Vet. md. Zora Crowder Mar. 3, 1916. 3. Lucy Ann b. April 1891 d. 1925 md. Jesse Willard Harris Jan. 25, 1910. 4. Robert Rance b. June 1892 d. 1973 md. 1. Rose A. Whooberry Mar. 1, 1910 md. 2. Mary Evelyn Bennett Oct. 27, 1936. 5. Della Mae b. May 1894 d. 1974 md. Ed Vincent Aug. 9, 1910. 6. John Sherman b. August 1895 d. Oct. 22, 1918. 7. Charlie Thurman b. April 1897 d. 1977 md. 1. Nannie Elder Nov. 2, 1919 2. Pearl Vincent Dec. 12, 1929. 8. Clauda Erman b. Dec. 1, 1899 md. Ethyl Hudson Nov. 19, 1922. Served as Edmonson County jailer 1946-1954 and 1958-1966. 9. Audie Lee b. 1902 d. 1918 or 1919. 10. Chloie Myrtle b. 1904 d. June 19, 1918. 11. Paul Hillary b. 1906 md. Josie Browning Nov. 29, 1925. 12. Pauline b. 1908 md. Dewey Browning. 13. Willard Carter died when baby.

Tom died June 18, 1929 and Sarah died in 1923. They are buried at Holly Springs Cemetery at Grassland, as are some of their children. *Written by Opal Harris Meredith*

SKAGGS-LASHLEY

James was born Apr. 18, 1830, son of William and Polly Harrison Skaggs. William was the son of Jeremiah and Rebecca Mayes Skaggs. Jeremiah was the son of James Skaggs, a long hunter, who according to many accounts, along with his brother Henry, were the first two white men in Kentucky. He was one of the first five Baptist preachers in Kentucky. He had a 450 acres land grant signed by Patrick Henry May 8, 1786 and a 150 acre land grant signed by Isaac Shelby May 8, 1792. Jeremiah and Rebecca Mayes were married in Nelson County, Dec. 2, 1792 with the consent of her father, Matthew Mayes. Jeremiah migrated into Missouri where he died in 1841, leaving a will. He left $1.00 each to three sons in Edmonson County, William, Matthew, and Jeremiah, Jr. William and Polly Harrison were married in Warren County June 19, 1817. Polly was the daughter of Carter and Sary Harrison and is believed to be a close relative of Benjamin Harrison.

Delilah Lashley was born in June, 1830, daughter of John and Nancy Lashley. She and James were married in Edmonson County Jan. 7, 1851. The 1900 Edmonson County census lists them as having ten children, but we only have the names of eight:

1. John Will b. 1852 md. Elizabeth Morris July 23, 1874. 2. Anthony b. 1856 md. Mary Crump Jan. 2, 1881. 3. James Thomas (Tom) b. Mar. 31, 1861 d. June 19, 1929 md. 1. Fannie Rich 2. Elizabeth Potter June 6, 1880 3. Sarah Bullock Sept. 9, 1886. 4. Lewis



James & Delilah Lashley Skaggs

Warner b. 1863 md. Martha A. Rich July 31, 1885. 5. Mason B. 1867 md. Mary Ann Smith July 12, 1888. 6. Louanna b. July 22, 1870 d. Apr. 9, 1940 md. Joe Rich July 10, 1887. 7. Kitty b. 1873 md. James M. Smith May 30, 1889. 8. Creasey b. 1873 md. a Sowders.

James and all his brothers but one were Civil War veterans. James was in Co. G. 17th Ky. Volunteer Cavalry. He enrolled Sept. 1, 1864, at the age of 34 years. He mustered in Dec. 3, 1864 at Russellville and mustered out Sept. 20, 1865 at Louisville. He was described as being 5'8", fair complexion, light hair, and blue eyes. The 17th regiment did good service in the southern part of Kentucky along the Louisville and Nashville R.R., guarding that major military thoroughfare. They were engaged in numerous skirmishes in which they suffered loss, including battles at Hopkinsville, Bunker Hill, and Lyon County. James suffered a partial disability brought on by overheat, exhaustion, and fevers in the battle at Hopkinsville. He was on the U.S. Pension Roll.

It is interesting to note that despite his small size, he was noted throughout the county to quickly defeat anyone that might challenge him therefore acquiring the nickname "Jim Fleekin".

When Delilah died June 20, 1900, James married Nancy Willis, widow of Lewis Willis Dec. 6, 1900. He died Mar. 4, 1909. James and Delilah are buried at the Lutrell Graveyard. *Written by Opal Harris Meredith*

CHARLIE THURMAN SKAGGS

Charlie was born in Edmonson County on Apr. 9, 1898, the middle child of James Thomas Skaggs and Sarah Bullock Skaggs. There were six older and six younger children. Charlie lived in Edmonson County and was a farmer most all of his life except for working at the Kyrock Asphalt Plant for a short period.



Charlie T. Skaggs

He first married Nannie Elder Nov. 2, 1919 in Edmonson County and to this union four children were born. Laymon Carter Skaggs, born July 22, 1920. Laymon married Lorene McGrew and had seven children. Sarah, Glendal, Wendal, Brenda, Linda, Penny and Billy Joe . Laymon died Mar. 30, 1982. Berthel Leemon Skaggs, born Jan. 19, 1922, married Elaine Lindsey Apr. 26, 1946 and they had three children-Marcia, Myra and Melody. Bert and his family live in Edmonson County. Oleda was born in 1925, died 1933. Cuma Myrtle died in infancy. Nannie was born in 1900 and died 1927.

Then Charlie married Pearl Vincent, born in Edmonson County Aug. 14, 1904. Pearl was the daughter of Mitch and Betty Vincent. Pearl was the widow first of James Campbell Logan and had one son, James Campbell Logan, Jr. James married Mary Frances Harrison and they had two children-Patsy and Mark. James lives in Bowling Green, KY. Pearl's second marriage was to Oscar Higgs and they had two children, Ernest Higgs, born Mar. 12, 1926, died Mar. 16, 1972, and Mildred Higgs Owens, born Mar. 25, 1928. Mildred married Roger Owens and they had one son, Ernest. Mildred lives in Bowling Green.

Charlie married Pearl Dec. 12, 1929 and they had eight children: Pauline Skaggs Bunch, born May 16, 1931. Pauline married Billy Bunch May 17, 1958 and they had six children, Jenny, Billie Ranee, Lola, Julie, Billy II and Laura Jane. Pauline and her family live in Bowling Green.

Myrtle Ruth Skaggs Brilley, born Sept. 27, 1933. Myrtle married Johnny Brilley and had five children, Barry, Steven, Timothy Bert, Martin Jon, and Kristina Ruth. Myrtle and her family live in Decatur, IL.

Pat Spencer Skaggs, born Dec. 7, 1935. Pat married Ruth Madison and had three children, Keith, Kevin, and Karen. Pat was killed while deer hunting at Fort Knox, KY Nov. 13, 1971.

Fonce Lee Skaggs born Feb. 26, 1938. Fonce married Geneva Carter and they had twin girls, Teresa and Lisa. On July 30, 1986, Fonce married Lana Borland and they now live in Edmonson County.

Bertha Ellen Skaggs Page, born Jan. 23, 1940. Bertha married Edd Page and had five children, Sherri, Eddie Jr., Mike, Chuck and Jamie. Bertha and her family live in Cerritos, CA.

Charles Arthur Skaggs, born May 23, 1942, died Jan. 31, 1943.

Lonnie Thurman Skaggs, born Nov. 14, 1943. Lonnie married Judi Owen and had two children, Patrick Lee and Micky. Lonnie lives in Marysville, CA.

Wilmalene Skaggs Woosley, born Feb. 15, 1950, married Donnie Woosley and had two children, Marla and Carla. Wilma lives in Indiana.

Pearl died in Warren Co., KY on Oct. 21, 1969. Charlie died Sept. 9, 1977 at Bowling Green-Warren County Hospital. They are both buried at Midway Cemetery at Midway Baptist Church, Lindseyville, KY where they were both members. *Written by their daughter, Pauline Skaggs Bunch*

CLAUDA ERMAN SKAGGS

Clauda was born Dec. 1, 1899 in Edmonson County. He is the fifth son of James Thomas (Tom) and Sarah Bullock Skaggs. He professed faith in Christ the first Sunday night of January 1920. He is a member of Pleasant Union Baptist Church.



Clauda & Ethel Skaggs

He married Ethel Hudson, daughter of Lovin and Polly Elder Hudson at the age of 22. They were the parents of eight children:

1. Haskel, who married Bertha Thompson. They had three children, Neva, Michael, and Phillip. Haskell died Sept. 1, 1986 and is buried at Lindseyville Cemetery at Midway Baptist Church.
2. Leila May, who died an infant Feb. 22, 1924 and is buried at the Holly Springs Cemetery at Grassland.
3. Leroy, who married Joyce Vincent. They have three children, Debra, Cindy, and Terry. Leroy died Apr. 30, 1980 and is buried at Lindseyville Cemetery at Midway Baptist Church.
4. Catherine, who married Thomas Overcast. They have two children, Donald and Sandra.
5. Ruby, who married James Meredith. They have three children, Regenia, Steve, and Cliff.
6. Helen, who married Noah Webb. They have three children, Marcella, Belinda Kay, and Noah, Jr.
7. Wallace, who married Mary Brown. They have six children, Allen, Bridgett, Jeffrey, Tara, Tommy, and Sandy.
8. Jerry, who married Colline Slaughter. They have three children, Renee, Hope, and Mitzi.

Clauda was a farmer in his younger years and was employed at the Kyrock Asphalt Co. In 1945 he was elected jailer of Edmonson County. In 1949 he was elected his second term. He was the first in Edmonson County to be elected the second term in over 100 years. He served four terms. He was loved and respected greatly by the people he served and the inmates respected him for the care, guidance, and advice he gave them.

In December, 1964, he moved to his farm near Mammoth Cave Park in the Arthur Community. He farmed until he retired in 1965.

His wife Ethel passed away Jan. 20, 1974 and is buried at Lindseyville Cemetery at Midway Baptist Church. Clauda lived alone after her death.

November 22, 1987 he suffered a heart attack and is staying with his daughter Helen, until he can return to his home. *Written by Helen Skaggs Webb*

"COWBOY JACK" SKAGGS

Clarence E. "Cowboy Jack" Skaggs was born June 9, 1908, in the Fairview community of Edmonson County. He is the son of Fletch and Ermine Smith Skaggs.

When he was 17, Clarence went to work in Milwaukee, WI. On the urging of some friends, he entered an amateur talent contest. The grand prize was 25 dollars, which was quite a bundle in the 1920's. Skaggs' talent was singing and playing the guitar. For his performance, he sang "Letter Edged in Black". He won. And that was just the beginning.



The Golden West Cowboys on tour with Gene Autry. Front row: Eddie Cantor and Gene Autry. Back row: Curley Rodes, Milton Estes, Little Texas Daisy Rodes (Curley's sister), Pee Wee King, Cowboy Jack Skaggs and Ab Sims.

Several jobs in radio were to follow this young man from Edmonson County. His first radio stint was at WRJN in Racine, WI. Soon afterward, he accepted a job offer at WTMJ in Milwaukee; he sang solo and played the guitar.

A career change would lead Skaggs in the direction of groups. He would join the Badger Ramblers, a four-piece country band. Then, it was on to the Oklahoma Nightriders, a six or seven piece show and dance band. The Badger State Barn Dance was his next group. It was during this time that the Murray Sisters labeled him "Cowboy Jack". That name has remained his trademark. Later, he went on tour with the Uncle Ezra Waters Show, which was out of New York.

It was while he was traveling with the Water's Show that Cowboy met Joe L. Frank, Pee Wee King's father-in-law. Frank was in the process of putting together a group which he would call The Golden West Cowboys. Pee Wee King, Milton Estes and Ab Sims were already part of the group. It was at a show in Tennessee that J.L. Frank saw the Uncle Ezra Waters Show. He immediately offered Cowboy, as well as Curley Rodes and his sister, Daisy Rodes, a place in The Golden West Cowboys. They accepted his offer and gave the Waters Show two-weeks notice.

Two weeks later the group was on the air at a radio station in Louisville, KY. They had only broadcast three times when the flood of 1937 struck. While in Louisville, the group also played at WAVE. They were asked to audition for a spot at WSM in Nashville. That audition turned into a five year stint on WSM and the Grand Ole Opry. Thus, The Golden West Cowboys established their place in early days of country music. At that time, The Golden West Cowboys were known as the leading group of WSM and the Grand Ole Opry.

In 1938, the group was winding-up a date of eight shows at New Hope, AL, when J.L. Frank, their manager, called to tell them to get back to Nashville as soon as possible. Something big was in the works. They got to Nashville at two o'clock Saturday morning, played the Opry three times Saturday night, packed their clothes and headed to Hollywood. Tuesday morning the group cut the sound-track for the movie "Gold Mine in the Sky," which would star Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette, Carol Hughes and The Golden West Cowboys. This was Autry's first movie after his strike against Republic Studios. The outside scenes for the movie were filmed at King's Camp, a locale situated in the mountains about 80 miles from Hollywood.

This was the only movie that Cowboy Jack would make. Many of the other members of the group went to make more films and diversified themselves in other avenues of the entertainment world. After the movie was completed, The Golden West Cowboys traveled doing shows with Gene Autry for about six months. Cowboy Jack remembers that many Edmonson Countians traveled to Cave City to watch the movie on the "silver screen."

The year 1941, would bring much change to our nation. World War II had just begun and Cowboy Jack went to serve his country. This was the beginning of the end of Cowboy's performing career. His last public performance took place just prior to his entry into the service.

After his discharge, Cowboy worked in Detroit and Milwaukee. He left there and returned to Edmonson County where he began farming. At one time, he operated a grocery store in Rhoda. Later, Skaggs worked at the prison at LaGrange, from which he retired.

Currently, Cowboy Jack resides in Brownsville. And he still looks every bit the part of a cowboy. *Rick Carroll*

ELIZABETH JANE MORRIS SKAGGS

The youngest child of Hirum and Million Morris was a daughter, Elizabeth Jane who married John Will Skaggs.



Eliza Jane Morris Skaggs

All old photographs of this family were provided by Mrs. Blanche Demunbrum. John Will and Eliz Jane had children, Reuben, Angie, Robert, Rance, Noah, Lon and Lou Cynthia. John Will and Eliz Jane son Noah wed Lizzie McCrady and their children Lillian wed Charlie Whittle; Blanche wed Truman Demundrum; Stinson wed Grace Houchin; Kenneth wed Ruth Houchin; Warner wed Erma Basham; Donald wed Dorothy Crawford and James wed Freeda Vincent. Truman and Blanche have two sons, Truman Weldon and Murphy. *Mrs. C.C. Mitchell*

EUGENE SKAGGS

Eugene Skaggs, oldest son of James Thomas "Tom" and Sarah Bullock Skaggs, was born Dec. 11, 1889. He married Zora Crowder Mar. 31, 1916, in Edmonson Co., KY.

Zora born Aug. 2, 1900 was the daughter of William Rilly and Jane Saling Crowder. William R. was born Aug. 29, 1860 to James and Polly Crowder. Jane was born May 16, 1868 to Muriel and Marianne Miller Saling. W.R. and Jane had four children: Obed, Agie, Zora, and Oren Crowder.



Eugene & Zora Crowder Skaggs

Eugene and Zora had one child: Nina Elna Skaggs born Mar. 8, 1917. Zora died Apr. 11, 1918 and Eugene was drafted into the U.S. Army Sept. 1, 1918. He left Nina, 18 months old, with his mother, Sarah, to care for until his return.

Eugene served in the army and was discharged July 16, 1919, disabled and died Aug. 27, 1922. Eugene and Zora were buried at the Luttrell Cemetery near Brownsville. After Sarah and James Thomas died, Nina lived with her Uncle Obed and Aunt Annie Davis Crowder for many years then she moved to Brownsville and lived with Dave and Lillie Alexander, Walter and Donnie Skaggs Davis, and others while going to school.

Nina married Sol Tunks Dec. 22, 1934 in Jeffersonville, IN. They moved to the Lindseyville community.

They had two children: Sol Eugene Tunks born July 2, 1939 and Marianne Elizabeth Tunks born Oct. 8, 1955. Sol died Jan. 21, 1957, was buried in Lindseyville Cemetery, Nina and children moved to Burna Park, CA.

Sol Eugene married Georgia McCallum July 2, 1961 and they had two children: Hope Renee Tunks born July 31, 1962 and Kathleen Ellen Tunks born Apr. 19, 1968.

Hope Renee married Todd Davis June 12, 1982. They had one child Faith Renee born Mar. 21, 1985.

Marianne Elizabeth Tunks married Steven Ray Stevens III Dec. 7, 1973. They had two children: Heather Susan Stevens born Mar. 9, 1977 and Joshua Eugene Stevens born May 25, 1984.

In 1984, Nina Skaggs Tunks moved back to Edmonson Co., KY and made her home in Brownsville.

Sol Eugene Tunks and family made their home in California. Marianne Elizabeth Tunks Stevens and family made their home in New Jersey.

GERTRUDE SKAGGS

Gertrude Ferguson (1895-1978) was born in the Rhoda community June 17, 1895 and the fourth child of Hamilton and Dorthula Stice Ferguson. Hamilton Ferguson was the son of Hugh Ferguson and Mary Ellen Serviss Ferguson who lived in Haversham Co., GA at the time of his birth. Dorthula Stice was the second child of James W. and Nancy Kelly Stice who were also natives of Edmonson County.



Gertrude Skaggs

Gertie grew up in the Rhoda/Arthur community where she attended the local public schools and where she joined the Bell Key Methodist Church at an early age. The other children in this family were: Lemuel who married Della Sanders, Tandy who married Velma Wells, Maggie Morea who married Herbert Hazelip, Leonidas Fletcher (Bob) who married Jewel Logan and Mabel who never married. Dorthula Ferguson died when Gertie was nine years old and Mabel and Bob were younger. A few years later Hamilton married Fannie Tunks and they had no children. The family moved from Rhoda to Brownsville then settled on a farm in the Chalybeate community near Chameleon Springs where the hotel was operating at that time. After attending the available public schools, Gertie received teacher training in what was known as subscription schools conducted by Miss Tandy McIntyre in Brownsville.

On Mar. 20, 1918, Gertie married Smith Skaggs at Rhoda whereupon they began a short residence with Smith's brother Martin Skaggs. A biographical sketch of Smith Skaggs appears in this volume containing information on their family and various aspects of their lives during the next 60 years.

Gertie suffered a serious attack of influenza in her early years which left her with a severely damaged heart and rendered her an invalid the rest of her life. She was a highly intelligent and capable woman who taught her children practical things as well as the important Christian values. She was an excellent seamstress, a wonderful cook, and although physically unable to do many of the activities of homemaking, she managed her household and her garden with an ability to envy. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother whose main concern in life was her family. She died at Bowling Green, KY in her 83rd year and is buried beside Smith in the Kinser Cemetery.

JOHN WILLIAM SKAGGS

John "Will" Skaggs (1852-1939) was the son of a soldier of the Civil War James Thomas "Jim Fleekin" Skaggs (1830-c1910) and Delilah Lashley (1830-1900) of Edmonson County.

Records indicate that John William Skaggs' ancestors were residents along the Nolin and Green River waterways long before the 1825 creation of Edmonson County and indeed his grandfather William T. (1797-1861) is known to have owned and lived on the "Gillis Vincent Farm" on the north bank of Green River near Brownsville as early as 1819. The area north of the river was then part of Grayson County before becoming part of Edmonson County. Jeremiah Skaggs, the father of this William T. Skaggs was also known to be an early resident of Grayson County, as was his presumed father Henry Skaggs (son of Long Hunter James Skaggs of Green County).

Edmonson County Skaggs cousins of John William of close kin include the William Henry Harrison Skaggs descendants colloquially referred to as the "Gander" Skaggses and the "Razor Back" Skaggses who also generally resided north of the Green River in Edmonson County. More distant cousins referred to as the "Gid" Skaggses generally resided south of the river and Brownsville.

In 1874, John William Skaggs was married to Elizabeth Morris who was a school teacher and sister to Noah Morris, Edmonson County's prominent County Court Clerk prior to the turn of the century. To this union there were born Mary Angeline (Sanders) (1875-1958), Reuben Erasmus (1876-1937), James Ransom (1878-1960), Noah Morris (1879-1968), Robert Miller (1882-1964), Lucinthia Jane (Lindsey) (1884-1973) and Mason Alonzo (1887-1948).

John "Will" and his wife Betty are buried at the Steep Hollow Church Cemetery.

NOAH MORRIS SKAGGS

Noah Morris Skaggs (1879-1968) was born in the Steep Hollow community of Edmonson County just north of Green River and Brownsville. His father, John William Skaggs (1852-1939), was a descendant of the Longhunter James Skaggs of Green Co., KY and his mother, Elizabeth Morris (1845-1924), was the daughter of Hiram and Millian Blair Morris, another pioneering family of Edmonson County.

Noah Morris Skaggs grew up hearing the Civil War stories of his grandfather James Thomas "Jim Fleekin" Skaggs (1830-c1910)

who fought with the Union, whereas some of his brothers and cousins were Confederate sympathizers and soldiers. After the war "Jim Fleekin" returned to the Steep Hollow community of Edmonson County where he raised his family.

In 1900, Noah Morris Skaggs was married to Elizabeth McCrady, daughter of Samuel H. and Armenda Keeton McCrady of the Mt. Zion community. To this union were born Blanche, b. 1907 who married Truman H. Demunbrun, Lillian, b. 1911 who married Charles E. Whittle and five sons, viz. Stinson, b. 1912 who married Grace Houchin of Steep Hollow; Warner A., b. 1918, who married Erma Basham of the Sweden community, and later, Sarah Ruth of Grayson County; Kenneth H., b. 1920, who married Ruth Houchin, sister of Stinson's wife Grace; James H., b. 1922, who married Freda Vincent of Brownsville; and Donald M., b. 1924, who married Dorothy Crawford of Standford, KY.

Noah Morris Skaggs was for many years lockmaster of Lock No. 6 at Brownsville, an active Mason and staunch member of the Steep Hollow Baptist Church. He and his wife "Lizzie" were buried in the church cemetery.

SMITH SKAGGS

Smith Skaggs, the youngest child of William Aaron and Judy Martin Skaggs, was born July 22, 1885 on a farm near the Turn Hole crossing of Green River in Edmonson Co., KY. William Aaron Skaggs, the son of Aaron Skaggs and Susannah Meredith Skaggs who were doubly related by having both Skaggs and Meredith ancestry. They were descendants of Charles Skaggs, one of the Long Hunters who made protracted hunting trips into Kentucky from southwestern Virginia before the American Revolution.

William Aaron at the age of 18 first married Mary Dodge in 1836 in Hardin Co., KY and to this union were born 13 children. His second marriage was to Judy Martin in 1875 and to this union were born eight children. At the time of Smith's birth, his father had great-grandchildren. His two oldest half brothers, Thomas and Martin, had fought in the Civil War.

Judy Martin was the daughter of Joseph Martin who moved from Barren County and settled on Green River after the Civil War. Smith spent his early childhood in the rural community where most of the related families were named Brooks, Houchin, Martin, Meredith, Sanders, Skaggs, and Webb. William Aaron died July 30, 1896. Judy Martin Skaggs died Apr. 5, 1917 and they are buried beside each other in the churchyard of Bell Key Methodist Church at Rhoda, KY.

After William Aaron died, Smith and his mother went to live with his half brother, Martin Skaggs, in the Rhoda/Fairview communities. At age 12 he and his mother established their own home and often shared it with his sister Martha and her blind husband Will Hazelip and also his sister Ellen "Bird" and her two sons. For the next 20 years Smith worked as a farmer, handyman, railroad tie maker and as a driver and caretaker at both the Chalybeate Springs and Chameleon Springs hotels. He was married to Gertrude Ferguson on Mar. 20, 1918 at Rhoda, KY, by Bro. Russell Slaughter.

Soon after their marriage, Smith and Gertie moved to Logan Co., KY where Smith worked in timber and farming for ten years. They were the parents of four children, namely, Walter (now deceased), who married Nettie Lindsey; Carl, who married Arlene Lovell; Evelyn, who married Vollie Parker, and Glen Conner, who married Rosemary Hoffman. Smith moved his family back to Edmonson County in the fall of 1928 and settled into the Chalybeate community. In 1940 he built a house with his own hands on the Brownsville/Chalybeate road just north of Chalybeate Springs. Smith and Gertie spent the next 35 years at this residence.

Smith was raised in the old school where a farmer learned to do most anything required to keep a farm running and to care for a variety of livestock. Smith was a man of high moral character; he was honest to a fault; he was rough when the situation required it but was also kind and sensitive; he was a devoted husband and father and adored Gertie for more than 50 years. He died in his 92nd year in a nursing home in Morgantown, KY and is buried in the Kinser Cemetery.

ALPHA MATRON SPAINHOWARD SKOUSON

Alpha Matron Spainhoward Skouson was born Oct. 14, 1888, in Brownsville, daughter of John Melvin Spainhoward (son of Daniel Green Spainhoward and Nancy Reason Roof) and his wife, Lou Dicy Jane Vincent (daughter of William Vincent and Judith Ann Blair). Alpha had one sister, Nancy Ollie Anne, and four brothers-William Adrian, Jesse Wilton, John Luther, and the youngest, Earl, who was adopted. She also had a half-brother, Lawrence, when her father married Rosetta Johnson in his later life.



John Luther Spainhoward and Alpha Matron Spainhoward & Lou Dicy Jane Vincent Spainhoward John Melvin Spainhoward.

Alpha, many years younger than her older sister, spent many hours alone as a child, absorbed with her paper dolls and her books, particularly English history. When she grew older, she helped her mother raise the three boys they took in-Everett and Elbert, who were the sons of Alpha's brother Adrian, and Earl. She also nursed her mother through many illnesses, including the lengthy last illness that caused her death on May 1, 1917. Alpha also nursed her brother Jesse, who, as a soldier in World War I, contracted tubercular meningitis. He died on May 19, 1920. Alpha was also employed as the Postmistress in Asphalt.

During this time, Alpha met a young Mormon missionary named Peter James Skouson. She joined the Mormon Church in 1921, and married Elder Skouson on Sept. 18, 1923. After their honeymoon in Salt Lake City, they moved to Colonia Dublan, Chichuahua, Mexico, accompanied by her brother Earl, who stayed with them for some time before returning to Kentucky.

Two daughters were born in Mexico-Eveletta, born Jan. 7, 1925; and Hazel, born Apr. 10, 1926. When Hazel was a baby, Eveletta had typhoid; being an experienced nurse, Alpha rocked Eveletta in her arms while she pushed Hazel's buggy with her foot. The youngest child, Ruth, was born Jan. 21, 1928, after they had moved to El Paso, TX. They lived in El Paso for many years, until they moved to Mesa, AZ in 1945. By this time, Eveletta had married Rey D. Black, and Hazel had moved to Salt Lake City, so only Ruth was left at home. Ruth married Rodney O. Bradshaw in 1951, and by the time Hazel married James W. Eckersley, Jr. in 1952, Alpha's husband was so stricken with arthritis that they were unable to attend the ceremony. Alpha nursed him, in spite of her heart condition, until his death on Nov. 24, 1956.

Alpha spent her remaining years living with, and then near, her daughter Ruth and her family. Although Alpha missed Jim, she found much happiness being so close to her children and grandchildren, and enjoyed her life thoroughly until she suffered from a stroke on July 22, 1973, from which she did not recover. She died on Aug. 3, 1973 in Mesa, AZ.

JOHN LEWIS SMITH

John Lewis Smith was born Feb. 7, 1815, and is believed to be the son of David and Sally Skidmore Smith. David was the son of Frederick Smith, who served as a major in the North Carolina Line during the Revolutionary War and who came to Kentucky about 1810.

John was first married to Margaret Jane Doyel on Mar. 10, 1836, in Edmonson County. Margaret was the daughter of John and Nancy Doyel and the granddaughter of Gregory and Martha Gott Doyel. Shortly after their marriage John and Margaret settled on land they bought adjoining her widowed mother located between the Green River and Cedar Spring Valley.

They had the following children: 1. David McGuire (1836-?). 2. Nancy Jane (1837-?), married Alfred Whittle. 3. Sarah E. (c. 1840-?). 4. Lucinda F. (1842-1907), married Wash Age. 5. Martha M. (1844-?). 6. James Robert (1846-?). 7. Margaret Ann (1847-?), married A.S. Houchin. 8. Mary Lewis (1850-?), married William Beckner. 9. Essline Walker (1852-1912), married John Yancy Age.

In 1854 Margaret Doyel Smith died of scrofula, a tubercular disease. John then married Cecelia Whittle, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Whittle, in 1855. John and Cecelia had the following children:

10. Georgia Ann (1856-?), married Jasper N. Sanders. 11. John Cap (1858-1904), married Mary E. "Tink" Meredith and was killed by Jim Gentry during an argument. 12. Sarah? (1859-?). 13. Lucy Jane (1861-1925), married Larkin J. Sanders. 14. George Washington (1863-?). 15. Isaac Jefferson (1868-?). 16. Millie Milviney (1869-1967), married Nelce Evans. *Vonnell Doyel-Tingle*

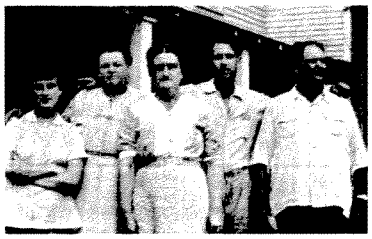
SOWDERS FAMILY

My name is Christine Sowders Pruitt. I am the daughter of Benjamen Harrison Sowders and Hallie Jewell (Johnson) Sowders. My Mother's parents were Andrew Johnson and Mahala Dee (Brown) Johnson. They were the parents of four children. They are:

Christopher-died as a small boy. Alice-married Dolph Kinser, Ann-married Leslie Johnson. Hallie Jewell-married Benjamen Harrison Sowders.

My Father's parents were William Hartford Sowders and Caroline (Gross) Sowders. They had 11 children. They were:

Benjamen Harrison-married Hallie Jewell Johnson. Jacob Newton-married Lucille Wingfield. Samuel McKinley-never married. Jane-married Ed Wingfield. Tildy-married Pete Young. Palestine-married Jack Scaggs. Belle-married Andy Scaggs. Ann-married Rile Hunt. Myrtle-married Mr. Wolf. George-married Sally? James-married?



Sowders Family

My Father, Benjamen Harrison married Hallie Jewell and they had six children. They are: Margie, Mattie Foe, Irene, Christine, William Herman and Herschel Anderson (twins) with Herschel dying at five months of age. Our Mother died Oct. 25, 1918 of the flu, leaving our Father to raise four small children.

Our Father then married Edna B. Bracken, the daughter of Robert and Laura (Haynes) Bracken of Flatrock, KY. They had six children. They are: Jessie Hubert, Raymond Gilbert, Harrison, Mary Laura, Bertha Mae, and Edna Ruth.

We feel that our stepmother was very good to us and we all grew up solid as a rock, loving one another as brothers and sisters.

Benjamen and Hallie's children are: Margie-stillborn, Mattie Foe-married Fred Greathouse, a widower with one small daughter named Sue Helen. They also had two sons Fred Junior and William H. Greathouse. Irene-first married Glen Johnson then later married Eldon Bracken no children. Christine (that's me)-married Clyde Pruitt. No children. William Herman-married Lois Christine Sowders. They had six children. They are: Anna Lucille, Jewell Dean, Betty Jean and Raymond Roger (died as small babies), Charles Eugene (deceased) and Mary Ruth.

Herman's wife Christine died and he later married Gladys Perfay (Ward) Belk.

Now for Benjamen and Edna's children. They are: Jessie Hubert-married Lucille Tinsley. They had three children Jessie Robert, Benjamen Allen, and Linda Fae. Mary Laura-married Mansfield Adamson and they had three children. They are Eldon Mansfield, Joyce Christine, and Nancy Louise. She later married William Spears and had two daughters named Judy Mae and Billiann. Raymond Gilbert-married Mary Evelyn Colen and they had two daughters named Denita Marie and Phyllis Gwenlyn. He later married Leatrice Ann Dell and they had a son Jody Ray and one adopted daughter named Carol Ann. Bertha Mae-married Robert Raines and they had two sons named David Earl and James Paul. Harrison-married Dorothy Ann Sorrenti and they had three children named Benjamen Harrison, Laura Ann, and Gary Allen. Edna Ruth-married George Dragoo and they had three children. They are: Kenneth Allen, Martha Jean and Brenda Kay.

As you can see we are a very large family. Although we live in many different states, we keep in close touch with affection for one another.

SPAINHOWARD

John Luther Spainhoward was born Dec. 5, 1893 in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the son of John Melvin Spainhoward and Lou Dicy Jane Vincent.

John Melvin married Lou Dicy Vincent May 2, 1870. Both John Melvin and Lou Dicy were born in Edmonson County. John M. was born July 29, 1850 and Lou Dicy July 13, 1851.



John Luther Spainhoward - Louella Tillerson Spainhoward

John Melvin was the son of Daniel Green and Nancy Reason Roof Spainhoward. Daniel and Nancy were married July 29, 1847. Daniel was born in Edmonson County on Mar. 10, 1826 and died Mar. 15, 1856. Daniel was the son of Thomas and Sarah ? Spainhoward. It is thought that Thomas was born about 1797 in North Carolina.

John Luther met Louella Tillerson and they were married Oct. 21, 1914. They met in Hebbardsville, KY when John came down the Green River on a raft of logs on the way to Evansville, IN. They lived on a farm in Hebbardsville for one year and moved back to Edmonson County. While in Edmonson County they had two children: Aubrey Augustus and Elsie Ruth. They moved back to Hebbardsville, Henderson Co., KY where they had four more children: Claude Thomas, James Carlton, William Elmer, and John Walker. John Luther was a farmer until he retired. After retirement, he and Louella moved to Henderson, KY. John Luther died Oct. 30, 1971 in Henderson and Louella died Dec. 7, 1978 in Henderson.

The writer is David Alan Spainhoward who is married to Susan Ligon Spainhoward. They were married Sept. 9, 1972 in Spottsville, Henderson Co., KY where they still reside with their two children, Mark and Cari. David is the son of James Carlton and Virginia Stone Spainhoward. James C. and Virginia had three other sons, William Carlton, Glenn Earl, and Terry Lee. *David A. Spainhoward*

BRIAN STARNES

Brian Alan Starnes was born Feb. 14, 1974, at Bowling Green, KY. Brian is the only child of Donald and Sharon Starnes. The Starnes family moved to Edmonson County in 1986, from Rockfield, KY.

Brian's paternal grandparents are Joy Cecil and Lora May Hacker Starnes, who live in Indiana. Joy Cecil is the son of Jack and Alma Starnes.

Brian's maternal grandparents are Curtis D. and Margaret Helen Anderson Wilson, who live in Edmonson County. Curtis is the son of Bufford and Maggie Wells Wilson. Helen is the daughter of W.K. and Reba Anderson.

Brian attended kindergarten at Kiddie Korner, in Bowling Green. He then attended Rockfield Elementary School, grades one through six. In 1986, he attended Edmonson County Middle School, grades seven and eight. Brian will graduate in 1992, from Edmonson County High.

THOMAS JEFFERSON STEPHENS

Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Stephens (1850-1942), a long time resident of Edmonson County was born Feb. 17, 1850 on Indian Creek near Fountain Run in Barren Co., KY to Joseph (1797-1866) and Nancy Garman (1805-1876) Stephens. Tom was the youngest of 17 children, 11 of whom lived to adulthood. The 11 children included:

Elizabeth (m. Phillip Tinsley), Annie (m. Joe Dossey), Sallie (m. Henry Thomas), Emily (m. Johnathan Dossey), Kitty Ann (m. Jeff Dossey), Martha (m. Smith Bishop), Nancy (m. James McIntire), James (m. (1) Dossey (2) Benedict (3) Tarter), Joseph (m.

Elizabeth Faulkner), Isaac (m. Margaret Faulkner), Thomas Jefferson (m. Helon Slemmons).

Tom's father died in 1866 and is buried in the family cemetery on the farm near Fountain Run.

Tom moved with his widowed mother to Edmonson County near Cherry Spring and the Hart County line in 1874. Here his mother died in December 1876 and she is buried in the Cherry Spring cemetery immediately behind the church.

On Jan. 2, 1877 Tom married Helon Slemmons (1862-1934), daughter of John W. (1829-1903) and Sinai Davis ( ) Slemmons who lived in Edmonson County near the Hart County line on the south side of Green River. Great Onyx Cave was later discovered under the John W. Slemmons farm.

Tom and Helon had four children who lived to adulthood. These included: Mossie E. (1877) m. E.E. Whittle (1898), Willie Ann (1885) m. R.H. Parsley (1903), Henry Clarence (1887) m. Valeria Age (1910), Joseph Dempsey (1890) m. Elsie Higginbotham (1916).

Tom Stephens was a farmer and logger and lived most of his married life near Mammoth Cave and Brownsville, KY. In 1881 his brother Joseph and wife died in Missouri leaving four small children under 12 years of age. Tom traveled to Missouri, closed his brother's affairs, and brought the four children back to Kentucky. Tom raised the two boys Harvey (1869-1945) and Jeff( ). The two girls Rachel and ( ) were raised by relatives in Barren County near Fountain Run.

Tom and Helon remained married for 57 years until her death in 1934. Tom lived then with his eldest child, Mossie Whittle, until his death in 1942 near Brownsville. Tom and his wife, Helon, are buried in the Fairview Cemetery behind the church about two miles east of Brownsville.

LEO STEVENSON

Leo Stevenson was born Mar. 4, 1952, in the Jock Community in Edmonson Co., KY. He is the son of Noah and Retta Brooks Stevenson. He has three brothers-Billy, Thomas Allen, and Roger Dale.

His paternal grandparents were Jesse and Nancy Vincent Stevenson. Jess was the son of Thomas and Molly Conway Stevenson. Nancy was the daughter of Acie (Frog) and Susan Lindsey Vincent.

His maternal grandparents were Elmer and Emma Kidwell Van Meter Brooks. Elmer was the son of John T. and Alice Stinett Brooks. Emma was the daughter of William and Lydia Van Meter Kidwell.

Leo married Linda Michelle Brooks Aug. 14, 1976 at Jock Church in Edmonson County. Michelle was born Aug. 22, 1956, in Edmonson County. She is the daughter of Amos Lee and Wanda Duvall Brooks. Her brothers and sister are Steve, Ronnie, Jimmy, Vonda, and Jeff.

Her paternal grandparents were George Chatfield and Ella Myrtle Harp Brooks. George was the son of W.W. and Martha Crews Brooks. Ella is the daughter of Issac M. and Mary Lutisha Allen Harp.

Her maternal grandparents are Vira Duvall and Arthur Van Meter. Vira was the daughter of Richard and Priscella Meredith Duvall. Arthur was the son of Ralph and Ida Stinnett Van Meter.

Leo graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1971. Michelle graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1974. Leo is a lumber inspector for the Tell City Chair Company where he has been employed for the last several years. Michelle is a housewife and waitress.

Leo and Michelle are members of Jock United Baptist Church.

They have two children-Jennifer Lee born 1979 an John Matthew born 1983.

Leo, Michelle, and the children reside in the Jock Community where they have lived for the last 11 years. *By Leo Stevenson*

NOAH AND RETTA STEVENSON

Noah and Retta Brooks Stevenson live in the Jock Community in Edmonson Co., KY. They were married Dec. 6, 1950, and have five children-Leo, Wilma (died in infancy), Billy, Thomas, and Roger.

Noah was born Feb. 17, 1925, in Grayson Co., KY. His parents were Jesse and Nancy Vincent Stevenson. Jesse was born Jan. 13, 1886, in Grayson County. He was the son of Thomas and Molly Conway Stevenson. Nancy was born May 6, 1890, in Edmonson Co., KY. She was the daughter of Acie (Frog) and Susan Lindsey Vincent.

Jess and Nancy lived in several different counties. Although he could not read or write, he made his living as a trader and storekeeper. Nancy was a deeply religious woman who went far and near to attend church services. She has rung up Heaven many times with her prayers. She was a member of Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church.

Jess died Oct. 31, 1968, in Elizabethtown, KY. Nancy died Oct. 31, 1958, in Edmonson Co., KY. Both are buried at Sweeden in the church cemetery.

Retta was born Mar. 26, 1933, in Edmonson Co., KY. Her parents were Elmer and Emma Kidwell Van Meter Brooks. Elmer was born Dec. 19, 1900, in Edmonson Co., KY. He is the son of John T. and Alice Stinnett Brooks. Emma was born Mar. 9, 1887, in Edmonson Co., KY. Her parents were William and Lydia VanMeter Kidwell.

Elmer and Emma lived on the farm Emma inherited from her first husband-Nathan VanMeter. Nathan and Emma had eight children: Nora, Rubert, Ted, Lucille, Ruby, Wilbur, Arnold, and Nathan Jr. Nathan died about 1930.

Emma was a stern, but kind-hearted person. She was also a member of Hill Grove Church. Emma died at home on Oct. 24, 1974. She was buried at the Jock Church Cemetery.

At the age of 88, Elmer resides with Noah and Retta on the family farm in Edmonson County. *By Leo Stevenson*

STICE

The Stice's migrated from Alsasce, Loraine, a country near Germany.

The Stice family name first showed up in Philadelphia in 1769. Charles Stice is believed to have arrived in Philadelphia and obtained a land grant from King George III for 150 acres of land in South Carolina.

In March 1799, Charles Stice sold this land and moved to the Mammoth Cave area and bought land on Green River, near the present town of Brownsville. He died in 1801.

Charles Stice's son, Andrew Stice, was born in 1800. He was married to Nancy Hanes and to this union was born ten children, one of which was William Marcellus, born in 1844.

William Marcellus Stice served during the Civil War in Company G., 17th Regiment Calvary. On June 2, 1872, William Marcellus was married to Rutha Lindsey. To this union was born ten children, one of whom was Zachariah (Zack) Francis Stice.

Zachariah (Zack) was born Apr. 22, 1873. On Aug. 18, 1892, he was married to Minnie Light. They had 12 children. They are Lena Stice Booker, Hollie Stice Skaggs, Frank, Noah, Nettie Stice Bowles, Haskell, Rena Stice Cooke, Lillian Stice Tunks, Richard, Bonnie Stice Davis, and Sherman. The surviving members are Nettie, Richard, Bonnie, and Sherman.

Haskell Stice and Lulu Madison were married Aug. 22, 1931. They had four children, two having died at birth. Franklin was born Jan. 7, 1933 and Harold June 26, 1937.

This information is taken from records gathered by Bill Hobbs of Florida, and Leslie Stice of Illinois. *Submitted by Lulu Madison Stice, wife of Haskell.*

IRVIN STICE

Irvin Stice was born May 20, 1880, the only son of James Washington and Nancy Stice. Irvin and Ermine were twins and there were other sisters as follows: Rebecca, Dorthula, Emma, Sophia, Elizabeth, Dora and Maggie.

Irvin was raised on a beautiful Green River farm near the Silent Grove community. This farm was owned by James Washington when he passed away in 1914. The farm wasn't sold, lent mostly, purchased from the sisters by Irvin. Irvin continued to farm, however one of his great loves was for horses and always had beautiful five gaited horses for riding. This trait was handed down to his sons and daughters.

September 25, 1909, Irvin and Katie Mae (Kate) Kelly were married and to this couple four children were born: James Marion, Ermine, Rebecca Lucille and Warner Irvin. The family continued to live on the farm, however, Irvin was active in politics being deputy sheriff of Edmonson County and employed by Kentucky State Highway Department. He was in a position to help his county, which he did. He loved Edmonson County and often referred to it as the "garden spot of the world."

Irvin and Katie had a deep compassion for

other people and were always eager to help people which they often did.

The family lived on the farm until the Government took it to help make Mammoth Cave National Park. After leaving the farm they lived in Rocky Hill, Chalybeate Springs, then to Rhoda where they spent their last years. The couple was loved by many.

Irvin deceased May 3, 1977; Katie-Oct. 16, 1983; James Marion-Sept. 18, 1984; Rebecca Lucille-Apr. 7, 1988. There are two left, Warner Irvin and Ermine, who remember the family with much love.

JAMES WASHINGTON STICE

James W. Stice was born Sept. 16, 1842, the second child of Andrew Stice and Nancy Meredith Stice. Andrew Stice, born in Rutherford Co., NC in 1803 was the son of Phillip and Mary Hanes Stice. Nancy Meredith, born in 1823, was a daughter of Thomas Meredith a native of Edmonson County when it was a part of Grayson County. James had the following full brothers and sisters: Augustas who married Melissa Kelly, William Marcellus who married Ruth Lindsey, John Thomas who married Caroline Lindsey, Zachery Taylor who married Martha Kelly, Celia Frances who married John Lindsey, Eleanor who married John France Lindsey, Caroline who married J. Woodford Lindsey, Sarah who married George W. Heath and Susan Jane who married James W. Lindsey.

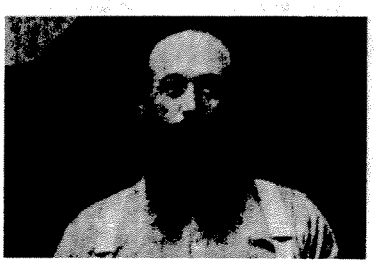
James Stice married Nancy Kelly, sister of Martha and Melissa Kelly who were children of John and Elizabeth Cutliff Kelly. The Kelly and Cutliff families were early Kentucky pioneers from Virginia when Kentucky was still a part of the state of Virginia. The Stice family settled in this area shortly after 1800. James and Nancy were married near Brownsville in 1866 and shortly thereafter moved to Warren County. They returned to Edmonson County where James acquired a farm on Green River near the Silent Grove community. James and Nancy were the parents of the following children: Rebecca who married Fletcher Ferguson, Dorthula who married H.H. Ferguson, Emma, Sophia, Elizabeth who married Beverly Johnson, Dora who married Clarence Fox, Ermine who married Ed B. Lindsey, Irvin who married Katie May Kelly and Maggie.

James was an excellent farmer and was considered by his neighbors and relatives as being a man of high moral values and a community leader. He was very active in the early days of the Silent Grove Baptist church and later was active in the Bell Key Methodist church at Rhoda. James was also known for his love of fine horses a trait he handed down to his son and grandsons.

When James died in 1914 he was survived by his wife Nancy, eight of his nine children, and a host of grandchildren and his favorite horse, Nutwood. He was loved and respected by his children and adored by his grandchildren. Nancy survived him by several years. They are buried in the graveyard of Bell Key Methodist Church where most of their children are buried nearby.

"LITTLE JOHN STICE"

John Stice, Jr., better known as "Little John" was born in Edmonson County Feb. 17, 1876 and died May 18, 1944. He was the son of John Thomas Brown Stice and Caroline Lindsey Stice and took the name of "Little John" to distinguish him from his father, John Sr., but he was by no means "little" in physical appearance.



Little John Stice

Until age overtook him, Little John was perhaps the strongest man physically in all of Edmonson County. Even the great Peate Jockey Meredith was no match for him, and in his heyday weights few other men could budge were "no more than a feather" for him. Occasionally he would modestly tell of feats of strength and that one that amazed medical science as well as local citizens was when he lifted a section of railroad rail at Oakland, Warren Co., KY.

Little John was a natural mechanic and it was his delight to take over supposedly worn out machinery and make it "work".

He gave offense to no one and it was generally considered "unhealthy" for any one to wrongfully offend him, though the writer never heard of his having a personal encounter.

He was the elder son of a family of 11 children and remained a bachelor all his life. Out of four sons, he and Jess were the only ones to reach adulthood, with Jess dying of the flu about 1919. Of the seven daughters, the following were living at the time Little John died: Mrs. C.S. Hobbs of Marlow, GA; Mrs. A. Grady of Chicago, IL; Mrs. Porter Cowles, Boiling Springs, KY; and Mrs. Kittie Wolfe of the Oak Grove Community.

Little John professed faith in Christ in 1922 while working at Honakers Ferry, where he almost died of the flu when it was sweeping the country in epidemic proportions. He was given up for dead, but recovered and gave God all the praise.

He suffered a stroke of paralysis while standing on the sidewalk at Brownsville. He wasn't able to speak or swallow and died a few days afterward. Funeral services were conducted at the home on Green River, May 19 by the Revs. C.W. Ray and W.E. Wolfe. Burial was in the family cemetery near the house. *Norman Warnell*

ALMOND B. & MARY K. STURDIVANT

Almond Ben Sturdivant was born Mar. 28, 1914 at his parents home in the Rhoda community of Edmonson County. He was the only child of James T. and Hallie Smith Sturdivant.

Mary Katherine Cassady was born Sept. 20, 1921 at her parents home in the New Grove Community of Edmonson County. She is the third born child of seven children of James "Willie" and Ellie Campbell Cassady.



Mary & Almond Sturdivant

Almond graduated from Brownsville High and attended what is known today as Western Kentucky University. He taught school at Rhoda, Fairview and New Grove schools. He also was executive director of the Edmonson County ASCA office for 28 years and also a farmer and entrepreneur in the antique business.

Almond and Mary were married on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1936. On July 16, 1939 their first daughter Betty Lou was born. Twenty two years later their second daughter Penny Kay was born on Sept. 16, 1961.

While helping raise their children, Mary also assisted working on the Sturdivant farm with her husband Almond. Also beginning in the mid 1960's through 1984 Mary worked with Almond in their antique business.

Almond passed away on Feb. 4, 1985 at his home in Rhoda and is buried near his parents at Bell Key Church Cemetery in Rhoda. Almond for his Christian life was one of the leaders in this church, Bell Key Methodist Church.

Almond and Mary's youngest daughter, Penny Kay is working at the Edmonson County ASCS office carrying on the family tradition of helping the farmers of Edmonson County.

JAMES THOMAS STURDIVANT

James T. Sturdivant was born Sept. 1, 1888, in Edmonson Co., KY.

James Sturdivant married Hallie G. Smith, in Edmonson County. Hallie Sturdivant was born Nov. 14, 1889. They had one son, Almond B. Sturdivant who was born Mar. 28, 1914 in Edmonson County.

The above photograph was taken of the Sturdivant family in 1915. The Sturdivant family were a well respected family in their community of Rhoda for their honest dealings and helping their neighbors They were a farming family as many of their neighbors were.



James T. Sturdivant Family

Mr. Sturdivant was a member and deacon of Bell Key Methodist Church for his entire Christian life. Mr. Sturdivant died on May 10, 1962 and is buried at his home church cemetery. Mrs. Sturdivant out lived her husband by 25 years and she died at the age of 98 years on Dec. 1, 1987 and is buried beside her husband at Bell Key Church Cemetery at Rhoda in Edmonson County.

JAMES BILLY SULLIVAN

James Billy Sullivan was born Aug. 23, 1941, in Warren Co., KY. He is the only child of Clarence "Bill" Jackson and Virgia I. Sullivan. Billy's father died in 1942. Billy and his mother then moved from the Glenmore community near Lock Five on the Green River to Edmonson County.

Billy's paternal grandparents were James Simpson and Margaret Spinks Sullivan.



Mr. & Mrs. Billy Sullivan

Billy's maternal grandparents were James Ira "Jim" and Stella Wingfield. Jim was the son of James A. and Sarrah S. Ray Wingfield. Stella's parents were James Tilford "Hooser" and Lavernia "Vernie" Johnson Brown.

On May 16, 1969, Billy was married to Joyce Vetrice Renfro. Joyce was born Sept. 3, 1938, in Edmonson Co., KY. She is the daughter of Claude and Margie Renfro. Joyce was the fifth child born to Claude and Margie. Her brothers and sisters are Roy Renfro, Wanda Haynes, Billy Renfro, Lois Hogan, Anna Stewart, and Jonell Martin.

Joyce's paternal grandparents were Luther and Eva W. Renfro. Her maternal grandparents were Rev. Tom and Kizzie Donoho Ray.

Billy and Joyce have both been employed for several years by the Edmonson County Board of Education and make their home on Legion Street in Brownsville. *Billy Sullivan*

TARTER

Most of the information in this article and my Grandmother, Minnie L. Tarters' article has come together with the help of my father, Hoyt Tarter and Gladys Tarter Root from Canon City, CO. She wrote a book called "Our Family Heritage Book I and II" (1986). Mrs. Root is a descendant of my Grandmother's side of the family. My Grandmother, Minnie L., was a Tarter and married a Tarter, Rufus F. Also, I have used some information from Mrs. Elmeree Tarter Oakley's book, "The Kentucky Tarters" 1981. She is a descendent of my grandfathers side of the Tarters.

My Grandfather Rufus was a descendent of Peter Tarter, Jr. b. ca. 1797 Wythe Co., VA d. after 1880 Edmonson County. Peter m. May 16, 1826 Polly Pierce in Pulaski County. They moved to Edmonson County about 1856. He and Polly had 12 children: (Tarter) Born Pulaski and Casey County: 1) James b. ca. 1827 m. Rhonda Ellison; 2) Peter b. December 1828 m. Sarah J. Edwards; 3) Calvin B. Dec. 24, 1830 m. Jan. 9, 1861 Sarah Lancaster; 4) John b. Mar. 24, 1833 m. 1. Mar. 18, 1862 Mary G. Capps, 2. Nov. 12, 1865 Helen Neagles; 5) Skyler b. April 1835. Never married; 6) Enos b. Oct. 16, 1837 m. Mary E. Sweet; 7) Lucinda b. ca. 1839; 8) Reuben b. September 1844; 9) Elizabeth b. Mar. 10, 1845 m. Nov. 6, 1878 James S. Stevens; 10) Mary Ann b. Aug. 16, 1847 m. Dec. 22, 1871 Samuel Moody; 11) Sally A. b. ca. 1849; 12) Martha E. b. ca. 1850 m. Jan. 30, 1879 Jeremiah Dawes.



Back row: Edna, Alvin, Front row: Rufus Tarter, Hoyt and Minnie Tarter.

John Tarter, son of Peter Tarter, Jr. and Polly Pierce, b. Mar. 24, 1833 d. Sept. 15, 1907 in Edmonson County 2nd m. Nov. 12, 1865 Helen W. Neagles B. Apr. 20, 1843 d. Nov. 2, 1923. Eight children, all born in Edmonson County: (Tarter). 1) Jennie Bell b. ca. 1867 m. Jan. 3, 1884 John Ray b. ca. 1862; 2) Mary Ada "Addie" b. Dec. 1868 d. 1950 m. George Keith; 3) Charley N. b. Sept. 17, 1870 d. Nov. 5, 1939 m. Feb. 1, 1900 Bertha R. Parsley b. Mar. 1882; 4) Fanny C. b. ca. 1874 m. Sept. 16, 1896 W.C. Davis. They lived in Josephine, TX; 5) Rufus F. b. Nov. 17, 1876 m. Oct. 6, 1898 Minnie Lula Tarter (See her genealogy Article II); 6) Leona B. Sept. 1880 m. Oct. 6, 1906 E.G. Pardue; 7) Curtis b. July 1884 m. Maude Parsley (sister to Bertha) 8) Sarah Emma b. Feb. 10, 1887 d. Oct. 27, 1900.

John and Helen, son of Charles, and daughter, Sarah E. are all buried in Hawkins Cemetery.

Rufus Tarter b. Nov. 17, 1876 d. Aug. 12, 1937 m. Oct. 6, 1898 Minnie L. Tarter b. Jan. 23, 1883 d. Aug. 13, 1962. They loved their married life around the Pig Community and ran a Sorghrum Mill and Grist Mill. They were members of the New Liberty Methodist Church. Both are buried in Lambert Cemetery. Five Children: (Tarter). 1) Edna Mabel B. Feb. 15, 1905; 2) Willie L. b. Dec. 2, 1908 d. Jan. 7, 1910 (Lamberts Cemetery); 3) Alvin Morris b. Feb. 3, 1911; 4) Hoyt Herbert b. Jan. 23, 1913; 5) Virginia Catherine b. and d. Jan. 11, 1921 (Lamberts Cemetery).

RUFUS I: Edna M. Tarter b. Feb. 15, 1905 m. Oct. 3, 1936 Shirley McCombs. One child: 1) Royce b. September 1947 m. Judy ___. Lives in Florida.

RUFUS III: Alvin M. "Red" Tarter b. Feb. 3, 1911 m. Apr. 13, 1935 Iva Buttram (also a native of Edmonson County.) Three children: 1) Nancy b. Mar. 5, 1948 m. Tom White, one child, Krista Lou, b. Nov. 15, 1979. Presently m. to E. Huffman; 2) Inga Sue b. Nov. 3, 1949 m. Howard Minton. One child, Jimmy Ray "Jim" b. July 21, 1967; 3) Charlie Ray b. Dec. 28, 1951 m. Cherry L Cassady. One Child, Brian Ray b. Aug. 27, 1975.

RUFUS IV: Hoyt Herbert Tarter b. Jan. 23, 1913 m. Dec. 2, 1933 Rosa Nell Morris, b. Sept. 11, 1914 (See her genealogy in Morris/Gibson Family Tree). Three children: (Tarter). 1) Loretta b. Mar. 2, 1940 m. Sept. 8, 1957 Harold W. Vincent (descendant of James Edd Vincent given elsewhere in this book). Two children, Derrick S. and Denise M.; 2) Raymond Leonard b. June 1, 1941 m. Jacqueline Kelly from Oklahoma on Mar. 29, 1963. Two children, Sean Ray and Shane Alan; 3) Travis Wayne b. Apr. 28, 1948 m. Donna Day Baker from Louisville, KY on Apr. 25, 1970. Four children, David, John, William, and Susan. *Loretta Tarter Vincent.*

TARTER

My grandmother Minnie Lula was a Tarter and married a Tarter, Rufus F. (see his genealogy, Article I of II). I was not able to connect their linage except that both their families originally came from Pulaski County. Her linage came only be traced to her Grandfather, Powers Tarter. Powers b. about 1823 in Pulaski County d. Feb. 24, 1888 (Lamberts Cemetery). m. Jane Warp b. 1826 in Virginia d. after 1906. She remarried after Powers died to Thomas McTire on Jan. 7, 1890. Powers and Jane had ten children: (Tarter).

1) Kellis Madison b. Mar. 31, 1845 d. July 23, 1926 m. 1. Nov. 17, 1869 Juda S. Gardner m. 2. May 3, 1880 Frances Ellen Hawkins; 2) William Marion b. Oct. 6, 1847 d. Mar. 21, 1934 m. Jan. 15, 1874 Mary E. Johnson; 3) Sarah "Sally" E. b. Dec. 29, 1850 d. Dec. 8, 1920 m. Dec, 29, 1870 William T. Dunn; *4) Thomas Newton b. Apr. 25, 1854 d. June 7, 1893 m. Margaret "Maggie" E. Hatler b. Jan. 12, 1864 d. Mar. 11, 1923; 5) Daniel T. b. 1856 d. 1918 m. July 29, 1878 m. Martha Elizabeth "Lizzy" Perkins; 6) Andrew Presley b. 1858 d. Dec. 28, 1938 m. Alia Aley; 7) Mary

Jane b. Nov. 19, 1859 d. June 5, 1877 Lambert Cemetery; 8) Samuel B. b. ca. 1863 d. ___ m. Nov. 4, 1886 Mary A. Age; 9) Ulyssess Grant b. 1865 never married; 10) Lucy C. b. 1866 d. ___ m. Dec. 16, 1886 William Asa Johnson.

Thomas N. Tarter b. Apr. 25, 1854 d. June 7, 1893 m. Margaret E. "Maggie" Hatler b. Jan. 12, 1864 d. Mar. 11, 1923. They had five children, all born in Edmonson County: (Tarter). *1) Minnie Lula b. Jan. 23, 1883; 2) Alia J. b. Nov. 6, 1884; 3) Alice b. November 1886; 4) Clara Uldean b. Nov. 7, 1888; 5) Samuel Newton b. Nov. 6, 1893.

After Thomas Newton died, Margaret married June 5, 1898 James W. "Bill" Cox b. 1870 d. 1922. "Bill" and "Maggie" had two children: 1) Ray Cox b. ca. 1899 d. age two; 2) Norma "Normie" b. Mar. 6, 1908 d. Apr. 23, 1930 (Lambert Cemetery Norma Cox Page).

Margaret was killed in a tornado that struck the house where she was staying at the time caring for another family. Thomas and Margaret and James W. are buried in Lambert Cemetery. Margaret's parents were Rev. Samuel Hatler b. Nov. 25, 1838 d. Feb. 6, 1897 and Sarah F. Pardue b. Apr. 24, 1842 d. Sept. 1, 1900. Both buried in Hawkins Cemetery.

POWERS IV-I: Minnie Lula Tarter b. Jan. 23, 1883 d. Aug. 13, 1962 m. Rufus F. Tarter Oct. 6, 1898 (See their children under Rufus Tarters Family Tree (Article I of II).

POWERS IV-II: Alia J. "Alie" Tarter b. Nov. 6, 1884 d. Oct. 24, 1915 (Lamberts Cemetery) m. Ben Webb and lived in Chickasha, OK. They had four children: (Webb). 1) Clarence; 2) Esco; 3) Naomi; 4) Harry.

POWERS IV-III: Alice Tarter b. November 1886 d. ___ m. Nov. 30, 1902 Eugene "Gene" Howard. They lived in Visalia, CA and had three sons: 1) Tommy; 2) Homer; 3) Sam Hamilton.

POWERS IV-IV: Clara Uldean "Dean" Tarter b. Nov. 7, 1888 d. Dec. 24, 1958 m. July 4, 1905 George Oliver from Virginia. They lived in Louisville, KY and had three daughters: (Oliver). 1) Goldie b. Feb. 11, 1907; 2) Rennie b. Dec. 25, 1910; 3) Nettie b. Sept. 1, 1913.

POWERS IV-V: Samuel Newton b. Nov. 6, 1893 d. Mar. 5, 1982 (Lamberts Cemetery) m. Oct. 1, 1914 Mirtle E. Keith b. Dec. 27, 1896 (still living at this writing). "Sammie" and "Mirt" had five children: (Tarter). 1) Harvey Thomas b. Oct. 18, 1915 m. Stella Harp; 2) Bernice Marie b. July 7, 1917 m. Willard Ray; 3) Cora Alene b. July 20, 1919 m. Forest Compton; 4) George Wilbur b. Sept. 18, 1921 m. 1. Louise Logsdon, 2. Lottie Mar; 5) Leon Neal b. Sept. 19, 1924 m. Nan English. *Loretta Tarter Vincent.*

TARTER-PEGER

The history for this family starts far from Edmonson County in 1954. Sherman Louis Peger was born in Berea, Cuyahoya Co., OH, the first son of Raymond and Betty Meredith Peger, May 17th.

Sherman enjoyed life as a young child living among his father's relatives in Berea and then the fun times of vacation to visit Edmonson County and his mother's relatives.

He attended kindergarten and first grade in Olmsted Falls, OH. He enjoyed the ice skating and sledding on the snow in the winter.



Sherman & Gloria Tarter Peger and children, Selena Joe & Joshua Lewis.

He moved with his parents to Fairbanks, AL in 1961 and then back to Edmonson County in 1962. Sherman did his elementary school at Kyrock, with two years of his high school years spent at Morgantown, where he played football for Butler County High School, while his father, Raymond, coached football.

He transferred back to Edmonson County High School for his junior and senior years, graduating in 1972. He worked in a gas station for awhile during high school. He played quarterback and tackle on the Edmonson County football team, and ran the one mile and two miles event as well as throwing the shot-put and discus throw.

Sherman married Gloria Jean Tarter in Cedar Springs on July 22, 1972. The Rev. Willie Doyle performed the marriage rites. Best man was James Lloyd Meredith and Matron of honor was Barbara Tarter, cousin of the bride.

Gloria was born in Indianapolis, IN to former Edmonson Countains, Homer and Maxine Toms Tarter, May 4, 1954. Homer's parents were Curtus and Mary Alice Houchen Tarter; Maxine's parents were Ted and Anna Mae Perkins Toms.

Gloria's parents moved back to Edmonson County where she completed her school work, also graduating from high school in 1972.

Gloria worked at sewing factories for awhile before she did her training and school requirements to work as an X-ray technician.

Two children were born to Sherman and Gloria. Selena Joe was born Apr. 17, 1977. She will be in school at the Edmonson County Middle School.

Josha Lewis, born Sept. 1, 1982 will start first grade at Kyrock Elementary this fall, 1988.

Sherman runs and operates a beef cattle farm and raises tobacco. He works in construction and drives a truck. *Betty Peger.*

KELLIS MADISON TARTER

Kellis Madison Tarter was born Mar. 31, 1845 in Pulaski Co., KY. The oldest of ten children born to Powers and Jane Warp Tarter.

POWERS Tarter was born in 1823 in Pulaski Co., KY. He married Jane Warp June 17, 1844 in Pulaski County. She was born in 1824 in Virginia. By 1847 Powers was in Green Co., KY. By 1860 Powers Tarter was in Edmonson County. He was a farmer. He bought land in Cedar Springs Community near Rocky Hill in Edmonson County.

Powers and Jane Tarters other children were: 1) William Marion (1847-1934) married Mary Elizabeth Johnson; 2) Sarah "Sally" E. (1850-1920) married William Thomas Dunn; 3) Thomas Newton (1854-1893) married Margaret E. Hatler; 4) Daniel J. (1856-1918) married Martha Elizabeth Perkins; 5) Andrew Presley (1858-1938) married Alia ___; 6) Mary Jane (1859-1877); 7) Samuel B. (1863) married Mary Ann Age; 8) Ulysses Grant (1865); 9) Lucy C. (1865) married William Asa Johnson.



Kellis M. Tarter, taken in 1876

Powers Tarter died Feb. 24, 1888 in Edmonson County. He is buried in Lambert Cemetery in Ceder Springs Community.

Jane Warp Tarter remarried Thomas B. McIntire Jan. 7, 1890.

At age 19 Kellis Madison Tarter enlisted with the Kentucky Volunteers. He was mustard into service July 9, 1864 as a private in Company A, 1st Reg. Bn. Received his honorable discharge from service of the state of Kentucky Jan. 10, 1865.

On Nov. 17, 1869 in Edmonson County Kellis Madison Tarter married Juda Salina Gardner. Juda was born Apr. 19, 1850 in Edmonson County. She was the daughter of James W. and Nancy A. Keith Gardner. James was the son of William and Kate (Holland) Gardner. He was born in Edmonson County. Nancy Keith was born Sept. 21, 1820 in Grayson Co., KY.

Kellis and Juda Tarter were parents of three children: 1) William Newton "Nute" (1870-1950) married Mary Ellen Stephens; 2) Nancy Jane (1873-1946) married Charles W. Herbert; 3) Lorenzo Dow (1875-1938) married Z. Blanch Fleming.

Juda Tarter died Aug. 27, 1878. She is buried in Lambert Cemetery in Ceder Springs Community, Edmonson County.

On May 3, 1880 Kellis Madison Tarter married Francis Ellen Hawkins in Laffayette, Macon Co., TN. Frances Ellen was born May 29, 1864 in Edmonson County. She was the 15th child of Henry G. and Frances Jane Smith Hawkins.

Henry G. Hawkins was born Mar. 18, 1809 in Barren Co., KY. Frances Jane Smith was born Feb. 4, 1820 in Orange Co., VA.

Kellis Madison and Frances Ellen Tarter were parents of the following children: 1) Charles Clayton (1881-1947) married Allie Beckner; 2) James Clinton (1884-1967) married Ruby Coulter; 3) Andrew Presley (1886-1963) married Serena Sanders; 4) Harry Woodford (1899-1980) married Anna White; 5) Mary Florence (1892-1983); 6) Clarence Earl (1894-1967) married Lena Ella Wilkins; 7) Thomas Lester (1886-1973) married Irva Teachout.

Between 1884 and 1886 Kellis Madison had moved his family to Montgomery Co., IL. They were living in Springfield, Sangamon Co., IL when Frances Ellen died Oct. 2, 1899. She is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield.

Kellis Madison Tarter died July 23, 1926 in Superior, Nuckles Co., NB. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Superior.

TOMES

The Tomes family in Edmonson County can be traced back to 1803 when Thomas Toms with his wife Sally and children immigrated to Kentucky from Albemarle Co., VA. During the Revolutionary War, Thomas was a soldier in the Virginia Militia and was seriously wounded at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Because of his war service, he was awarded a veteran's pension in 1794. Thomas died near Somerset, KY in 1804. His six children included a son named Anderson who became the original settler in Grayson (later Edmonson) County.

Anderson, who was born in 1788 in Virginia, was the first member of the Tomes family to move with the frontier to what is now Edmonson County. As a young man, and prior to his marriage, Anderson served in the 2nd Regiment of Kentucky Militia during the War of 1812. He enlisted at Somerset and participated in the Battle of the River Raison. After the war, he returned to Pulaski County and married Nancy Baker of Madison County on Christmas Day, 1815. About three years after their marriage, Anderson and Nancy moved near Big Reedy Creek in Grayson County. The area later became Edmonson County. For the rest of his life, Anderson farmed his land, some of which he received from his War of 1812 service.



James Buchanan & Rebecca Miller Tomes

Anderson and Nancy had only two sons. James was born 1819, and Silas was born 1822. The two brothers married sisters who were the daughters of Thomas Woosley, another early settler in Edmonson County. James married Elizabeth Woosley in 1837 and began farming on the East side of Big Reedy Creek. They had two children, Artemecia born 1838 and James B. born 1840. Nancy was pregnant with James B. when her husband died in 1840.

James B., known as Jim, was raised by his mother and stepfather Buford W. Nash. At age 19, Jim enlisted in Company B., 1st Tennessee Cavalry, C.S.A. and saw action at Ft. Donelson, Stones River, and Shiloh. After the Civil War, he returned to Big Reedy and married Rebecca Miller. They had 15 children. Jim was a farmer, storekeeper, and Postmaster. He died in 1922. The only sister of James B., Artemecia, married Arthur Beau Nash Miller in 1855 and they had nine children.

The other son of Anderson Tomes, Silas, married Louisa Woosley and they had eight children. Silas became a successful farmer and owned large tracts of land along Big Reedy Creek. When his father died in 1863, Silas also inherited his land. Silas, who was very active as a community leader, died in 1865.

This very brief history of the Tomes family in Edmonson County has featured Anderson and his two sons James and Silas, because they were the first to settle the area. Most of the Tomes' in Grayson, Edmonson, and Butler Counties probably descended from them. Other early pioneers in the Big Reedy area included the Woosley and Nash families, and there have been many inter-marriages over the years. Submitted by: *James B. Tomes.*

TUNKS

Ruben is the first to be recorded here. Ruben was married to Nancy Fort Kamp in Warren County 1823. They had eight children: Solomon, William, French Fort, Henry, Rebecca, Catherine, Frances, and Susan. All of the family, except Solomon, had apparently left Edmonson County by 1860.

Solomon born 1825 was a Union soldier during the Civil War. He married Nancy Sturdivent and they had ten children: Silas, J.B. (Buck), Monroe, Trenton, John, Mark, Nancy, Sarah, Frances, and Martha.

Solomon died in 1901.



John, Janie, Curtis, Tandie, Dosha & Sol Tunks

Silas married Eliza Lambert and was County Judge of Edmonson County. Buck married Alice Stice. Monroe married Laura Sanders. Trenton married Florence Spillman - Lula Taylor. John married Janie Strange - Annie Turley. Mark married Effie Vincent. Nancy married ___ Vernon. Sarah never married. Frances married Ham Ferguson. Martha died young.

The children of Silas and Eliza Tunks: 1) Ellie married Ish Carrier, 2) Edd married Pearl (?) — Nora Slaughter.

The children of Buck and Alice Tunks: 1) Virgil married Maude Keith, 2) Minnie married Clint Gott, and 3) Porter (?).

The children of Trenton and Florece Tunks were: Hattie, Morris, Leo and Bert.

The children of John and Janie Tunks were: Curtis, Tandie, Theodosia, Sol, John Laffett, Warner Lee, and Clara.

The children of John and Annie Tunks were Nellie and Janie.

The child of Mark and Effie Tunks was Lula Myrtle who married Fred T. Webb.

The child of Nancy and ___ Vernon was Luther who married Ora Campbell.

Sarah, Frances, and Martha had no children.

The children of Monroe and Laura Tunks were: Lena married Isaac Meredith. Herschel married Gladsey Smith. Willie never married. Floyd married Grace Cook. Monroe was born in 1865 and died in 1907.

Herschel was born 1888 and died in 1949. The children of Herschel and Gladsey Tunks were: Guy married Lillian Stice who had five children: Frances, Genice, Wallace, Leon and Marie. Helen died in infancy. Harold married Delma Sandeful who had three children: Marion Rowlee and Mary Helen. Elizabeth never married. Louise married Edd Isenberg. Henry L. married Ann Ashley who had three children: Eddie, Jeffry, and Donne.

TUNKS

Marcus Lafayette Tunks, youngest son of Solomon and Nancy Sturdivant Tunks was born July 23, 1873 and died on Dec. 7, 1937.

He was married to Effie R. Vincent, daughter of George Washington and Nancy Morris Vincent. Marcus (Mark) and Effie Tunks lived most of their life in the Poplar Spring Community of Edmonson County. In later years they moved to the Fairview Community on Highway 259 just outside Brownsville. They were buried in the Fairview Church Cemetery.

They were the parents of one daughter, Lula Myrtle. She was married to Frederick Thomas Webb, son of Noah and Angie Morris Webb.

Fred and Lula Myrtle lived their early married life in Poplar Spring Community. Later the Fred T. Webb family also moved to the Fairview Community on Highway 259. They were the parents of two daughters and two sons.

The oldest daughter, Ethel Chlorine is married to Charles Elmer Cooke. The second child is a daughter, Jewel Maxine, is married to Leslie Gray Spillman. Leslie Gray and Maxine have on son, Danny Lynn Spillman.

Third child of the Fred Webb family is Donald Burton Webb. He is married to Marcella Hensley Webb. They have one

daughter, Gayla Suzette Miller, and two sons, Rickey Bryon Webb and Kerry Alan Webb.

The youngest son of Fred and Lula Myrtle is David Leo Webb. He is married to Ann Vincent Webb. They have one daughter, Barbara Ann Webb, and two sons, Tommy David and Craig Alan.

JOHN TUNKS

John was the son of Solomon Tunks and was born on Nov. 7, 1869, and died on Feb. 9, 1931. He married Janie Strange (born Aug. 27, 1865 and died on July 2, 1910) in 1890.

They had seven children: Curtis Lincoln Tunks born Aug. 13, 1891 and died Dec. 1, 1936. Tandie Tunks, Theodosia Tunks. Sol Tunks born Aug. 28, 1898 died Dec. 21, 1957. John Laffett. Warner Lee born Nov. 11, 1903 died Apr. 17, 1973. Clara May born Jan. 30, 1909 died Apr. 23, 1909.

Janie died and John married Annie Turley. They had two children: Nellie Tunks and Janie Tunks.



Warner, Gladys & Ben Tunks

Curtis married Vera Neuelle Hartley on Apr. 11, 1913. They had two children: Ellen O. Tunks born Feb. 27, 1914 and Rora Edd Tunks born Dec. 21, 1917.

Ellen married Henry Morrison Page Mar. 10, 1931. They had three children: Mary Norene Page born Jan. 10, 1938, Edd Morrison Page born Nov. 24, 1939, and James Alton Page born Mar. 6, 1945.

Mary Norene married Karl W. Heim Jan. 3, 1957. They had two children: K. Wolfgang Heim, Jr. born Feb. 7, 1958 and Karl Heimz Heim born Dec. 11, 1963.

Edd Morrison Page married Bertha Skaggs Nov. 18, 1957. They had five children: Sherri Ellen Page born July 13, 1959, Edd Morrison Page, Jr. born Oct. 28, 1960, Michael Eugene Page born July 25, 1962, Charles Lee Page born Dec. 7, 1963, and James Arthur Page born Nov. 17, 1966.

Charles Lee married Patti ___. They had one child: Charles Lee Jr. born Dec. 16, 1986.

James Alton married Kendra Williams. They had two children: Cora Ellen Page born Dec. 6, 1982 and Curtis Edwin Page born Feb. 23, 1988.

Rora Edd Tunks married Martha Ford in 1942. They had three children: Martha Ann Tunks born Dec. 22, 1943, Mary Ellen Tunks born in 1946 and died as a baby, and John Curtis Tunks born Jan. 26, 1951.

Martha Ann married Scott Coryell in 1968. They had five children: Jason Coryell born June 18, 1972, Karri Coryell born Apr. 12, 1975, Kelly Coryell born July 18, 1976, Steven Coryell born Sept. 27, 1980, and Christopher Coryell born July 18, 1982.

John Curtis Tunks married Andrea Anast Malone July 14, 1979. They had one child: Andrew Christopher Tunks born Nov. 26, 1986.

Tandie married Walter Madison. They had 10 children: Lettie, Jane, Margie, Maude, Inez, Herbert Lawrence, Johnie, Edward, Trenton Elmer, Solomon, and Woodford.

Theodosia married Earl Proffett in 1922. They had no children.

Sol married Nina Skaggs Dec. 22, 1934. They had two children: Sol Eugene Tunks born July 2, 1939 and Marianne Elizabeth Tunks born Oct. 8, 1955. (See history of Eugene Skaggs).

John Laffiette married Lula Cook 1922. They had no children.

Warner Lee married Gladys Cook in 1929. They had one child: Benjamin Lee born Sept. 21, 1937. He married Iva Nell Dossey 1958. They had one child: Nicholas Lee born Dec. 2, 1959. Nicholas married Lucille Duvall Mar. 18, 1978. They had one child: Kenneth Lee born Oct. 23, 1978. They divorced and Nicholas married Tina Spainhoward on May 12, 1984.

Nellie Tunks married Garland Madison. They had one child: Billy Gene Madison married Shelby Bledsoe. They divorced and Billy married Anita Clark. They had no children.

John, Janie Strange Tunks, Annie Turley Tunks are buried at Silent Grove in Edmonson County. Curtis Tunks is buried at Durant, OK. Theodosia is buried at Glen Rose, TX. Tandie is buried at Rhoda. Sol is buried at Midway. John Laffett, Warner Lee, and Clara are buried at Silent Grove.

VAN METER

Late in the summer of the year of 1662, a Dutch family disembarked form the ship "The Fox" at New Amsterdam (New York). These passengers from the Guelderland province of Holland were seeking a new beginning in the New World, having fled Europe due to religious and political strife in their native country. Jan Joost Van Meteren married Macyke Hendricksen in 1646. Following their immigration to America, the Van Meterens settled in Ulster Co., NY. Jan became an important civil and religious leader in the settlement before his death in 1706.

The eldest son of Jan was Joost Jan Van Meteren, who was born in 1660, in Holland. As a youth, Joost Jan was captured by Indians and held prisoner for three months, gaining a knowledge of their habits, trails and plans. He later became a noted Indian trader and explorer of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and eventually Anglicized the spelling of his name to "John Van Metre." On Dec. 12, 1682, John was married to Sara Du Bois at Marbletown, NY and died around 1700.

The oldest child of Joost Van Van Meteren was John, who was born on Oct. 14, 1683, in Ulster Co., NY. In 1709, John married Margaret Miller. John removed to Salem Co., NJ where he became a large landowner. Later, John led in the colonization and settlement of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, where he also acquired large land holdings before his death in 1745.

The youngest son of John and Margaret Van Meter was Jacob, who was born in Somerset Co., NJ on Mar. 16, 1723. In 1741, Jacob "Jake" Van Meter married Letitia Stroud in Frederick Co., VA. Jake and some other Virginia families removed to Muddy Creek, PN in 1768, where a fort was erected.

Early in 1779, Jacob Van Meter, James Helm and Andre Hynes led a migration of settlers down the Ohio River to the Falls of the Ohio. The following year, the large party journeyed overland to Severn's Valley near Elizabethtown, in Hardin Co., KY, becoming the only settlement between the Ohio and Green Rivers. In 1781, Jake and Letitia were the charter members of Severn's Valley Baptist Church, only the second Baptist church established in Kentucky.

Jacob Van Meter participated in the French and Indian War and later in the Revolutionary War, serving under General George Rogers Clark. Jake died in Hardin County on Nov. 16, 1798.

The youngest son of Jake and Letitia Van Meter was John, who was born in 1764, in Frederick Co, VA. John married Dinah Holtzclaw in 1784, in Kentucky and became a large landowner in the Severn's Valley settlement. In 1806, he removed his family to a 165 acre farm on Rock Creek in present-day Grayson County. John and Dinah Van Meter's oldest son was Nathan, born 1788, who became the progenitor of the Van Meter line of Edmonson County. *Barry W. Downs*

"JAKE" VANMETER

Born around 1861, Jacob Vanmeter, the great great grandson of the Revolutionary War soldier and early settler of Elizabethtown, Jacob Van Meter, lived a lively existence until his untimely death in 1904.

"Jake" was the third generation of Vanmeters to live in Edmonson County. The first was Nathan and Nancy (Meredith) Van Meter, Jake's grandparents. Their children were as follows: Stroud, born around 1820. Thomas, born around 1826, John, born Mar. 15, 1826, died June 7, 1903. Chilton, born around 1829. Abraham, born around 1833. Malitta, born around 1834.

Jake's father, John, married Polly Brooks, born Jan. 17, 1831, died July 23, 1901. John and Polly are buried at Salem Cemetery in Edmonson County. They had the following 11 children: Sara Jane, born around 1845. Jackson Clinton, born in 1853. Mary, born around 1855. Thomas, born around 1857. Martha Jane, born around 1859. Jacob ("Jake"). Elizabeth, born around 1863. Nancy, born around 1865. Rosanna, born around 1867. Susan, born around 1871. Malitta, born around 1873.

Jake lived his entire life in or close to Bee Spring in Edmonson County. It was here that he had two children by Americus (Mary)

Nash/Farris. Marie (unsure of birth date) and Militia, born Oct. 4, 1901, in Bee Spring, married George Washington Woodcock on May 21, 1921,died Aug. 7, 1957.

The events surrounding his death are interesting. To make a long story short, Jake and Rance Meredith, a resident of Bee Spring, had a long-standing feud (no one seems to know why). At any rate, the feud came to an abrupt end in 1904 in front of the General Store in Bee Spring when Rance put two pistol slugs in Jake's upper body. He died a short time later in the house of his brother Jackson Clinton. He is buried in Salem Cemetery close to his parents.

George Washington Woodcock and Militia Vanmeter had six children: Edward George, born Aug. 19, 1921. Barbara, born Aug. 4, 1923. Helen, born Apr. 15, 1925. Alma, born Nov. 21, 1927. George, Jr., born Apr. 13, 1929. Scottie, born Oct. 9, 1932. *Barry E. Woodcock.*

NATHAN VAN METER

Nathan Van Meter was born on Jan. 17, 1788, near Elizabethtown in present-day Hardin Co., KY, the son of John and Dinah Holtzclaw Van Meter. His youth was spent on his father's large Valley Creek farm until the family moved around 1806, to a 165 acre farm near Rock Creek in present-day Grayson County.

In 1814, Nathan married Nancy Meredith, the daughter of Joseph and Nancy Skaggs Meredith. Joseph Meredith, the progenitor of the Meredith line of Grayson and Edmonson Counties, operated one of the earliest water mills in the Rock Creek area.

Around 1817, Nathan moved across the Nolin River into the relatively uninhabited "Forks" area of present-day Edmonson County, where he erected a log cabin for his family, not far from the later site of the famous Iron Furnace. Nathan became quite prosperous on his large farm of over 600 acres as the Van Meter family planted their corps and orchards; raised their cattle, hogs and sheep; hunted the wild game; and caught fish from their fishtraps constructed in the waters of nearby Nolin River.

As his father and grandfather before him, Nathan practiced the Baptist faith and was a faithful member of the Nolin United Baptist Church which was near his home.

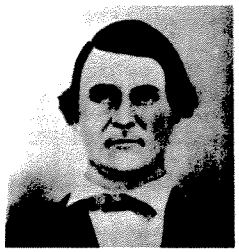
Nancy Van Meter, the wife of Nathan, was born in 1792, and died on Apr. 13, 1862. Nathan died on Jan. 10, 1870, in Grayson County, just one week before his 82nd birthday. His body was hauled by a team of oxen to the family cemetery on his old homestead in Edmonson County.

Nathan and Nancy Van Meter reared a large family of 11 children: Charlotte (1815) married Peter Meredith. Jane (1816) married Thomas Meredith. Stroud (1820-1879) married Rhoda Brooks. Alexander (1821-1847). Susannah (1823-1879) married William H. Sanders. Thomas (1824-1853) married Lynda Brooks. John (1826-1903) married Polly Brooks. Shelton (1828-1909) married first Nancy Downs and second Winnie Jane Decker. Malitta (1830-1898) married William Downs. Abraham (1833) married Sarah Wright and moved to Missouri. Cyrus (1835-1837). *Barry W. Downs.*

STROUD VAN METER

Stroud Van Meter was the oldest son of Nathan and Nancy Meredith Van Meter and was born Jan. 3, 1820, near Nolin River in the "Forks" section of present-day Edmonson Co., KY.

On Feb. 18, 1848, Stroud married Rhoda Brooks, the daughter of Smith and Elizabeth "Betsy" Meredith Brooks. Rhoda was born Mar. 6, 1827.



Stroud VanMeter

Stroud was a prosperous farmer who owned a 150 acre farm near his father's homestead. He later bought his father's large Nolin River farm which consisted of over 600 acres.

Stroud practiced the Baptist faith, and was very active in church matters, as his forefathers before him. He was a member of the Nolin United Baptist Church, and represented that church on numerous occasions as a messenger to the Green River Association of United Baptist.

Stroud died on Jan. 3, 1879, after a bout with pneumonia and was buried in the family cemetery. His wife, Rhoda, burned to death on Dec. 14, 1903, while sleeping in front of the fireplace on a pallet which caught afire. She was buried beside her husband in the family cemetery. Both graves were later moved in 1962, to nearby Hill Grove cemetery when Nolin River Reservoir was created by the United States Government.

The children of Stroud and Rhoda Van Meter were: John (1851-1878) married Susannah Thompson. Elizabeth Ann (1853-1921) married Adam Decker. Rhoda (1856-1949) married Thomas Jefferson Sanders. Nancy Jane (1859-1936) married John R. Sanders. Thomas (1862-1930) married Ida Carroll. Susan (1864-1942) married Veachel M. Sanders. Lydia "Babe" (1867-1935) married Billy Kidwell. William Grant (1870-1948) married Amanda Francis "Fanny" Stinnett. Mary F. (1874-1876). *Barry W. Downs.*

WILBURN VANMETER

Wilburn VanMeter, known as "Spud" was born in Edmonson County on Nov. 16, 1920, to Nathan and Emma Kidwell VanMeter. He had seven brothers and sister: Nora, Robert, Ted, Lucille, Ruby, Arnold and Nathan Jr. He had one half-sister, Retta Brooks Stevenson.

In May of 1944, Spud was stationed in London, England, with the Allied Forces that were to cross the English Channel and attack Hitler's forces in Europe. One night while the Americans were on a training exercise in the Channel, the Germans attacked and sank six out of seven LST's. Spud was on the surviving ship which had to be towed into port. When the battle began and the first shell hit the ship, Spud was so scared that he ran up on deck without his life jacket. He was the assistant gunner on a 90 millimeter gun, but when he got to his station, he discovered the gun was missing along with the gunner and the Captain. They had been blasted away by a shell - never to be seen again. The Germans killed 749 out of approximately 800 American soldiers that night. The surviving soldiers were questioned and told not to talk about the incident. Then, they were restricted to the post.



Wilburn VanMeter

On June 7, 1944, Spud landed in France on Utah Beach. Even during times of turmoil the Lord hears the cries of his children for he looked down upon a frightened soldier in a foxhole in France and saved Spud's soul. Spud had many close encounters with death, but he miraculously survived. One such encounter occurred one night when a soldier came up to Spud and asked for a light for his cigarette. The instant the flame was lit, the soldier was shot.

On Mar. 5, 1945, Spud was taken prisoner by the Germans. They marched him about 1,500 miles through Germany. Even though Spud had a 30 caliber slug in his hip, he was forced by gunpoint to pull a wagon on the march. He was eventually freed by the advancing Allied Army near the end of the war.

He returned home to Edmonson County and married Flossie Carroll on Feb. 18, 1950, at Sweeden, KY. Flossie was born on Oct. 18, 1920, in Edmonson County to Lawson and Elsie Cook Carroll. Her brother and sisters are: Ova, Aliene Carroll Pate, and Naomi Carroll Meredith.

Spud and Flossie live on a farm in the Bee Springs Community. *Wilburn VanMeter, Chester Brooks, Billie Jo Rich.*

THE REV. PETER VERTREES

Peter Vertrees, alias Skaggs, was born Dec. 16, 1840 near the Green River in Edmonson Co., KY the son of Mary "Polly" Elizabeth Skaggs, white, and The Rev. Booker Harding, mulatto. As required by law at age five Peter was bound to Jacob

Vertrees, the white father of Booker Harding. Soon after apprenticing him, Polly, a daughter of Aaron Skaggs and Susannah Meredith, married Elisha Johnson of Larue Co., KY and had seven children.

Living under the strong religious influence of his fostered grandmother, Mrs. Jacob Vertrees (Catherine Davis), Peter dedicated himself to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ while attending church at Holly Springs Baptist Church. He was certainly destined for the ministry.



The Rev. Peter Vertrees

He ventured out into the cruel world as a teen working at a stage stand at Three Forks, Barren Co., KY where he learned for the first time that he was black. After being cursed by his employer he returned home where he remained until war was declared in 1861 when he joined the 6th Kentucky Inf. under his uncle, Dr. John Luther Vertrees, as a body guard and cook. For this Confederate military service he received a pension in 1921 and in 1986 through the efforts of Stephen Lynn King of Bowling Green, KY a bronze military marker was placed at his grave in the Gallatin, TN Cemetery. While in service his fostered grandmother died and he then was baptized by the chaplain in his company.

When hostilities ceased in 1865 he was mustered out in Dalton, GA and went immediately to live with his uncle, Judge James Cunningham Vertrees, in Gallatin, TN, who provided for him a college education at Roger Williams University preparing him for a 60 year ministry. The albumen photograph accompanying this article was made during the late 1860's and is owned by Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr. of Smith's Grove, KY.

Peter organized numerous churches and beside them built schools through a matching funds program provided by the Jewish Rosenwald Foundation. He was pastor of these churches for 60 years and served as superintendent of the black schools. In 1875 he organized the East Fork Missionary Baptist Association still active today and serving 28 churches in Sumner, Davidson, Trousdale, Robertson, Macon, and Wilson Counties in Tennessee.

The churches he organized still in active service include Durham's Chapel, Franklin's Chapel and William's Chapel in Sumner County and the Sylvan Street Church in Nashville. To assist in caring for the needs of his congregations he, in 1899, established a chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Charity in each church. This fund helped to defray medical and burial expenses of the members and other needy persons in the community. This fund is yet active in the first church that he organized in 1866 at Durham's Chapel near Bethpage, TN.

He was married first to Amanda Love Dowell in 1872 who lived but six months. In 1881 he married Sarah Head who gave him two sons, William and Ernest. His third wife was Diora Wylie by whom he had five children: Russell Conwell who married Clara Baker; Elverlina who married the Rev. and Dr. Jonathan Nathaniel Rucker; Bertah Mae who married the Rev. Dr. T. John Griffin; Lillie Harding who married Joseph Thom Odom; and Peter Wylie who died in the service of his country in the South Pacific during World War II.

Peter's three daughters are living today and are Real Daughters of the Confederacy. His descendents continue to contribute much to the communities of which they are apart. He died Jan. 18, 1926 leaving behind an enduring legacy perpetuated today by the lives of those he touched. *Submitted by: Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.*

DR. WOODFORD MITCHELL VERTREES

Dr. Woodford Mitchell Vertrees was born Mar. 23, 1827 in Brownsville, KY the son of Jacob Vertrees and Catherine Davis. He was the grandson of Capt. John and Rebecca (Burris) Vertrees and of James Littleberry and Sarah (Van Meter) Davis.

His paternal grandfather, Capt. John Vertrees 1741-1803, was of Pennsylvania-German stock who emigrated to Hardin Co., KY where he became the first judge of the county court. He tried the first murder case in Kentucky which resulted in the hanging of the murderer.

Capt. John was a son of Johannes Jacob Verdriess of Alsace-Lorraine who came to America in 1725 with his parents Johann Verdriess and wife Catherine settling in Manaquice, MD. Johann was the first of the family to sign the Lutheran Church Book June 24, 1742.



Dr. Woodford Mitchell Vertrees

Jacob Vertrees and Cathrine Davis were married Nov. 11, 1815 in Breckinridge Co., KY and were the parents of the following children: 1) Nancy R. 1816-1883 who married 1837 John D. Otter and lived in Louisville, KY; 2) William Duvall 1818-1875 who married first Mary Cora Johnson of Nelson County and married secondly 1854 Eliza Anthony Haynes. He served in the Mexican War and as State Representative; 3) Rebecca Burris 1821-1898 who married 1851 Dr. Decatur John Leander Ford; 4) Elizabeth 1822-1835; 5) Sarah Wright 1824-1857 who married 1848 James H. Wortham and moved to Louisville, KY.

The sixth child of Jacob was James Cunningham 1825-1908 of Sumner Co., TN and Palatks, FL who married 1849 Susan C. Lee. He served as judge of the Sumner County Court and in the Confederate Army: 7) Woodford Mitchell, the subject of this sketch; 8) John Luther 1829-1901 who married 1869 Flora Head of Sumner Co., TN. He graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School later serving in the Confederate Army; 9) Grace Zerelda 1830 who married 1856 Thomas J. Hardy of Horse Cave, KY; 10) Mary Harding 1832-1857 who married Charles Worthham.

Dr. Woodford M. Vertrees received his literary education at Brownsville, KY and at the age of 21 matriculated at Wirt College in Sumner Co., TN. He later read medicine under his future brother-in-law Dr. John Sweeney of Smith's Grove, KY Later graduating from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1852. He first practiced at Smith's Grove and in 1853 moved to Elizabethtown where he remained until 1857 when he went to Mattoon, IL where he was elected mayor in 1860. In 1861 he resigned and moved to Franklin, KY where he lived until 1871 when he moved to Nashville, TN.

Dr Vertrees was a founder of the medical department of the University of Tennessee and was elected professor of materia medica and therapeutices. He was later elected to the chair of medical chemistry and toxicology. A loyal Democrat, Dr. Vertrees cast his first vote for Franklin Pierce and was a devout member of the Christian Church.

In 1857 he married Martha Jane Ford 1835-1892 of "Point Retirement" at Dripping Spring, Edmonson Co., KY the daughter of Dr. William Ford and his second wife Nance Embry. They were the parents of: 1) Catherine Elizabeth who married J.N. Blackwell and lived in Palatka, FL; 2) Dr. William Simon who married Sallie Maderia and lived in Goodlettsvielle, TN; 3) John Columbus who loved in Millersville, TN; 4) Hallie Ellen who married Dr. Ross Dunn of Readyville, TN; 5) Charles Cantrell of Nashville; 6) Martha Bailey 1870-1938 who married Dr. Thomas Reuben Newman of Talladega, AL.

Martha (Vertrees) Newman's daughter Martha Elizabeth, born 1900, married Erhardt Victor Graef and has a daughter Martha Newman in 1925 who married 1949 Dr. Malcolm Richard Lewis. He was born 1924 in Webster City, IA the son of Dr. William Benjamin Lewis and Dr. Faye (Cashatt) Lewis. Martha and Malcolm are the parents of: 1) Malcolm, Fr. who married Malissa Jones; 2) Martha Elizabeth who married John Robin Murphy and 3) Catherine Victoria.

Dr Vertrees died in 1902 and was buried beside his wife in Mt. Olivet Cemetery near Nashville, TN. *Submitted by: Kenneth C. Thomson, Jr.*

VINCENT

Rubin Vincent married Paradine Vincent. Their son, Thomas Calvin Vincent, born May 5, 1873, died Aug. 28, 1950, married Isadora Margeret Meisel, born May 22, 1879, died Nov. 15, 1968.

Isadora's parents are Maximilian Meisel, born May 23, 1850, died Nov. 17, 1888. He married Anna A. Curran, born Dec. 31, 1856, died Feb. 2, 1929.

Thomas and Isadora's children are:

1) Maude Vincent married Ralph Napper. Their children are: Raymond, Annie, Pauline, Glen, Lola, and Willard.

2) Carrie Vincent married Charlie Logan. They have no children.

3) Ethel Vincent married Willie Carroll. Their children are: Elwood, Faith, Ruby, Wilda, Dewey, and Geraldine.

4) Charlie Vincent married Virgie Conoway. Their children are: Tanzie, Charlsie, and Charles.

5) Arthur Vincent married Lucille Duvall. Their children are: Bobby and Brenda. Arthur married Nova Vincent. She has s son, Ronnie Vincent.

6) William Vincent married Eula Carroll. Their children are: Betty Vincent married Jerry Humfreys. Their children are: Steve, Suzann, Sherry, and Scott. Don vincent married Judy Sanders. Their Children are Ladonna and Billy. Patricia Vincent married Coy Torrence. Their children are Wanda and Jimmy. Jane Vincent married Everette West. Their children are: Eva, Junior, and Todd. Francis Vincent married Jerry Woodcock. Their children are: Teresa, Brian, and Brandon. Judy Vincent married Dewy Childress. Their children are: Sean, Patrick, and Nicholas. Johnny Vincent never married. David Vincent married Sue Meredith, Their daughter is Renee. Marilyn and Janet Vincent are both deceased.

7) Earl Vincent never married.

8) Eddie Vincent married Turla Carroll. Their children are: Elmer Ray and Joan, both deceased. Billy Rose Vincent married Ernest Cook. Their children are: Jerry Cook married Darlene Meredith. Their children are: Mark, Tina, and Jerri Lynn. Pamela Cook married Stanley Decker. Their children are Stanley Jr. and Daniel. Freda Cook married Mark Napier. Their daughter is Roseann. Larry Cook married Teresa Meredith. Their daughter is Charlene. Susie Cook never married. Lynn and Bridge Cook are both deceased.

Homer Vincent married Mary Phipps. Their children are Susan and Shannon. Mary had two children, Frank and Shelby Jean.

Margaret Vincent married Ted Saling. Their children are Teddy and Tammy. Margaret married Clifton Bratcher. Their children are: Diania, Darrell, and Donna now deceased.

Vickie Vincent married Arlin Brooks. Their children are: Allen, Danny, Steve, and Ronnie.

Terry Vincent married Joyce Lockhart. They have a son Johnathan. Tommy Vincent married Jonell Hunt. Their children are: Kimberly, Veronica, and Tommy Joe now deceased. Rebecca Vincent married Bruce Higdon. They have a son, Kevin.

Janell Vincent married Gary Harp. Their children are: Wayne, Angela, and LaTonya. Janell married Mark Johnson. Their children are Marcus and Jeremy. Janell married Tommy Glenn. His children are: Misty, Brandi and Mandi. Kenny Vincent married Ella Eaton. Their children are Eddie and Elizabeth. Kenny married Sandy. Her children are Angela and Joan.

Anita Vincent married Richard Vincent. Their children are: Natasha and Chasity now deceased.

Karen Vincent married David Saling. Their children are Melanie and Amanda.

Submitted by: Anita Vincent.

VINCENT

Squire Lewis Vincent and Emma Cordealie "Dealie" Wolfe both of the Mt. Zion Community, were married in Gallatin, TN by Reverend Oldham on Oct. 17, 1906. They took with them as witnesses Ed and Maude Vincent.

Their farm was located on Mt. Zion Road.

Nine children were born as follows: 1) Millie Marie, Nov. 4, 1907; 2) Lora Elsie, May 27, 1909; 3) Delta Irene, May 6, 1911; 4) Emmit Roscoe, Nov. 1, 1912; 5) Vera Virginia, Jan. 13, 1916; 6) Basil Rowell, Sept. 27, 1920; 7) Clancy Herold, Mar. 18, 1923; 8) Mancel Lee, Jan. 9, 1927; 9) Sonia Ellen, Feb. 19, 1935.





Squire Lewis Vincent - Emma Wolfe Vincent

In addition to farming, Lewis worked at different asphalt mines. At one time he was riding a white horse many miles to Garfield, KY to work.

At the same time he was serving as school trustee to hire teachers for the Mt. Zion School.

He also worked as a farm land appraiser for the Federal Land Bank.

Dealie nurtured the nine children, as well as unending planting, hoeing, feeding cattle, canning, cooking, washing and sewing without any modern conveniences. Often she ran a small general store.

All planting was done by the moon signs from the "Farmer's Almanac," which was kept with other important papers in an old egg basket hanging from a ceiling beam in the front room, to be out of reach of the children.

A dinner bell rang to gather the children in for meals.

In the winter, Dealie quilted in the afternoon, and after the evening chores were done, she read the Bible, prayed and read to the children out of books like "Robinson Crusoe."

She gave many hours of service to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Lewis died from appendicitis when the youngest child was on three and a half months old.

Dealie died from pneumonia in 1947.

Only a few photos and other mementoes remain treasured by family members. The bell was donated to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The farm was bought by the son, Clancy.

There is a saying about county families, "All they ever raised was corn and kids," but Lewis and Dealie stressed values to live by. The love of God came first along with honesty and helping others.

Importance was placed on thinking things through before tackling any job. This was known as "horse sense". Now it's called creative thinking.

Dealie and Lewis are lovingly remembered. Both were buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

The parents of Lewis were Emmit Vincent and Mary Kinser Vincent.

Lewis Vincent's family has been traced back to Francis con Vincent in eighteenth century France. After he died his wife and children came to South Carolina then to Tennessee then to Kentucky. The con was dropped and Vincent remained.

The family goes from Lewis to Emmitt to John M. to William Moncher, to Ruben to James to Francis in France.

Dealie's parents were Roscoe Wolfe and Lela Mae Johnson Wolfe.

VINCENT & ELMORE

Jesse Elmore was fondly remembered by his grandson as a kind and loving man. A private in the Union Army during the Civil War one can only imagine the stories you could tell a small grandson. My dad (the grandson) used to tell me of trips to their home and about the china with the blue edges with a sailing ship in the center. This was very impressive to a boy who very often had to fend for himself. He spoke of a grandfather clock they had that had wood workings inside to make it work. He spoke of Edy his grandmother as somewhat a miser, and very quick with discipline even to the point of being unjustified.

Jesse received a war pension until his death.

Jesse Elmore was the daughter of William and Judith Blair Vincent married Edy Minerva Vincent. Their children were: 1) Cassie Jane married John Thomas Lashley; 2) Julie married Bud Nugen; 3) Dicie who died at age 15; 4) Lou married Sammie Vincent; 5) Pricilla who never married; 6) Allie who married Lige Elmor; 7) George Washington married Daina Vincent; 8) Tommy married Inex Reason Vincent.

All of those people were early Edmonson Countians.

Submitted by: Janice Miller.

ELRO LE TRANZE VINCENT

Elro LeTranze Vincent was born Mar. 4, 1937, in Edmonson Co., KY. He is the son of William Cleo and Lela Mae Prunty Vincent. His brothers and sisters are Emil Eldred, Zelda Irene, Wendall Howard, Glendal Ray, and Clevie Royell.

His paternal grandparents were John and Sarah Appleby Vincent.

His maternal grandparents were Tom and Ollie Prunty.

Tranze attended school at Sweeden and Brownsville Elementary School. When he was 14, his parents moved to Louisville, KY, and he attended Western Junior High School.

On Apr. 18, 1957, Tranze married Erma Jean Brooks. They were married in Jeffersonville, IN, by a justice of the peace.



Standing: Shawn, Tim & John. Sitting: Erma & Tranze Vincent.

Erma Jean Brooks Vincent was born July 27, 1940, in Edmonson Co., KY. She is the daughter of Arlie W. and Iva Hunt Brooks. Her brothers and sisters are Irene, Kenneth Lee, Oleta, Christine, John (died in a drowning accident), and Chester.

Her paternal grandparents were John T. and Alice Stinnett Brooks. John was the son of Abraham and Mary E. Thompson Brooks. Alice was the daughter of Syndey and Eliza Jane Gore Stinnett.

Her maternal grandparents were Miles P. and Rebecca Brooks Hunt. Miles was the son of John Thomas and Rhoda Meredith Hunt. Rebecca was the daughter of Abraham "Ave Catty" and Lydia Brooks.

Erma attended Anderson School in the Jock Community.

Tranze and Erma lived in Louisville for 16 years. He was employed by Independent Box Makers and Branch Motoe Express as a truck driver. He was employed by BME until 1982 when the company went out of business. Erma was a house wife and mother.

While they were living in Jefferson County, Erma gave birth to three sons: Timothy LeTraze born Dec. 8, 1958; John Eldred born May 23, 1962; Nicholas Shawn born July 17, 1971.

In 1973, they sold their home in Louisville and moved to a farm on Salem Road in Edmonson County. They purchased W.L. Woods' Grocery in 1978 and operated the store until 1985 when they sold the grocery to Chester and Judy Brooks. In 1984, they bought Meredith's Grocery in Lindseyville which they currently own and operate.

In 1983, they bought a home on Jock Road from Linda Houchens. They sold the farm on Salem Road in 1985.

Tranze and Erma are members of the Jock United Baptist Church, as well as their three sons. Tranze joined in 1961 and Erma joined in 1953. Tranze is a Mason.

Tranze and Erma reside in the Jock Community where they have lived for the last five years with their son, Shawn, who is in the tenth grade at Edmonson County High School.

Their son Timothy is married to Vicki Leigh Raymer, and they have two children: Wesley Brooks and Jordan Leigh. Tim is a Ranger in the U.S. Army, and he and his family reside in Dahlonigh, GA.

Their son John is in the U.S. Marine Corp and is stationed at Cherry Pont, NC. *Submitted by: Erma & Tranze Vincent*

VINCENT - JOHNSON

The Vincent's are known by the nickname given one of their ancestors. This is the "Ed Pete" Clan. His father was the "Pete's". Then there's the "Frogs", "Gordies", "Whistlers", "Crooks", and "Long Jims", to name a few. But they are probably all descendants of Rubin and Easter Vincent, "Ed Pete's" Great Great Grandparents. Rubin and his brother John's ancestors came from France in the 1700's. They married sisters Easter and Nancy Salings. Rubin later moved to Jackson Co., TN. By the time he left there to come to Kentucky he and Easter had eight children some of whom stayed in Tennessee. He came to Edmonson County and they had six more children. James Edd is a descendant of Rubin's son William (m. Judith A. Blair) and William's son Jim (m. Mary Poteet) and Jim's son John.



James Edd "Ed Pete" & Myrtie C. Johnson Vincent

John "Pete" Vincent b. Feb. 6, 1856 d. Feb. 26, 1924 m. Feb. 28, 1877 Susan Bell Skaggs, b. Sept. 17, 1860 d. Mar. 11, 1925. Susan Bell's parents were John Q. Skaggs b. June 4, 1831 d. Apr. 28, 1901 and Mary J. Madison b. May 4, 1842 d. Aug. 26, 1903. John Q. was a Civil War soldier. He and Mary are buried in the Vincent Cemetery near Windyville off Highway 655 as is John "Pete" and Susan Bell. They had ten children: (VINCENT). 1) Luther; 2) Harrison, Cora Johnson; 3) Robert, Ola Mae Lindsey; 4) Henry, Christine Meredith; 5) James Edd, Myrtie Johnson; 6) Ola, Edward Coates; 7) Ora; 8) Sarah J., 1. ___ 2. Lipton 3. Lootens; 9) Candace, Tom Wilson; 10) Sylvia, Sherman McCrady.

James Edd Vincent b. Mar. 20, 1881 d. Feb. 8, 1954 m. June 21, 1903 Myrtie Cordella Johnson, b. Sept. 21, 1884 d. Nov. 15, 1953. Both buried in Fairview Cemetery. Myrtie's father was James H. "River Jim" Johnson b. Aug. 3, 1843 d. Mar. 17, 1910. He was raised around Fountain Run, KY and was a Civil War soldier. His parents were John J. Johnson, b. ca. 1815 in Kentucky and Margaret Mitchell, b. Mar. 15, 1814 in Kentucky d. Mar. 25, 1891. (Mt. Zion Cemetery).

James Johnson m. 1865 Lovisa Steenbergen b. June 4, 1843 d. Dec. 22, 1917. Lovisa's parents were John L. Steenbergen b. May 11, 1811 d. July 6, 1878 and Martha Ragland b. June 14, 1813 d. May 6, 1876. Martha's parents were Rev. Richard Ragland and Millie Williams. John L.'s parents were Robert P. Steenbergen b. Virginia 1775 d. ca. 1854 and Mary Ann McGary. The Steenbergens came from Holland. "River Jim" and Lovisa are buried on old "Ed Pete" river farm in Mt. Zion Community (his request to be by the river). Eight children: (JOHNSON). 1) Lela, Roscoe Wolfe; 2) Vernie, 1. Henry Lindsey 2. Hoosier Brown; 3) Lova died at birth, Myrtie's twin; 4) Myrtie, James Edd Vincent; 5) James Late, Fannie Vincent; 6) Adrin, Angie Houchins; 7) Aster Norman "Boss", Nettie from Louisiana; 8) Lon, Lucy Ann Vincent (sister to Fannie).

James Edd and Myrtie's 12 children and 28 grandchildren: (VINCENT). 1) Baby Boy (died at birth); 2) Getty A. b. Nov. 29, 1905 d. Nov. 23, 1972 (Mt. Zion Cemetery) m. Kathern James b. May 31, 1910. Kathern's parents were Thomas E. "Jock" James and Eva Ballard James. Three children: a) Audre B. b. May 26, 1928; b) Kelsey R. b. May 30, 1931; c) Harold W. b. Feb. 20, 1936; 3) Ona O. b. Jan. 10, 1907 d. May 5, 1963 m. Hattie Massey Mar. 16, 1910 d. Sept. 23, 1949. Both are buried in Red Hill Cemetery. Five children: a) Shannon; b) Randell; c) James; d) Shirley; e) Lamond; 4) Erma b. May 15, 1909 m. Charles Lindsey b. May 24, 1908 d. Dec. 26, 1974. Two Children: a) Romona; b) James Charles; 5) Lovisa Isabell "Lova" b. Nov. 4, 1910 m. Vernon "Red" Iglehart. One child: a) Larry; 6) Nelva "Nell" b. Apr. 6, 1912 d. Aug. 13, 1984 m. Carl Frey. Four Children: a) Elias Smith II "Skip"; b) Elizabeth C.; d) Carl Jr.; e) Donald V.; 7) Velma Anis b. May 29, 1914 d. Jan. 11, 1980 m. Everett Houchins. Both buried in Fairview Cemetery. Three children: a) Billy; b) Janis (died in infancy); c) Robert A.; 8) Collie Wayne b. Sept. 18, 1916 b. Edithe Edwards b. Sept. 12, 1920 from Hayes in Warren County. One child: a) Gary Wayne; 9) Vernal E. b. Sept. 8, 1919 m. Ruth Slaughter (native of Edmonson County). Two children: a) Joyce A.; b) Sondra L.; 10) Shelley b. Apr. 8, 1923 m. Everett Lee Cooke b. July 26, 1919 (native of Edmonson County) One child: a) Sharon; 11) James Trulan "Tom Thumb" b. Sept. 3, 1927 1st m. Jackie Denham. One child: a) Ricky T. 2nd m. Martha Soliday. Four children: a) James A.; b) Douglas; c) Anita L.; d) Anthony L.; 12) Thella Gray b. July 21, 1930 m. John E.

Sherrow. One child: a) Tereas. *Submitted by: Loretta T. Vincent.*

BILLY VINCENT

Billy Vincent was born Jan. 5, 1950. He is the son of the Rev. Walter "Bob" and Gladys Hester Vincent. Bill professed faith in Christ in July 1960 at the age of ten at Cove Hollow United Baptist Church. He was baptized in 1964 in Green River. He joined Ollie United Baptist Church. Later, in 1984, Bill announced his calling to preach.

Bill graduated from Edmonson County High School in 1968. After High School he graduated from Bowling Green Welding School.

Bill met and married Marcella Webb in 1972. Marcie is the daughter of Noah and Helen Skaggs Webb. She is a member of Ollie United Baptist Church. Marcie graduated from Edmonson County High School and Bowling Green Beauty College in 1971. Bill and Marcie have three children: Christy, Billie Jean, and Jason. They all still live at home. Christy and Billie Jean are members of Ollie United Baptist Church. Bill owns and operates tri-axle trucks. He also is a mechanic and welder. Bill and his family reside in the Ollie Community.

DICEY WEST VINCENT

Dicey West Vincent married Frank Lowe. Their children are; Miles, Merid, Ruben, Sol, James K. and Mary.

James was born Aug. 28, 1873 to a large pioneer, backwoods family with a strong dominating mother and a happy-go-lucky father. He lived his entire life near the boundaries of Big Reedy and Sunfish Communities, excluding a short duration in Grayson County.

James' childhood was the typical, large, backwoods family; sustenance from the garden, forest and domesticated animals provided food, clothing and shelter. Non were educated except James - predominantly self-educated, against his family's and mothers will.



James Lowe & 1st wife Olivia Willis. Josephine Willis Lowe, 2nd wife of James Lowe.

James saw a fair lady when a very small boy and vowed to marry her some day. Her lifestyle was superior to his own middle-class so he set in to make himself her equal. He did and married her.

James studied and with perseverance became well educated. He walked 20 miles one way to school. He was class mates with John A. Logan, who became a superb lawyer and Mills M. Logan, who became a United States Senator from Edmonson County. James and the Logans studied together, passing the Bar Examination together. They practiced law in Edmonson County for many years.

James married the "Fair Lady" he had vowed to wed, Olivia Willis. They had one child, Versie, before Olivia died.

Olivia's parents were Isaac and Anarpy Duvall Willis; her peers were Tommy, Jessy, Raymon, Senate, Elizabeth, Almedia and Josephine.

James married Olivia's sister, Josephine, for his second wife. Josephine was born Sept. 28, 1975 on the family farm, located on the southwest side of Bear Creek near the Brownsville Road.

Josephine was the rock of her home, being a loving, dedicated and attentive mother of her children: and an ever-dutiful, loving wife.

James practiced law only for his friends and himself. He kept close contact with the Logans, other lawyers and other political activities in Edmonson County. He also kept close contact with the Kentucky and Federal Governments.

James passed the state teacher's examination and taught over 50 terms of school in Edmonson County, which was a record. Seven of the family of nine taught over 200 term in Edmonson County, making that a family record.

James was financially exhausted and in debt when Daphne, the youngest girl, was ready for college. She married and did well for herself. Mills was able to borrow some money and worked his way through college.

James was highly respected and honored by his contacts and friends in the County, and was precinct chairman of his home community of Sunfish during his working life.

James promoted and helped build the Sunfish High School in Edmonson County. Elton Potter, his daughter, was the first principal. James obtained storm-fallen trees from his client and friend, Daniel Durbin, and donated the lumber to build the high school. Friends helped him to get the trees ready to be used. He and his son, Delphin, a carpenter, and others built the school.

James was actively involved in promoting, publicizing and establishing Mammoth Cave and its area for a national park. The land was bought from donations and state funding; and turned over to the state of Kentucky. Kentucky gave it to the federal government for a National Park.

James publicized the park with his writings in the Edmonson County Gimlet and other newspapers in the area; working with Mills Logan in the U.S. Senate and others, they got the park deal through. Mammoth Cave was known as the seventh wonder of the world.

He was in constant demand for his services by his friends; in the classroom and the political activities in Edmonson County. The family members were in demand by the Edmonson County School System because of their dedication to the professional and the strict disciplinary abilities.

James died at Huff, KY, March 1944. Josephine died several years later in her son's (Cleon) home in 1958. Both are buried in South Union Cemetery.

JOHN P. VINCENT

John P. Vincent was born Jan. 10, 1824 in Jackson Co., TN, one of 14 children born to Ruben and Easter Saling Vincent. Ruben was born about 1790 in South Carolina to James (Jimmy) and wife unknown. Ruben had two brothers and two sisters. His father remarried to Elizabeth Borders and there were five more sons and one daughter born to James.

John P.'s grandfather, James, came from France to South Carolina sometime near the year of 1770. John's mother, Easter, was born ca. 1795 in Virginia to the parents of John and Nancy Saling. The Salings moved to North Carolina while on their way to Kentucky. Ruben and Easter met, fell in love and married in 1812 in Tennessee. After John's grandfather, James and his second wife died in Jackson County, John's father, Rubin, with his brother, John and wife Nancy Saling Vincent, all moved to Edmonson County Rubin and John had married sisters, the daughters of John Saling. The Saling's families had moved into the Bear Creek area early in the 1820's to work in timber and to hunt. This was their way of life.



John P. Vincent & 2nd wife Sarah Elizabeth Lindsey

John P. Vincent grew up in Edmonson County after the move from Tennessee in 1831. In the Edmonson Court records, the Vincents, Ruben and John, (his brother) are mentioned for the first time. They were summoned to Court to show cause why they had not paid the 1831 real tax. Case was dismissed.

Ruben and Easter moved to the Rube Webb farm on the east side of Nolin River. This was where they were both buried. Easter died in 1870 and Ruben in October, 1874. See Ruben's Will Edmonson County Courthouse.

In 1852, John P., married Nancy Meredith, daughter of Thomes and Rhoda Bales Meredith, who lived on Dismal Creek. John and Nancy had six children: Paradine m. Rubin Vincent (a cousin); Meredith York (Merd) m. first Martha VanMeter, second to Emma Whobrey Arms; James Mitchell m. Rose VanMeter; Sherdick Louis m. Betty

Meredith; James m. M.H. Davis, first, and second to Luther Crabree; William P. m. first Palestine Vincent, second to Annie Meisel, third to Addie Meredith.

Soon after Nancy's death, John P. remarried to Sarah Elizabeth Lindsey, daughter of Jesse and Nancy Meredith Lindsey.

There were five children born to this marriage: Willis Chester; Joseph, who died young; Jesse Rubin m. Effie Musick; Walter Smauel m. Lou Elmore; and Nancy, the baby, who was only ten days old when her mother died and just 20 days old when her father John P. died. Nancy was raised by John's brother, her uncle Rubin Adam and wife Betsey Blanton Vincent.

John P., was a farmer, hunter and at one time was postmaster of the Bee Spring post office.

His life must have been a difficult one, indeed, as he lost his farm just before his death in 1892. He and both of his wives are buried in the Vincent Community Cemetery. A son, Willis C., bought his father a marker in the late 1940's. *Betty Peger.*

LAWRENCE & BESSIE VINCENT

The Rev. Lawrence Vincent was born in the Poplar Springs Community on Dec. 23, 1906, to the family of Louis and Annie Morris Vincent. Except for a brief hiatus, he remained a resident of Edmonson County throughout his life. While at the age of three his mother passed away leaving his sister (Estella Vincent Roof) to raise him. This created a special bond between them.

Nearing his fathers remarriage, Lawrence accepted the responsibility of manhood early in life. At the age of 16, he took a job laying railroad ties for the Kyrock Asphalt Company. Five years later he married Bessie Chambers.



The Rev. & Mrs. Lawrence Vincent

Miss Chambers was born in Russelville, AL, on July 4, 1912, to the family of Robert and Mary Fisher Chambers. This union would bless them with 12 children, (three sets of which were twins) spiritual fulfillment, and a long, loving companionship. A list of the children follows:

Melba (Vincent) Vincent June 13, 1928; Joyce (Vincent) Skaggs Apr. 27, 1932; Katy Grey Vincent July 27, 1934 - Jan. 15, 1936; Ted Norman Vincent Aug. 16, 1936 - Jan. 23, 1937; Billy Vernon Vincent May 19, 1938; Mary Vee Vincent (twin) May 9, 1939 - May 9, 1939; Robert Lee Vincent (twin) May 9, 1939 - May 9, 1939; Johnny Vincent (twin) May 23, 1941 - Oct. 15, 1941; Anna (Vincent) Basel (twin) May 23, 1941; Elizabeth (Vincent) Lindsey May 10, 1943; Jerry Clay Vincent (twin) May 31, 1945; Janice Faye (Vincent) Cowles (twin) May 31, 1945.

Lawrence, who professed being a born-again Christian at the age of 22, was ordained as a minister 15 years later in 1943. He later pastored Churches in several counties across the state.

Switching from his job as a ferry operator, Rev. Vincent began the job people associated with him - a Road Grader Operator for the County. It was here he made many acquaintances and friends, desisting a moment from work to request prayer for their families. Rev. Vincent has been extolled by many people - a tribute that he gave full credit to Our Lord Jesus. Yet, his life was exemplary to all the people who know him.

Lawrence died suddenly on Jan. 14, 1966. Memorial service was held at Midway Baptist Church. He was buried in the Sweeden Cemetery. Mrs. Vincent still lives at her residence on Hwy, 259, Brownsville, KY. *Joyce Skaggs & Elizabeth Lindsey*

REV. RANDAL RAY VINCENT

Ray Vincent was born July 19, 1923 to Archie and Gertie Vincent. While a lad he moved to a farm on Indian Creek where he had a happy life until age 13 when his mother, whom he dearly loved, passed away. He remained on the farm until he went to fight in WW II.

After joining the Army he was shipped to Europe and on D-Day landed at Omaha Beach, France. He was wounded at St. Malo, France Aug. 19, 1944. He was engaged in five major battles: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe for which he received the Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, Bronze Star, Silver Star and Combat Infantry Badge. He spent 18 months on the front line.

Ray heard the Gospel preached at Midway by Rev. Gordon Campbell before he left for the war. This stayed with him, until one day in a fox hole in France, he turned it all over to the Lord and was gloriously saved. He passed through many dangers in the war, but God spared him for a special work.



The Rev. Randall Ray Vincent

While in the Battle of the Belgium Bulge he was penned down 14 days and nights, not even a change of socks. His feet were frost bitten. At one time they were surrounded by the enemy and only a few remained alive. The Captain told them to try to get back to their own men. The move was risky but it was death if they stayed. The Captain was wounded in the hip and couldn't walk. He told Ray to leave him and flee for his life, but Ray said, "not without you, sir!" He got his captain on his back and crawled out with him.

Another time, Ray was standing in a group listening while the lieutenant gave instructions. An 88 shell landed among them, blowing him several feet from where he was standing, When he awoke, the other men were all laying around dead.

Ray was honorably discharged Dec,. 30, 1945 and arrived home December 31, to much rejoicing with family and friends. However he was saddened because of his father's death while he was in Europe.

On Jan. 2, 1946, Ray married Christine Hogan who had remained true to him and waited through the War for his return. Their children: Ellen Iay married Truman Vincent; Anita married Junior West; Rita married Muron Berry. Their children: Dana Machell and Bethany Ann Berry.

Brother Ray Vincent was ordained a minister of the Gospel at Midway United Baptist Church July 17, 1954 along with Revs. Almon Hogan, W.T. Browning and deacons Burnard Bashan and Berthel Skaggs.

Brother Ray spent many years in the ministry, often being called out in the middle of the night to pray for some troubled soul. His home became a scene of worship, with over 30 souls being saved there. He spent many seasons with Brother Jake Vincent preaching in tents and homes in destitute regions until his health failed him. *Submitted by: Norman Warnell.*

REV. AND MRS. MITCHELL VINCENT

"Uncle Mitch" Vincent, as he was reverently known, was born in June 1857. He was the grandson of Ruben Vincent who came to Edmonson County from Jackson County, TN. He was the some of Jack and Nancy Meredith Vincent. Uncle Mitch had three brothers; Bill Louise and Myrd, one sister, Jane and three half-brothers; Willis, "Little Rube," and Rev. Sam.

In 1885 Uncle Mitch and Rose Van Meter were married and moved to a small house on Vincent Road near Bee Spring. This little cabin was their home as long as they both lived (about 54 years). More rooms were added as 12 children were born into the family.

Even before they had children of their own Uncle Mitch and Aunt Rose had taken in a little orphan girl who had no home. They had also given a half-brother a place to live because his mother had died. Three of their children died as infants, and three more died at an early adult age. Six grandchildren were left as orphans. Uncle Mitch and Aunt Rose took two of them to keep permanently and



Rev. & Mrs. Mitchell Vincent

the other orphan grandchildren always used the home as a refuge when it was needed.

Uncle Mitch began teaching at an early age. He was connected with the Edmonson County School System for more than 40 years. He was superintendent of the schools for 12 years and at the time of his death he had been a member of the school board for 11 years, next to his family and church he gave his time to the cause of education.

Reading was his favorite pastime and the Bible was his favorite book. He was a Sunday School teacher for many years and was pastor of Bee Spring Church for several years. He was an honorary life member of Washington Meredith Masonic Lodge.

Uncle Mitch had keen interest in politics. He served with distinction as a member of the Kentucky Senate in 1913-14. He was a strict prohibitionist. One year he went to Texas where he lectured across the state in a Temperance Movement. He once said, "I'd fight anything that would make a man act any bigger fool than he already is."

Aunt Rose spent her years taking care of her home, she devoted her time to her large family, seeing after her grandchildren, and caring for the sick neighbors in the community.

Uncle Mitch and Aunt Rose were the parents of: Daisy, Polly, and Roe who died as infants. Irene married Fred Meredith, Grace married Felix Meredith, Callie, married Warner Duvall, Gertrude married C.R. Barbee, Lois married Jim Music, Matthew married Georgia Kirtley, Carl married Myrtle Golden, Bert married Pauline Hunter, J.O. (Opel) married Linda Harned.

At this writing two daughters are survivors, Gertrude and Lois, who are both residing at the Masonic Home in Louisville.

"The House by the Side of the Road," the poem Uncle Mitch loved so much and often quoted....the house is gone, but there are so many memories. They lived by the side of the road to be friends to all men and now they sleep beneath the sod in Vincent Cemetery. God rest their souls! *Submitted by: Eula Duvall Wood, Granddaughter*

REV. WALTER (BOB) VINCENT

Rev. Walter (Bob) Vincent was born May 6, 1920. He was the son of the late John Thomas and Ida May Decker Vincent. Bob was born and raised on Second Creek, as was his father before him. Bob has lived in the Forks Community ever since birth.

Bob professed faith in Christ in 1933 at the age of 13, at Ollie United Baptist Church. He was baptized in a spring-fed creek called the "Big Hole."

In 1939 Bob enlisted in the United State Army, where he served his country in the States for three years and three years in Africa, Italy and Germany during World War II. While in the service he received the Purple Heart, five Bronze Star, the Good Conduct and the European Theater medals.

After the war, in February 1947, Bob married Gladys Hester, the daughter of the late Rev. Andrew Jackson and Frances Hughes Hester. Gladys professed faith in Christ February 1933 at Union Light Church and is a member of Ollie United Baptist Church. To this union were born six children.

Ray Allen, who married Dona Garner. They have a daughter, Chasity.

Billy, who married Marcella Lynn Webb. They have three children, Christy, Billie Jean and Jason.

Patricia, who married Rev. Truman Carroll. They have no children.

Rodney Eugene, who died in an automobile accident in 1986. He was unmarried.

Tersia, who married James Elis Hogan. They have no children.

Alisa, who married Kenneth Sander Jr. They have one son, Shawn.

Bob has been a farmer for the past 55 years and a school bus driver for the past 38 years. Bob was ordained into the Baptist ministry Mar. 16, 1957. Since then he has pastored various churches in Edmonson County.

Gladys is a retired elementary school teacher. She retired in June, 1980 after 33 years of teaching. She has been a substitute teacher for the past five years for the Edmonson County school system.

WEBB

Around 1700, three Webb brothers came to this part of the country from North Carolina. At the time, this area was called Virginia.

From information received from a distant relative in California, their father's name was William. This has not been verified.

One of the brothers settled in Hart County; one in Logan County near Auburn; and one settled near the mouth of the Nolin River in the County known as Larue County which is now called Edmonson County.



Webb Family: Gilbert, Hubert, Nora, Fred, Willard, Morris, Cecil, Guy & Luther.

One of the brothers was Mell Webb, and he was the father of the entire Webb generation in Edmonson County. He died at an old age and was buried at the Grassy Knob Cemetery at Poplar Springs in Edmonson County. Mell was the father of Martin Webb, Sr.

Martin Webb, Sr. settled on the south side of the Green River near the mouth of the Nolin River in 1796.

In 1796 he received, from Virginia, three grants of land aggregating 400 acres on the south side of Green River. This was awarded to him for military service during the Revolutionary War.

Martin H. Webb, son of Martin Webb, Sr., was born about 1807. He married Merry ? Webb. He was a school teacher at Temple Hill in the 1840's, served two terms in the State Legislature and was Tax Assessor for some time. He died on Mar. 19, 1880.

Martin H. Webb fathered Cynthia Ann Webb, Dec. 4, 1827; "Fiddling" Tipp Webb, June 28, 1840; Warren Webb; John Webb, Aug. 25, 1829; and Clay Webb, Mar. 23, 1833.

Clay Webb married Ruby Roof, daughter of Dr. John and Sallie Skaggs Roof. Dr. Roof was a medical doctor who lived at Mt. Zion. They had ten children: Eliza Jane Webb; Sally Ann Webb, born Dec. 30, 1857; Cynthia Ann "Nan" Webb, born in 1855; Mary Ellen Webb; Fannie Bell Webb; Nancy Webb; Daniel H. Webb, born on Feb. 9, 1861; James W. Webb, born Jan. 16, 1863; John Thomas Webb, born in 1872; Noah Willis Webb, born Sept. 30, 1867.

Noah W. Webb was married to Sarah Angeline Morris in 1888 by Rev. Bob Luttrell at his home. Sarah Angeline Morris was a descendant of Mason Morris who was born in 1750, in Pennsylvania. Mason had a son Ruben, born in 1772, who married Elizabeth Hazelip and moved to Kentucky from North Carolina when his father died in 1806.

Ruben had a son named Hiram who was born in North Carolina on Aug. 18, 1799. Hiram came to Kentucky and married Million Blair, and they had nine children: Will, Mason, Samuel, Captain Noah, Ruben, Robert, Betty Jane, Nannie, and a son who died at 12 years of age.

Ruben Morris was born May 8, 1837, and died Feb. 23, 1924. Ruben was a soldier with the Union Army during the Civil War. He enlisted in 1861, and served as a sergeant in the Battles of Stone River and Bean Station. He and his brother Robert were in the Battle of Shiloh. He married Nancy Conway, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Conway. Their children were: Rose Morris, born in 1861, who married Bill Ned Sanders; Effie Morris, who married Pete Skaggs; Millie Morris, who married Bud Carrier; Virgil Morris, born June 7, 1875, married Mora Meredith; Macie Morris, born Feb. 1, 1881 and married Oren Mitchell; Myrtle Morris, who died at eight months of age; and Sarah Angeline Morris, born Feb. 16, 1871, and married Noah Willis Webb. Noah Webb died Mar. 30, 1919, and Angie died Feb. 5, 1962. They are buried in the Sweeden Cemetery.

Noah and Angie had 12 children: Walter Webb, born Jan. 14, 1889; Luther Webb,

born Aug. 16, 1890; Ruben Tipp Webb, born Mar. 28, 1892; Hubert Webb, born Oct. 23, 1893; Guy Webb, born Jan. 22, 1898; Fred T. Webb, born Jan. 25, 1896; Nora Webb, born Feb. 4, 1900; Morris Wilbur Webb, born Jan. 9, 1902; Willard Webb, born Jan. 23, 1904; Lonard Webb, born Jan. 25, 1906; Gilbert Webb, born Feb. 9, 1908; and Cecil Webb, born Feb. 27, 1911.

The photograph below pictures nine of the 12 children in 1962. From left to right they are: Willard, Gilbert, Morris, Hubert, Cecil, Nora, Lindsey, Fred, Guy and Luther Webb.
Submitted by Charlotte Webb Kleier

CECIL WEBB

Cecil Webb, son of Noah and Angie Webb, was born Feb. 27, 1911. He married Chloie Potter, daughter of Ida and Willie Potter was born May 8, 1916. Willie Potter was the son of John Wesley Potter and Sarah Skaggs of Bee Springs. Ida was the daughter of Marshal and Matilda Lindsey of the Holly Springs Community at Grassland. Chloie was a teacher at the Midway School in Lindseyville at the time of their marriage in 1937. She has been known to her students as "Miss Chloie" for all of her 45 years of teaching at the elementary level in Edmonson County. She has also used her skills as a Sunday School teacher for over 40 years at the Pleasant Union United Baptist Church in the Steep Hollow Community where Cecil and Chloie have been members since Cecil's conversion in 1944.

They bought the "Old Tommy Lobb" place at Lindseyville where they lived and Cecil operated a service station for about five years. He sold his home there and bought a farm in the Blanton Community near the New Home Church. They lived on this farm for a few years. He and Morris, his brother, along with the help of Richard McGrew, a hired hand, tended a crop on this farm, Morris' farm, and the old home place on Nolin River for one year. Cecil then sold the farm and bought a home in Brownsville where they now live.



Cecil & Chloie Webb

Cecil was a deputy sheriff from 1948 to 1956. He bought a farm on Indian Creek near Poplar Springs and raised Black Angus cattle for a few years. He then sold his cattle and farm in 1972 and devoted full time to his service station in Brownsville which he had operated since moving there.

He has now retired. He and Chloie have two daughters: Charlotte Cecile Webb was born Nov. 9, 1940, at Lindseyville. She attended Western Kentucky State University and graduated from Murray State University in 1962. Charlotte married C. Robert Kleier of Lexington in 1965. They have no children and now live in Charlotte, NC.

Martha Lynn Webb was born Sept. 20, 1948, at the Bowling Green Warren County Hospital. She graduated from Western Kentucky University with a B.S. degree. At Western she met and married Don Keller, a teacher at the University. Don received his doctorate at Indiana University and they moved to Clemson, SC, where he began teaching at Clemson University. They have three children: Paul; Natalie, born July 8, 1969; and Robert Keith who was born on Apr. 5, 1977.

Submitted by: Charlotte Webb Kleier

CLYDE LYNDEL WEBB

Sheriff, Judge and Master Commissioner of Edmonson County Circuit Court, Edmonson Co., KY. Clyde Lyndel Webb was born Feb. 20, 1917 in Edmonson Co., KY, died Apr. 1, 1984. He was buried at the Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church where he was a member, Masonic Rites were performed. Clyde was the fifth child of 12 children, born to Walter H. Webb (born Jan. 4, 1889 died Nov. 15, 1961) and Ellis (Morris) Webb (born Feb. 23, 1892 died Feb. 12, 1975). He was married to Lillie Musick (born Oct. 27, 1918), in Jeffersonville, IN on Aug. 2, 1936. Lillie is the daughter of Edd Musick (born Oct. 26, 1894 died Mar. 8, 1973) and Maude (Ashley) Musick (born Jan. 9, 1895 died July 15, 1980).

Clyde was a leader in Republican politics in Edmonson County. His first office was as sheriff, appointed Apr. 1, 1950, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of James C. Kinslow.



Sheriff Clyde Lyndel Webb

He was elected to the office in 1953 and again in 1965. In the interim, he served as county judge, having been elected to that office in 1957. He was a Master Commissioner of the Edmonson County Circuit Court on Oct. 18, 1981. He was appointed Chief of Police of Brownsville, KY Dec. 9, 1983. It was while he was patrolling he had a massive heart attack.

He was a 40 year member of the Washington-Meredith Masonic Lodge No. 355 F & A M and was lodge past Master. He was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1954 and a member of the Royal Arch.

Clyde and Lillie have one son, Walter Edward, born Aug. 31, 1938. Walter married Mildred Wilmalene Harp, Dec. 14, 1956. Mildred Wilmalene was born Aug. 27, 1940. She is the daughter of Theodore (Jack) Harp (born June 7, 1916) and Effie (Johnson) Harp (born Oct. 16, 1915 died Mar. 6, 1985). Walter and Mildred have five children, Sherry Elizabeth (born Oct. 16, 1957) married Dec. 7, 1979 to Edd Williams, Sheila Gray (born Jan. 12, 1959) married Aug. 28, 1982 to Tommy Cherry, Theodore Lyndel (Teddy) (born June 3, 1961) married Roxie Cherry Jan. 3, 1981, Walter Edward (Eddie) (born Apr. 3, 1966) married June 29, 1986 to Renee Lindsey, Wilmer Lawrence (born Aug. 28, 1976). They also have three grandchildren: (1) Jonathan Wesley Williams - son of Sherry and Edd Williams; (2) Jessica Gray Williams - daughter of Sherry and Edd Williams; (3) Christopher Lyndel Webb - son of Teddy and Roxie Webb.

Clyde Webb as a public servant gave a part of himself, to the multitudes of family, friends and the people of Edmonson and surrounding counties in times, when only he could meet their needs.

MORRIS AND DAHLIA WEBB

Morris Wilbur Webb was born Jan. 9, 1902, at Poplar Spring near Nolin River in Edmonson Co., KY. He was the eighth child born to Noah Willis Webb and Sarah Angeline Morris Webb.

Dahlia Ivyl Potter was born on Jan. 5, 1920, near Lindseyville in Edmonson Co., KY. She was the seventh child born to James William (Willie) Potter and Ida Florence Lindsey Potter.

After the death of his father when he was a teenager, Morris took over the operation of their farm since his older brothers had married and moved away from home. He later worked as a core drill operator for the Kyrock Asphalt Company. He remained with that company until it closed its operation in the 1950's.

Dahlia and her family moved from Lindseyville to Grassland when she was very small. She attended grade school at Green Hill and Grassland Schools. She also attended Sunfish High School graduating in 1937. Later she enrolled in the Bowling Green Business University.



Morris & Dahlia Webb

Morris and Dahlia were married Dec. 21, 1939, at the home of Cecil and Chloie Webb by the Reverend Dit Webb. They made their home with his mother Angie for a few

months until purchasing their home in the Steep Hollow Community where they moved in November, 1940. There they raised their three daughters: Carolyn Jo, born Dec. 27, 1941; Judith Marilyn, born Nov. 19, 1944; and Cynthia Ruth, born June 6, 1952.

Morris professed faith in Christ at the Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 19 and joined that church remaining a member until 1944 when he joined the Pleasant Union United Baptist Church (Steep Hollow). There he remained a faithful member until his death.

Dahlia professed faith in Christ at the New Home General Baptist Church on Nov. 15, 1930, and joined Holly Springs Missionary Church at Grassland. She also moved her membership to Steep Hollow in 1944.

Morris and Dahlia were faithful church goers, not only to their church, but other churches in adjoining communities. It was not unusual for them to attend revivals at neighboring churches. Morris would become interested in a neighbor who was seeking his soul's salvation and sacrifice his job to attend church in order to help him to the Lord.

His church and then his family remained the most important things in his life. He served as church clerk from 1944, until declining health in 1978. He also was Sunday School superintendent for 35 years. Dahlia was quiet natured but was always ready to lend a helping hand in assisting him in his duties. He was ordained as a deacon on Sept. 5, 1954, and served as a trustee from Mar. 4, 1950 to Nov. 13, 1971. He spent many hours as a caretaker of the church grounds and cemetery.

Morris and Dahlia were very proud of the fact that their three daughters joined Pleasant Union Church as they were converted. Part of their daily family devotion was to have prayer each night before bedtime.

As their children married and left home, they looked forward to visits from them and their children.

Carolyn married Rayborn Luttrell on July 8, 1966. Their daughter, Jackie, was born Oct. 5, 1974. Marilyn married Jerry Patton on Dec. 27, 1963. Their daughter, Alison Cheri, was born Feb. 1, 1970, and Andrea Nichole was born on Sept. 21, 1973.

Cynthia married Bill Cottongim on June 6, 1975. Their son, William Wesley, was born Jan. 16, 1981, and Adam Ryan was born on June 10, 1987.

Morris' health began to fail him in 1978, and he spent many months in the hospital. Dahlia and his family stayed close by his side through this long illness. He passed away on Oct. 10, 1980, at the Bowling Green Medical Center. He is buried in the Pleasant Union Church Cemetery.

Dahlia still makes her home in the Steep Hollow Community and is employed by the Edmonson County School System as a food service worker at the Brownsville Elementary School. *Carolyn Webb Luttrell*

NOAH KENDRICK WEBB

Noah was born Apr. 16, 1925. He is the son of Walter and Ellis Morris Webb. He married Helen Skaggs, daughter of Clauda and Ethel Hudson Skaggs. They are the parents of three children: 1) Marcella Lynn, who married Billy Vincent, son of Rev. Bob and Gladys Vincent. They have three children, Christy, Billy Jean and Jason; 2) Belinda Kay, who married Terry Vincent, son of Balis and Estil Vincent. They had one daughter, Amiee Marie. They were divorced and Belinda later married Jimmy Pedigo, son of Floyd and Inez Pedigo. They had two sons, Cody and Cory. Jimmy has a daughter by a previous marriage, Kimberly; 3) Noah K., Jr. (Ken), who married Debra Taylor. They have one son Noah K. the third.



Noah & Helen Webb

Noah served in the army in World War II. He was in foreign service eight months ten days. He received the American Theater Ribbon, Philippines Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Medal World War II.

Before entering service he was a truck driver. After service, he returned to driving a truck at Kyrock Asphalt Co. He worked as a core drill operator after the death of his father. He later became a painter on construction and residential work.

In 1981, Noah went into the hospital to have a mylagram test run because of a back injury. It left him a quadraplegic. He was totally paralyzed and blinded.

His wife, Helen, was a beautician and had her own beauty salon from 1957 until she had to close it to care for her husband who has to have total care. Helen and Noah live in Brownsville. *by Helen Skaggs Webb*

CHARLES EDWARD WHITTLE, SR.

Charles E. "Charlie" Whittle, Sr. (1900-1973) was born on Jan. 7, 1900 near Silent Grove, south of Mammoth Cave, KY to Elijah Emerson (1872-1912) and Mossie Stephens (1877-1950) Whittle. He was the grandson of Ivy (1849-1905) and Martha Hawkins Whittle and of Thomas J. (1850-1942) and Helon Slemmons (1862-1934) Stephens.

Charlie attended school at Silent Grove until age ten when his family moved to Brownsville. His father died when he was 12 years old and he then moved with his mother and grandparents, Thomas J. and Helon Stephens, to Bowling Green in 1913 to complete his education. Charlie graduated from the Ogden Prep School at age 15, Ogden College at age 18, and Yale University at age 19. He majored in English and History.

Charlie became a teacher, educator, and lawyer. He taught at Ogden College in 1920 and then returned to Brownsville to read law for the Kentucky Bar Exam under M.M. Logan (later U.S. Senator from Kentucky) who was a contemporary and friend of his father, Emerson. Charlie passed the Bar Exam in 1921 and practiced law with Pat Vincent during 1921-22. In January 1923 he was named President of Ogden College and was publicized as the Youngest College President in America. He served until August 1925 when he resigned to return to Brownsville to run for Edmonson County Attorney. He was elected Edmonson County Attorney in the fall of 1925 for one term. He continued the practice of law in Brownsville until his death in 1973 while serving his second term as Edmonson County Attorney.

Charlie married Lillian Skaggs (1911-present), daughter of Noah Morris and Elizabeth McCrady Skaggs, on Sept. 27, 1929. They had nine children as follows:

Charles E., Jr. (1931), Joseph M. (1933), Noah M. (1935), Charlene (1937), Elizabeth (1939), John T. (1940), James E. (1943), Anne (1948), Robert (1953).

Charlie served as assistant manager of the 1943 campaign of Judge Simeon Willis for Governor of Kentucky. Judge Willis was elected Governor in the fall of 1943 and Charlie served in his administration as legal counsel in the Department of Agriculture, as a member of the State Tax Commission, as a member of the State Fair Board, and finally was appointed to a fixed term (1946-1950) on the Kentucky Public Service Commission. He returned to his Brownsville Law Practice in 1950 and served frequently as a consultant to the West Virginia and Ohio Public Utility Commissions.

Charlie was truly an educator, a lawyer, an orator, a story teller, and an historian. He authored two books on Edmonson County. He liked story telling best of all. He died in January 1973 and is buried in the new Brownsville Cemetery about 3/4 mile east of Brownsville.

ELIJAH EMERSON WHITTLE

Elijah "Emerson" Whittle (1872-1912) was born Aug. 13, 1872 to Ivy (1849-1905) and Martha Hawkins (1850-1879) Whittle who lived south of the Turnhole Hill on the Mammoth Cave Road near Silent Grove. Emerson was the grandson of Robert (1825-1876) and Amanda Mitchell Whittle and of Henry and Frances Smith Hawkins. He was the great-grandson of John Lewis and Elizabeth Tarter Whittle who came to Edmonson County in 1837 from Russell and Pulaski Counties in Kentucky.

Emerson had three full brothers and sisters and seven half brothers and sisters who lived to adulthood. These included:

Joseph (1874), Peyton (1877), Peachie (1879), Nettie (1883), Ethel (1888), Florence (1890), John (1894), Frank (1896), Minnie (1898), Iva (1901).

Emerson attended school at Silent Grove where he completed the eight grades offered. He passed the Teacher's Examination and briefly attended the Normal School in Bowling Green. He was a modest man and worked

at farming and logging. He often cut logs and floated them with those of his neighbors down Green River to the Ohio River near Evansville, IN for sale.

On Dec. 4, 1898 he married Mossie Ellar Stephens (1877-1950), daughter of Thomas Jefferson (1850-1942) and Helon Slemmons (1862-1934) Stephens. They had one child who lived to adulthood, Charles E. Whittle, Sr. (1900-1973). Emerson, Mossie, and Charlie lived on a farm near Green River, south of Silent Grove. Emerson was elected deputy sheriff of Edmonson County in 1905 to represent the south side of Green River. In 1909 he was elected Edmonson County Court Clerk by the largest majority ever afforded a candidate for County office up to that time. Emerson moved his family to Brownsville and resided there until his death in May 1912. His widow Mossie, continued to live in Brownsville and Edmonson County, except for brief stays in Bowling Green, until her death in 1950.

Emerson, Mossie, and their baby daughter who died at birth are buried in the Silent Grove Cemetery behind the church and near their places of birth.

JOHN L. (JACK) WHITTLE

John L. (Jack) Whittle (1796-1866) was the ancestor of the Edmonson County Whittles. He was born in East Tennessee (the land south of the Ohio River) to Robert and Susannah Whittle and at the age of 12 came to Kentucky with his parents and brothers and sisters. His brothers and sisters were: Joseph, Levi, William, Nancy and Sarah (Sally).

He grew to young manhood on the banks of the Cumberland River south of Somerset, KY (Jabez Ridge), married Elizabeth (Betsy) Tarter (1803-1897) in Pulaski Co., KY on Sept. 3, 1823.

John L. (Jack) Whittle came to Edmonson County with his wife and six small children in the spring of 1837. They raised a crop of corn and tobacco on the south side of Green River near the mouth of Honey Creek in 1837. By the next season the family had settled permanently about one mile north of Cedar Springs on the south side of the Cedar Sink Creek which runs underground from Rocky Hill to the Turnhole on Green River.

The John L. Whittle family had followed his brother's family Joseph and Susan Kinser Whittle to Edmonson County. The brother, Joseph, and his wife's family, the Kinsers, had already moved to Edmonson County in 1825, had helped survey the lots of Brownsville in 1825, and had settled on the north side of Green River near the mouth of Honey Creek. The Joseph Whittle family and some of the Kinsers moved to Miller County, MO in 1842. The John L. (Jack) Whittle family remained in Edmonson County. Born to John L. and Elizabeth Whittle were the following 12 children:

Nancy (1824), Robert (1825), Cecilia (1829), James (1831), Alfred (1833), Polly or Mary (1835), Martin (1837), Ann Eliza (1838), Elizabeth (1840), Henry (1843), John (1845), David (1847-1855).

The children and grandchildren of these 12 offsprings helped populate that section of Edmonson County from Rocky Hill to Cedar Springs to Silent Grove during the late 1800's.

John L. (Jack) Whittle died in 1866 at the age of 70, but his wife Elizabeth (Betsy), known better as Granny Whittle, lived to the ripe old age of 94. She died in 1897 and was buried along side her husband and grandson (Isaac, the son of Robert) under a grove of trees on a knoll on the old homeplace in the valley one mile north of Cedar Springs toward Chaumont.

M.B. WILKES, M.D.

Marcus Branch Wilkes, Jr., was born Aug. 3, 1914 in Richburg, SC to Dr. Marcus B. Wilkes, Sr., and Mrs. Ruth Alderman Tedder Wilkes. He died on July 23, 1985 in Emerald Isle, NC and was laid to rest in the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. He was graduated from Gibson High School in Gibson, NC. His undergraduate work was done at Erskine College in Due West, SC, and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He received his medical degrees from Middlesex University in Boston, MA and Duke University in Durham, NC.



Dr. M.B. & Jean Wilkes

He served as a medical officer in the Navy during World War II. He was part of a medical team that went into Hiroshema to administer to the medical needs of survivors after the first atomic bomb was dropped. Following an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, he came to Edmonson County to establish this medical practice. His first office was in the back of the Brownsville Deposit Bank.

In 1958 he built the Wilkes Clinic in order to offer better medical services to the county. He was a member of the American Medical Association, The Kentucky State Medical Association, and the Tri-County Medical Society. He also served as examining physician and medical advisor for the Edmonson County Selective Service Board and was a charter member of the Edmonson County Lions Club. He was a member of the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church.

Doc's constant companion and helpmate in and out of the office was his wife, Jean. She worked by his side as office nurse many years and accompanied him on house calls any hour of the day or night. They were a recognized and beloved team offering medical aid and friendship to "their" patients throughout the county.

Doc had two sons, Bradley G. Wilkes who lives in Beaufort, NC, and Marcus A. Wilkes of Dayton Beach, FL and daughter-in-law, Lynn Wilkes, and one granddaughter, Brandie Lynn Wilkes of Beaufort, NC.

Dr. Wilkes was truly a skilled and devoted physician. His genuine interest in people, his attitude of caring, and his unique ability to make each of his patients feel very special earned him a devoted group of patients and friends.

Doc was a great lover of outdoor sports. Hunting quail and dove as well as fishing were some of his favorite sports.

Dr. Wilkes possessed a great love for the people and land of his native North Carolina, and owned a home on Emerald Isle, NC where he and Jean delighted in entertaining family and friends from "home", Edmonson County. Edmonson County was truly his home. His father was a physician and had planned on Marcus joining him in his family practice in North Carolina but Doc felt that Edmonson County was home and that his "people" needed him.

WILKINS-CONWAY

Nancy Elizabeth "Nannie" Wilkins was born in Edmonson Co., Sweeden, KY on Jan. 26, 1904 to Rev. John W. Conway and Martha Viola (Harrison) Conway. Nannie was the sister of Ethel Elva (Conway) Stewart and Elzora Mae (Conway) Ray. She was the half-sister of Everett Lindsey, Myrtle (Conway) Deweese, William "Bill" Conway and Annie (Conway) Davis.

"Nannie" was married to William Everett Wilkins on Sept. 7, 1921 in Greenville, KY. Everett came to Edmonson County to work at Kyrock Asphalt Company where he was a heavy equipment operator. He was born Oct. 26, 1902 in Grayson Co., KY to James Samuel Wilkins and Cordelia Frances (Bozarth) Wilkins. He had one brother, Floyd Wilkins and three sisters: Eula (Wilkins) Criswell, Lula (Wilkins) Bowsher and Julia (Wilkins) Taylor.



Nancy Elizabeth Conway, about age 16

"Nannie" was postmistress at Sweeden in 1954. She worked at the Willie V. Vincent General Store in Sweeden in the 1940's. She was a cook at Kyrock School in the 1960's.

Nannie and Everett were members of the Sweeden Missionary Baptist Church where "Nannie" was clerk for several years. Everett received his 50 year pin from the Washington Meredith Masonic Lodge not too long before his death. "Nannie" was a member of the Eastern Star.

"Nannie" and Everett had four daughters: Martha Frances married Virgil Shaw; Nola Mae married John Patton; Wanda Lee married James Noel Whalin and Robert "Pop" Mason. "Nannie" and Everett had five grandchildren: Jerry Patton married Marilyn Webb-their daughters: Alison Cheri' and Andrea Nichole; Samuel Shaw married Barbara Barker-their children: Kristin Dawn and Samatha Ashley; Steve Patton married Dorothy Houchin-their children: Dana Michelle and Erica Lea; Kathy Whalin married Donald Wahman-their children: Jeremy Shaw and Joseph Lee; Edward Leo Williams married Sherry Webb-their children: Jonathan Wesley and Jessica Gray.

"Nannie" died on July 1, 1976. She was a life-long native of Edmonson County. Her footprints in the sands of time were worthy ones in which her descendants could proudly follow. Everett died on Apr. 2, 1981. They are buried at Sweeden Cemetery with those ancestors who influenced their lives and taught them to become outstanding citizens of Edmonson County.

CLAYTON BIRDEL WILLIS

1. CLAYTON BIRDEL WILLIS. The second of two children was born at Caneyville, Grayson Co., KY on Nov. 11, 1920. Wanda Aileen Willis, his sister, was born on Nov. 6, 1914, and died on Mar. 27, 1937, from abdominal surgery and infection. The family moved to Covington, Kenton Co., KY, in 1928. Clayton graduated from Holmes High School in 1939 and enlisted in the Navy the same year. He received his commission and was designated a Naval Aviator during World War II. After the war he married Rose Virginia Doty on Feb. 8, 1947, in Ft. Thomas, KY. Virginia was the daughter of Coast Guard Commander Edward Robert Doty and Elsie Diana Brame. She was the third of four children born on Oct. 27, 1924, in Memphis, TN. Four children were born to Clayton and Virginia and they were: Kathryn Diana b. Nov. 21, 1947, in Covington, KY; Darleen Gay b. July 7, 1949, in Oakland, CA; Teresa Lee b. July 22, 1952 in Ft. Leavenworth, KS; and Jenny Lynn b. Apr. 6, 1955, in Quonset Point, RI. Clayton joined the Masonic Lodge in Olathe, KS in 1950, and is a charter member of the Hadji Shrine Temple in Pensacola, FL. While in the service he established an individual helicopter rescue record in 1955. He retired from the Navy in 1969 as a Lieutenant Commander after 30 years of service and three wars. (Enlisted Service No. 279 62 78) Officer File No. 0478180) (Social Security No. 302 01 2841)

2. FATHER, WALTER "A" WILLIS. The seventh of nine children was born in Caneyville, Grayson Co., KY on Sept. 3, 1889. He grew up on his father's farm in Nash, Edmonson Co., KY just a short distance across the county line from Caneyville. The family moved back to Caneyville where he married Cuba Shrewsbury on Feb. 3, 1914, and then moved on to Cincinnati, OH. He enlisted in the National Guard during WW I as a musician in Company I, 3rd Regiment Infantry. After an honorable discharge he relocated to Caneyville once again to buy and operate an electrical power plant. After selling the plant to the Kentucky Utilities Co. the family returned to the greater Cincinnati area in 1928. Walter belonged to the Caneyville Masonic Lodge and the Kosair Shrine Temple in Louisville, KY. He was a band and orchestra leader and a photographer as well. He died of heart failure in the Danville, KY hospital on Oct. 27, 1965, and was buried in the Layman Cemetery between Caneyville and Leitchfield, KY.

3. MOTHER, CUBA GERTRUDE SHREWSBURY. The fourth of six children was born on her father's farm on Jan. 6, 1892, in Caneyville, Grayson Co., KY. She was the daughter of Henry Hopkins Shrewsbury b. Mar. 30, 1858, in Breckenridge Co., KY d. Nov. 27, 1925 in Caneyville, KY and Jessie Lee Washburn b. July 30, 1867, in Shrewsbury, Grayson Co., KY d. Oct. 18, 1935, in Caneyville, KY where both are buried. Cuba was a member of the Eastern Star, Caneyville Chapter No. 27. She was a musician and played in the Caneyville Orchestra and Band. During the Great Depression of the 1930's and WW II she was employed at Shillito's Dept. Store in Cincinnati, OH. She lived for a brief period with her sister in Charlotte, NC and later retired to Pensacola, FL in 1956 where she died on Feb. 24, 1977. She was cremated and the remains were buried in Caneyville, KY adjacent to her parents and daughter's gravesite.

4. GRANDFATHER, HENRY HANBERRY WILLIS. The third of seven children was born on Sept. 29, 1851, in Edmonson Co., KY. He married Feb. 25, 1874 Mary Ellen Miller also of Edmonson County and they resided there briefly. He moved his family to Caneyville, KY where the children were born. Henry bought his father's farm on Big Reedy Creek in Nash, Edmonson Co., KY in June 1891 and raised the children there before returning to Caneyville, KY a second time in about 1913. Henry owned the H. Willis & Son Hardware store in Caneyville and three of his sons owned garages and Ford Motor Co. dealerships in Caneyville and Leitchfield, KY. Henry died of a heart attack on June 8, 1921 in Caneyville and was buried there in the same locale.

5. GRANDMOTHER, MARY ELLEN MILLER. Born in Edmonson Co., KY on June 17, 1856. She was the first born of Arthur Beau Nash Miller, b. Nov. 1, 1832, and died May 2, 1906, in Edmonson Co., KY, who married on Jan. 4, 1855 to Artemecia Tomes, b. Apr. 1, 1838, and died Apr. 19, 1926, also in Edmonson County. Mary Ellen sold her home in Caneyville to her son William Oscar Willis after her husband died. Thereafter she lived with her children until her death on Oct. 3, 1936, in Caneyville. She was buried in the family plot with her husband in the Caneyville Cemetery.

6. GREAT GRANDFATHER ARCHIBALD WILLIS. Born Dec. 6, 1819 in Pulaski Co., KY. He was married to Amanda Dotson May 11, 1843 in Edmonson Co., KY by Robert T. Gardner. They raised their children on his farm in Edmonson County. After Amanda's death he remarried on Nov. 20, 1879 to Sarah E. Cureton. This ceremony was performed by another of my great grandfathers Rev. Isaac Malin Washburn in Grayson Co., KY and there were no children born to this union. Sarah was born in December 1852 in Tennessee. Archibald died on Apr. 21, 1906 in Caneyville and was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, formerly the Nash Graveyard, in Edmonson Co., KY.

7. GREAT GRANDMOTHER, AMANDA DOTSON. Amanda was born in the state of Kentucky on Nov. 15, 1825. Her parents were Charles and Margaret Dotson who deeded land to her and Archibald in June 1850. Amanda died on June 17, 1879 in Edmonson Co., KY and was buried there in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery where her husband was later buried beside her.

8. GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER, HENRY WILLIS. Born in South Carolina on Oct. 5, 1793 and emigrated from there in about 1809 to Pulaski Co., KY. He enlisted in Captain Tate's Company of Col. Micah Taul's 7th Mounted Ky. Volunteers Militia on Aug. 23, 1813 at Somerset, KY and honorably discharged at the close of the War of 1812. His first marriage was to Sally Moore ca. 1813 and his second to Polly Johnson on June 6, 1830. Polly was born about 1803 near Brownsville in Edmonson County. Polly and Henry gave issue to at least five children before she died on Dec. 1, 1883. Henry died Jan. 1, 1873 and was buried in the Macedonia (Caney Creek Church Cemetery or Elder-Woosley) Cemetery near Caneyville, KY. He received two land warrants for his service in the War of 1812.

9. GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER, SALLY MOORE. Sally was born Mar. 5, 1798. Her parents are unknown. She and Henry gave issue to seven children before she died Sept. 14, 1829 in Edmonson Co., KY. She is buried on the Asa King farm, Highway Intersection of 185 and 238 Edmonson Co., KY.

10. GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER, WILLIAM WILLIS. William was born in Williston, Barnwell District South Carolina about the year 1755. He served in Captain Elliott's 2nd Company of Lieutenant Col. Francis Marion's (known as the "Swamp Fox") South Carolina 2nd Regiment. He participated in the seige of Savannah during the Revolutionary War. William immigrated to Pulaski Co., KY abut the year of 1809. He died in that county and was interred near Somerset, the year unknown. Revolutionary War records of William's service are located in the Historical Archives of the State of South Carolina and in the National Archives.

11. GREAT GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER, LAVINA WILLIS. Lavina's parents are unknown as are her birth, marriage and death dates. It is tradition that her Christian name was Lavina Mildred and that her daughter Lavina (Willis) Clark was named for her. She died near Somerset, KY and was interred there as was her husband.

The last two paragraphs (10 & 11) are only traditional and not proven.

WOLFE

John J. Wolfe (1836-1879) was the oldest son of James Raymond Wolfe of Allen County. James Raymond Wolfe (1815-1895) was in the Civil War, 1st Ala. Cav. Co. I. He lived for a time in Sumner Co., TN and then in Allen Co., KY, and later moved to the Allen Springs section of Warren County. After his first wife died he remarried and had a son named Dave Wolfe who lived to be an old man in the Boyce Community. There were other children and after his second wife died, James married the third time and had some children.



W. "Jack" Wolfe & John Henry Wolfe (with cane)

The subject of our sketch, John J. Wolfe, married in Allen County Nov. 17, 1860 to Mary A. DeVasher, the daughter of William L. DeVasher and Elizabeth Calvert.

The children of John and Mary Wolfe were:

1) James W. (Jim) born 1861 in Illinois. Jim came to Edmonson County and married Susan Decker. Their children: Elzie, Bell (she married and went to Illinois), Simon (father of Herman Wolfe), and Johnny who mysteriously disappeared. After the death of his first wife Jim married Janie Stice. Their children: Gilbert, Herbert, Eddie and Rud. Gilbert and Herbert died of Typhoid fever. After the death of his second wife Jim married Myrte Sowders. Their children: Annie who married Jess Manco; Fannie married Jim Wingfield; and Willie. Jim and Myrt divorced and he remarried to another woman from out of the county, but they soon divorced. Jim's fifth marriage was to Aunt Liza "Dank" Roof.

2) John Henry (1862-1952) came to Edmonson County and his second marriage was to Addie Ray. Their children: Elbert, Calvernia, Pernie, Roy, Lloyd, Donia, and Walter.

3) W. Jack born 1865, at Allen Springs, Warren County married Rhoda Taylor. They had a daughter who married a doctor and another daughter named Penny. Jack and Rhoda lived most of their life in Florida.

4) Ida (died July 28, 1907 in Illinois) married John Harrison who died on Green River and was buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Jimmy Harrison was a son. There were other children.

5) Dock born about 1867 and married Jennie Taylor, sister to Rhoda Taylor. Their daughter was Laura B.

6) Jona Roscoe (1869-1919) married Lela M. Johnson. J.R. was brought to Edmonson County as a young boy. He lived for a time with his uncle Casher DeVasher in the Mt. Zion Community. He then left and went to Kansas, but returned and married. J.R. and Lela's children: Dealie, Grover, Hushel, Willie (he was a Baptist minister in Edmonson County for many years), Bennie, Ezra, Archie, Avry, Sybel, Carl, Victor, Delphia, Lovie and Lova (twins).

7) George (1876-1895)

Mary Wolfe died in child birth when George was born. John Wolfe remarried and had a son. (8) Virgil Wolfe. John Wolfe then died of pneumonia. Virgil came to Edmonson County and married Mary Johnson daughter of Will "Turk" Johnson. Their children were: Bennie; Evelyn; Randall, and another daughter name unknown. *Norman Warnell*

EULA DUVALL WOOD

Eula was born Jan. 12, 1911, daughter of Callie Vincent Duvall and Warner Duvall. Granddaughter of Uncle Mitch Vincent and Aunt Rose Van Meter Vincent and Gabriel Duvall and Aunt Lucy Jane Meredith Duvall. She had two brothers Rex and Glen had one sister, Trulie. Rex died when he was five years old, from diphtheria.

Eula's mother, Callie, died in July 1915, at the young age of 25, she had tuberculosis. At her death Callie left three small children, Glen 6, Eula 4, and Trulie 2, to be cared for by relatives. As a result, Glen and Eula went to live in their Grandpa Vincent's home in the Vincent Community. Trulie stayed near her dad with their grandmother Duvall in the Bee Spring Community.

Eula attended the Vincent School for her early education. Some of the teachers were Irene Vincent Meredith, Myrtle Golden, Nola Clark, Conrad Vincent and Opel Vincent.

In 1926, at the age of 15, she went to high school. There she was joined by her sister, Trulie. The girls entered Kyrock High School, for it's first year in session. Eula and Trulie started their high school training at mid-term. They roomed there in the Kyrock Community some of the long, cold, winter months and commuted the other months with their dad, Warner, who worked at the Kyrock Asphalt Company.

Eula finished high school in mid-term, December 1930, and entered Western Teacher's College (now Western Kentucky University), in Bowling Green, to obtain a teacher's certificate. And returned to teach at Midway School (Lindseyville Community) in 1931. She was 20 years old and beginning a teaching career of 19 years. She also taught at Goff, Sweeden, Bee Spring and Kyrock Elementary School.

During this time she had married Walton Lee Wood, July 20, 1935. And later took a leave-of-absence when their first baby was born, Mary Jo, March 1939. In December 1940 their second baby Sue Carolyn arrived. Eula was busy with her life as wife and mother and in August 1945, the third and last baby was born, Martha Ann.

She did not return to teaching school until her youngest daughter was ready for high school 1958. She began and ended her last 13 years of teaching as first grade teacher at Kyrock Elementary School. Her sister, Trulie, whom she had been separated from so many years ago, was teaching, in the room next door, the second grade class. Eula retired from teaching in May 1971.

"Miss Eula" as she is respectfully known by former students, neighbors, and friends resides in Bee Spring where she and Walton made their home together for over 50 years. *Submitted by: Martha Wood Kinser*

HARRY C. WOOD

Harry Cheston (Chet) Wood was born on May 18, 1918 at Joppa, KY. He is the son of Leo Francis Wood and Roena Parker Wood. The other children are:

(1) Clona William, b. Mar. 31, 1903, d. Oct. 12, 1972, buried Smith Grove Cemetery; married Grace Gentry.

(2) Alletta Mae, b. Feb. 7, 1906; married N.B. Thompson.

(3) Malta Parker, b. Aug. 6, 1909, d. Dec. 25, 1943, buried Smith Grove Cemetery.

(4) Rometta Marie, b. Aug. 11, 1914; married Benny E. Dawes.



Harry C. "Chet" & Joan Wood

Chet's paternal grandparents were James Straton Wood b. Apr. 9, 1848, d. June 3, 1926 and Mary Elizabeth Lush b. Mar. 23, 1841, d. Jan. 2, 1925. Both buried in Catholic Cemetery, Wax, KY.

Chet's maternal grandparents were Balaam C. Parker (from Helenwood, TN) and Maragaret Meredith. Both buried Cade Cemetery, Mammoth Cave National Park.

Chet went to grade school at Joppa. He went to High School at Joppa, Brownsville, Chaleybeate and graduated from Rocky Hill. He attended Western Kentucky University.

In January 1940 Chet enlisted in the United States Navy and got a Medical Discharge in October 1940. On May 8, 1942 he volunteered for the United States Army (relinquishing his pension). He was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN; thence Camp Shelby, MS; thence Camp Coxcomb, CA; thence Fort Dix, NJ where he received supplies for overseas duty; thence Camp Patrick Henry, VA; then to Port of embarkation, Hamton Road, VA. He boarded the ship General Anderson on Dec. 24, 1943 for Casa Blanca, Morocco. Then went by 40-8 train to Port of embarkation, Oran, Algeria. Boarded a Troop Ship and sailed for Naples, Italy. He went into combat second day after arriving. He was seriously wounded in Mintuano,

May 12, 1944. He was in hospital in Italy five months and then returned on a Hospital Ship to Camp Patrick Henry, VA. He was put on a train and went to Deshon General Hospital, Butler, PA. He received an Honorable Discharge from Deshon Hospital Nov. 18, 1945. Chet arrived home at Pig, KY on Nov. 20, 1945.

On May 8, 1948 Chet was married to JoAn Dawes, b. May 17, 1930, the daughter of Bert T. Dawes and Maude Evelyn Cooke. (Additional information in Dawes, Cooke, Lane histories).

Chet and JoAn have three sons, Erroll F. "Butch" b. Apr. 3, 1949, Harry Clark b. Feb. 24, 1951, and Barry Lee b. Sept. 23, 1954; and seven grandchildren, Kimberly Dawn, Brandon Seth, Shanna Allison, Nicole RoAnn, Leigh Anne, Jason Clark, Brandon Lee who call them "Jo Granny" and "Pa Chet."

Chet was a Rural Letter Carrier for many years in Edmonson County and retired from the Federal Mail Service November 1982. He was the first person in Edmonson County to have Open Heart By-Pass Surgery May 18, 1972, later in August 1983 he underwent Open Heart By-Pass (4) again.

His hobbies through the years have been softball, baseball, fishing and golf. He has taught the Adult Sunday Class at Silent Grove Missionary Baptist Church for many years.

He and JoAn reside in the Silent Grove Community. *Submitted by Leigh Anne Wood*

WALTON LEE WOOD

Walton was born Feb. 26, 1907, at Stockholm located now on the Mammoth Cave National Park. He was the third of five children born to George P. Wood and Cora Parker Wood. Walton's forefathers came from Virginia and Tennessee. He had two brothers Oval and Alton and two sisters Monrovia and Nelda.

When Walton was eight years old his family moved to the Bee Spring community and this is where he chose to make his lifelong home, with the exception of working a few years in other places soon to return to home.



Walton L. Wood

Walton's early education was started at Stockholm and after his move to Bee Spring he was enrolled in school there. He received his high school and college degrees from Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teacher's College, which is now Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. At a time when most people could not afford higher education, Walton worked his way to completion. His major in college was history. He also attended the University of Kentucky and Murray College.

Scholastic achievement was his great love. He taught his first school at the age of 18 at Long Fall in 1925. This school was located near what is known to most local people as the "The Forks of the River". He lived with the people of the communities in which he taught, Grassland, Popular Springs, Woolsey, Jock Salem, Kyrock Elementary and High School, Brownsville High School. He was also in Administrative positions being principal of the Kyrock High School and Director of Pupil Personnel for the Edmonson County School System.

Walton met Eula Duvall while working in the General Store, for his uncle, Brad Music at Bee Springs. Eula was 14 and Walton was 18, so a long courtship began. Eula was busy with her education also, as Walton had just started his teaching career. A ten year courtship ended July 20, 1935, Walton and Eula were married. To this union was born three daughters: Mary Jo, Sue Carolyn, and Martha Ann.

In 1941 Walton moved with his wife and children to Louisville in search of a new and different job. He was employed, during World War II, for the Dupont Ammunition Plant in Charleston, IN. He worked about three years here and by this time was getting homesick for home "Edmonson County" and returned to Bee Spring. Before returning to his teaching career he owned and operated a General Store in the Bee Spring community.

Walton returned to his "true calling" an educator, in 1947 and retired in May 1970, from Kyrock Elementary School. During these years he also built, owned and operated the first Ice Cream Drive-In, Coin-operated Laundry and Car Wash in the county located in Brownsville.

Walton taught school in Edmonson County for 37 years, he had a way to impress upon his students the importance of an education and in later years some of his former students founded a scholarship fund bearing his name in appreciation, THE DEMUNBRUN-WOOD SCHOLARSIP.

During his teaching career he taught in the four corners of Edmonson County. He was acquainted with most of the families or he knew enough about them to make the connections. To many students he planted, grubbed up, sowed and watered many a mind. He developed ideas for progress. He found his niche in life and enriched life for many. He was a leader in his community and had compassion for his fellow man and was always the first to help those who were less fortunate than himself. It would be interesting to know just how far the line would reach if all the people whose lives he has touched stood hand-to-hand. Walton departed this life July 21, 1985.

Children: Mary Jo b. 1939, married William Franklin Ashley, Sue Carolyn b. 1940, married Daniel Stewart, Martha Ann b. 1945 married Jimmy G. Kinser.

Grandchildren: William Lee Ashley b. 1958, Gerald (Jerry) Wood Ashley born 1962-1982, Jeffrey Glen Ashley b. 1965, Tracey Elizabeth Stewart b. 1969, Jeremy Daniel Stewart b. 1972, Kristina Leigh Kinser b. 1972, Kimberly Ann Kinser b. 1974. *Submitted by: Martha Kinser.*

WOODCOCK-KEY

Frances Marion Key b. May 7, 1883 the son of Henry and Nancy Jane Jones Key, married Sarah Bell Woodcock, daughter of John Morgan and Mary Duke Woodcock on Mar. 29, 1906.

Eight children survived to adulthood. Belva Mae b. June 20, 1911 married Elige Thomas Lashley on Dec. 5, 1925. Children are Edgar, Melba, Charles, James G., Clifford, Howard, Catherine, Don and Janice. Raymond Lee b. June 9, 1913 married Margie Sowders. They had two children Wanda and Lola. They were divorced and he married Anne Sowders. They had two daughters, Beverly and Linda. Addie Ellen b. Sept. 22, 1915 married William Green Davis son of Robert Marion and Doshie Simmons Davis. Their children are Luther, Jean, Carlene and Geraldine.

Ora b. Jan. 22, 1922 married Homer Jaggers. They had one child Emmaline. Randall Edward b. June 23, 1922 married a woman from Louisville named Avis. The last name I don't know. They had one son named Kimberly.

Elsie b. July 25, 1927 married Margaret _____. They had no children. Archie Clifton b. Feb. 12, 1931 married Sylvia _____. They have no children. Ray Wayne b. June 7, 1935 married Lenora _____. They have no children.

Frances Marion Key was born a Edmonson Countian, a devout Baptist, he was fondly known as Uncle Marion to all his friends. He belonged to New Salem General Baptist Church and unknown to everyone but his family and a few close friends he had read the Bible through 52 times. Many ministers have come to him to ask where something was located in the Bible, and never failed to tell them Book, Chapter and Verse and quote it to them.

He moved his family for a time to Ohio County where he worked in the coal mines. There he was trapped overnight in a cave in. This terrifying incident caused him to experience lifelong seizures. After this incident his family moved back to Edmonson County where he worked at Kyrock until he retired.

Sarah Bell Key was noted in the community as being a "woman preacher". A member of the New Salem General Baptist Church she was a licensed minister. One can imagine the talk in the traditional straight laced community when she preached. She was known and accepted by some and rejected by others. She was admired by all that knew her for her ideals, and the way she always tried to be pleasing in Gods Eyes. She died at an early age from blood poisoning. *Submitted by Janice Miller*

RONNIE HOWELL WOODCOCK

Ronnie Howell Woodcock, born Nov. 3,

1973, son of Ralph Woodcock, born Feb. 9, 1954 and Charlene Johnson Woodcock, born May 4, 1955. Ronnie Woodcock having one brother, Craig Allen Woodcock, born Apr. 7, 1976, and one sister, Amanda Renae Woodcock, born May 16, 1980.

Ralph Woodcock's father being Rex Woodcock, born June 19, 1922 and his mother, Lucille Woodcock, born May 3, 1929. Ralph Woodcock having four brothers and two sisters; Larry Woodcock, born Dec. 9, 1952, Dennis Woodcock, born Sept. 2, 1956, Rumsey Woodcock, born Apr. 1, 1958, Allen Woodcock, born Aug. 17, 1960, Tammy Woodcock Meredith, born Aug. 27, 1962 and Joan Woodcock Childres, born May 15, 1964.

Charlene Johnson Woodcock, being the daughter of Haskell Howell Johnson, born July 27, 1923 and Elizabeth Vincent Johnson, born Aug. 20, 1924. Charlene Johnson Woodcock having one brother, James Edward Johnson, born Oct. 15, 1943. James Edward Johnson, having one son and one daughter; Jamie Johnson, born July 2, 1978 and Brenda Johnson, born Feb. 11, 1969.

Haskell Howell Johnson, father of Charlene Johnson Woodcock and James Edward Johnson being the son of Aaron Johnson, born June 20, 1904 and Aubrey Johnson, born June 16, 1904. Brothers of Haskell Howell Johnson being Aaron Johnson Jr., born Aug. 27, 1927, Delman Johnson, born Feb. 9, 1931 and died June 9, 1974, Billy Johnson, born Mar. 8, 1935, Johnny Johnson, born June 3, 1929. Sisters of Haskell Howell Johnson being Madelain Johnson Higgs, born Sept. 14, 1925, Carol Johnson Upton, born Dec. 14, 1939, Joan Johnson Griffee, born Nov. 2, 1937 and Wanda Johnson Selby, born July 15, 1933.

Elizabeth Vincent Johnson, being the mother of Charlene Johnson Woodcock and James Edward Johnson, being the daughter of James Elbert Vincent, born Feb. 27, 1901, and died Jan. 27, 1986 and Mina Houchin Vincent, born Feb. 15, 1906. Elizabeth Johnson having one brother, Carl Vincent, born June 6, 1927 and died Nov. 20, 1947 and one sister, Shirley Ann Vincent, born Sept. 30, 1942 and died Aug. 21, 1943.

James Elbert Vincent, father of Elizabeth Vincent Johnson, being the son of Tom Vincent, born Nov. 19, 1886 and died Dec. 20, 1959 and Myrtle Vincent Clark, born May 19, 1893 and died Aug. 22, 1966.

Mina Houchin Vincent, mother of Elizabeth Vincent Johnson, being the daughter of J.W. Houchin, born Feb. 13, 1858 and died Sept. 16, 1913 and Beatrice James Houchin, born Mar. 21, 1885 and died Jan. 24, 1946.

WILLIAM WOODCOCK

William Woodcock never lived closer to Edmonson County than his residence in Barren County, but his children and wife did; his descendants do to this day.

Around 1807 Smith Co., TN, saw the arrival of three families from Bedford Co., VA. The heads of these families were brothers, Mark, William and Nathan Woodcock. Mark and William stayed in Tennessee; Nathan, after a short while, moved into Kentucky, most likely in the Gamaliel, Monroe County, area. Existing evidence indicates this Nathan was William's father.

William, born around 1817, shows up as the head of his family in the 1840 Barren Co., KY, census. Three years earlier on Mar. 13, 1837, he had married Rhoda Elmore, born Dec. 12, 1819. The ceremony took place in Glasgow.

During their stay in Barren County, William and Rhoda had five children: Robert, born Nov. 1, 1835, died June 21, 1913, John, born around 1841, Francis M., born Aug. 30, 1843, Mary, born around 1848, Elizabeth, born Mar. 9, 1851, died Nov. 26, 1924.

William's death is somewhat of a mystery. Family legend has it that he died enroute to or after he arrived in New Orleans. Why was he there? Again, family legend provides an answer. He was taking a raft of logs to be sold there.

One thing we know for sure; he was dead by Aug. 26, 1852, because an inventory was taken on his personal estate on that date. When a sale of his possessions occurred on the same day, his wife, Rhoda, bought a sow and seven pigs for $1; she received nothing else of his belongings.

By 1870 Rhoda and her children had moved to the Reedyville area of Butler Co., KY. She would later move in with her son John in Butler County. By the time she was 80 years old and until her death on Aug. 2, 1906, she lived with her son-in-law John Key, husband of Mary Woodcock. Rhoda Elmore Woodcock is buried in the Threlkel Cemetery, Hwy. 70 East, Butler County.

William and Rhoda's son Francis Marion Woodcock was living in Edmonson Co., KY, by 1880. The census for that year lists F.M., his wife, Rhoda Key, and their children as living in the Bee Spring area. The children of F.M. and Rhoda, married Jan. 14, 1869, at Robert Key's (father of the bride), are as follows:

Robert, born around 1871, Euphrates, born around 1874, died Sept. 29, 1953, Elizabeth, born around 1876, Andrew Jackson, born around 1880, died Nov. 5, 1946. George Washington, born Nov. 4, 1886, died Nov. 28, 1966, Martha J., born in May 1887, Noah, born in January 1889, Sara Ann, born in April 1890.

Rhoda Key Woodcock died in 1892; in September of that year, F.M. married Nancy Jane Jones. They had one son, John Melvin, born in July 1894, died Apr. 24, 1975.

F.M., who died on Apr. 28, 1927, at the age of 83, is buried along with Rhoda in the Woodcock/Key Cemetery in Edmonson County. *Barry Woodcock*

ELIZABETH WOOSLEY

Elizabeth Woosley known by most as "Betsy" and called "Grandmother Great" by her grandchildren, was born Nov. 16, 1820. She lived most of her life in the Big Reedy, Bee Spring and Nash areas of Edmonson County. She was the daughter of Thomas Woosley (1790-1852) and Polly Adams (1799-1841). Betsy was the first of eight children by this marriage including Louisa, Susannah, Samuel, George, John, Rebecca and another sister. Her paternal grandparents were Samuel and Elizabeth Woosley.



Elizabeth "Betsy" Woosley

Elizabeth married in 1837 to James Tomes (1819-1840). James was the son of Anderson Toms (1788-1863) and Nancy Baker (1799-1858) who had one other child, a son Silas Russell, who married Louisa Woosley, Elizabeth's sister. Elizabeth had two children by her first husband James. Artemecia, the first child of this marriage was born in Big Reedy on Apr. 1, 1838 and was more affectionately called "Michie". Artemecia (1838-1926) married in 1855 to Arthur Beau Nash Miller (1832-1906). A comment by a Mr. Mattingly to Thomas Nash in 1920 and well remembered over the years was "you won't see that very often, an 80 year old daughter (Michie) riding horseback to visit her 100 year old mother," the trip being from Shrewsbury to the Edmonson County line. James Tomes died at the early age of 21 before his second child was born. It is told that he had a dream of riding a white horse which he interpreted as a sign of impending death. He related the dream to his brother Silas and asked him to "see that the baby is named James B. Tomes if it's a boy." James died in the winter of 1840 on January 17th. His coffin was transported to the cemetery on a sleigh drawn by a white horse. Seven months later a son was born on Aug. 20, 1940 in Big Reedy and he was named James Buchanon Tomes. During the years Betsy was widowed it is tradition she often threw hot cinders from her cabin to keep the wolves from her door.

Elizabeth married a second time to Buford Walker Nash (1810-1864) who was the son of Arthur Beau Nash, Sr. (1780-1854) and Milly Toms (1784-1859). The story goes-when Buford came to marry Betsy in February of 1843 she was at the creek washing. She went to the cabin to put on a clean dress and after the wedding returned to the creek to continue her washing. In the 21 years they were married they gave issue to at least seven children: Susannah, Rebecca, Mildred, George Clinton, Buford W., Eliza and Willis. Betsy became widowed a second time when Buford was killed during the Civil War. Betsy died Jan. 24, 1924 at the age of 103, outliving all her children except Buford, Sussie and Michie. Elizabeth is buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Edmonson Co., KY.

Reports of at least three Woosleys have lived beyond 100 years of age and had their third set of teeth-Betsy being one. *Clayton B. Willis (great great grandson)*

MOSES WOOSLEY

Moses Woosley was born in the British Isles in the early 1700's. He came to America before the American Revolution and had 13 sons and at least one daughter. He is buried in Buckingham Co., VA. Moses Woosley, according to the Kentucky Family Archives, Volume III, served in the Revolutionary War with seven of his sons.

Samuel Woosley was one of the younger sons of Moses Woosley, born July 13, 1775 in Halifax Co., VA. He settled in Edmonson County and died Nov. 25, 1844. He is buried in the Dan Woosley Cemetery, Grayson County.

Samuel Woosley is a common ancestor of most of the Edmonson and Grayson County Woosleys. He had eight children: Thomas, Colonel Samuel, Joseph, Joshua, George Washington, Martha, Polly, and Dinah.

George Washington Woosley was born Feb. 6, 1817, and died July 30, 1892. He is buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. His children: Merrill, Terrell, Joseph, Silas, Mary Jane, Louis Franklin, Cynthia, Phoebe, Elvira, Julia Ann, Elize, Martha, and Dinah.

Silas Woosley was born Nov. 11, 1847, and died July 24, 1914. He is buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. His children: George Washington, Curtis, Bedford, Eliza, and Julia.

George Washington (Big George) Woosley was born Apr. 25, 1869, and died Jan. 7, 1958. He is buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. His children: Alton Burks, Kezzie, Champ, and Edwin Spencer.

Alton Burks Woosley was born Apr. 21, 1904. He is married to the former Edna Tomes. They have five children: Sheridan, Joyce, Alben, Terrell, and Janice.

Terrell Dennis Woosley was born May 19, 1939, and is married to Mary Ann Woosley. They had three children: Mark Dennis, Bethany Anne (deceased), and Paul Burton. Terrell and Mary Ann live in the Big Reedy Community where their ancestors have lived for some 150 years.

Mary Ann Woosley is the daughter of Ivan and Myrtle Hack Woosley. Her ancestry can be traced back to Samuel Woosley as follows: Father, Ivan; Grandfather, Eli; Great Grandfather, Henry Clay; Great, Great, Grandfather, Samuel; Great, Great, Great, Grandfather, Thomas; and finally, Great, Great, Great, Great, Grandfather, Samuel.

The girls born into the Woosley family married names common to Edmonson County. The Woosley family is intertwined by marriage with the Tomes, Oller, Bolton, Huff, Nash, Miller, DeWeese, Renfrow, Williams, Embry, Davis, and Willis families just to name a few.

The Woosley family members have been doctors, businessmen, ministers, soldiers, farmers, and held public office. Sister Louisa Woosley was the first woman ordained in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. George Washington Woosley, born 1817, his son Joseph, his grandson, Thomas, his son-in-law, Anderson Tomes, and his grand son-in-law, Alford Huff, were the founding elders of the Mt. Pleasant Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1887.

All research indicates that Moses Woosley is the common ancestor of all Woosleys in the United States. His sons settled in Texas, Virginia, Tennessee, the Carolinas and Kentucky after the Revolutionary War. *Submitted by: Terrell D. Woosley*

THOMAS J. WOOSLEY

Thomas J. Woosley was born in Edmonson County on Dec. 16, 1840. He was the sixth child in a family of five boys and three girls born to Samuel and Rebecca Blakely Woosley, natives of Halifax Co., VA and Whitley Co., KY respectively.

Samuel Woosley, of English descent, was a farmer. He came with his parents to Whitley County circa 1812. His father, also named Samuel Woosley, later moved from Whitley County to Edmonson County. Soon after his marriage to Rebecca Blakely, Samuel moved to Edmonson County. Rebecca was the daughter of Curtis Blakely of Whitley County.

Soon after moving to Edmonson County, Samuel Woosley began farming and stock grading. His first public office was that of constable. He served three terms in the Lower House of the State Legislature when he represented Edmonson and Butler Counties. He also compiled the 1860 Edmonson County census. Samuel Woosley died in 1865.

At the age of 21, Thomas J. Woosley left his parents' home and took up farming. In August 1875, he was made deputy sheriff of Edmonson County; a position he held for five years. He was elected circuit clerk in August 1880, and in August 1882, was elected county clerk. Thomas Woosley was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He cast his first presidential vote for General McClellan. *Ricky L. Carroll*

MEREDITH YORK

Before discussing Meredith York, a native Tennessean, we should look first at his grandfather Richard York, Sr.

Richard York, Sr., born around 1770 in the Carolinas, moved with his family to Jackson County, TN, around 1801. He and his wife, Anne McCarter, brought with them their seven children: Richard, Jr., Robert, Hannah, Samuel, Thomas, Martha, and William. Three more children, Meredith Roper, Isaac, and Rebecca, were born in Jackson County.

Samuel, Richard and Anne's fourth child, born around 1792 in South Carolina, married Nancy Wood, born around 1795. They had ten children: Henry, Richard, William C., John Jackson, Meredith, Martha, John, Andrew, Rebecca, and Margaret. Samuel and Nancy's fifth child, Meredith, would find his way to Edmonson County by 1870. His parents would move to Pulaski Co., MO. Eventually they would die there.

Meredith and his first wife, Mary A. Wood, whom he married around 1842 in Tennessee, had six children: Finis M., Samuel P., Elizabeth, Nancy Jane, Tilford, and Rosanna. Meredith married for the second time on Jan. 1, 1867, to Russella Jane Barton (her third marriage). As time passed, Meredith changed vocations from farmer to hotel keeper/tavern owner. On Nov. 7, 1907, Meredith died and was buried in New Liberty Cemetery in Edmonson County.

Samuel Palmer York, born Feb. 21, 1846, in Gainesboro, TN, would live most of his life in Edmonson County. A self-ordained Church of Christ preacher, part-time farmer, and Union Army veteran of the Civil War, red-headed "Sam" York must have been quite a colorful character. He married first Mary F. A. Baily on Feb. 1, 1865. They had three children:

William M., born Dec. 31, 1864, Patrick G., born Sept. 17, 1867, Russey J., born Feb. 14, 1872.

Sam's second marriage, following his first wife's death in September 1877, was to Fannie Davis (her third) on Dec. 25, 1877. Their one child, Elizabeth F., was born on Jan. 15, 1878. Same died on June 27, 1923; he was buried in Red Hill Cemetery, Edmonson County.

Sam's oldest son, William Meredith, was born on Dec. 31, 1864, in Edmonson County. W.M. would marry Nancy Jane Vincent in Reubin Vincent's home on Jan. 10, 1884. Sam York performed the ceremony. They would have 14 children:

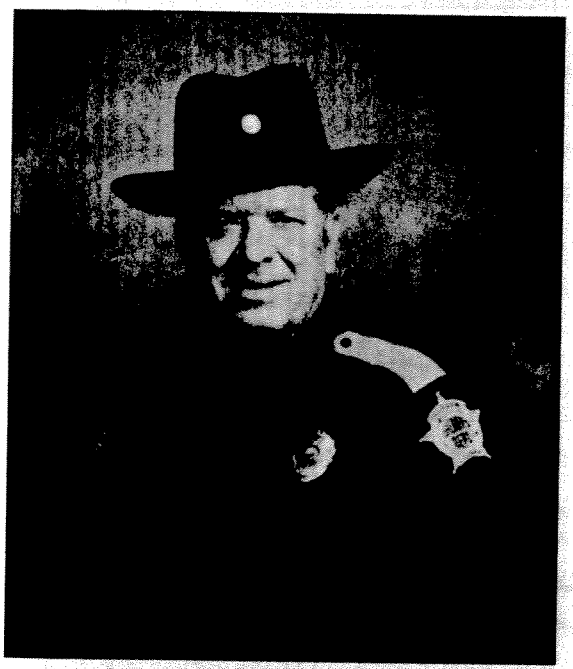
Effie, born Oct. 26, 1884, died Jan. 17, 1962. Albert B., born Aug. 7, 1886, died May 12, 1962. Samuel Marion, born Feb. 18, 1888, married Lucretia Rodolphus Grimes on Mar. 12, 1907, died Dec. 5, 1953. Mary Elizabeth, born Nov. 7, 1889. Tilford Estell, born Apr. 12, 1891, died Nov. 28, 1918. Ishmael, born Nov. 18, 1892, died Dec. 20, 1922. Ernest M., born July 1, 1893, died Feb. 10, 1900. Hershel, born June 18, 1894, died Jan. 24, 1959. Nile, born 1898. James, born Mar. 10, 1900. John born Mar. 10, 1900, died Dec. 7, 1972. Carl, May 11, 1902. Angie, born April 1904. Edna, born in 1906.

William Meredith York died on Sept. 5, 1950; he was buried in Grassland Cemetery, Edmonson County. Nancy Jane died the same year on April 15, she also lies at Grassland.

Samuel Marion York and Lucretia Rodolphus Grimes, born Sept. 30, 1887, died Dec. 13, 1967, and had two children:

Snow, born Dec. 31, 1915, Mildred, born May 26, 1925, married Edward George Woodcock on Dec. 14, 1943. *Barry E. Woodcock*





Warren Co. Sheriff Wayne Constant



Thomas S. & Ell Zade Houchin Lane



Detective Wayne Constant served as Security Officer for John F. Kennedy during his campaign stop in Bowling Green 1960.



Bowling Green Police Chief Wayne Constant



Sheriff Wayne Constant welcomes President Ronald Regan to Bowling Green in 1984.



Back row: T.O. Johnson, Lula, Ollie Johnson holding Clarence. Front row: John France Lindsey & family.



Arthur Baseball Team 1911.



Good Spring Singing Class of 1917.



Edmonson County Teachers Seated L to R: Herbert Hazelip, Genny Ray Dossey, Carl Ferguson, Nettie Ferguson, Ode Meredith, and Josie Wilkins Beckner. Standing L to R: Willie Spillman Dossey, Lena Bledsoe, George Neagle, Miss Tandie McIntire, Milton McCombs, Hattie Neagle, and Lottie Meredith Stevens. Photo made circa 1907



Only natural entrance to Mammoth Cave. It was through this entrance in 1799 that John Houchin discovered the cave.



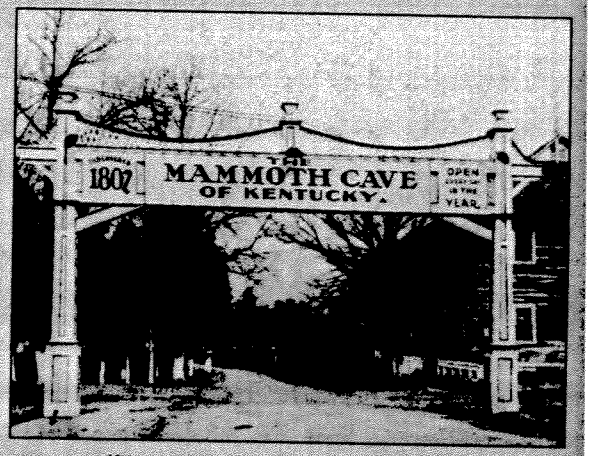
Under this boulder is where an Indian mummy known as "Lost John" was discovered in the 1930's.



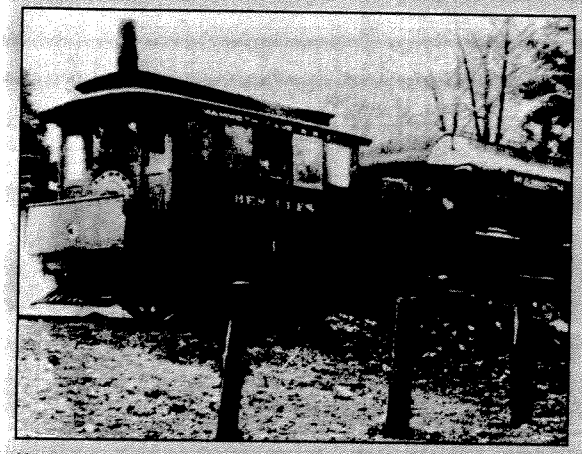
In 1892 these people stopped for lunch in the Franklin Avenue section of Mammoth Cave.



The A.A. Demunbrun Store



Main gate entrance to Mammoth Cave many years ago.



Many people visited Mammoth Cave in the early days by way of the Hercules Train.



Guides of Mammoth Cave circa 1930's.



Cleveland Avenue, one of the many passage-ways of the world's longest cave.



Torch throwing demonstration in the Methodist Church section of Mammoth Cave