

## Old Deed Awakens Memories Of Beautiful Pioneer Romance

Found Among Musty Archives in Court House Deed From Capt. Rose For Lot On Which Presbyterian Church Is Located, Recalls His Gallantry To His Friend's Wife.

An interesting document revealing some of the early history of the Presbyterian church in Harrodsburg was found a few days ago among the old archives in the court house. It was a second deed dated May 4, 1827 made by Lewis Rose to "a certain in-lot in the Town of Harrodsburg consisting of one-half acre known in plot of said Town as Number 153," to the Elders of the Presbyterian church, Cornelius Demaree, Sr., William W. Nourse, William Pawling, William Nourse, Sr., Cornelius Demaree, Jr., and Lewis Rose. An alley on the west end of the lot, running north and south, was reserved to be kept open. The old deed shows that Lewis Rose, as assignee of Asaill Davis, heir-at-law of Rebecca Bailey, had purchased the lot from the trustees of Harrodsburg on the 27th day of April, 1819 and on May 1, 1920 conveyed the lot to the trustees of the church for eleven shillings, or approximately \$2.50 in present day money.

Evidently some question of the legality of the deal must have arisen, for the old conveyance states that as the "deed to same recorded on Nov 20, 1820 in Book No. 12, which is considered invalid and insufficient now in consideration on one dollar in hand paid to said Rose," he re-deeded the plot of one-half acre to the Elders of the church. It is this deed dated 1827—or seven years after the first transaction—that was found in the leaves of Deed Book 15, to which it had been transcribed. As the record had been duly made in the deed book, the original manuscript with the signature of Lewis Rose, was presented to the United Presbyterian church to be filed in its historical archives.

The finding of the old deed awakens echoes of a romance of early Harrodsburg. Lewis Rose, born at Bingen-On-The-Rhine, Germany came

from Pennsylvania section to settle here. His tract of land was a few miles East of Harrodsburg, in the vicinity of Burgin. Part of the tract is now owned by J. W. VanArdsall, Burgin-Harrodsburg road. On this farm in the family burying ground, Lewis Rose, Revolutionary soldier, sleeps under a modest monument.

John McMurtry, his warm friend,

owned a tract of land not far distant

and erected his cabin in the vicinity

of what is now Shakerstown. The two

men, both Captains in the Revolutionary Army, fought together

throughout the struggles of the colonists to free themselves of British

domination. McMurtry did not return

home at the close of the war and as

time went on his friends gave him up

for dead. But not so his wife. She

struggled to keep her family together

in the cabin home he had erected,

hoping for his return.

Capt. Lewis Rose's wife, Barbara Thair, had died. He tried to persuade

Mrs. McMurtry to marry him so he

could help her in her hardships. But

she refused, clinging to the obsession

that her husband was alive and

would come back. The family suf-

fered extra privations during the

long, hard winter and their condition

would have been desperate except for

the kindly ministrations and aid given

by Capt. Rose.

As the months went by Mrs. Mc-

Murtry found it harder and harder

to fight alone the battles of a pio-

neer mother. Not only did she face

the problems of providing even the

most meager necessities for her chil-

dren, but also the fear of Indian at-

tacks on her home gripped her. Fi-

nally she consented to marry Capt.

Rose.

Just as the ceremony started a

gunshot was heard. With the exclama-

tion, "That's John's gun!" Mrs.

McMurtry broke from Capt. Rose's

side and ran to welcome her husband.

He had been wounded during the

Revolutionary War and ill unto death for

months, had no way to get a message

through the wilds to his family of

his fate.

His return did not break the

friendship of the two families. Some-

time later Capt. McMurtry met his

death in an Indian raid, and later his

wife married Capt. Rose. She and

several members of her family are

buried in the Rose family graveyard

several miles east of Harrodsburg.

This incident in the life of Capt.

Rose is among the family records

treasured by his descendants.

DIVER LEAVES ASHLEY'S

FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

Charles Heineman, 49, the diver who almost lost his life searching for the body of Mrs. Gladys Herner, in Lake Herrington, planned to leave Ashley's Camp yesterday, where he had been recuperating since he was able to leave St. Joseph's Hospital, Lexington. He and his wife will return to Washington, D. C. Heineman told Sheriff Oscar Sanders that he would never attempt again to dive into water more than 25 feet deep. He suffered a bad attack of "the bends" when he was drawn too quickly from a depth of 135 feet in the lake, when his airline broke.

James Horner, New Lebanon, O., husband of the woman who drowned August 23, returned to the lake the latter part of the week. He stated he was endeavoring to arrange for another diver to search for the body of his wife, according to Mr. Ashley.

**Dr. L. M. Murphy**  
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Sugar, paper bag.....	10 lbs. 49c
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Jar Rings.....	per dozen 3c
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Lamp Chimney, No. 2.....	.5c
Galvanized Buckets.....	10 qt. 15c
Enamored Dish Pans.....	.15c
Brooms, 4-tie.....	.19c
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## CARDWELL

(Miss Geneva Littler, Cor.)  
Miss Mary Lee Lay has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mobley of Bushtown.

Mr. John B. Devine, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheldon and granddaughter, Mary Louise of DeKalb, Ill., have returned home after a short visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Luther Hellard and daughter spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Adkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheldon and granddaughter of DeKalb, Ill., spent from Monday until Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Cal Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Leonard.

Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Shelton have moved from this community to Tablow and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Adkinson have moved to the place which they vacated.

Miss Rena Gowan entertained as her guest from Thursday until Saturday Mr. Leeman Barnett, of Anderson.

Miss Mary Bell Harmon entertained a host of friends with a moonlight party given at her home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hale, of Sycamore, Ill., are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Marvin Devine purchased a farm of 38 acres from Selva Roberts for \$1150.

Miss Gladys Shewmaker, of Corbinville, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Riker Warner.

Mr. John Tyler of Mt. Freedom, spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Scroggins and Mr. Scroggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Gritton, of Tablow, recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Leonard.

Mrs. William Goodnoe and little daughter spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Holliday.

Friends of this community regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Clara Brawley Davis, of Stanford, formerly of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Littler and daughter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts, of Battle.

Miss Velma Votaw entertained as her guests Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. James Louis, Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Claunch and Mr. Edwin Patterson, of Dixville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Holliday had as their guests recently Mr. E. Marvin Devine, Mrs. Pearl Lawrence and Mr. Jim Powell, of Mackville, and Mrs. Mattie Salmons, of Harrodsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Riker Warner and children attended the funeral of Mrs. Clara Brawley Davis, at Stanford Monday.

Miss Rosalyn Adkinson spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Adkinson.

LOCAL GIRL MADE

CLASS PRESIDENT

Miss Morna Cocanougher has been elected president of the Sophomore class at the Kentucky Female Orphan School at Midway. She was awarded the President John Augustus Scholarship in this school by the Daughters College Alumnae Association.

Mrs. Jane Bertram spent the week end in Lexington with her son, Neil Bertram, and daughter, Mrs. Frank Rippeteau, and Mr. Rippeteau. On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Bertram and Mrs. Rippeteau visited Miss Cocanougher, at Midway.

DANVILLE PAPER 130 YEARS OLD IN MERCER RECORDS

Workers classifying old records at the court house found a copy of a newspaper published in Danville, May 6, 1806—"The Informant," with Ogilby and Demaree, publishers. The newspaper was filed among other evidence in the case of George Clark, general merchant, suing Alexander Kennedy for accounts made at his store.

GIRL SCOUTS WANT

ROOM FOR MEETINGS

The Girl Scouts are in need of a room in which to hold their meetings, as the American Legion is now occupying the quarters which the Scouts have been using. The girls and their leaders will be very grateful for the use of a room with a fireplace, if a vacant one can be donated. They will furnish their own fuel and equipment.

TO MAKE ANTIQUE DISPLAY

AT CHICAGO HOBBY SHOW

Mrs. Georgia Redford has been invited to make a display of antiques at the Chicago Hobby Show at the Stevens Hotel on October 19th, and be the guest of Mrs. Potter Palmer. This invitation is the result of a visit recently by some Chicago persons to Clay Hill, Mrs. Redford's home.

ENTERS MISSOURI

BUSINESS COLLEGE

Otis S. Veatch, son of Mrs. Flora Veatch, of this city, has enrolled in the Chillicothe Business College at Chillicothe, Mo. He will take the complete course. There are 1,500 in the school.

Commissioner's Sale

Pursuant to judgment of the Harrodsburg Police Court in the case of State Bank & Trust Co., Plaintiff vs.

L. J. Pearson.....Deft.

Pursuant to the judgment rendered herein at the May Term, 1936, I will sell at Public Auction, before the Court House door in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, at 2 o'clock p. m. or thereabout on

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MISS ALLEN, MISSIONARY, TO ADDRESS BAPTIST WOMEN

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet each afternoon next week at 2:30 to observe the Week of Prayer for State Missions. Miss Annie Allen, who has spent 21 years as a missionary in the Mountains of Eastern Kentucky, will speak Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

PATROLMAN R. L. ROBARDS RETIRES TO PRIVATE LIFE

R. L. Robards who has been acting as special patrolman for a month during which time the various members of the force have taken vacations, retired to private life Monday, as the last vacationing officer returned to duty.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Registration of voters continues at the office of County Clerk Garnett Dean, the closing date being October 10. No classification of the number of registrations will be made until after the final date. No voter can cast a ballot unless registered.

SATURDAY DRUNKS

Harrodsburg officers made only two arrests Saturday night for drunkenness, an improvement on the usual round-up.

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