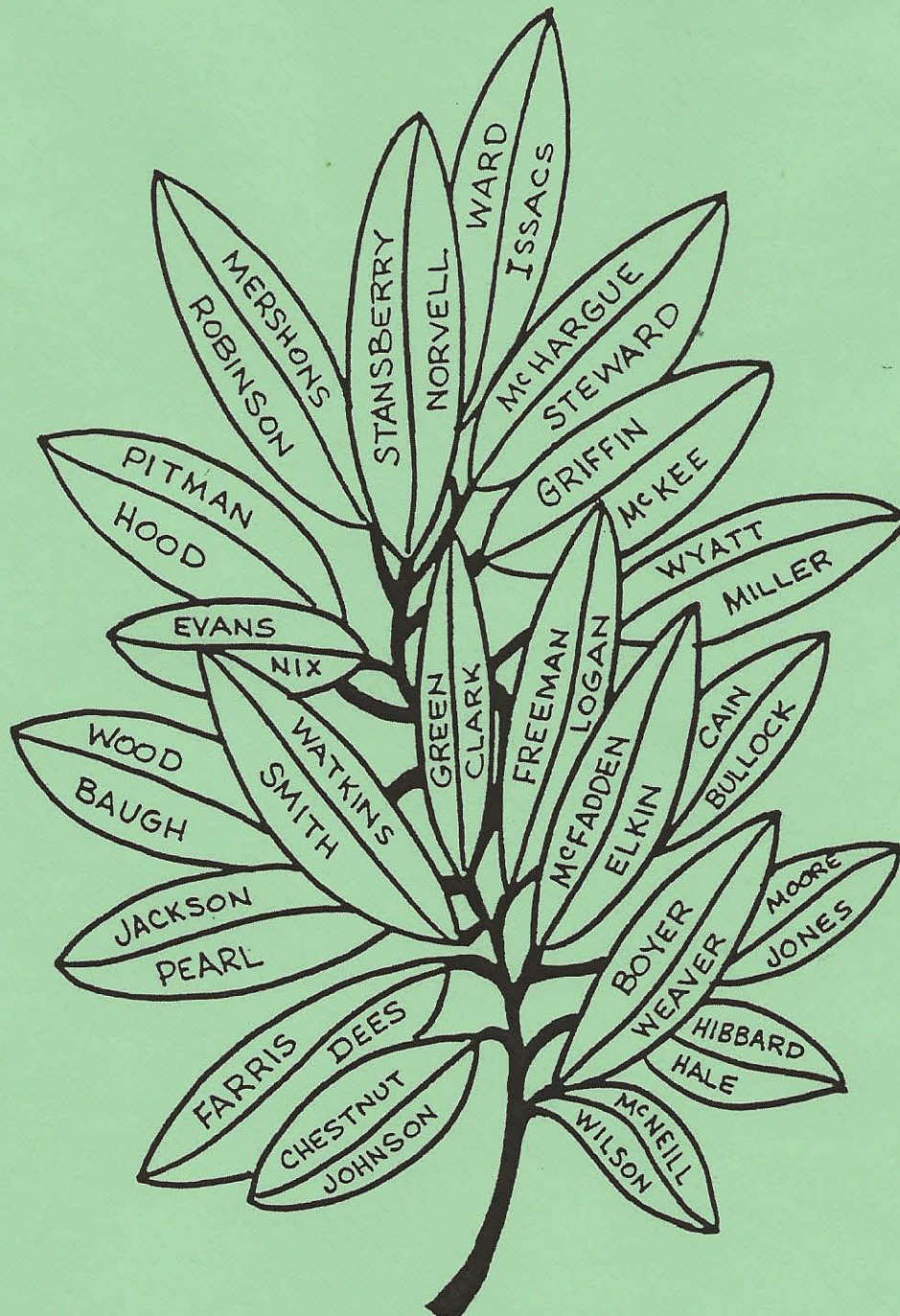


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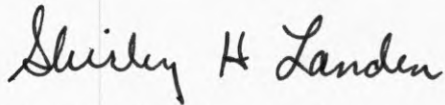
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After several months of planning and much effort on the part of members of the publications committee, we are ready to go to press.

We want to thank our president, Jan Sparkman; Shirley McCowan; Sadie Stidham; and Geneva Pope for all the time and effort they have put into this first publication. We also want to express our appreciation to Shirley McCowan, Catherine Goodin and Jan Sparkman for the typing.

We're sorry Carl Keith Greene didn't get his article on the history of Laurel County finished, but will expect it in the next issue. And, many thanks to the people who have submitted queries and to all members of the publications committee who gave of their time and ideas.

We hope this is the beginning of bigger and better things for future issues and for the Laurel County Historical Society.



Shirley Hopkins Landen

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Laurel County Historical Society is happy to present this first issue of our newsletter. It has been a long time coming, but we hope it will have been worth the wait.

As president, one of my main objectives is to make more material on Laurel County's history and genealogy available to those who are interested. The society has been doing this with the publication of census and obituary/cemetery records, and additional material is being prepared for publication in these two areas, as well as in the area of marriage records and family histories. The newsletter will bring to members some of all of these categories along with queries, research tips, and special features.

This might be a good time to give a brief account of how the society has developed over the years.

The first Laurel County Historical Society was organized on August 12, 1896. Rev. J.J. Dickey is thought to have been the first president, although no record survives which documents this. Other officers are recorded, however: Francis Scoville, secretary; Mr. Anderson, treasurer; and Nathaniel Sewell, historian.

Rev. Dickey figures prominently in the history of London and especially in the establishing of Sue Bennett College. His diary has been a prime resource for genealogists of the area for many years.

Nat Sewell was a London businessman and amateur historian. None of his work remains except a few articles written for the local newspaper of his day. Of the other officers and members nothing much is known except that many of them were teachers. There is no record of how long this organization remained active.

The society as we know it today was established on Wednesday, March 20, 1963, under the auspices of the Kentucky Historical Society. It began with 130 members from 12 states and membership dues were \$1.00 per year. (These dues remained at \$1.00 until 1986). Officers of this group were: Barbara Ewell, president; L.H. Yaden and Harold E. Carter, vice-presidents; Geneva G. Stephens, secretary; and Logan Ewell, treasurer. In 1964 attorney Fredora Lay, a member, drew up articles of incorporation and the society was incorporated in its present form.

Other presidents who have served in the years since then are: L.H. Yaden; Fredora Lay; Virgil Onkst; Mary Bryant; Arlie Cornett Jones; Geneva Pope; David Patton; Penny Ferguson; and Larry Gray. The late Omer Wells was a long-time treasurer.

The stated purpose of this organization was (and is) to "collect and preserve historical documents, papers, letters, pictures, pamphlets, books, newspapers, memorabilia, etc., and to arrange such materials in a manner so as to make them available for those who search for information."

The present society has, as I said before, the additional goal of publishing records and of finding a permanent home for our library and archives.

We are fortunate to have acquired the services of noted historian, Dr. Thomas D. Clark, to write the upcoming history of Laurel County. Dr. Clark has written many books on Kentucky but this is his first county history. Any member who wishes may submit material about Laurel County's past for Dr. Clark's consideration. Historical data on families, churches, schools, civic organizations, the court system, the medical profession, or industry in Laurel County since its beginning will be welcomed. I must stress that Dr. Clark, and only Dr. Clark, will make the final decision on what is chosen for use in the book and no individual credit will be given. All material, however, will be kept for the society's files and made use of in the newspaper column, "Traces of Laurel" or in this newsletter.

The historical society also sponsors student essay contests, special observances, honor awards, and we participate in other community projects.

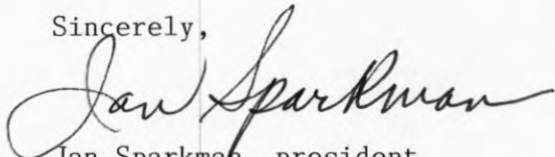
Our "Over-80" Club for senior citizens continues to grow, totaling at the moment 67 members. Regular membership stands at 111.

The current officers are: Jan Sparkman, president; Shirley Landen and Mary Young, vice-presidents; Penny Ferguson, secretary/treasurer; and Debby Proffitt, corresponding secretary. Executive Board members-at-large are Geneva Pope and Marilyn Jones.

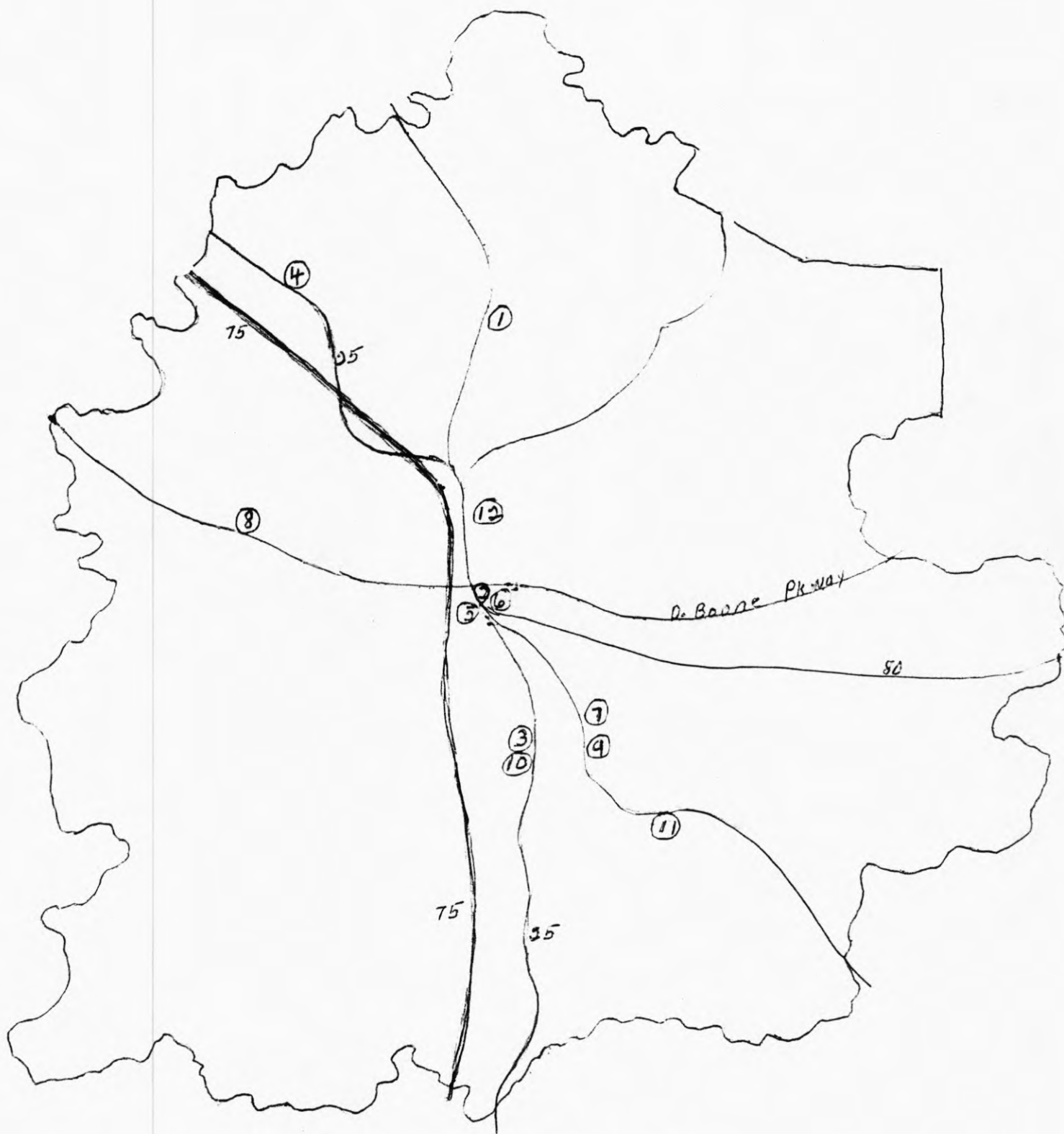
Material on the early history of the Laurel County Historical Society was provided to me by Geneva Pope.

I look forward to working with all of you in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Sparkman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jan Sparkman, president
THE LAUREL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



LAUREL COUNTY HIGHWAY MARKERS

HISTORICAL HIGHWAY MARKERS IN LAUREL COUNTY

By Geneva Pope

Across the state of Kentucky historical markers have been erected at designated sites to commemorate happenings in our past which merit remembrance. In 1949 the Kentucky Historical Highway Markers Committee initiated this program. In each county a chairman was chosen and Russell Dyche directed the program in Laurel County. He served capably for many years and Martin Dyche followed his father in that position and served as county chairman until his death. At present, Shively Pope is serving in that capacity in Laurel County.

There are twelve historical markers that have been erected in Laurel County by the Highway Department under this program. There could be many more, for Laurel County is a treasure trove of history. The following are names and locations of each marker in our county.

1. The HAZEL PATCH marker is located seven miles north of London on Highway 490. It commemorates a famous junction of trails that carried all the westward moving settlers from the Virginia, Carolina, Tennessee area. The original cross-roads is located one-half mile east of the marker location where the Hunter's Trail, or Skaggs Trace, and the Boone Trail separated. Skaggs Trace turned west toward Crab Orchard and the Boone Trace continued north to Boonesborough. The cross-roads was the site of Wood's Blockhouse built in 1793, the earliest permanent building in the wilderness.

2. The WILDERNESS ROAD marker is located on Highway 25 in London on the site of the first wagon road built by Kentucky in 1796. It connected Crab Orchard and the Cumberland Gap and was a major highway for eighty years. Operated as a "toll road," it carried settlers, mail, and freight.

3. DEFEATED CAMP marker is located two miles south of London on Highway 25. It commemorates McNitt's Defeat where pioneers, members of the McNitt, Barnes, and Ford families, stopping for the night in what is now the Levi Jackson Park, were attacked by a band of Chickamauga. Twenty-one people were killed and five women, all horses and goods were carried away. Possibly five people escaped. Historians term this as one of the major disasters on the road.

4. The CAMP WILDCAT marker stands nine miles north of London on Highway 25. The Battle of Wildcat took place October 21, 1861. The Union army was ordered to guard the Wilderness Road and had encamped on a rocky promontory above the road. The position was held by Kentuckians commanded by Colonel T. T. Garrard who bore the brunt of the Confederate assault. General Schoepf arrived with reinforcements from Camp Dick Robinson and aided by the natural defense position, the Union army held and stopped the Southern troops who were forced to retreat to Cumberland Gap.

5. The BATTLE OF LONDON marker is located on the courthouse lawn in London beside Highway 25. This battle occurred August 17, 1862 when Confederate Colonel J. S. Scott leading five hundred cavalry attacked two hundred Union troops commanded by Colonel L.C. Houk. The Union suffered losses: thirteen killed, seventeen wounded, one hundred eleven captured, and forty wagons taken. The Confederates losses were two killed and four wounded. Houk retreated to Cumberland Gap.

6. The LAUREL SEMINARY marker is located in front of the London Elementary School, Main Street, London. In 1826 the Kentucky Legislature granted land to Laurel and some other counties for educational purposes. After the land was sold the money was used to build Laurel Seminary which opened in 1858. The school was closed during the Civil War but the building was used for a hospital. Governor W. S. Taylor called a special session of legislature here in 1900. After the Civil War the building was used at various times as a common school (1870-84) (1893-1906), as a private school (1884-93), and then as a public school. This most historic building was destroyed in 1954.

7. The CSA RETURNS TO TENNESSEE marker is located at the entrance of the Feltner 4H Club Camp on Highway 229 four miles south of London. It commemorates the escape of CSA General Braxton Bragg following the Battle of Perryville October 1862. Bragg's army retreated south along the Wilderness Road with wagons loaded heavy with supplies followed by thousands of infantry commanded by General Kirby Smith. Colonel Joe Wheeler's cavalry protected the rear, fighting delaying action, and felling trees to block roads to prevent the Union forces from mounting an attack. General Buell, commanding Union forces, pursued to Laurel County and decided to stop here. The Confederates escaped down the Wilderness Road to Cumberland Gap and Tennessee.

8. SWISS COLONY marker is located on Highway 1956 (formerly 80) at Bernstadt. It is here in 1881 the Swiss Colony was established and was Kentucky's largest foreign colony. Paul Schenk, Otto Bruner, and Karl Imosbersteg, Swiss capitalists and promoters of the venture, sold four thousand acres to colonists from the Bern area. These settlers improved the land, introduced new methods of farming, and became famous for their cheese and wine.

9. WILDERNESS ROAD marker is located one-half mile south of the park entrance on Highway 229. It marks the site of the home-tavern built by John Freeman and a strip of the original Wilderness Road runs beside the present highway for a few hundred feet at this location. The Freeman family cemetery is located here where carved stones mark the graves of the family members and field stones mark those of their slaves. The long-neglected inn, home of the family until the 1930s, burned in 1962.

10. The LAUREL COUNTY marker located on Highway 25 at the entrance of the Levi Jackson State Park commemorates the formation of Laurel County in 1825 from portions of Whitley, Clay, and Knox Counties. Whether the county was named for the shrub which grew abundantly here or for the river which winds its way across the county, one has only to see the laurel blooming along our wild creeks or rivers to be proud of the name. Laurel County, because of its position along the Boone Trace and the Wilderness Road, has been the scene of many historical events.

11. CAMP GROUND METHODIST CHURCH marker stands near the church on Highway 229 south of London near the junction of Highway 1023. This site near the Boone Trace and the Wilderness Road was a favorite camping place for early settlers as it was for Indians. Camp Ground Cemetery is the final resting place for many travelers and for those who live nearby. Bishop Asbury held worship services here in 1790. The first building was made of logs financed by a gift from Amos Shinkle, president of the Covington-Cincinnati Bridge Company. The present building was erected in 1876.

12 The PITTSBURG AND WILDERNESS ROAD marker is located near Highway 25 on a remaining stretch of the old Richmond Road at Pittsburg. The "Madison Branch" of the Wilderness Road was the last eighteenth century link from Cumberland Gap to Central Kentucky. By legislative act of March 1, 1797, Joseph Crockett built a new road from Milford, seat of Madison County, to intersect with the improved Wilderness Road at Riceton, now present-day Pittsburg. This point became the "new forks of the road" and replaced the Hazel Patch crossroads.

THE CIRCUIT RIDER PREACHER

By Sadie Stidham

Soon after the settlements were formed in Eastern Kentucky, there appeared on the scene the Circuit Rider Preacher. He was welcomed by most of the early settlers because most of them had religious convictions.

John Jay Dickey was one of those early Circuit Rider Methodist ministers. He traveled all over Eastern Kentucky on horseback preaching in homes, school houses, courthouse and churches. Dickey kept a diary of the events people told him about their families. He also wrote down in his diary what was going on in the counties where he visited at that time.

Dickey was interested in establishing schools for mountain boys and girls. He wrote a great deal about Laurel County, Kentucky.

The following is from the Dickey diary. Excerpts from interviews he had with people and places he visited before the 1900s.

Dec. 1, 1895 Sunday, London, Ky.

"I visited with Brother Russell, a baptist preacher 79 years old. How much history will be interred with his body. I would that the knowledge of early days that the few remaining old people could be gathered up and preserved for a (Historical Society) in every County."

Dec. 4, 1895 Wednesday, London, Ky.

"Today I began collecting material for a 'History of Laurel County, Kentucky.' I never expect to write it but I hope to do all I can for the work. I went to John Pittmans at Pittsburg three and a half

miles from here and wrote up his ancestors. I traced the Pittmans in this county to Barton F. Warren, Earl of Surry, Lancastershire, England. The Pittmans are Welsh. I am minded to publish these in the Echo as I get them up. It will stimulate families to write up their family history or bring their material to me and I will write it up."

Dec. 6, 1895 Friday London, Ky.

"I sent copies of the Echo to all the news papers in the mountains and along the borders. It contained articles on organizing Historical Societies and to collect materials for county histories. I intend to push the plan and perhaps it will work in a few counties. If so we will have some history saved."

Dec. 9, 1895 London, Ky.

"This morning I rose early to see how many subscribers I could get for a "History of Laurel County" to be published in twelve months."

Dec. 11, 1895 London, Ky.

"Yesterday I went to Pittsburg and interviewed John Pittman on Laurel County. I got a sketch of his own life and many items as to schools, teachers, churches, preachers, the old Wilderness Road and state lines. I made a list of pastors of London churches, since its foundation in 1830."

Dec. 12, 1895 London, Ky.

"I interviewed C. B. Faris of London. He is seventy-four years old. Tonight I received a letter from Hon. Z.F. Smith to whom I wrote asking advice on collecting materials for Eastern Kentucky. He suggested biographical sketches, heroic deeds, incidents showing religious, social, and political life of the people and note the changes in the same."

Dec. 15, 1895 London, Ky.

"Today I wrote letters to the following persons asking them to help me in gathering materials for Eastern Kentucky History.

W. V. Thompson,	Hyden, Ky.
C. B. Hill,	Beattyville, Ky.
Prof John Goff,	Jackson, Ky.
Judge G.P. Combs,	Hazard, Ky.
Prof. Stephens,	Whitesburg, Ky.
Floyd Byrd,	Campton, Ky.
Prof. Faulkner,	Barbourville, Ky.
Dr. Prestige,	Williamsburg, Ky.

Tonight I've been writing up the Hackneys from Mrs. Caroline Thompson, now 78 years old. The Hackneys have excellent lineage running back to both Polish and an English officer of the American Revolution."

Jan. 1, 1896 London, Ky.

"Today I dined with J. F. Williams and Rev. Baker of the Methodist church. The rest of the day I put in on my first family history, the Pittmans."

Aug. 12, 1896 London, Ky.

"This morning I organized the Laurel County Historical Society. It was composed of teachers of the county. Nathaniel Sewell Jr. was chosen Historian, Miss Fannie Scovell, Secretary, Mr. Anderson, Treasurer. There is much interest manifested by the teachers."

Future issues of our Newsletter will contain other interesting excerpts from Dickey's Diary.

FIRST TAX LIST OF LAUREL COUNTY - 1826

(Note that in the lists below are given: Name, number of acres, water course, number of blacks if any, number of horses or mules, number of studs or jacks if any, the value of land per acre, total value. A -- inserted means no land or water course is listed.)

ADAMS, Leven, 200, Rcastle (Rockcastle), 2, \$1.50,
\$350.
ALLEN, William, 200, Laurel, 1, \$1, \$280.
AVERT, Henry, 50, Rcastle, 1, \$1, \$70.
ALLEN, Edmond, 200, Laurel, 2, \$1, \$340.
ASHER, Robt. --, 2, \$150.
ACKMAN, John, 200, Rcastle, 1, \$2, \$450.
BULLOCK, JOHN, 180, LAUREL, 4, \$1, \$330.
BANCHER, William, 250, Laurel, 1, \$1, \$320.
BANCHER, ELISHA, 300, LAUREL, 3, \$1, \$450.
BOX, Benjamine.
BUFORD, Thos, 367, Rcastle, 1 black, 1, \$4, \$1918.
BUNTON, Willis, __, 1, \$75.
BROWN, Benja.
BAUGH, Abraham, --, 1 black, 3, \$500.
BURTON, Elijah, 227, Rcastle, 1, \$6, \$700.
BUFORD, Thos. J.
BRYSON, Jane, 200, Rcastle, 1, \$200.
BASTAR, (Boston?), David, 118, Rcastle, 1 black, 1, \$2,
\$500.
BUNTON, Jas, 306, Rcastle, 3, \$2, \$768.
BUFORD, William.
BULLOCK, Wm, -- 1, \$50.
BLACK, Saml., 50, Rcastle, 1, \$2, \$175.
BLACK, William, --, 1, \$50.
BOYER ?, Jacob, --, 2, \$75.
BUNCH, Samuel, --, 1, \$50.
BENGE, John, 200, Rcastle, 2, \$2, \$500.

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Will of Elizabeth Cathers

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In the name of God, Amen, I ELIZABETH CATHERS advanced in age and in a feeble state of health but of a sound mind and memory and knowing that all must die, doth make, constitute and ordain this my las will and testment. First I committ my soul and body to that great Beneficent Being, who bestowed _____ with gratitude and thankfulness for the many blessings conferred. I request my just debts if any to be faithfully paid out of my Estate. 1st I give and bequest unto my daughter MARY PORTER one negro boy named SAM which negro she has in her possession .

2nd, I give and bequest unto my son EDWARD CATHERS one negro boy named LINSEY, also one negro girl named BESTY. I also constitute and appoint my friend MOSES MOORE and my son EDWARD CATHERS my Executor with request they shall see this my last will faithfully executed and carried unto effect. In testemony where of I sign this with my hand and affix my seal as my last Will and Testment this 5th day of May 1832 in presence of;

John Pearl
Harrison Reams

her
Elizabeth s Cathers
mark

Seal

Will was proven 18th day of January, 1833

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS WHO SETTLED IN LAUREL COUNTY

William Arbuckle

William Arbuckle lived in Laurel County, Kentucky, in 1832 and made declaration that in 1779 he was drafted for eighteen months duty in Prince Edward County, Virginia. Just before the Siege of York his company was called to rendevous. He hired John Meade to perform military duties as his substitute. At the end of his term of duty, Captain Nash, who commanded the company, gave William Arbuckle of discharge in his own name.

Meade completed the tour of duty for which Arbuckle paid \$200.00. After the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Meade also received a discharge. Jesse Hide, Solomon Stansbury, and James Farris made affidavits on behalf of the applicant, but the pension was rejected because the service was performed by a substitute.

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In the name of God Amen. I GEORGE FARRIS of the county of Laurel in the state of Kentucky being well advanced in age and know all men must die do ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament. First I assign my body and spirit to that Great Beneficent Being that first gave _____ with thoughtful acknowledgements for the many blessings conferred. Second, I request a appraisment of my personal Estate be made accordly to law and an inventory of the same made of record. I further allow my Executors to make sale of so much of my personal Estate as will discharge all debts that may be against the same. Fourth I will and bequest to my beloved wife PATSEY FARRIS one third of my personal Estate for her proper use and benefit during her natural life, and further I will and bequest to my beloved wife the dwelling house where I now live and two hundred acres of land with all the appertunauces. There unto belonging for her use and benefit and for the use of supporting and schooling my children that is under age under the control and direction of my Executors here after to be appointed. Fifth I will and bequesth to my son AMOS FARRIS his mare and saddle and a bed and furniture. The same being equal to the portion given to by son JOHN FARRIS and daughter JANE PHILLIPS and HILY BUNTON. Sixth I will and bequesth to my seven younger children to wit: JAMES M. FARRIS, BETSY ANN FARRIS, POLLY FARRIS, GEORGE W. FARRIS, PHEBE H. FARRIS, JONATHAN S. FARRIS and PRESLEY A. FARRIS seventy five dollars each to be paid to each one as they come of age to be made in the following manner. To my four sons JAMES, GEORGE, JOHATHAN And PRESLEY a horse and saddle worth sixty dollars and fifteen dollars in other property. And my three daughters BESTY ANN, POLLY and PHEBE each to be paid in a bed and furniture at its value and other property to the amount of their portion and if my personal Estate is not sufficient to meet the legcies before mentioned my Executors are hereby directed to receive any money's that may become due to me and apply the same to satisfy the legacies. Seventh, I further allow after the decease of PATSEY FARRIS my beloved wife that my Executors make sale of my land and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging and any other property that may be left of my said Estate and first discharging all the legacies. Then any equal division be made between my eleven children before named. And lastly I appoint WILLIS BUNTON, AMOS FARRIS and JAMES MCNEILL of Laurel County, State of Kentucky my Executors with a request that they faithfully execute this my Last Will and Testament.

In testemony where of I have here unto set my hand and seal the 7th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty ?

Attest: J.L. McNeill, John Farris and Hily Bunton

I Lot Pitman clerk of the court for the county aforesaid do certify that the foregoing will was produced in court at the Feb term there of and proved by the oaths of J. McNeill and John Farris, two of the witness for there to and ordered to be re-recorded, which is done accordingly. Given under my hand the 6th day of February 1833.

Lot Pitman, clerk

Inventory of the Personal Estate of
GEORGE FARRIS (dec)

A true and just inventory and appraisalment of all the personal Estate of GEORGE FARRIS dec. which was produced to us by AMOS FARRIS and WILLIS BUNTON his Executors as follows.

2 kettles	3.50
1 pot, 2 pr hooks	5.00
2 flat irons, shovel	
steel yards & travel	3.00
3 pails, one churn	1.25
2 flac wheels, one callon wheel & Reel	6.50
2 pair card and on tackle	1.25
5 stays	3.62½
1 loom, working mill, spool frame & Hemp	
shuttle & temples	10.00
6 tubs, 2 riddle & Sieve & tray	3.50
1 bedstead.....	2.00
1 grindstone and scythe & cradle 2 ---hooks	5.37½
1 mans saddle, one side saddle	5.00
1 saddle 1 blanket and bridle	9.00
1 bell and bridle	.75
1 Rifle gun, Shot bag and ----?	13.00
12 chairs	4.50
1 table	1.25
1 writing desk & book case.....	5.00
Books	8.00
Razor & strap, slate and cooking ?	2.25
1 table and candle stand	2.00
1 cupboard	4.50
Cupboard furniture	9.87
Crocks	2.00
Shoe last	1.50
3 chests	3.75
1 bedstead bed & furniture	20.00
1 bedstead bed & furniture	16.00
1 bedstead bed & furniture	16.00
1 bedstead bed & furniture	16.00
1 bedstead bed & furniture	14.00
2 falling axes & 2 small axes	3.00
1 mattock, grubing hoe 4 weeding hoes	4.75
1 Iron wedge	.50
2 shovel plows, coulter plow, shore &	
singletree	5.00
1 cutting ---?	1.75
8 planes	3.75
2 drawing knives, Fro, chissells foot	4.25
4 augers, 2 saws	2.25
Turning Tools	6.25
Iron square, traavel	1.60
1 cart	25.00
Log chain, ring and staple	4.50
1 pair stretchers	1.25
1 yoke of Oxen	25.00
4 cows	32.00
4 head of young cattle	12.00
18 head of sheep	14.00
4 bee stands	6.00
1 black Mare	30.00
1 soral Mare	50.00

15 hogs	12.00
1 grey Mare	50.00
One note on John Farris	1.45½
One note on James Metcalf	2.00
One note on Thomas Jones	2.00
Thomas Jones by account	5.10
Ambrose Pitman by account	1.25
John Pearl by account	1.00
Jonathan McNeill by account	6.28
Willie Bunton by account	10.31½
John Reams by account	1.50
Williamson by account	1.50

We do certify that the foregoing appraisment was truly and justly made of the personal property of GEORGE FARRIS, dec. which was foreward to us by his Executors to the best of our judgement having been sword first according to law. All of which we respectfully report to the Laurel County Court given under our hands this 16th day of February 1833.

Lewis Pitman
Tho Robinson
John Pearl

We do certify that the foregoing inventory contains all the personal Estate of GEORGE FARRIS, dec. which hath come to our hands this 16th day of February 1833.

Willie Bunton
Amos Farris

I LOT PITMAN clerk of the county Court do certify that the foregoing Inventory of appraisment and the following Inventory of all of the Estate of GEORGE FARRIS dec., produced to the court at their last May term by the Executors there of which was examine and order to be recorded. Which is done accordling by August 20, 1833.

INVENTORY OF SALE OF GEORGE FARRIS PROPERTY

John B. Philips	one Yoke of Oxen	21.50
Willis Bunton	One heefer	4.00
G.B. Tibbs	One Mare	25.00
Robert Asher	One Fro	.75
Urich Moore	Six head of Sheep	4.58

Willis Bunton
Amos Farris
Executors

Will of SAMUEL ST. JOHN

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In the name of God Amen, I SAMUEL ST JOHN being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do make and constitute the following my Last Will and Testament.

I give and bequest unto my beloved wife, FRANCES seventy three acres of land lying on the South end of the trail on which I now reside, being seventy three ~~poles~~ wide and adjoining the land of GEORGE GREEN, to be hers forever, to dispose of as she may see proper.

I give the balance of my land including the Plantation to my son CHARLES when he arrives of the age of twenty-one years, but it is my will that my wife Frances shall have the management and use of the Plantation until that time for her and my son CHARLES support. The balance of my Estate after the payment of my just debts to be equaling divided between them at the above named _____.

I appoint my wife FRANCES, THOMAS ROBINSON and JOSHUA W. LAY GUARDIAN OF MY SON Charles with power to despose of the Plantation in any way they may see proper for the mutual advantage of the before mentioned parties until the said Charles is twenty-one years of age.

I appoint THOMAS ROBINSON and JOSHUA W. LAY my Executors to carry the foregoing will into complete effect.

In witness where of I have here unto set my hand and affixed my Seal the 10th day of May 1828.

Samuel ST John

Seal

I LOT PITMAN clerk of the County Court aforesaid do certify that the foregoing will of Samuel St John was produced before the said Court at their last August term. Proven and ordered to be recorded which is done accordling. Given under my hand the 15th day of August 1828.

Lot Pitman clerk

Appraisment of the Estate of SAMUAL ST JOHN

1 Horse	35.00	1 Smoothing Iron	.50
1 Cow	7.00	3 Pails	.75
1 Yoke of Oxen	23.00	3 broad hoes	1.50
2 Cows	12.00	1 Mattock	1.75
4 Young Cattle	14.00	1 Ax	.75
5 Head of Sheep	6.00	3 Plows, blevis and	
1 Rifle Gun	8.00	singletree	5.00
1 Cupboard	10.00	1 Tenon Saw	1.00
1 Chest	3.00	1 Scythe, Cradle and	
1 Clock	20.00	1 hammer	2.50
1 bed & Furniture	36.00	1 Barrel box & Yoke	1.50
1 Hack--	2.00	1 pair Jean	3.00
1 Bookcase & Books	10.00	1 shovel, Travel & Knife	1.75
8 Chairs	3.00	1 old Tea Kettle	.50
1 bed & Furniture	28.00	1 Log Chain	2.50
1 Bed & Furniture	36.00	1 Pair Stretchers	1.00
1/4 of a Crop		2 old pails	.50
cut saw ?	1.25	1 Grind Stone	1.50
Cupboard Furniture	10.00	1 Ax	2.50
1 looking glass	1.00	1 Pot & Hook	.75
1 pair steelyards	3.50	1 Kettle	.75
1 womans Saddle	4.00	2 saws & -----	8.00
1 mans Saddle	9.00	Andirons	.50
1 Broad Ax & Tools	9.00	2 candle sticks	.50
1 Table	1.50	1 Razor & Strap	1.00
6 pieces of metal	6.00		\$340.25
1 little wheel	2.00		
1 big wheel	1.50		
1 coffee mill	1.50		

This day come, Abraham Chesnut, Lewis Pitman and Wordaly Linville made a oath that the within contains a true value of all the goods and chattles of Samuel St John to the best of their knowledge and belief. Given under my hand this 6th day of August 1828.

Benj Catching

The newground field of Corn	80.00
Lower Field of Corn	30.00
Upper Field of Corn	28.00
Four Stacks fodder	14.00
One pile of Corn	15.00

The above is the valuation of the crop of Samual ST John dec. and we the commissioners report the same to the County Court. Given under our hands the 3rd day of November 1828

Lewis Pitman
Abraham Chesnut
Wordly Linville X

INVENTORY OF SALE OF SAMUEL ST JOHN PROPERTY

Brood Mare	3.50	1 tackle	2.50
Iron square	.50	1 hand saw	1.00
Side saddle	2.37½	1 razor & strap	2.00
1 mans saddle	9.50	1 pr stretchers	1.00
1 clock	17.50	1 log chain	5.25
Furniture & bed	10.50	1 scythe & cradle & hammer	3.25
Furniture & bed	8.25	1 shovel	1.00
Furniture & bed	11.75	Pails, travels & knives	1.62½
Furniture & bed	7.75	Yoke, barrel & ?	.75
Some books	4.00	1 pair of jean	2.50
Looking glass	.87½	1 clevis	.50
1 chest	2.37½	¼ of crop ?	.75
Some chairs	2.37½	1 table	1.50
2 candle sticks	1.50	2 steers	10.12½
1 saw	.62½	1 horse	33.00
1 cow	5.00	1 ?	.62½
1 cow	7.00	8 head of hogs	4.25
1 cow	6.00	1 yearling heeffer	2.75
3 sheep	3.12½	some tubs & barels	.25
1 pot	2.50	2 sheep	2.79½
1 kettle	.25	1 yoke of oxen	25.00
bureau	16.12½	1 pile of corn	2.50
Coffe mill	.50	Newground & field of corn	70.00
Some pot ware	3.62½	Upper field of corn	25.00
Steel yards	2.62½	Upper stack fodder	4.25
Big wheel	1.62½	Lower field of corn	29.00
Dog irons	.37½	?	1.62½
Some plows	2.50	1 stack of fodder	3.50
Cupboard	5.62½	1 other stack of fodder	3.37½
?	1.75		
?			
1 ax	2.00		
3 plows	4.62½		
1 rifle gun	7.75		
1 iron wedge	.25		
1 flax wheel	1.75		

Joshua W. Lay
Thomas Robinson
Executors

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the inventory of sale of the property of SAMUEL ST JOHN dec. as returned to Court which is duly recorded, Given under my hand the 3rd November, 1828

Signed _____

This indenture made the 20th day of July 1829 wittnesseth that LOT PITMAN clerk of the Laurel County Court by order of JARVIS JACKSON, B.CATCHING, P.PARKER, THO JONES, I. HIBBARD and WM G. PITMAN, gentlemen justice of the peace for said county, do place and bind CHARLES ST JOHN, orphan of SAMUEL ST JOHN, deceased, age 15 years the 17th day of November last past, to Willie Bunton with him to dwell and him to serve from the date here of until the said apprentice shall arrive at the age of 21 years, during said time the said apprentice his master shall faithfully serve on all lawful business and shall honestly and obediently in all things deem himself toward his master and all his lawful commands, obey during said time and the said BUNTON and G.W. PRICE his security for themselves

_____ and adm's, doth covenant and agree to and with the said LOT PITMAN and his present order and _____ in office that he the said CHARLES ST JOHN as an apprentice in the trade and avocation of farming shall work and _____ during the time afore said and provide and allow him the said apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging and mending and all other things felt and necessary for as apprentice and shall teach or cause him to be taught reading, writing, and arithmetic including the rule of three and give him a Horse and Saddle and Bridle worth \$75.00 and a new suit of clothes at the expiration of said time of service. In witness where of we have herinto set our hand and seal the day and date above written.

Willie Bunton
G.W. Price (Seal)

LOT PITMAN clk Laurel County

The foregoing indenture was acknowledged in open court.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS WHO SETTLED IN LAUREL COUNTY

John Nix

JOHN NIX, born July 11, 1756, enlisted in 1776 in Winchester, Virginia, and served three years in the Virginia Line. His company commander was Captain Brown in the regiment commanded by Colonel Lamb. Daniel Trigg and James Rogers of Whitley County, Kentucky, made affidavits that they met John Nix in the South and became acquainted with the regular soldier (private) Nix at the time of "The Battle" (King's Mountain).

In Laurel County, Thomas Robinson, clergyman, William Harper, Jessie Hide (Hyde), and John Limps made statements swearing to the good character of John Nix.

(To be continued)

Will of ISAAC FORBES

In the name of God, Amen. I ISAAC FORBES being sound in mind but feeble in body do make this my Last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills made by me. In the first place I do will and ordain all my just debts to be paid and if I have property enough to pay all my just debts without my Plantation and Mill, I do will and ordain that my beloved wife ELIZABETH have the place and Mill during her natural life and there after her death I want the place and Mill sold and an equal division to take place between all my children. And I do further will and ordain that SAMUEL WILSON & THOMAS JONES of said County be appointed as my Executors to settle my business after my death and I do request that the said Wilson and Jones will manage my property as they may think best to settle my just debts in _____ where of I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this 16th day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty One.

his
Isaac s Forbes
mark Seal

Witness Present

Sally ^{her} X Adams
mark

J. McNeill
Abarham Baugh

Will was proven 7th day of November 1831

(Editor's Note: The name Forbes is also frequently written Faubus/Faubes in the old records).

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS WHO SETTLED IN LAUREL COUNTY

Jessie Hyde (Hide)

JESSIE HYDE (HIDE) was born circa 1755 in Johnson County, North Carolina. He was drafted into the North Carolina Militia in Surrey County, North Carolina just prior to the Battle of Gate's Defeat at Camden, South Carolina in 1780. His company marched to Salisbury to participate in this battle and returned home after the defeat.

When his term of service expired he re-enlisted as a substitute for John Kidd. Jesse Hyde came to Laurel County and settled in the southern part of the county. He is probably buried in the Hyde Cemetery.

(To be continued)

Deaths reported to the LAUREL RIVER ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTISTS from the Baptist Churches throughout Laurel County and surrounding Counties. 1876-1904.

Ragan Brock	b. 6-22-1800 Grainger Co, Tenn	d. 9-6-1876
E.S. Jones	b. 2-11-1799 Tenn	d.12-31-1876
E.M. Novell	b. 8-11-1804	d. 4-12-1877
J.E. Sams	b. 12-27-1829 Madison Co. NC	d. 8-19-1880
Mary A. Chesnut	b. 5-9-1838	d.8-19-1880
(daughter of Pleasant Walters)		
Talitha C. Reams	b. 1-12-1813 Clay Co, Ky	d.1-12-1880
Eliza Vaughn	b.8-7-1849 Laurel Co, Ky	d.4-10-1880
Andrew Overby	b.4-19-1880	d.6-19-1880
John H. Phelps	b.12-28-1863	d.6-10-1880
George W. Jackson	b.11-5-1858	d.11-2-1893
Margaret Chesnut	b.9-23-1854	d.1-1-1894
Louann McCarty	b. age about 80 yrs	d.1894
Winny Ponder	b. 7-17-1834	d.7-13-1894
Sarah Spivy		d.10-29-1893
Mazeia McDaniel	b. 4-16-1847	d.9-13-1894
Martha Anglen		d.1-15-1894
Sally Abner		d.4-18-1894
W.M. Powell		d.7-29-1894
Thomas Cranks		d.3-10-1894
Thomas Wyatt		d.6-5-1894
Martha Brewer		d.11-26-1893
W.H. Green	b. 1818	d.12-5-1893
Reuben Wilburn		d.4-24-1894
James Kirby	b. 9-2-1806 NC	d.2-2-1894
Barbara B. Smith	b. 9-11-1873	d.11-24-1893
Levi Hammock	b. 1826	d.1-1-1894
Ed Cox		d.6-17-1894
Susan Ponder	b. 4-6-1866	d.1-13-1895
George W. Miller	b. 1816	d.3-17-1895
Jackson W. Brummett	b. 2-1816	d.8-9-1895
Eliza J. Reynolds	b. 7-1860	d.4-12-1895
Lucinda Chesnut	b.8-20-1828	d.5-19-1895
B.F. Catching	b.12-31-1827	d.11-23-1894
Martha Lamb	b. ?	d.9-9-1894
Hetany Barnes		d.11-16-1894
Lafayette McDaniel	b.4-15-1836	d.6-5-1898
Sarah Carpenter		d.10-9-1897
Mary E. Griffin	b. 7-3-1851	d. 1-19-1898
Phenatta Mardis	b. 1868	d.5-9-1898
George Patton	b. 1827	d.8-24-1898
Sarah Dezarn		d.9-16-1898
Sisema Catharin Helton		d.1-28-1899
Evan Barrett		d.4-21-1899
Moses Mullins		d.7-12-1899
Ruth Forbes	b. 1841	d.8-4-1899
Thomas R. McDaniel	b.5-25-1869	d.11-17-1898
Elizabeth Cobb	b. 10-16-1827	d.5-16-1900
A.P. Smith Rev.	b. 3-25-1823	d.4-13-1900
Wm H. Allen	b. 11-4-1876	d.1-17-1900
(Killed by a falling Tree)		
Mysia Neely,		
Long Branch		d. 1901
Malinda J. Moren		
Laurel River		d. 1901
Melvina Scales		
Mt Pleasant		d. 1901

Sallie A. Johnson	age 84	d 1901
Lucy Smith	New Hope	d.1901
Sister Richmond	Slate Hill	d.1901
Maggie Cox		d.1901
Hannah Campbell		d.1901
Polly Arthur	Salem	d.1901
Mary Sutton	Salem	d.1901
Lucy Anderson	Sinking Creek	d.1901
Minnie Reams		d.1901
Emeline Doughty	Sinking Creed	d.1901
Sarah Ball	Slate Lick	d.1901
John Jones	Providence	d.1901
Mahaly Ann Hodges	Union	d.1901
Margaret E. Metcalf		
Margaret Ponder		
Willey Dotson		
James W. Brock	Rough Creek	d.1902
Bettie Mooney	Level Green	d.1902
Angeline Johnson	Salem	d.1902
Mary Hatcher	Salem	d.1902
Rev. L.E. Loyd,	ordained Minister Green Hill	d.1902
Matilda Robbins	Laurel River	d.1902
Hiram Edwards	Corinth	d.1902
Andrew Cummins	Mt Pleasant	d.1902
Sheridan Thomas	East Pittsburg	d.1902
Martha Duncan	Sinking Creek	d.1902
John Sams	Robinson Creek	d.1902
T.J. Sullivan	Pond Creek	d.1902
Wilson Carpenter	Corinth	
Susan Singleton	New Hope	
Mary Lefer	Friendship	
Susan Summer	Long Branch	
W.H. Reams	Slate Lick	
Emily Cottongim		
Martha Johnson, wife of Rev. Hiram Johnson joined the church at Salem in 1848,		d. 11-12-1902
Mary E. Dees,		d. 12-1902
Ellen Tipton		d. 12-1903

In 1844 the LAUREL RIVER ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTIST, Rule of Government, requested that the letters from all the different churches give a report on their number in fellowship, those baptised, excluded, dismissed and the deaths in the past year.

In 1893 a Resolution was printed in the Association's minutes and was Resolved, stating: " That each Church of this Association be requested to report the names of their dead and the date of their death in their letters to the Association to be appended to the minutes."

Bros. J.E. Weaver died March 27, 1903. He was born in 1841 enlisted 1861 in the 7th Ky. Infty. Served 4½ years, was promoted to Sergeant Major. Served as County Judge one term and post master at London seven years. Was married to Miverva Faris in 1871, who with two children survived him. He united with Liberty church by experience and was baptism in 1873, ordained a deacon by Slate Hill Church, attached to London Church in 1889, of which he remained a strong pillar until his death. By his death the church lost a liberal, consecrated member, the community an exemplary citizen and his family a loving husband and father. We mourn his loss.

Sister Mary A. Lovelace died March 30, 1903. Born in 1841 United with London Church in 1879, when as arm was extended from Slate Hill. Was a charter member of present London Church of which she remained a consistent member until death. She died as she lived, in the triumph of a christian faith.

Sister Flora E. Vaughn died Aug 26, 1903, aged 61, united with Rough Creek Church at age of 12, and continued a faithful consistent member until death. She was a daughter of Eld. George Brock.

Bros. Wm. George A decon of Slate Lick Church, died January 20, 1903

Bros. James R. George died July 11, 1903 member of Slate Lick Church.

Sister Sarah A. Watkins died May 18, 1903, She joined Mt Pleasant Church very young. Died a triumphant death in Christ, daughter of our Moderator.

Sister Nancy Bustle Hawk Creek Church, died May, 1903

Sister Alice Conkins East Pittsbur Church, died Sept, 1903

Sister W.C. Peters Pine Grove Church, died July 1903

Sister Polly Cotton Union Church, died Oct 23, 1903

Bros. Bluford Cummins was born in 1841, died 1903. United with Corinth Church in 1890. He lived a consistent Christian and died in full triumph of Faith. His long illness he bore with patience. His Church loses, but his gain is eternal.

John M. Brock Providence, was born in Laurel Co, Ky joined the Baptist Church while quite young, and lived a devoted christian life until his death in July 1904

Lucy Brown Mt Pleasant born August 1, 1874 died June 10, 1905, united with Mt. Pleasant Church in 1888.

Samuel Gill born 1836, died Oct 13, 1904. Joined Mt. Pleasant Church by letter in 1875.

Dora Root born Dec. 28, 1882 died Dec. 20, 1904

John H. Campbell born Oct 1, 1835 died May 26, 1905. Joined Mt. Pleasant Church by letter in 1870

Eva Mardis born Jan 15, 1882 died Aug 5, 1905. Joined Mt Pleasant Church in Nov, 1900

Mollie Templeton born May 30, 1870 died May 9, 1905, United with Mt Pleasant Church by letter in June 1900

Ambrose P. Loyd Long Branch, born July 22, 1843, died March 12, 1905, aged 62. United with the Church at Salem and moved his membership to Long Branch Jan. 1891

Nancy Jones Salem, born March 10, 1822, died Oct 14, 1903. Joined a Baptist Church near Jonesville, Knox County in 1847 and served as deaconess 38 years. Her doors were always open for the cause of Christ and her sun went down without a cloud. She leaves seven children to mourn the loss of a Christian mother.

Nathan B. Jones Salem, born Aug 5, 1814, died Sept 29, 1888. He joined church at Gilberts, Clay county in 1867 and served as deacon 38 years. A true believer in the Lord. He lived a christian life. Our loss is his eternal gain.

Marth Knox born March 1860, died Feb 23, 1896, joined church at Mt Ararat, Knox County in 1882. Lived a devoted christian life and left five children to mourn his death.

Hattie George dies a member at Salem, died in 1904 or 1905

Dr. Nathaneil M. Scales Laurel River, born Feb 22, 1837, died Aug 1905. United with Laurel River Church in 1867 and lived a faithful christian life. Was a practicing Physcian and showed his love and christian sprit in his work. Died leaving testimony that he entered the gates of the New Jerusalem.

Lavina Sasser Rough Creek, born March 11, 1825, died May 2, 1905. United with Rough Creek Church in 1855 and was a faithful member until she was called home.

Jesse McCarty died Nov 1904 about 90 years of age. Was a consistent member of Salem and Slate Lick Churches for 50 years.

Dr. L. Cornelius died 1905. A member of Fairview Church.

Arthur Hodge Agen 18 years, died 1905 A member of New Prospect Church.

Sister Nancy Asher Wife of Rev. Blevins Asher, joined the church at Salem in 1877, Died January 11, 1904.

Sister Ann Jackson joined the church at Salem by letter in 1886, died July 11, 1904

Brother John Dees joined the Church at Salem in 1860, was licensed to preach in 1875, died May 13, 1904

Sarah Wilkerson was born February 14, 1883, joined the Baptist Church 1897, died June 22, 1904, after living a devoted christian for about seven years.

Sister Nancy Hicks joined the church at Salem by letter in 1903, died May 26, 1904.

Sister Margaret Hunley died January 9, 1904, aged 34 years, She had been a member of the Baptist church for 15 years.

Brother Evan Jones was born in July 1846 in Laurel County, Ky. Joined the Baptist Church about the year 1867 and lived a devoted christian life until death called him home in September, 1904.

QUERIES

WATKINS

Luke Watkins and Chapman Watkins were two of the early pioneers of Laurel Co., when it was still part of Knox Co. Luke was a son of John Nathaniel Watkins by his first wife, Jennie Oliphant, and Chapman was John Nathaniel's son by his second wife, Jane Walter. Can anyone tell me where John Nathaniel Watkins lived, in either North or South Carolina, where Luke and Chapman were born? Does anyone have any information about John Nathaniel Watkins parents? W.W. Lake, 2400 Brook Run, Birmingham, Al. 35244

CHESNUT

Want to contact any family of Ollie Chesnut ? and Elizabeth Chesnut Murry, daughter of Edmund and Malinda Parker Chesnut. Elizabeth and Malinda died 1909, Pittsburg area-Tombstone says Aunt and Grandmother at Rough Creek Cemetery - for Malinda and Elizabeth. Write to: James H. Hatcher, R R 1, Box 94, Coatesville, In. 46121

GRAY - FRAZIER - ABRAHAM

I would like to correspond with any one who is a descendant of Thomas Henry Gray b 1797 in Va or Tenn. He was in Ky before 1822. I would like any information on Thomas or his family. He was a shoemaker in Manchester on the 1850 Federal Census. Thomas married Mary Ann Frazier (all kinds of spelling) who was also born in 1797-8 in Va. All their children were born in Ky according to the census records. Thomas and Mary and their children are reported on the Census for Laurel Co and reside at Bushes Station. Their daughter Minerva Gray married Abraham Kilby Lunsford 11-8-1843 in London and they had 5 children all born in London, Ky. Would like to learn of Abraham's family, especially who his mother and father were. He died with the measles in the Post Hospital at St. Joseph, Mo during the Civil War. Write to: Clara M. Wells, Box 125, Riverton, Kans. 66770

HIBBARD - MASON

Need parents of Henry L. Hibbard, married Nancy Angeline Mason. Lived in Laurel County 1860 thru 1900. Son William Samuel Hibbard married Sarah E. Williams. Write To: Lenore Hibbard, 205 Virginia, Crockett, CA 94525

HODGE - HODGES

Need information on Wm. Riley Hodge - Hodges. His Parents: Fleming and Lucinda Shotwell Hodge. Also Fleming's parents: Shadrack and Rebecca Tugman Hodge and Rebecca's; Edward and Sarah ? Tugman. Birthdates, death dates, and place of burial. Would like to correspond with any of above descendants still living in Laurel Co., Ky area. Write to: Mrs R.L. Warling, 717 Adams St, Piqua, Ohio 45356

GIDEON - BUNTON

Information on Elizabeth (Bettie) Gideon, daughter of Edward M. Gideon and Katie Bunton Gideon, who were Elizabeth's sister and brothers where was she born., also any information on her mother's family, Katie Bunton. Send information to Susie A. Kincses, 4687 Fisher Twin Rd.. West Alexandria, Ohio. 45381

CHESNUT

Information on Mahala (Hilie) Chesnut, daughter of John Chesnut and T. Eliza C. Durham Chesnut., Who married David Yaden and moved to Washington State. Also information on Jacob Chesnut, son of John and T. Eliza C. Durham Chesnut. Jacob married Eliza Jane Crawford and moved to Missouri. They had children., what were the children names, where are they now. Write to: Susie A. Kincses, 4687 Fisher Twin Rd. West Alexandria, Ohio 45381

LILBURN - HARTSELL

I am interested in corresponding with descendants of Jonah Lilburn (b ca 1802, Washington Co., TN, d. after 1874 in Laurel or possibly Lincoln Co., Ky) Who settled on Hazel-Patch watercourse in Laurel County ca 1857. Write to: Frank Lilburn Wells, 15516 S.E. 23rd St, Vancouver, Washington. 98684

OWEN

I would like information on Reuben Owens who is listed in the 1840 Census of Laurel Co. He would have been born approximately 1815 apparently in Ky. He is apparently the father of Benjamin (also others), who lived in Laurel Co. Benjamin Owen was b 1848. I would like information on where in Ky. Reuben Owen was born and also who his parents were and where they were from. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Write to: Jim Owens, 18131 Yew Way, Snohomish, WA. 98290.

GOFORTH - BARNES

I would like to hear from anyone tracking the genealogy of the Goforth and Barnes families of Laurel County, Ky. I am especially interested in the family of Preston C. Goforth who had at least 12 children. His sons were James Acey, General, Isaas, Elias, or Sterling, John W., Ezekiel and George. The Barnes family of interest is William M. Barnes who had sons named, James M., Robert M., George W., John Sol. Felix and William. Write to: Mrs. Dorothy Goforth Route # 1, Box 136, Nauvoo, Alabama, 35578

MC CARTY - LANGLEY

Seeking information on the McCartys of Laurel Co., Also need information on James Langley b. 1774, Johnson Co., N.C. married Betsy ? . Write to Mary J. Biederstedt, 3431 14th St. Lewiston Id. 83501.

COLEMAN

Need information on Joshua Coleman m Nancy Payne, on tax rolls in Laurel County in 1850. Children were Mary Jane, James P, Hannah, Joseph Reed, Joshua Oabs, Lewis Jasper, Elizabeth Harriet, Benjamin Oney, Amanda. Would appreciate information on parents, their birth place, parents, birthdate, or any of the children. Wilma Coleman, 6325 Floyd, Overland Park, Kansas. 66202.

LINCKS MILL

Need information on old Lincks Mill that was on Rockcastle River near the old Rockcastle Church. At that time (ca 1900), this was near Bob House's store. When was this mill built? When did it cease to operate? Write to: George Lincks, Rt. 1, Box 330, Auburndale, FL. 33823

WHITT - TAYLOR

I am looking for information on Alfred G. Whitt b June 1837 NC m 2-26-1852 in Laurel Co., Ky to Sallie Taylor (Dau. of William and Harriet E. Taylor). Alfred died after 1900 in Stateline, MS? Alfred was the son of Merrith and Nancy Whitt. Alfred came with his father to Laurel Co about 1851 by way of Lee Co., VA from the Haw River area of NC. Alfred was a Baptist preacher in Laurel Co. in the late 1800s. He is said to have started the Hawk Creek Baptist Church and others. Is this true? Alfred and Sallie left Laurel Co. about 1896 and moved to AL then to MS. Sallie died about 1898 and Alfred married a Mary about 1899. Alfred and Mary are listed in the 1900 Wayne Co., MS census. I didn't find either in the 1910 census. Also I didn't find any record of Alfred serving in the Civil War in the R.S.A. or C.S.A. Did he serve? Write to: David Moore 816 Roselyn Dr, Rantoul, IL. 61866.

SPARKS

Would like to correspond with descendants of James and Matilda Sparks of Laurel and Harlan Counties, Ky. James Sparks was born about 1803 in Virginia. He may have been a son of Absalom and Elizabeth (McQuann or McQuawm) Sparks who married in Washington Co., Virginia. 1-5-1801. Also need information on a daughter of James and Matilda Sparks, Nancy Sparks born March 11, 1839. Write to: Mrs. Cheryl Meecha 7324 Ticonderoga Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40214.

NELSON

Seek information on William Russell Nelson and father, Orville Perry Nelson, farmers in Laurel Co. during Civil War, captured and imprisoned for a lengthy time. Where? William married to Hannah Hoss. Both b in Washington Co. TN: Hannah d Laurel Co 1916: William d ?? Write to: Frances I. Brown, 5240 Tyosa St., Fair Oaks, CA 95628

OWEN - TACKETT

Seeking parents of Hanna Owen b. 1826. m Allen Owen 5-27-1854 Laurel Co., Ky. Two known children, Lee Owen b. 2-1-1859 and Nancy E. Owen b 12-20-1861, both b in Laurel Co., Ky. Also need information on Elizabeth Tackett b. 1787 NC, living in same household with the Allen Owen family. Would appreciate any information. Write to: Shirley McCowan, P.O. Box 792, London, Kentucky. 40741.

PIGG - EVANS

Need information of George Leonadus Pigg's cousins who accompanied him to Lorain, Ohio to buy farm land early 1900s. Family legend says the cousins changed name to grandmother's name Evans. George Leonadus Pigg m Louisa Nelson. They did not move to Ohio, but went to Okla. with children.

Who was Edward Evans' first wife and children of this marriage? I have Elijah and John George, but need possibly nine others. Edward served in Revolution, b in VA ca 1758. Moved to Crab Orchard, Knox Co where wife probably d in childbirth. Edward m 2nd Elizabeth Howard and moved to IN, where he lived out his life. Elijah m Matilda Moore. John George m Nancy Jane Miller. Write to: Frances I. Brown, 5240 Tyosa St. Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

MOORE

Need children of Jesse Moore b. ca 1775 d. 1858 m 1st Margaret "Peggy" Cathers 1801: m 2nd Elizabeth Hicks 1838: 3rd m Margaret Ann Evans 1853. Children may be Marany m Dianah _____; Matilda m Elijah Evans; Mahala m William Miller; Minerva m Robert B. West; Masiah m Sally Ann West; Marilla m Stephen W. Carrier. Two more?? Jesse's father, William, of Woodford Co? Did William have brother, Thomas, and sister, Mary and half brother Moses? Or was Moses half brother to Jesse? Write to: Frances I Brown, 5240 Tyosa St. Fair Oaks, CA. 95628

MCCARTY JONES PARMAN SEABORN

Need places and dates of births, Jesse McCarty b 1815 Ky. died when? Living in London, Ky age 90 with Nettie McCracken. married Mary (Polly) Cain b. Tenn. Need her parents. Thomas S. Seaborn b. 1807 Ky. d.? . Buried on farm in Laurel Co. m. Mary (Polly) Johnson b. 1805 or 1816 S.C. Joseph W. Jones b. 1827 son of Evan Jones b. 1795 N.C. Joseph m 2-21-1854 Laurel Co. to Lydia McFadden b. 1833 Ky. d/o Jessie McFadden and Sally Ruth Chestnut. John Parman b. about 1820 m. Delilah Jackson d/o John M. Jackson and Zena Seals. Laurel County cemetery show a Eva Dellie Parman buried with the family of Robert Mitchell Parman, the 10th child of John Parman. Please write to: Betty L. Eldred, 3256. 180 Place, Seattle, Wa. 98188

BRUMMITT

Need help to straighten out the marriages of A.J. (Andrew Jackson) Brummitt, son of Buford Brummitt. As listed in the 1850 census of Laurel Co., Ky. the additional information states that A.J. Married in 1864 Mahala Watkins Johnson. He would be age 15 and she age 32 in 1864. The microfilmed marriage records of Laurel Co. show that A.J. Married 3-16-1870 Lucinda Sasser and married 1-16-1873 Mahala Johnson. Did he marry Mahala Johnson twice? Would like information on Buford Brummitt. Need his parents, siblings birthdates and places. Please write to: Betty L. Eldred 3256 So. 180 Place Seattle, WA 98188

HOPKINS - BLAIR - WYATT

Interested in learning more about Mark Hopkins, the San Francisco railroad magnate, who was born 1814 in N. Carolina and died 1879 in Arizona. Efforts made in the 1930s and 1950s by rightful heirs to gain his millions. Was in Laurel County about 1848-1850 with his brother, Edward. Seeking information on William H. Blair, father of Rev. John Blair, born Greene County, Tennessee. Who was his first wife, Jane, who died before 1840 at Campground as they were on their way farther west? Any information on this family appreciated. Information on origins and parentage of Edward K. Wyatt in Laurel County, Kentucky before 1840 appreciated. Respond to Shirley H. Landen, Rt. 13, Box 161-L, London, Ky. 40741.

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1830 Laurel County Census	indexed	\$5.00 plus 0.50 postage
1840 Laurel County Census	indexed	\$6.00 plus 0.50 postage
(1830 and 1840 can be purchased together for \$10.00 plus postage)		
1850 Laurel County Census with vital statistics	indexed	\$15.00 plus 1.00 postage
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1870 Laurel County Census	indexed	\$16.00 plus 1.00 postage
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	Vol A - M	\$18.00 plus 1.00 postage
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Volumes I, II, and III of Laurel County cemetery listings are in the process of being researched and will be published as soon as possible. The 1880 Laurel County census is also in the process of being completed.

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