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THE COPELIN FAMILY

by Dan Lee

The Copelin family of Hardin and Hart County descend from Benjamin Copeland of Augusta County (now Rockingham County), Virginia. A man of pioneer spirit, he reached the Shenandoah Valley by the 1750's and he evidently found the land west of the Blue Ridge a prosperous place to live. Mr. William Coplin writing in the quarterly of the Hart County Historical Society in October, 1976, observed that Benjamin "had quite a bit of land on Linnville Creek and Mossey Creek, horses, cattle, and quite a bit of money loaned out on personal notes." Benjamin Copeland also exhibited a trait common to the early generations of his family - a regard for education. The Augusta County Court Will Book #2 records that Benjamin's widow Ann, in settlement of his estate, paid Thomas Pointer \$1 on March 19, 1755, for one-half year schooling for Jacob and Mary Copeland.

It was Benjamin's son Jacob who brought the Copeland family to Kentucky. In 1779 Jacob and his wife Ann (nee Hinton) sold their land in Rockingham County and moved west to Lincoln, now Garrard County, Kentucky. They obtained 1000 acres on Dick's River, but Revolutionary Kentucky was not a peaceful place to live. In 1781, Indian raids forced the Copelands to "fort up" at Fischer's Station (about a mile from present Danville) and the following year, Jacob Copeland served in Samuel Kirkham's company of Lincoln County militia in the Battle of Blue Licks. Blue Licks was Kentucky's worst Indian massacre. Jacob Copeland survived, but five men in Kirkham's company were killed.

The eight children of Jacob and Ann Hinton Copeland were Hannah (c1769 - ?), John (1771 - 1837), Thomas (c1772 - ?), Piercy (c1773 - ?), Ann (c1775 - ?), Mary (c1779 - ?), Sally (c1791 - ?), and Sarah (c1793 - ?).

When Jacob Copeland died in 1815, his oldest son John (the first to spell the family name "Copelin") was 44 years old and ready to move his wife and their five children to a new home further west. They settled about 1819, the year Hart County was struck from Hardin, near the boundary of the counties in a region known ever since as Copelin Valley. The five children of John and Mary Downing Copelin were all born before the move to Hart County. They were Benjamin (1798 - 1861) was in politics and helped frame the Kentucky constitution in 1849, Thomas (1799 - 1876), Jacob (1801 - 1871), Mary (1803 - 1863), and Ezekial (1805 - 1864).

Working to clear Copelin Valley of the cedar trees that crowded the land and of the limestone that dotted the fields

and plowed the plow must have been a time consuming job, for Benjamin never married and Thomas did not until he was forty years old. His bride, a Hardin County girl named Jane Jefferies, was twenty-two years younger, but they had a little better than thirty-five years and ten children together. The children of Thomas and Jane Jeffries Copelin were John (1840 - 1917), Mary Ann (1842 - 1875), Sarah E. (c1843 - ?), Benjamin C. (1845 - 1864), David J. (1847 - 1929), Jacob C. (1848 - 1914), Thomas A. (1850 - 1883) was shot and killed at the Millerstown Ice House by Anderson Skaggs, who mistook him for another man; Melissa J. (c1852 - ?), Ezekial F. (1853 - 1899), and Nancy Susan (1856 - 1875).

John, the oldest son of Thomas and Jane Jefferies Copelin, was a farmer like his ancestors, but his family's love of learning was passed down to him; he was a school teacher and magistrate as well. He was called "Squire." His wife, Susan Frances Hodges, was descended from a family that came to Kentucky before 1810. John and Susan Copelin lived not a half-mile from the crossroads where he taught school and within sight of the high ridge that the Copelins had chosen for their family cemetery.

The children of John and Susan Hodges Copelin were William (1863 - 1868), Miles Thomas (1865 - 1948), Phoebe J. (1867 - 1930), Sarah E. (1869 - 1950), Obediah E. (1870 - 1920), Wallace B. (1872 - 1966), Flora Ann (1876 - 1971), Nancy Elizabeth (1878 - 1959), Rebecca Belle (1881 - 1954), John Bomer (1883 - 1961), Pearl (1887 - 1968), and Elmer D. (1889 - 1978).

The house of John and Susan Hodges Copelin is gone now, but the family cemetery is nearby and the school house and the valley still carry their family name. However, the scores of people in central Kentucky who descend from them are the truest memorial to the Copelins, pioneer family of Virginia and Kentucky.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST-HARDIN NATIONAL BANK

From the Elizabethtown NEWS, Tuesday, April 18, 1933

L. A. FAUREST

L. a. Faurest, vice-president of the First-Hardin National Bank, was elected a director in the institution in 1922 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of C. Hotopp, its president. Several years later he was named as vice-president.

Mr. Faurest was born at Garnettsville, Meade County, and was a son of Arnaud Faurest. He attended Salem College at Garnettsville, and received his legal education at the Louisville Law School, from which he was graduated in 1892.

On December 5 of the same year he came to Elizabethtown, and it was a coincidence that the recent Courthouse fire was on the fortieth anniversary of that event. Mr. Faurest, therefore, practiced his profession in that one structure for two score years.

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COURT ORDER BOOK, HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY 1799 (Oct. & Dec.)

At a Court held for Hardin County on the fourth Tuesday of October 1799 Present Bladin Ashby Stephen Rawlings George Bell & Daniel Vittertoe and Samuel Watkins Gent Justices

Ordered that Charles Harris be Exempted from the further payment of County Levies

Present George Berry Gent

Ordered that John Farmer senr. be appointed overseer of the road from the first Crofising of Youngers Creek above the Widow Countrymans old plantation to Hodgens Mill in the room of Conrad Walters & that the same Tithables that afsisted sd Walters do afsist him in Clearing and keeping Said road in repair

On the motion of David Morrison Licence is granted him for keeping a Tavern at his house for the Term of one year next ensuing this date he having Complied with what the law in that case requires

The State of the levy of this County is as follows

	L	S	D
To wolf Scalps	13	6	0
To Hardin Thomas for keeping John Downs	12	0	0
To Margaret Miller for keeping Samuel Davis	11	0	0
To Alexander Lashly for keeping John Downs	15	0	0
To Charles Helm for laying off prison bounds	0	18	0
To Samuel Haycraft Clerk to an Election	0	18	0
To ditto for holding inquest on the body of Benjamin Parker decd	1	16	0
To George Berry and Stephen Rawlings as Judges to an Election 3 Doll Each	1	16	0
To the Clerk of the County Court for Exofficio Services	12	0	0
To the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sefsions per Exoficio services	3	0	0
To the Sheriff for ditto	12	0	0
To Christopher Bush for keeping stray pound	1	16	0
To Jacob Vanmatre for Wolf Scalps	1	4	0
To Edward Rawlings attend Election 3 days @6/per	0	18	0
To books per Quarter Sefsions Clerks office	8	0	0
To Thomas Slaugter per examining Clarks papers	0	16	0
To George Helm per ditto	0	12	0
To James Nourse states atto for the County	15	0	0
Depositem and Sheriffs per Cent	40	0	0
	157	10	0

Hardin County by 840 Tithables at 3/9 per Tithable

Ordered that the Sheriff Collect 3/9 per Tithable & pay the above Creditors and account with the Court for the balance

The persons appointed to view a Road from philipes lane to Intersect the Road leading from Hardin Courthouse to Hartford made thier report in the following words Beginning at the Said lane Thence Crofising Middle Creek forty or fifty poles above Thomas McIntires Thence a Straight line to Jacob

Vanmatres Thence to intersect the aforesaid Road at Morrisons
Jacob Vanmatre Daniel Linder Nicholas Roof

Ordered that the said Road so laid off be Established
and that Nicholas Roof be appointed overseer of Road from the
beginning to Middle Creek and that all the Tithables above
Middle Creek within three miles of Said Road to Enlows do
afsist him in Clearing and keeping Said Road in repair And
that Jacob Vanmatre be appointed Overseer of the residue of
said Road from Middle Creek to Morrisons and that all the
Tithables within three miles of said Road below Said Middle
Creek do afsist him Clearing and keeping Said Road in repair

John paul Clerk of this Court produced in Court an acct
of Tax on deeds County seals &c. by him Collected for the
present year which was Sworn to by the Clerk and ordered to
be certified to the Auditor of publick Accounts

Ordered that George Helm & George Berry be added to the
viewers of the road from the Courthouse to the Mouth of Salt
River

Ordered that William Kelso be released from being
Security in a bond given by Charles Barbier for the Security
of the money arising from the Sales in 21 acres of land laid
off in addition to the Town of Westpoint

On the motion of B Van predellis he was admitted Security
in the room of the said Kelso and thereupon entered and
Acknowledged his bond conditioned according to law

Ordered that William Kelso be allowed thirty pounds for
his Services as Commifsioner of Tax for the County of Hardin
for the present year to be paid agreeably to Law

On the motion of Joseph Enlow who owns land on both
sides of Mill Creek & is desirous of building a water grist
mill thereon it is ordered that the writ of Adquoddamnum
Ifsue to the Sheriff of this County to commanding him to Sum-
mond twelve good & lawful men of his County to meet on the
Land then and there to enquire agreeably to an act of Afsembly
in that case made and provided and Such Inquisition so to be
made shall return under the hands & seals of the Jurors to
the next Court

A deed from Joshua Younger & Catherine his wife to James
Irwin was acknowledged by the said Joshua & was ordered to be
recorded

Same from the same to James Mourdock was acknowledged
and ordered to be recorded

Same from the same to William Jordan was acknowledged
and was ordered to be recorded

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in Course
Bladin Ashby

At a Court held for Hardin County on Tuesday the 24th
day of December 1799 Present Stephen Rawlings George Bell
Samuel Rice & Daniel Vittertow Gent Justices

A deed from Charles Masterson to James Haw for 640 acres
of land in the State of Tennessee was acknowledged by the Said
Charles & was ordered to be certified

The persons appointed to view a road from the Courthouse

to the mouth of salt River made thier report in the following words (to wit) from the Courthouse along the Hardins Settlement Road to the barrens the other Side of Samuel Bushes Thence up the left hand fork of Shaws Creek to the head leaving the Creek on the right hand Thence on a Straight line to the flat grove to the left hand of Shaws lick leaving the grove on the right hand thence a direct Course near the Clay lick on Said Road pafsing between two Springs leaving the Clay lick on the left hand thence near a Spring on the other Side of the Clay lick leaving the Spring on the left hand Thence to Abrahams run and down the Same to the Ohio Bottom thence along the foot of the ridge to the waters of the twon Run thence through the bottom leaving the Town run on the right hand to intersect the main Street of said Town of Westpoint On consideration whereof it is opinion of the Court that the Said road so laid off be Established and that the Several persons through whose land Said Road leads be Summoned to appear at the next court &c.

Ordered that Robert Slaughter be appointed overseer of Said Road from the Courthouse to the Road leading from Henry Enlows to Henry Dittos and that all Captain Millers Company Except those on Youngers Creek and those above Edward Rawlings on the East fork of Vally Creek do afsist him in Clearing and keeping Said Road in repair

Ordered that Joseph Enlow be appointed overseer of the residue of Said Road and the Tithables on the waters of Otter Creek Mill Creek and those in the neighbourhood of the Town of Westpoint do afsist him in Clearing & keeping Said Road in repair

Ordered that the Tithables from Jacob Westfalls down the Rolling fork to Michael Renches and those on Youngers Creek do afsist peter Keneday in keeping his road in repair

Ordered that Daniel Linder Jacob Vanmatre John Hart & Stephen Rawlings or any three of them being first Sworn do view the most convenient way for a Road from the Courthouse to John Millers Mill on Bacon Creek and make report thereof to the next Court

Isaac Bush appellant vs Josiah Hart appellee upon an appeal from a Magistrates Judgment On hearing the parties & thier Evidences it is considered by the Court that original Judgment be Confirmed and that the appellant pay the Costs &c

On the motion of William Weathers It is ordered that the clerk of this Court do Ifsue his warrant directed to Samuel Rice Isaac Vertrees Joseph Enlow and Abraham Highly who are hereby appointed Commifsioners agreeably to an Act of Afsembly intitled an act to reduce into one the several acts for afsertaining the boundaries and procefsioning land requiring them or any two of them to attend the sd Weathers to an Entry of 1000 acres of land 1/4 of a mile from the mouth of Salt River to take on oath the Depositions of Such persons as may be brought forward by the parties to prove the boundaries on any Special place called for in Said Entry and to do & perform such other things in the premises as by the Said recited act they are authorised & required to do

Ordered that William Weathers be recommended to Excellency the Governor as a fit person to Execute the office of a Justice of the peace for Hardin County

Ordered that William Bush Clear his road to the 7 mile tree and that peter Keneday & his gang clear from Said 7 mile tree to the River and that the Tithables on the ridge in Bushes bounds do afsist Bush & they are hereby Exempted from said Keneday

Ordered that David Morrison be allowed at the rate of sixteen pounds per annum for keeping Garrard Walton & furnishing him with every neccessary requisite to his Case

The Sheriff produced in Court Sundry delinquent lists &c. allowed of by the Court Sworn to by the Sheriff & ordered to be certified to the auditor of publick acct's.

Ordered that Ignatius pigman Joshua Crow and Henry Davage be appointed to Settle with the Commifsioners of the Estate of Joseph Barnet Decd. and make report thereof to the next Court

Ordered that Charles McGoveran be appointed publick Jailor of this County and thereupon he took the oath required by law

Ordered that Gilbert Evans be appointed Constable and thereupon he together with Daniel Vittertow Entered into and acknowledged bond conditioned according to Law and took the Oath of a Constable

Ordered that court be adjourned till Court in Course
Step Rawlings

ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES, 1825

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town at the clerks office in Elizabeth Town on Thursday the 17th day of February 1825

Present A. H. Churchill Allen Singleton and Gabriel Wathen Gentlemen Trustees

On motion made A. H. Churchill is appointed president protempore

Gabriel Wathen reports that he has the sum of \$3 in his hands belonging to the board Received of Beverly Dennis

Allen Singleton reports that he has the sum of \$14 in hand belonging to the board Received of Austin Cargill & Co

Ordered that Joel Wellington be allowed the sum of nine dollars being the balance of his allowance as Market Master after deducting the amount of his note for the rent of one of the stalls of the market house--to be paid out of any money belonging to the board of Trustees--which note amounting to \$3 is this day delivered over to Danl K. Haycraft for said Wellington

Ordered that the board adjourn
Jas E. Stone Clk Pro A. H. Churchill P Protom

At a meeting of the board of Trustees of Elizabeth Town on Thursday the 24th day of March 1825

Present John Morris President George Matthis Allen Singleton

Armistead H. Churchill and Gabriel Wathen Gentlemen Trustees

The Trustees agree with James Crutcher to exchange so much of the alley lying between Mulberry & Main Streets as divided Lots No-----35 -48 for so much ground off of Lott No 43 as is included in said alley paralell thereto & are willing to make & receive Mutual Conveyances on being authorized by law to do so

Ordered that the board adjourn John Morris Prst

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town at the Clerks office in Elizabeth Town on Friday the 1st day of April 1825

Present A. H. Churchill Gabl Wathen and Allen Singleton

On motion A. H. Churchill is appointed Chairman pro tem for this meeting

Jones & Calvert propose to exhibit in this place a museum &c for which the trustees tax them the sum of three dollars per day for every day they exhibit in this place to be paid to the clerk of the Board

Ordered that the board adjourn A. H. Churchill P pp

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town at the Clerks office in said Town on Saturday the 16th day of April 1825

Present John Morris A. H. Churchill and George Matthis

Ordered that the two front Stalls of the Market house be rented out to the highest bidder this evening until the 25th December next the person renting to enter into bond and security before the clerk of the board for the payment of what they may rent for by the time aforesaid and that A. H. Churchill superintend the same

Ordered that the Board adjourn John Morris Prt

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town on Saturday evening the 16th day of April 1825

Present John Morris A. H. Churchill and George Matthis
Armistead H. Churchill reported to the board that he had rented the two front stalls of the Market house as directed at a former meeting on this day one of said stalls rented to Israel Linder for \$5 and the other to Hezekiah Smallwood Jr for \$5

On motion made and seconded George H Howard is permitted to occupy the western corner stall of the market until the 25th December next on condition that he furnish a good and sufficient block or bench for the purpose of cutting up beef on also put a good and sufficient plank from one pillar to the other similar to the one now there also to find and put as many hooks to hang beef on as was on the stall occupied by him during the last season And that Joel Wellington be permitted to occupy the stall between the one occupied by said George H Howard and the front stall on the same side of the market house upon the same conditions The said improvements in each of said stalls to be left in the Market house at the expiration of the term of rent for the use of the

market house and as the property of the Board of Trustees
Ordered that the board adjourn. John Morris Prs

SARAH BUSH LINCOLN by Louis A. Warren(continued from Vol.X,4)

Frederick Tull, the predecessor of Daniel Johnston as Jailor, died with cholera. Daniel Johnston was dead by the month of July, 1816. This we learn from the appointment of his successor; "Ordered that John Haywood be and he is hereby appointed Jailor of Hardin County in place of Daniel Johnston deceased." The sequel to this first matrimonial venture of Sarah Bush Johnston is found in a court order of April 14, 1817, appointing an administrator for the estate of Daniel Johnston. "On motion of Matthew M. Culley, who took the oath required by law and together with William Parcees, his security, entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of one hundred dollars, the administration of the estate of Daniel Johnston, deceased, is granted him, the widow of Daniel Johnston, deceased, having in open court declared that she refused to take upon herself the burden of said administration."

Sarah Johnston's father died some time between February 24, 1812, the date on which he made his will, and February 8, 1813, when it was probated. Bush made known in his will that he had already given to all his children except Christopher Jr., and John their full share of his estate, both real and personal. Whatever Sarah received from her father had probably been used before the death of Daniel Johnston. Shortly after her husband passed away she purchased from Samuel Haycraft for the sum of twenty-five dollars, property just outside the town limits, designated as "the lot with the cabin in which she now lives." Here, according to this same Samuel Haycraft, "she lived an honest poor widow" until her marriage to Thomas Lincoln.

We have reached a point in this discussion where the scene of Sarah Bush Johnston's activities must be shifted from Kentucky to Indiana. Two or three observations should be made before the Bush and Johnston relations are dismissed in favor of new family connections. Sarah had lived up to this time, in an atmosphere charged with political interests. Her father, brothers, brothers-in-law, and husband had been office holders in Hardin County. As a Jailor's wife she had come in close contact with those who frequented the court house. The stories of her early life, told in after years, could not have escaped the influence of these political associations.

Tradition claims that Thomas Lincoln was an early suitor for the hand of Sarah Bush, but she rejected him in favor of Daniel Johnston because of his want of character, and shiftlessness. From what we know about these two men today, Lincoln does not suffer by comparison. At the instance of their weddings in 1806, Thomas was thirty years of age and his bride, Nancy Hanks was twenty-two. Sarah Bush was but seventeen and we do not know the age of Daniel. The marriage

bonds reveal that Johnston could not write but made his mark, while Lincoln wrote a legible hand. The following year Lincoln was in possession of two horses, a town lot, 238 acres of land on Mill Creek, and probably 200 acres of land in Cumberland County. There is no evidence that Johnston owned anything. After investigating the court records referring to these two men I am convinced that Sarah Bush made a very unwise choice if she selected Daniel in preference to Thomas for either moral or economic reasons.

When Nancy Hanks Lincoln succumbed to the Milk Sickness in the month of October, 1818, at the Pigeon Creek home in Indiana, a widower, a daughter, and a son survived. Eleven year old Sarah Lincoln now became the house keeper for her father and the mother of her younger brother. Thomas Lincoln soon realized that such an arrangement was not fair to the children, and in thinking over possible solutions of the problem, recalled that when he left Kentucky, Sarah Bush Johnston was a widow with three children. One year and two months after the death of Nancy he set out for Elizabethtown to visit the Widow Johnston.

An own nephew of Sarah has recited for me the story of Thomas Lincoln's wooing and the acceptance of his proposal. His arrival at the cabin of the widow, so unexpected, was explained somewhat when she learned that he had been a widower for more than a year. She was not long in anticipating the purpose of his visit. According to my informant Thomas told her, "that they had known each other for a long time, and had both lost their partners, and then asked her to marry him. She replied that she could not just then. When asked the reason why she said that she owed a few small debts which she must pay. Thomas asked her how much they were, and after learning the amounts and the names of the creditors went out and paid each one of them. Then they were married."

The wedding of Mr. Lincoln and Mrs. Johnston was solemnized at Elizabethtown on December 2, 1819. Rev. George L. Rogers, a minister of the Methodist Church performed the ceremony. The old house in which the wedding was celebrated, according to Mr. Squire Bush, was standing until 1921. While it was in the process of being razed, I purchased the studding of the old roof under which the wedding took place. These pieces of timber containing the old wooden pegs were presented to the Elizabethtown woman's club. Attractive souvenirs of the occasion were made from these blocks. A stone in the brick chimney of the old structure bore the inscription "S. P. 1806." The S. P. stood for Samuel Patton who built the original cabin.

Immediate preparations were made after the wedding for the removal of the household to Indiana. It had been but three years before, that Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln migrated from this same county. Ralph Crume, who married Mary Lincoln, a sister of Thomas, was pressed into service with his four horse team. The family and personal property were loaded on the same wagon and conveyed to the new home. A bureau, table, set of chairs, clothes chest, and cooking utensils

supplemented the furniture in the Lincoln dwelling. Sarah still retained her interest in the Elizabethtown property she had bought of Samuel Haycraft, and it was not until ten years later that she disposed of the cabin and lot. The purchaser was Thomas J. Wathen who paid \$123.00 for the real estate.

The census of 1820 for Spencer County, Indiana, shows the family of Thomas Lincoln to have consisted of eight white souls. This enumeration as far as I have been able to learn supplies the first documentary reference to Abraham Lincoln. In the column where white males between the ages of ten and sixteen are entered there appears a mark which designates the presence of Abraham in the home of his father, Thomas. Although the list gives no names except the head of the family, and only the approximate ages of the inmates, it is possible with the assistance of other sources, to release for the first time the names and ages of the members of this household.

The males listed in the report are entered as follows: One under ten years, one between ten and sixteen, one between eighteen and twenty-six, one between twenty-six and forty-five. The ages of the females, also, were recorded: One under ten years, two between ten and sixteen, one between twenty-six and forty-five. These notations represent the following individuals, respectively: John D. Johnston, five; Abraham Lincoln, eleven; Dennis Hanks, twenty-one; Thomas Lincoln, forty-four; Matilda Johnston, nine; Sarah Lincoln, thirteen; Elizabeth Johnston, thirteen; Mrs. Sarah Johnston Lincoln, thirty-two. Here under one roof we find the remnants of three pioneer families. With its three groups of orphan children it might well be called the first Indiana Orphanage.

Sarah Bush Lincoln was born December 13, 1788. She was four years younger than Nancy Hanks, the first wife of Thomas Lincoln, and twelve years younger than Thomas himself. She was but thirty-one years old at the time she married Thomas, while he had reached the age of forty-three. This is an important consideration when we think of her influence over the boy Abraham, who was but ten years old when she became his stepmother. Her viewpoint would naturally be more sympathetic with young life than that of her more mature husband.

There are some other contacts in this home which should be observed before the stepmother's contributions to Abraham are mentioned. We note that the boys in this family group were John, five; Abraham, eleven; and Dennis, twenty-one. The variance of the ages would suggest little real companionship between these three individuals. John could never have influenced Abraham, and Dennis was a married man by the time Abraham was twelve years old. The three girls in the home were nearer Abraham's age. His own sister and his stepsister, Elizabeth Johnston, were two years his senior. Matilda, the youngest daughter of Daniel Johnston, was two years his junior. Elizabeth married when he was but twelve years old and this left Sarah Lincoln and Matilda as his companions for the next five years. They both married in

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1826 and Abraham was by this time working at the Anderson Creek ferry. With the possible exception of his sister Sarah, it is doubtful if any of his youthful companions exerted any influence over him. (Conclusion next issue.)

DIRECTORS (Continued from page 2.)

During the early days of his legal career he was a partner for several years of the late W. H. Marriott, that partnership terminating when Mr. Faurest was appointed by Judge H. W. English to succeed J. H. Vanmeter as County Attorney of Hardin County, Mr. Vanmeter having died. Mr. Faurest was elected to fill the unexpired term, and later was elected without opposition for another term of four years. After seven years in the office, he retired voluntarily, and has not since held public office.

He has been attorney for the Louisville and Nashville and for the Illinois Central Railroads in Hardin County for the past twenty-five years, having been appointed in those capacities to succeed Charles H. Moorman, now Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, Mr. Faurest's firm of which his son, L. A. Faurest, Jr., is junior member, enjoys a wide civil practice.

Mr. Faurest was married to Miss Maggie Sweets, of this city, and they have six children. L. A. Faurest, Jr., Mrs. Glover A. Daniel, Henry Faurest, John Faurest, Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Faurest.

He is a deacon in the Baptist church of this city, and is teacher of the men's Bible class in the Baptist Sunday school.

HORACE HAYS

Horace Hays has been identified with banking in Elizabethtown almost fifty years.

Within a week after the First National Bank opened on October 1, 1883, he entered it as a clerk, and remained with it and its successor, the First-Hardin National, constantly until the summer of 1927, when he retired to engage in the insurance business in Elizabethtown. He continues as one of the partners in the Day-Hays Insurance Agency, with offices in the Union National Bank Building.

Mr. Hays was born March 4, 1866, on a farm near Cedar Creek in this county, and was a son of Col. James W. Hays, the first President of the First National Bank.

Removing to Elizabethtown when a little boy, he entered school here, and worked for a short time for Bryan, Warren & Co., grocery proprietors, before entering the bank.

Upon the death of his father in 1891, Mr. Hays was promoted to the position of cashier of the First National when Mr. Grimes became president. When Mr. Grimes died in 1902, Mr. Hays was elected president, and he continued in that capacity until 1911 when the First National and the Hardin National were merged. Upon the merger he was made

cashier of the new institution, and served as such until he resigned sixteen years later.

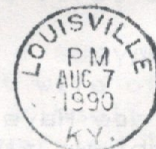
In addition to his banking duties, Mr. Hays has been City Treasurer of Elizabethtown for the past forty-five years and eight months. He was elected to that position five months after he became twenty-one years of age. He has been treasurer of the Elizabethtown City School Board since 1902, and has also served several terms a member of the school board.

He has been prominent in Masonic activities, and has held numerous offices in the various branches of the order here, including that of Master of Morrison Lodge and Commander of the Elizabethtown Knights Templar Commandery.

Mr. Hays was treasurer of Morrison Lodge from 1907 to 1927, and during that period the Masonic Temple in Elizabethtown was built, and the debt on it was paid.

Mr. Hays was married in 1895 to Miss Stanley Cresap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cresap, and they have two children, Mrs. Arthur Jenkins, of Durant, Okla., and Cresap Hays, of Louisville. (To be continued next issue.)

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