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HISTORY OF SEVERNS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Written by Deacon Samuel Haycraft, Jr.

This document was originally read before the Salem Association (Baptist) at Big Springs Meeting House, Larue Co. Ky. 9/22/1871 ...The record of the church, from its constitution on the 18th day of June 1781 to the 27th day of January 1787, is gone, perhaps destroyed by fire. The proceedings from 1787 to 1803 are in unbound sheets, much defaced and in various handwritings, and is, in fact, but barely preserved from the flames, being partly burned by accident, while in the hands of Brother Samuel Abell, formerly the clerk and deacon, an esteemed and valuable member, now dead.

In the year 1844 I obtained from the venerable Jacob Van Meter (since dead) then the only surviving member of the original constitution, a traditionary account of the first six years.

The church was constituted by Elders William Taylor and Joseph Barnett on the eighteenth day of June 1781 under a green sugar tree situated between Haynes' station on the present site of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, about on the present town line. There were eighteen members in the organized constitution--among them were Jacob Van Metre and Lettie Van Metre his wife, Jacob Vanmetre, Jr., Bennam Shaw, three colored persons, Mark, Bambo and Daniel, belonging to Jacob Vanmetre, Issac Dye, Hannah Dye, and nine others, whose names are not recollected. Elder John Gerrard was constituted with the church and set apart as their pastor and, perhaps, made one of the eighteen members.

...In May, 1782, Elder Gerrard was captured by the Indians and never heard of again.

From that period up to 1787, the church had occasional preaching, supplied by Elders Taylor and Barnett. In February, 1787, Elder Joshua Carman was called as a supply. When the church first represented herself in the Salem Association, she had thirty-seven members, and was the oldest in the Association. Cedar Creek church, in the now county of Nelson, was constituted in the same year. Cedar Creek, Coxes' Creek, Severns Valley and Bear Grass churches were the four churches that made and formed the Association...

...A few short extracts from the early minutes may be admissible to show the order of the church:

1787 February 23rd.--Brethren Kirkpatrick and John Vantrees appointed to act with a convention at the forks of Dick's river.

September 22nd--Brethren Carman and Watkins to write a letter to the Association; and Issac Dye, Christopher Miller, Jacob Vanmetre, Sen., and Joseph Kirkpatrick to carry it to Coxes' Creek.

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SOCIETY'S OFFICERS

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DANIEL ELMO MCCLURE, JR.

(1907-1983)

Elmo McClure was born Dec. 13, 1907 in Sonora, Ky. He was the second son of Dr. Daniel E. and Ethel Y. (Poteet) McClure. Elmo grew up in Elizabethtown and married Sara Spink, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Spink of Elizabethtown, on March 17, 1934 in Columbus, Georgia. They were the parents of two sons Daniel Frank and David Hale McClure.

In 1933 Elmo joined the J.J. Newberry Co., a national retail chain. At his retirement from the company in 1963, he was a purchasing director.

Elmo came by his interest in history legitimately. His father Dr. McClure had been a school teacher in his younger days and had developed an abiding love of history which he passed to his son. Elmo by his own admission had collected historical tidbits all his life. This collection culminated in 1976 with the writing of TWO CENTURIES IN ELIZABETHTOWN AND HARDIN COUNTY, KY. With its publication in 1979, TWO CENTURIES became the first comprehensive history of the area.

On Dec. 21, 1983, Daniel Elmo McClure, Jr. passed quietly into the two hundred plus years of local history. His body was interred in Red Hill Cemetery, Hodgenville, Ky. He is survived by his wife Sara; one son, David Hale McClure of Woodbury, Conn.; one grandson; one sister, Portia von Kaenel of Lawton, Ok.

R.I.P.

FROM THE EDITOR

It was with deep sadness that I wrote the above. Elmo had been an active supporter of this quarterly from its conception. He had not only contributed articles regularly but had offered suggestions, encouragement and support. His knowledge of local history and continuing support of BITS & PIECES will be greatly missed.

Hopefully, some of you will contribute articles, family records, Bible records and Family Connections for publication.

As we start our fifth year of publication, your continued support, comments and suggestions are sought and encouraged. If there is something you would like to see in this publication, please let us know and if at all possible we will include it.

We hope your new year is WARM, prosperous and happy.

Bob

COURT ORDER BOOK, HARDIN COUNTY, KY. 1796

At a Court held for Hardin County on Tuesday the 26th day of July 1796. Present Robert Hodgins, Bladin Ashby, and Stephen Rawlings Gent Justices

John Karnahan Jun is appointed Guardian of Clerk Barton, Daniel Barton & Roger Barton infant orphans of Roger Barton deceased who together with James Baird his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of £500 for the safe keeping of the said orphans Estate

Upon the petition of Benjamin Wright for leave to build a Water Grist Mill the jurors report which is as followeth to wit) Aprile the 29th 1796 agreeable to an order of Court for condemning one acre of land adjoining to Benjamin Wrights land and part of his land we of the jury consisting of twelve citizens of the County namely Jacob Vanmatre John Humpherys William Miller Christopher Miller Philip Miller George Heighbough Thomas Logsdon Nathan Richards John Carnahan Adam Morsion Abraham Hornback and Joseph Bozarth on duly examining we find no dangers arising from building said Mill dam three feet and a half high also we adjudged that the part of Benjamin Wrights to be at the value of £35 also condemn one acre of land adjoining said Wrights land for the purpose of building a Mill said land is to be laid off from said Wrights land running along the side of a ridge at such a width as will answer for to lead the Race until it comes to where the Mill will stand then laying off on each side and end of said Mill as will include the said acre we also value the said acre to be £5-0-0 On consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the acre of Land laid off as in the Jurors report be granted the petitioner

A deed from Earnest Miller and Margaret his wife to Adam Miller was acknowledged by the said Earnest & was ordered to be recorded Margaret being examined as the Law directs relinquished her right of Dower in said tract of land

The persons appointed to settle with the Sheriff made their report

Ordered that John Helm & James Norris do examine into the capacity of William Polke & Isaac Harrel as surveyors

Reported duly qualified & thereupon took the oaths of surveyors

Ordered that Robert Hodgins Thomas McIntire & Bladin Ashby be appointed commissioner & guardians to convey land for the infant heirs of Roger Barton deceased agreeably to an act of assembly in such case made and provided

On the motion of John Philips who made oath and together with James Baird his security entered into & acknowledged theri bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds as the Law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration on the Estate of Samuel Martin Deceased in due form

Ordered that Daniel Vittetoe Joshua Younger and Cabel(Caleb) Hazle being first sworn do appraise the Estate of Samuel Martin dec. & return a true & perfect inventory thereof to the Court

On the motion of James Baird who made oath and together with John Philips his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds as the law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration on the Estate of William Adams decd in due form

of them to extend the said Baker's... in an entry of four hundred acres... made in the name of said Baker at mouth Longtail Creek then and there to do such other thing or things as by the said recited act they are authorized and required to do

Ordered that James Brown Adam Karnehan John Coy & William Coy or any three of them being first sworn do appraise the Estate of William Adams dec'd and return a true & perfect Inventory thereof to the Court

The last Will and Testament of Edward Rawlings deceased was proved in court by three of the subscribing witnesses thereto & was ordered to recorded--Rebekah Rawlings Executrix in the said Will named took the oath of an Executrix and together with Stephen Rawlings her security entered into & acknowledged their bond as the Law directs Certificate is granted her for obtaining probate thereon in due form

Ordered that Stephen Rawlings Josiah Hart Samuel Haycraft and Andrew Fairleigh or any three of them being first sworn do appraise in current money the Estate of Edward Rawlings deceased and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the court

On the motion of John Creamer(?) Luerru (sic) is granted him for keeping a tavern at his ferry on the Rolling fork he having complied with what the law in that case requires

On the motion of Isreal Denton Luerru is granted him for keeping a Tavern at his house in Elizabeth Town he having complied with what the Law in that case requires

On the motion of Jacob Vanmatre Luerru is granted him for keeping an Ordinary at his house for the space of one year next ensuing he having complied with what the Law in that case requires

A deed for 500 acres of land from the heirs of Rodger Barton dec'd to Theophilus Barton by Robert Hodgkin Thomas McIntire & Bladin Ashby commissioners and guardians of said heirs was acknowledged & ordered to be recorded

A bill of sale from Thomas Logsdon to Margeret Huston was proved by the oath of John Paul & was ordered to be recorded

On the motion of John Alen Harp who made oath & together with James Nourse his security entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of one hundred pounds Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of Administration on the Estate of Ann Davis deceased late wife of the said John Alen Harp she being dec'd and part of her Estate not administered

On the application of Thomas Todd by James Nourse his attorney in favor of Monsieur Lewis Lureau it is ordered that the Clerk of this court do issue his warrant directed to William Baily Smith James Nourse and Coonrad Walters who are hereby appointed commissioners agreeably to an act of assembly entitled an act to ascertain the boundaries of land and for other purposes requiring them or any two of them to attend the said Lurreau or his agent to the boundaries or any special place called for in an entry of one thousand acres made in the name of the said Lurreau on the north bank of Green River to include a coalmine and a tree marked DG and to do such other thing or things as by the said recited act they are authorised & required to do

On the motion of Thom Todd by James Nourse his attorney in favor of John & Walter Baker it is ordered that the Clerk of this court do issue his warrant directed to William Baily Smith James Nourse & Coonrad Walters who are hereby appointed commissioners agreeably to an act of assembly entitled an act to ascertain the boundaries of land & for other purposes requiring them or any two of them to attend the said Bakers or their agents to the Beginning or any special place called for in an Entry of four hundred acres made in the name of said Baker at mouth Longfall Creek then and there to do such other thing or things as by the said recited act they are authorised and required to do

And also that the said Commissioners do attend one of the said Bakers to another Entry of his in Hardin County on the north waters of Green River then & there to do such thing or things as by the said recited act they are authorised to do

A deed from Samuel Goodin and Peggy his wife and Thomas Miller & Lettis his wife for one hundred and sixty six and one quarter acres of land to Abner Bozarth was acknowledged by the said Samuel and Thomas and was ordered to be recorded said Peggy & Lettis being examined as the Law directs relinquished their right of dower in said land

A deed from Abner Bozarth & Richard Brady to Isaac Vanmater for one hundred sixty six and one quarter acres of land was acknowledged by the said Abner & Richard & was ordered to be recorded

(Record of July term continued in next issue.)

ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 1806, 1807

At a board of Trustees held at Daniel Waides House Elizabeth Town on the 15th day of November 1806 Present Joseph Chalfin George Helm Robert Bleakley & Daniel Waide Gentlemen

A deed made to County Court of Hardin for Lott No 14 by order of Benjamin Ogdin assinee of John Davidson assinee of George Helm The board adjourned

Saml Stevenson ck

Geo Helm ch

At a board of Trustees held at the house of Samuel Stevenson in Elizabeth Town on the 15th day of July 1807 Present Joseph Chalfin George Helm Daniel Waide & Robert Bleakley Gentlemen

Ordered that Horatio Waide William Montgomery Samuel Givens be appointed to examine the clay hole on the publick square made by James Percefull and make a report to this board wheather the hole is filled up according to contract

The men appointed to examine the clay hole as above made the following report That the hole was not filed or leveled therefore it is ordered that the Trustees of this board do bring a suit against James Percefull on the condition of his bond for filling the said hole

Ordered that Joseph Chalfin pay to the clerk of the Court fifty cents out of the money he has collected for the use of the board

Ordered that Joseph Chalfin let the clay hole on the publick square to the lowest bidder to fill and level the same on the eighteenth day of this month taking bond and security under the penalty of fourty dollars and that the same be completed by the twenty fifth day of this month

Ordered that the board be adjourned

Attest Saml Stevenson

Geo Helm Ch

1835 MAP OF ELIZABETHTOWN

Noah English, a deputy surveyor for Hardin County, drew a map of Elizabethtown in 1835. The original map hangs in the Hardin County Public Library. Noah English came to Hardin County in 1818 and settled in Cecilia. He married first, Miss Wyatt of Virginia and second, Miss Nancy Richards. One of his sons Major Robert English was a prominent local politician. Major "Bob" was the father of Judge Horace English. DEM

GRADUATES OF BETHLEHEM ACADEMY 1931-1950

1931--Clara Skees, Agnita Thomas, Christine Brown, Agnes Beeler, Catharin Habich, Ruby Greenwell, Mary Pierce, Wilma Roby, Ada Downs, Dorothy Irwin, Nora Hagan, Helen Lewis, Regina Massey, Catherine Hagan.

1932--Dorothy French, Anna Rose Peerce, Nellie Brown, Mildred Riney, Pauline O'Bryan, Mary Agnes Head, Mary Laarman.

1933--Ruth Freiheit, Barbara Jutz, Lucy Brown, Virginia English, Mary Ellen Hartlage, Ann Rose Hughes, Marie Riney, Margaret Shipley, Catherine Dalton, Cecilia Edelen.

1934--Catherine Van Hay, Valinda Hagan, Frances Buatenback, Patricia Bautenback, Catherine Kupper, Sue Ford Warren.

1935--Lucille Haywood, Ann Frances Higdon, Pauline Bush, Mary Frances Peerce, Ruth Kupper, Ella Warren, Virginia Rose Cooper, Catherine Ann Spalding.

1936--Mary Jane Ravarty, Mildred Coleman, Pauline Brown, Dolores Fields, Virginia Thomas, Mary Rose Cofer, Jean Langley, Mary Schuler, Catherine Schuler, Alma Schuler, Mary Teresa Skees, Laureen Skees, Anita Dalton, Helen Milles, Florence Singer.

1937--Evelyn Skees, Willie Higdon, Evelyn French, Ruth French, Virginia Walker, Anna B. Beaven, Martha Skees, Leona Skees, Frances Shrewsberry.

1938--Alice O'Brien, Nona Mae French, Rita Clerk, Christine Hartlage, Alice Ann Nusz, Juanita English, Martha R. Riney, Marie Carroll, Mary B. Gootie, Ollie Jane Allen.

1939--Martha Campbell, Mary Frances Carroll, Rose Virginia Chaput, Ethel Cofer, Eunice English, Bertha Jean Fowler, Margaret Laverne Hamilton, Nell Hendrix, Alec Stewart Johnson, Anna Marie Logsdon, Beverly Rose McMillen, Lorraine Bernice Sagad, Betty Shaunessy, Margaret K. Thornberry, Jane Warren.

1940--Aileen Allen, Althea Brown, Laura Belle Hughes, Alma Jenkins, Catherine Jenkins, Ruth Lee, Carolyn Mulhall, Claire Ritchie, Margaret Washer, Mary Therese Wiseman.

1941--Joan Barrett, Julie Bean, Katherine Bean, Christine Boyland, Frances Josephine Carroll, Anita French, Louise Lee, Deloris Markert, Essie Mattingly, Lottie Pierce, Rena May Richardson, Dorothy Spink, Ellen Tierney, Clara Joe Warren.

1942--Juanita Ann Abbing, Mary Ann Boon, Carrie Virginia Brown, Eva May Brown, Marguerite J. Clark, Rebecca Ann French, Mary Lavinia Hendrix, Aginta Williams, Sara Wiseman.

1943--Betty Jean Beisler, Nell Aileen Beville, Mary Winfred Brian, Doris Elizabeth Cofer, Dorothy J. Cummins, Mary Sarita Fowler,

Rebecca Greenwell, Martha Elnora Hartlage, Mary Rose Hoffman, B. Flaget Mattingly, Rose Mary Moorman, Rose Mary Meckert, Doris Patric, Marjorie Nichols, Mary Lillian Settles, Helen Shircliff, Viola Skees, Genevieve Sullivan.

1944--Sophia Campbell, Margaret Davis, Betty Joe Hughes, Agnes Osborne, Connie Marie Sims, Jacqueline Tighe, Shirley Vertrees, Doris Alma Wiseman, Jean Wooldridge.

1945--Mildred Carroll, Jean Davis, Mary Lou Hutchison, Ethel Nichols, Alice Talbot, Pauline Thomas, Rita Mae Thomas, Ann Athen, Katherine Winchester.

1946--Kathryn English, Betty Jean Goiten, Joan Cart, Mary Louise Huff, Frances Kopp, Elizabeth Layman, Rose Meredith, June R. Hudy, Veronica Ryan, Jean Wallace, O'zella Winchester.

1947--Mary Atcher, Evelyn Jean Bailey, Angela Brian, Flossie Ann Cosby, Julia Greenwell, Rita Thomas, LaVerne Thomas, Helen Thompson, Luella Wooden.

1948--Christine Beville, Gladys Ann Blandford, Margaret Boon, Josephine Clements, Betty Cooper, Norma Lee Corbitt, Christine Dean, Ann Cecilia Osborne, Joyce Ressor, Helen Skees, Elois Wethington, Mary Wiseman, Regina Yates.

1949--Betty Bough, Dotty Clements, Louise Henderson, Mary C. Jameson, Ruth Skees, Jenny Ward, Jean Wooden.

1950--Patricia L. Burnett, Ernestine Carter, Teresa L. Ellis, Anna Ruth Lewis, Marilyn Mathews, Anna Elizabeth McMillen, Wanda June McMillen, Martha Joyce Hayden, Barbara Ann Clark, Imogene Thompson, Margaret J. Richardson, Norma Jean Skees, Sue Osborne, Jo Ann Simms, Mary Jane Brian, Imogene Ryan, Frances Helen Hayden, Patricia Ola Hayden, Mary Jo Hawkins, Martha Thomas, Betty Jane Carroll.

TABB-LEE

Miss Mayme Tabb and Mr. Leslie H. Lee were married Tuesday evening (Jan. 7, 1908) at 4:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. G. D. Tabb, four miles east of town by Rev. W. J. Puckett, of Cave City. Miss Ruth Bruner rendered the nuptial music and the attendants were Miss Rea Jenkins and Mr. Wm. R. Bethel.

The bride was attired in a brown coat suit and the groom in the usual black. The home was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion. The couple were the recipients of many choice and valuable presents. The parties are quite well-known throughout the county and have many friends who join in congratulations.

They left on the 5:40 evening train on a short bridal trip to Louisville. They will locate near town and will go to house keeping in the near future.

Contributed by Mrs. Ruth Bruner Sims and Mr. Dan Lee.

JOSHUA HAYCRAFT--Addenda by Daniel E. McClure

The following information pertaining to Joshua Haycraft was furnished to the writer by Mrs. Eva Gaither Thornburry (Mrs. Charles) of Louisville, Ky.

John A. McClure (1792-1834) He was the eldest child born to David and Elizabeth (Ashcraft) McClure. Born in Kentucky, October 15, 1792, he died in 1834 in Cairo, Illinois, and was buried at that place. About 1834 he had removed to New Orleans via a flat-boat and upon his return he took sick and died near Cairo.

About 1813 (other records show the date as 1812) he married Susan Haycraft. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier from Virginia, and brother to old Samuel and James Haycraft who lived in Hardin County. Susan was more recently the widow of Richard Martin Hazelip, whom she married in Barren County, Ky. on June 6, 1807.

At the time of her first marriage her father, Joshua Haycraft, wrote a permission slip reading as follows: "The bearer Mr. Martin Hazelip waits on you for a marriage license for himself and my daughter, Susannah Haycraft, please to let him have that, you will oblige your Humble Servant" signed Joshua Haycraft; Witnesses John Webb and Martin Hazelip.

By Susan's first marriage two children were born Judea Hazelip, who married James A. Maiden (Madden); Mary Hazelip, who married Joseph (or Martin) Whitefield.

In 1813, John A. McClure appeared on the tax list for Grayson County but owned no land nor did he have any land in 1819. In 1820, the census listed him and his wife as 26-45 years of age, or born 1775-1794. They had one male under 10 years (David). Also in the family were his step-daughters both in the 10-16 age range, born 1804-1810.

In 1825, John A. McClure owned and was taxed for 155 acres on Rough Creek, Grayson County.

The 1830 Census listed John and Susan as 30-40 years of age. Their childrens' ages were 1 male under five; two males 5-10; 1 male 10-15; 1 female under 5; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 15-20.

The 1850 Census for Grayson County shows the following: Joseph Whitefield, age 38; Mary Whitefield, age 36; Susannah McClure, age 63; Louisa McClure, age 8. All listed as born in Kentucky. Susannah Haycraft McClure then living with daughter, Mary. Louisa was a daughter of Susannah's son David who married Mary Lucky.

The children of John Ashcraft McClure and Susannah Haycraft McClure are as follows:

1. Mariah McClure b. Nov. 10, 1817, d. Sept. 28, 1889, m. Wesley Taylor b. Mar. 4, 1815, d. Sept 30, 1887.
2. David McClure b. 1818, d. May 23, 1897, m. (1) Mary Lucky, (2) Mary Stone.
3. Samuel (Big Sam) McClure b. 1820, d. July 8, 1888, m. Frances Cravens.
4. Susan McClure b. 1825, d. Oct. 1856, m. Ephriam Kelly.
5. Green S. McClure b. Mar. 3, 1826, d. Apr. 8, 1895, m. Helen Patterson b. Jan. 23, 1828, d. Oct. 14, 1867. (Helen was the daughter of John Patterson and Rebecca Troutman. Related material on these families in "Chapter A-67", TOW CENTURIES IN ELIZABETHTOWN AND HARDIN COUNTY.)

6. Enoch McClure is listed as a son of John and Susannah McClure. However, the writer believes that he is confused with an Enoch son of David McClure and Mary Lucky. This Enoch was born July 24, 1861 and married Sarah Probus.
7. John McClure is listed as a son of John and Susannah and called "Long John". He is said to have gone to Texas with Sam McDonald but it is not known how long he lived there. He had money when he went to Texas and is said to have been kicked by a horse and died. His people never learned any details or received any money back.

NOTE: Paul McClure in his MCCLURE FAMILY RECORD shows only five children born to John and Susannah McClure, the first five listed above.

CHILDREN OF FRANCIS AND SARAH SAWYER TURNER (Continued from last issue.)

LAVINA, born January 17, 1805, in Hardin Co., Ky. She married Ralls Calvert April 21, 1825, in Hardin Co., Ky. Ralls Calvert died March 17, 1847, in Shelby Co., Ill. Lavina married Thomas Wilson June 16, 1856, in Shelby Co. Wilson filed for divorce February 25, 1870. Lavina died April 30, 1880 in Shelby Co.

CYNTHIA, born Oct. 19, 1810, in Hardin Co., Ky. She married Richard Rutter Howard Dec. 18, 1828 in Shelby Co., Ill. In 1845 they moved to Missouri and in 1846 to Clackamus Co., Oregon. Cynthia died Jul. 20, 1877 in Mulino, Oregon.

CHARLES W(esley?), born August 19, 1812, in Hardin Co., Ky. He apparently never married. He died Jan. 23, 1873 in Shelby Co., Ill.

ANN, born about 1814 in Hardin Co., Ky. She married Jeremiah Lee June 17, 1830, in Shelby Co., Ill. In 1839 they moved to Osage Co., Mo. She died in Bonnots Mill, Mo. in 1873.

From the U.S. Census reports of 1810 and 1820, it appears there may have been two other children, namely, a son born 1800-1810 who died prior to 1820; a daughter born 1800-1820 who died prior to 1830.

Contributed by James E. Lancaster, Jr., 4219 White Birch Drive, Orchard Lake, MI 48033

ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS, Jan. 6, 1942

Mrs. Margaret Faurest wife of L. A. Faurest died this morning. She was 67 years of age and the youngest child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sweets. She is survived by her husband; sons, L.A. Jr. of Elizabethtown, Henry and Dr. John Faurest of Louisville; daughters, Mrs. G.A. Daniels, Norfolk, Va., Miss Margaret Faurest of this city, Mrs. James Heizer, OpaLocka, Florida; one brother, Dr. H.H. Sweets, Louisville, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. J.R. Ashlock, Mrs. J. C. Mobley, Miss Nellie Sweets all of this city. One sister Elizabeth Sweets is deceased.

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- 1788 September 27th.--John Vertrees and Larue appointed messengers to Association.
 December 5th.--John Larue appointed ruling elder; Robert Hodgen appointed deacon.
- 1789 February 21st.--Philip Philips appointed clerk for the church.
 September 25th.--The church, then consisting of forty-five members, met at Nolin. Jonah Dodge, John Larue and Robert Hodgens appointed messengers to the Association at Coxes' creek...

In November, 1790, the church agreed to take into consideration the propriety of the calling of Jonah Dodge to ordination, and, in October, 1791, he was ordained as a minister, and was called to the care of the church, one half of his time, at a salary of 30(sic) in convenient trades, to be paid by brethren John Larue, Robert Hodgen, Joseph Kirkpatrick and Philip Philips. The call accepted and in disposing of the services, Elder Dodge was to attend one-third of the time at the Valley and two-thirds at Nolin. In November, 1792, he was again called and his time divided so as to preach in different parts of the church boundary in each month...

The list of members in 1801 was forty-seven. The church had, in 1801 joined the Green River Association. Shortly after, the venerable Joshua Morris commenced preaching to the church...

It was discovered that the church had lost her constitution, or Articles of Faith, and brethren Anthony Vernon, William Quinn, Asahel Phillips and Samuel Abell were appointed to prepare articles and the present articles of faith were reported and adopted in June, 1819.

Long since that period, the venerable Jacob Vanmetre (the younger) informed me that the church was mistaken about losing its articles, as the church was constituted upon that venerable old and strong document--the Philadelphia Confession.

In November, 1820, Elder David Thurman was called as pastor and accepted the call for the third Sabbath...He was father to Elder Robert L. Thurman, now one of the most useful and perservering servants of God.

On April 6th 1822, Bro. Coleman Lovelace was licensed to preach in the bounds of the church, and in July following, his liberty extended to sister churches, and on the second day of August, 1823, he was ordained by Elders Alexander McDougal, Daniel Walker, and Simeon Buchanan...

On the twenty-eighth day of November, 1828, Br. Jacob Rogers was licensed. In 1829 his liberty was extended to the bounds of the association, and on the ninth day of August, 1831, he was ordained by Elders Warren Cash, Benjamin Hall, and Herbert G. Waggoner.

On the seventh day of February, 1829, twenty-two members were dismissed to form a new constitutuon on Younger's Creek.

NOTE: The above and future installments of Haycraft's work have been excerpted for this publication.

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QUERIES

MATTINGLY, WHEATLEY

Would like to correspond with anyone who is researching the Mattinglys and the Wheatleys. John Mattingly, son of Richard and Elenord Hinton Mattingly, was born about 1780-85 in St. Mary's Co., Maryland, married Sarah "Sallie" Wheatley, dau. of Leonard and Nancy Rhodes Wheatley, 9 Feb. 1805 in Breckinridge Co., Ky. Their children are William; Charles; Leonard; Thomas; Jno; Eli, b. 1813 married Theresa Rhodes; Winnie Ann married Jno Frazee; Jane md. Jas Poole; Polly; and Theresa Mattingly. I do not have the births on all of them. Any information would be greatly appreciated and will pay for any photocopies of any marriages, etc. Mrs. H. L. Rudd, Sr., 112 Live Oak Dr., Georgetown, Texas 78626

GOODIN, TWEDDELL/TWEEDELL, BUSH, PHILLIPS, WRIGHT

All of the above in Hardin Co. in the 1800's. Would like to correspond with anyone with any of these names in their family lines. Ruth White, 256 Haffner Blvd., Canton, Il. 61520

HAYCRAFT'S INN

One hundred and sixty-eight years ago Coleman Lewis, a Virginian, came to Hardin County and built a large brick house about nine miles north of Elizabethtown on the east side of what became the Louisville and Nashville Turnpike. Sometime later he sold the house to Daniel Haycraft and when the Louisville and Nashville Stage Coach Line was established in 1829, Haycraft turned his house into an inn. He operated it as such until the Louisville and Nashville Railroad was built in 1859.

When the Dixie Highway was established, it ran back of the inn, that is on the east side of the house, so that the house now faces east. There is a slave cemetery in the field behind the house. The present owners keep the room where guests registered exactly as it was when it was an inn. G.W.

CROOKEDEST RIVER IN THE UNITED STATES

The part of the Nolin River which flows through Hardin County is so crooked it winds twenty miles to go six as measured by the United States Geological Survey. At one time the town of White Mills which straddles the river was a famous holiday resort with a large impressive hotel. Formerly a quaint old mill whose dam provided a swimming area added to its attraction.

Legend reveals the river was named for Ben Lynn, one of a party of pioneer hunters camping in the area in the late 1870's. Lynn wandered away and was lost for several days. Each night as the other hunters returned to camp, they reported "no Lynn". However, he did finally find his way back to camp and into history. G.W.

