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SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

Savannah May 12th 1862

Dear father and mother

it is verry warm hear to day and I  
thaught that I would right to you to let you no that I am  
well and enjoying better health than I have since I have been  
in the servis I hope when these lines come to hand they may  
find you enjoying good health your self I heard that mother  
was sick but I hope that she is well now I would be glad to  
hear how she is getting I have nothing of importance to right  
to you as I have rote all the news in camp to you before this  
time hardin is well and gone to pitsburgh today after forage  
and I do not no any thing about Allen only he is with the  
provage(sic) guard yet we are about twenty five miles apart  
he is up close to corrinth in mississippi and I am at savan-  
nah tenn I have not saw him for some three weeks, he told me  
that captain blake said he would take him to the next fight  
that come up and they have been fighting their for four days  
so I have heard we are camped out in an old field where we  
have nothing but our tents to keep the sun from us and they  
do but little good down hear for it is all mighty hot hear  
of a day and cold of anight; and we have verry bad water to  
use it is a low slashy country hear and right in the river  
bottom we have hard times hear and I am afraid the hardest  
has not come yet we have to picket hear 35 miles and stand  
camp guard to and I dont think that the men can stand it  
long though the health of this regiment is verry good at  
this time There is some fewe cases of camp fever in it  
there is a good many deaths hear in savannah but it is nearly  
all a hospittle all the sick of the army is sent hear there  
is from four to six a day dies hear I have saw so many dead  
men that it comes natural to see them it looks like people  
has lost all human feeling in hear I saw men laying on the  
battle field for fifteen day after the fight not burried and  
some of them that was burried after it rained on them you  
could see them that satisfied me of soldiering and laying  
out that long it was agreat sight to me to go over the battle  
field though I did not go over the field until saturday after  
the fight it was an awful sight to me then; father you must  
right to me and let me no how you a getting a long in Ky on  
the slavery question and what you think of abolishing slavery  
in the district of columbia it has been up hear for some time  
that it was all the talk but it is dying away some now it  
would break up this army if they go on with their question;  
father I have rote to you and got no answer from you I wish  
you would right to me and let me no how all the connection

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SOCIETY'S OFFICERS

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PRESERVATION NOTES

The Lincoln Heritage House at Freeman Lake Park in Elizabethtown was in need of rethinking as the original job was not done properly. Under the watchful eye of David Overall, this work was accomplished. The old house has a new look which hopefully will help it stand another hundred years. Thanks David!

The Helm House at Bethlehem Academy is being restored. Mrs. Edith Ray with her family's backing is refurbishing the 170 year old house that was used for many years by the Sisters of Loretto as a girl's school. Mrs. Ray hopes to have the work completed by spring. Thanks Mrs. Ray!

Summit School No. 1 was dedicated July 11, 1982 at Freeman Lake Park. This was the fulfillment of a dream of the Retired Teachers, the Woman's Club and the Historical Society, not to mention hundreds of individuals who contributed time, labor and money to see the dream reach this point. Thanks to everyone.

The Governor Helm House in Elizabethtown now has a use and soon a new occupant. It was recently announced by Mayor Mike Carroll that the property has been leased for use as a funeral home. This use will give the building an occupant but will not change its looks or its historic value. Thanks to the current administration for protecting the building and thanks to the previous administration for acquiring and preserving the building.

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COURT ORDER BOOK, HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, 1795

At a Court held for Hardin County on Tuesday the twenty fourth of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety five. Present John Vertrees Robert Hodgens and Bladin Ashby Gentlemen Justices

The persons appointed to view and lay off a Road from Mr Hodgens Bridge to the burt lick on the Roling fork of salt River made their report in the following words Beginning at the said Bridge continuing with the old Road to the Grove opposite John Clems thence leaving the said old road and leaving a large sink hole on the left hand and passing a Maple swamp and Meadow in the Barren thence Crossing Middle Creek at the uper end of a long black Jack Bottom thence to the point of the ridge dividing Youngers run and Clear creek thence with said ridge to Thomson Ashleys thence down near the foot of the ridge thence on through the Line Gap of the ridge and on a right line to said burt Lick...

Ordered that Conrad Walters and his gang be Exempted from the former Road he was appointed to and that he be directed to clear and keep the above mentioned Road from said Bridge to said Lick in repair Ordered that all the tithables on the Roling fork from Pairpoints Mill to the boundaries of the Knob Creek Road be added to said Walters gang...

The persons appointed to view and lay off a Road from the Mouth of Salt Lick Creek to Green County Line made their report in the following words Beginning at said Line then Crofing Otter Creek near the head thence on a straight Course to the head of Custus Creek and down the same to a low gap from that to the mouth of Salt Lick creek...

Ordered that John Mellinger be appointed over seer of the Road leading from Green County Line to the Mouth of salt lick creek and that all the Tithebles in that neighborhood do assist him in Clearing and keeping the same in repair...

Ordered that Aron Rawlings be appointed over seer of t the Road from Severns Valley to Mr Hodgenes New Mill and that all the Tithebles that were to afsist Stephen Rawlings do afsist him in Clearing and keeping the same in repair...

Ordered that Kaleb Hazel be appointed over seer of the Knob Creek Road in the place of Thomas Redmand and that all the tithebles and the same Tithebles that afsisted said Redmand do afsist said Hazel in keeping said Road in Repair...

Ordered that John Vertrees and Bladin Ashby be allowed four shillings each for one days attendence in setting with the sheriff...

An Inventory and appraisment of the estate of Nathaneel McComas deceased was returned and ordered to be recorded...

At the Court appointed for Laying the County Levy for the year 1794 the Sheriff failed to attend and there being no Court untill the Experation of the said year this Court proceeded to Lay and afsefs the Levy for the said year which is as follows

To Sheriff for Extra services  
To Clerks for same

L S P  
6 5 0  
5 0 0

Deed to Charles Helm for Lott No 6 was acknowledged...  
 Ordered that William Kelso be appointed overseer of  
 the Streets of Elizabeth Town In roo of Benjamin Helm...  
 Ordered that the board of Trustees Be adjourned...  
 John Vertrees ck

### FAMILY CONNECTIONS

The following list of surnames and locations our member is researching and is willing to share. All counties are Kentucky unless otherwise designated. Remember if you write to any of the contributors to include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Anyone wishing to have their material included in this column send your surnames, counties and states to Bob Beimdick, Rt. 1, Box 278, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

From Tom Franklin, 510 North Mantle, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701....FRANKLIN Adair, Green, Hart, Hardin, Metcalf, and Madison Co, Ill. O'BRIEN Waterford Co, Ire., Hardin, Grayson, and St. Clair Co, Ill. MONTGOMERY Green, Larue HAMILTON Green, Marion, Hardin and Buckingham Co, Va. CHAUDION Green BUTLER Hart and S.C. THOMAS Hardin, Nelson BROWN Hardin, Nelson, and Md. MASTERSON Hardin, Nelson, and Penn. PERKINS Hardin, Larue, Green LOBB Green HOGGARD-HAGGARD Green, Hart HUTCHISON Larue, Hardin THOMPSON Nelson, & Md. JONES Larue, Green SKAGGS Larue, Green RINEY Hardin GRISTY Nelson.

### BIBLE RECORD--HILL FAMILY

On file at the Brown Pusey House Library, 128 North Main Street, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

John Y. Hill was born August the 14 AD 1799 in Sheperds Town Jefferson County Virginia

Mary Ellen Hill daughter of John Y & Eliza Hill was born December the 11th AD 1822 in Sheperdstown Jefferson County Virginia

James H. Hill son of John & Eliza Hill was born January the 7th 1825 in Elizabethtown Hardin County Kentucky

Eliza Heyer wife of John Y. Hill was born on the 6th of December AD 1803 in Sheperdstown Jefferson County Virginia

Rebecca D. Stone 2nd wife of John Y Hill was born Nov 17th 1803 in Nelson County Kentucky.

John Y Hill & Eliza Heyser was joined in matrimony January the 1st 1822 In SheperdstTown Jefferson County Virginia.

John Y Hill & Rebecca D. Stone was joined in matrimony on the 14th of August AD 1827 near Bloomfield Nelson County Kentucky

Mary Ellen Hill daughter of John Y Hill & Eliza departed this life Oct the 23rd AD 1823 near Zanesville Ohio & Intered in the public graveyard of that place

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KEITH GENEALOGY (continued from Vol. II, No. 4)

Jean Edwin Keith was the son of Louella Hargis Carr Keith b. 4 Mar 1886 Derby, Ind. She was the daughter of Elijah Carr b. 5 Aug 1850 Perry Co., Ind. d. 17 Feb 1901 m. 25 Aug 1882 Indiana Hargis b. 11 Dec 1862 Shawneetown, Ill. d. 3 Mar 1936.

Elijah Carr was the son of John Carr b. 18 Apr 1831 d. 7 Oct 1907 m. 11 Sep 1849 Dorothea "Dolly" Ann Foster b. 26 May 1827 Hardin Co., Ky. d. 2 Oct 1898.

Indiana Hargis was the daughter of Samuel Hargis b. 29 Sep 1825 Derby, Ind., d. 2 Sep 1894 m. Indiana Allen b. 12 Jan 1834 d. 2 June 1874.

Jean Edwin Keith (1921-77) was the great grandson of John Edwin Keith b. 6 Mar 1837 d. 30 Jan 1909 m. 29 Aug 1858 Mary Elizabeth LaHeist b. 14 June 1841 Cloverport, Ky., d. 16 Apr 1930. She was the daughter of Samuel LaHeist b. 6 Dec 1800 d. 16 Sep 1862 m. 4 Aug 1839 Spicey Irvin Taul b. 25 Sep 1814 d. 16 June 1841. Samuel LaHeist was the son of Henri LaHeist and Elizabeth.

Spicey Irvin Taul was the daughter of Samuel Taul b. 4 Mar 1781 Montgomery Co., Md. d. 25 Nov 1839 Fayette Co. Ky. m. 1801 Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Muffett. Samuel Taul was the son of Arthur Thomas Taul b. 12 Apr 1747 Bladensburg, Prince George Co, Md. d. 24 Feb 1812 Clark Co, Ky. while visiting m. 27 Nov 1770 Mary Ann Johnson b. 5 Aug 1734 Clarksburg, Frederick Co (now Montgomery Co) Md. d. 23 Jul 1811 Fayette Co, Ky. She was the daughter of Benjamin Johnson and Rachel Summers both from Frederick Co, Md. Benjamin was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Johnson from Prince George Co, Md. Rachel Summers was the daughter of John and Mary Summers from Prince George Co, Md.

Jean Edwin Keith was the double great paternal grandson of Benjamin Keith and Ruamey Walters. Ruamey b. 24 Nov 1793 d. 23 June 1880 was the daughter of John Walters b. 4 Jul 1770 d. 17 Apr 1852 Larue Co, Ky. m. 13 Jul 1791 Nelson Co, Ky. Susan Ashcraft b. 1776 d. 1838/39. John's father was Conrad Walters I b. 1712 d. 1792 m. Nancy Redman b. Penn. Conrad I was the son of Jacob Walters of Rotterdam.

Susan Ashcraft was the daughter of Jediah Ashcraft b. c.1735/45 d. 1794 near Big Clifty m. c.1760 Nancy Friend daughter of John Friend, Jr. and Elizabeth.

Jean Edwin Keith was the double great maternal grandson of Henry Haynes b. 24 Mar 1778 Bedford Co, Va. d. 5 May 1857 buried Cloverport, Ky. m. 10 Mar 1801 Phoebe Hatcher b. 11 May 1782 d. 9 Jul 1856 buried Cloverport, Ky. Henry Haynes was the son of Henry Haynes b. 1745 d. c.1816 will dated 26 Aug 1816 Bedford Co, Va. m. Bedford Co, Va. Bathsheba Hampton the daughter of John Hampton.

Henry Haynes 1745-c.1816 was the son of William Haynes b. 1710 d. 1781 Bedford Co, Va. m. Elizabeth?

Phoebe Hatcher was the daughter of Benjamin Hatcher b. ? d. estate inventory 24 Jul 1809 Bedford Co, Va. m. 25 Apr 1754 Mary Dupuy b. 26 Feb 1736 King William Parish, Va.

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Benjamin the son of Samuel Hatcher and Mary Wilthall.

Mary Dupuy was the daughter of John James Dupuy b. 1698 d. Feb 1775 Cumberland Co, Va. m. 1728 Susanna Levilain daughter of John Levilain, Sr. b. Jessy, Lovern, Normandy d. 1742.

John J. Dupuy was the son of Bartholomew Dupuy b.c.1660 in Upper Languedoc, France d. 1743 King William Parrish, Henrico (now Powhatan) co, Va. m. c.1685 in France Countess Susanna Lavillon b. 1663 d. 1737 King William Parrish, Henrico (now Powhatan) Co, Va.

ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 1798

The Board of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town meet at James Crutchers Tavern agreeable to adjournment Sept 10 1798 Present John Vertrees Stephen Rawlings James Crutcher Benjamin Helm Armstead Churchill & William Kelso Gent<sup>m</sup>

Ordered that Morris Miles be appointed a Trustee to Elizabeth Town in the room of Samuel Haycraft...

Ordered that Benjamin Helm lay off sundry Lotts more to be sold and that the clerk advertise according to Law...

Deed to Morris Miles for Lotts No 21 & 24 was acknowledged...

Deed to William McMillen for Lott No 20 was acknowledged...

Deed to Edward Rawlings for Lott No 23 was acknowledged.

Deed to James Crutcher for Lotts No 1 & 18 was acknowledged...

Deed to Aron Rawlings for Lotts No 25-26 & 27 was acknowledged...

The Lotts No 4-5 & 12 it is considered By the Board of Trustees that the said Lotts shall not be forfeited...

Ordered that the board of the Trustees adjourn untill the second Saturday in November 1798... John Vertrees ck

At a Board of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town begun and held on Saturday the 2nd day of February 1799 at Mr James Crutchers Tavern Present John Vertrees Sen Stephen Rawlings James Crutcher Benjamin Helm Armstead Churchill & Morris Miles Gent

Agreeable to an advertisement for the Sale of Lotts on the 10th of November 1798 there was sold the following Lotts with the Amount thereof--

No 31	£ 10-11-0	To Chris Bush
No. 28	6- 9-0	Ditto
No 30	7- 0-0	And <sup>w</sup> Hynes
No 32	11- 0-0	Ditto
No 29	6- 4-0	Ditto
No 13	11- 0-0	Ditto
No 11	6- 0-0	Ditto
No 10	6- 0-0	Ditto

Total Amount

£ 64-4-0

To William McClung as states attorney  
 To Samuel Haycraft for attending  
 prisoners in the publick Jail  
 To Deposition and sheriffs percent

B S P  
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Cz Hardin County

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By 360 Tithebles at 3/pr Titheble

Ordered that the sheriff Collect 3/pr Titheble and pay the several County Cz according to the above statement and account with the Court for the Balance...

Ordered that John Vertrees and Bladin Ashby Gentlemen Justices do Superentend the next Election for Delegate Sheriff and Coroner and that John Paul do attend as Clerk to the said Election...

Ordered that Joseph Kirkpatrick William Staurt Capt Jacob Vanmeter Thomas Gillilano and Thomas Mcentire or any three of them after being duly sworn do view and lay off a road the most convenient way from the mouth of big Barren to the place appointed for the publick buildings and also to Mr Hodgenes New Mill and make report therof to the Court...

Ordered that Jacob Rhoads Jacob Vanmeter Junior Isaac Morrison and Jacob Linder after being duly sworn do view the most convenient way for a Road from the Court House to where the Hartford Road is to Crofs Meeting Creek and make report thereof to the next August Court...

Ordered that it be advertised that the Court have no objections to the publick buildings for Hardin County being Erected in any convenient place where the largest superscription may be made for provided a sufficient superscription be made up by Next May Court...

On the Motion of James Mourse agent for Charles Lanek an inhabitant of Virginia and holding Land in conjunction with Citizens of this state The Court proceeded to appoint Comifsioner to wit James Nourse Benjamin Helm Samuil Haycraft Thomas McIntire Joseph Kirkpatrick and John Paul for the purpose afersaid agreeable to an act of afsembly in that case made and provided...

Ordered that Court be adjourned untill Court in Course...  
 John Vertrees

#### ELIZABETHTOWN ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The Elizabethtown NEWS, the best known newspaper in Hardin County, maintained its position for over one hundred years. H. A. Sommers marked fifty years of his ownership on April 7, 1932. The first location of the publication under his aegis was in the second story of a building at the corner of Dixie Avenue and Race Street. A few months later the NEWS moved to the second story over the building that later housed Showers and Hays Drug Store and still later Newberrys. The final move for the paper was to a large building at the corner of West Dixie and North Mulberry.

Sommers reported that in 1882 Elizabethtown had 10 saloons and two private banks, Polk & Co. and Hotopp & Haldworth. Cows roamed the streets at will and hogs frequently slept at night in the court house corridors.

G.W.

GENEALOGY INFORMATION AVAILABLE (continued)

It is best to make inquiries as to what is available BEFORE sending any money. The price per page is \$.40. Remember to send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Mikels	Potter	Stephens-	Wimp
Miller	Quinn	Stevens	Wintersmith
Mills	Radley	Steele	Withers
Monin	Rapier	Stewart	Woodring
Montgomery	Rawlings	Stockman	Wooldridge
Morgan-	Read	Stiles	Wootten
Stith	Reesor	Stith	Work
Morris	Reubarger	Strange	Wright
Morrison	Reynolds	Stuteville	Yager-
Mount	Rhoads	Swan	Riney
Murphy	Rice	Swank	York
Mumford	Richardson	Swenson	Young
Myers	Richeson	Tabb	
Nall	Rider	Taber-	(completed)
Nance	Riney	Tabor	
Nation,	Ringo	Tackett	
Carrie	Robertson	Taylor	Remember whenever you ask for
Needham	Robinson	Thompson	information on a family, be
Meafus	Rodgers	Terry	sure to supply as much infor-
Neff	Sanders	Thomas	mation about the family you are
Neill	Sawyer	Thorp	interested in as possible.
Newman	Scott	Triplett	Most people are willing to help
Newton	Selby	Troutman	you if you are specific in tell-
Noffsinger	Sharp	Truman	ing them what or whom you want
O'Daniel	Shean	Thurman	information on. Dates should
Osborn	Settle	Tucker	be included whenever possible
Owen	Shehi	Upton	as many times there will be
Padgett	Shepherd	Van Meter	several different individuals
Pawley	Shipp	Vernon	with the same given name and
Parcels-	Shields	Vertrees	only by using dates can you
Ferguson	Shipley	Vittitoe-	figure out which one may be the
Parker	Stovall	Vittitow	correct one. Keep in mind too
Park	Shofner	Waide-May	that there may be various ways
Pate	Shumate	Walker	the surname has been spelled.
Patterson	Skaggs	Walters	Many times the court clerk had
Paul	Slack	Ward	to spell the name as he heard
Payne	Slaughter	Wathen	it or as it was spelled in his
Perceful	Slye	Warren	area as the owner of the name
Peters	Smallwood	Weller	could not tell him how to spell
Pile-Pyle	Smith	Westfall	it as the owner could not spell.
Pirtle	South	White	Don't get discouraged! That
Pitt	Sparks	Wilbanks	lost relative may turn up in the
Polk	Sparrow	Wilson-	most unlikely spot.
Porter	Spink	Demay	
Poston	Spencer	Wilson	
Preston	Spratt	Wells	
Pusey	Stader	Williams	

JOHN H. STEWART (1828-1905)

by Margaret Stewart and Birdie Stewart Latham Mar. 21, 1939

The subject of this sketch descends from a family whose name in Kentucky is contemporary with that of Boone, Harrod and Kenton. In 1769 a small company of adventurers and hunters under the leadership of Finley, came from North Carolina to Kentucky. Conspicuous among these were Daniel Boone and John Stewart, the latter of whom, was killed by Indians the following year in the vicinity of Mercer County. He had married Hannah Boone, a sister of Daniel, and had but one child, viz: William B. Stewart, who with his widowed mother, was of the company who came to Kentucky in 1773. William B. Stewart was married, in Bourbon County, to Tabitha Braine, and had a family consisting of Mary, Nancy, Anna, Rebecca, Margaret, Hannah, John, Solomon, James B., David, Moses and Samuel Stewart.

James B., the third son, was the father of John Henderson, the subject of these lines. He was born in 1803 and came to Hardin County in 1820. He married Miss Sarah Smallwood, daughter of Hezekiah Smallwood of Elizabethtown, and had a family of nine children.

John H. was the eldest of the family of James B. and Sarah Stewart, and was born near Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Kentucky, on August 5, 1828. The resources of his parents were limited, and in his boyhood days his opportunities of acquiring an education were quite meager, being confined to a few months in a common school. By assiduous personal application, however, he fitted himself for the duties of teaching, which profession engaged much of his early life. While on this subject we will state as a fact that no man in Hardin County can dispute with him the honor of having done most for the cause of education, both with his money and his personal influence.

In May, 1863, he was appointed to the office of assistant assessor of internal revenue, serving until the office was abolished in 1872. He then became deputy collector of revenue, store-keeper gauger and gauger, these several positions covering a period of twenty-two years. Without fear or favor, through times fraught with outlawry and when the government officials were peculiarly unpopular, Mr. Stewart was unflinching in the discharge of his duties, and is said to have done more than any officer in his district to compel obedience to the revenue laws. In matters involving the public finances he was known to be a safe conservator of the public trust. For six years he was treasurer of the sinking fund committee of Hardin County, and the saving of many thousands of dollars to the county was due to his ability as a financier. He was the leading spirit in the organization of the Elizabethtown National Bank and was one of the directors and principal stockholders.

In fact, as a citizen, as a public officer, and as an advocate of free schools, he was true to himself and his fellow-man.

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On December 24, 1869, Mr. Stewart married Jennie, the daughter of Rankin and Margaret Mason, of Madison County, Ky. She died in 1873, leaving one daughter, Ida, now Mrs. Samuel Fischer, of Hope Hull, Alabama. In August, 1875, he married Nannie Mason, a younger sister of his former wife. Their children were Margaret, Mason (deceased), John Walker, who married Edith Searcy and is now living in Lexington, Ky., Mary Bird, now Mrs. A. P. Latham, Elizabethtown, Ky., and Harry B., who married Mary Browder and lives in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Stewart was a member of the Presbyterian Church and an advocate of the principles of the Republican Party. He died October 23, 1905.

In the entire history of the county John H. Stewart is the only person who has ever made an endowment from his estate for the benefit of schools. He set up a trust fund of five thousand dollars in 1879 which provided that two cents per capita for each child in the county should be paid on the school census, to the teachers of Hardin County.

An accumulation of dividends over the two cents per capita was distributed to the teachers in 1930 by a court order, and the "Stewart Fund" continues to be an institution among Hardin County teachers.

#### HAMILTON COLLEGE

Reverend John W. Hagan, a cultured, highly educated Presbyterian minister, came to Elizabethtown and established Hamilton College soon after the close of the Civil War. His wife was also a very capable teacher and with two other teachers the college opened in a large two story brick building at the corner of North Main and West Poplar streets. Later the school was moved to a building where the Masonic Temple now stands on the corner of North Mulberry and West Poplar streets.

When the school began to decline due to the development of the public schools, Professor Hagan bought a lot and built the large two story house on West Dixie Avenue where Mr. and Mrs. Starling Wells lived in later years. Hamilton College finally closed in the late 1870's.

G.W.

#### VAGRANT SOLD

Convicted of vagrancy, Dock Aubrey was sold at the courthouse door at public auction in Elizabethtown on November 27, 1906 for \$1.00. The last sale of this kind in the county had been when Lawrence Peak was sold for \$12.75 to Bill Bell, an Elizabethtown saloon keeper. The sale of Aubrey was held by Deputy Sheriff, M. W. Williams. First bid on Aubrey was 50 cents. The crowd jeered. Sheriff Yates, in charge of the auction, then assured his listeners that the man was sound and able-bodied. Johnson then raised his bid to a dollar and the auction was closed.

Two weeks later Aubrey was set free. It was discovered that the law under which he was sold had been repealed.

G.W.

QUERIESMILLIGAN, JOCKELL

John Thomas MILLIGAN b. Louisville, Ky. bought farm in Stithton, Ky. When? From whom? Who was his first wife? m. Alice JOCKELL in 1907. Wilma C. Kraemer, 4636 Lemona Ave., Sherman Oaks, California 91403

RUSSELL, LEWIS, THARP, FRENCH

Need Info on all of the following: Elias J. Russell b. Oct, 1848 m. Lizzie LEWIS b. 4 Jul 1856 d. 21 Dec 1932. She was daughter of Zealy LEWIS and Cynthia M. THARP. John R. FRENCH was Cynthia THARP's step father. Robert Russell, 1009 Madison St., Oak Park, Ill. 60302

HAWK WAGON TRAIN

Seeking info on Mark HAWK wagon train that went from Ky. to Oregon possibly in the late 1840's or early 1850's. Where was it formed and where did it end up? Bob Beimdick, Rt. 1, Box 278, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

FRANKLIN, HAGGARD

Need the parents of James Edward FRANKLIN b. 1 June 1861 m. Emmer Florence HAGGARD. They are buried at Pearl I. Webb Cemetery, Canmer, Hart Co. Ky. Tom Franklin, 510 N. Mantle, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

Elizabethtown NEWS, Friday, 11 Oct 1940

Mrs. India Hansbrough, 95, died this morning at her home on College St. She would have been 96 on Oct. 28. She was the wife of John F. Hansbrough, express agent here for years. She was India Eunice Hayden and was born in Clifton, La. As a small child, her family moved to Franklin, Ky. and later to Muhlenburg County.

Survivors are brothers: John Raymond Hayden, Lafayette, Ind.; Tyre J. Hayden, Owensboro; sisters: Mrs. Fannie Ford, Earlington; Mrs. S. L. Holloway, Ft. Worth, Tx.; grandson: Rodney Hansbrough, San Angelo, Tx. Mr. Hansbrough died in 1918 and their only child Rodney is deceased.

HELM WOODS

In 1935 during the Great Depression, a thirty-six acre tract of land which belonged to the estate of W. C. Montgomery was purchased for six thousand dollars by the Wakefield Co. The developers cleared the undergrowth and felled a few trees but left standing many stately trees, mainly beech. The rolling acres were divided into lots and sold to 35 people. Considered a daring venture during bad economic times, the developers nevertheless doubled their investment. Today, Helmwoods is a lovely, old residential area. G.W.

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are doing; saw Jim abrine going home from the army he has rheumatizm in his back and left leg he belongs to the twenty seventh Ky regiment he was on the boat and I went on to see him though he looks well in the face I have now rote more than I thought I would I must close my letter before I tire your patients with reading so farewell father and mother right soon

Francis M. Butler to his father and mother

(NOTE: This letter was contributed by a Friend who is a distant relative of Francis Butler.)

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Eliza Hill wife of John Y Hill departed this life on the 16th of September 1825 Aged 21 yrs 9 months and 10 days and Interrrd in the Elizabethtown burial ground the place of death  
John Y Hill died Aug. 1st 1859  
Rebecca D. Hill Died Dec. 13th 2A.M. 1882 Buried in Elizabethtown Dec 14 1882.

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HARDIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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