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WHAT RAILROADS HAVE DONE FOR HARDIN COUNTY

(From The Elizabethtown News, May 3, 1889)

Certainly this is an age of progress and while that is true generally, Hardin county furnishes no exception to the rule.

Just thirty-seven years since the question was being agitated before the people of Hardin county whether the county should take stock in the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars. So little did we know about railroads that the county sent three men to go and hunt up a railroad and take a ride on it and come back and tell us about it. The men selected for this important mission were Samuel Haycraft, Isaac Chinoweth and John Cofer. They reached Louisville by stagecoach and from thence by steam boat they went to Madison, Indiana, where they found the only railroad that reached the Ohio River, a little road from Madison to Columbus, Indiana.

The committee returned and reported favorably and published a circular to the people of the county and the county voted in favor of the proposed subscription. Some of the best citizens of the county left the county on account of the act, believing as they said that it would bankrupt the county. Some located in other counties in Kentucky and others left the State. Finally the county sold its stock for enough to pay its debt and have a surplus of forty thousand dollars. Within six months of the time of sale and after the sale the stock could have been sold for an amount sufficient to pay the county debt and have a surplus of five hundred

thousand dollars, the interest on which would have freed the county from taxation for all time to come.

As an inducement for the people of what was then called the "Meeting Creek" voting precinct to vote in favor of the proposed subscription, John L. Helm, afterwards Governor Helm, proposed to them if they would vote in favor of the subscription that he would refund to them whatever amount of tax they would have to pay in consequence of such subscription. The district did so vote and the Gov. kept his word.

Now there is a single farm in that same district that sells more and does more business than the whole district did in anti railroad times. Virgil Popham is now living on the old home place of his father in that district and has on it what is known as the Walnut Hill nursery which is said to be the largest and best nursery of fruit trees in the state. The nursery is about four miles west of Big Clifty Station, on the C. O. and S. W. R. R. It is said he has four hundred and seventeen acres of land devoted to nursery and orchard and that he has now on hand and ready for delivery this fall twenty thousand dollars worth of nursery stock and has thirty traveling salesmen in his employment. He has an orchard of over ten thousand fruit trees, the largest of which has a capacity to produce twenty bushels of apples to the tree and has a distillery to convert into brandy all the fruit which cannot be disposed of to a better advantage otherwise.

He has on his place a steam saw and grist mill and a store house filled with all the merchandise needed for his trade and a post office and daily mail.

He has hundreds of acres in cultivation and set in grass and produces all that is necessary to feed and support his family and live stock.

This is a pretty good showing for one farm in a voting district, the whole railroad tax of which Governor Helm proposed to pay in anti railroad times and which Governor Helm did pay.

This is certainly complimentary to the pluck and energy and enterprise of Virgil Popham, who is still living on his native heath and certainly indicates the effect of opening up to the markets of the world by railroads or otherwise what would otherwise be an out of the way place.

The farm on which Elijah Hansbro lived and died was occupied and owned by Abisha Vanmeter in anti railroad times. He was the great wheat raiser of Hardin county.

He would have at a single harvest some times as much as five hundred bushels of wheat to sell, which he would haul in his wagons to the Stone Mill, on Doe Run in Meade county, or to Louisville and get from forty to fifty cents a bushel for it and it would take him quite a portion of the fall to get his wheat to market. Since then Elijah Hansbro has raised on the farm three thousand bushels of wheat for market at a single harvest and delivered the whole crop in a week and received one dollar a bushel for it. In anti railroad times the great wheat growing region east of the Alleghanies was the Genesee Valley in the State of New York and wheat was usually worth \$1.50 per bushel but whether the price was \$1.25 or \$1.50 or \$2.00 a bushel in New York City it did not affect the price in the Valley of Nolin. There was no available means to get out wheat there.

Now, when wheat is worth \$1.00 a bushel in Liverpool it is worth 90 cents a bushel in New York City and 80 cents a bushel in the Nolin Valley. If wheat goes to \$1.05 per bushel in Liverpool, the very next day it is worth 85 cents a bushel in Hardin County.

On the 24th of December, 1814, was signed the treaty of Ghent by which, what is properly known as the war of 1812, was settled. Yet so slow did information then travel that fifteen days after the treaty of peace had been concluded the battle of New Orleans was fought between the English and American forces.

Now, should Queen Victoria have a spell of toothache in less than fifteen hours it would be known by men, women and children from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Certainly these are fast times.

"GOING UP SALT RIVER"

The expression "Going up Salt River" is frequently used in referring to candidates who have met defeat in some political conflict. There is a tradition that this expression grew out of an experience of Henry Clay, who, while a candidate for the presidency, went up Salt River on a steamboat with a party of friends. Becoming engaged in a game of poker, he was unaware of the lapse of time, thus missing a speaking appointment which was said to have lost him the election.

Bayard Taylor, an early author, visited Kentucky in the year 1855, and did some research in connection with this phrase. He stated later in his book AT HOME AND ABROAD that in pioneer times the salt makers, who were a rough and rugged lot, bore a reputation for rowdiness throughout the section where they were employed and that when flatboatmen on the Ohio became unruly or dissatisfied they were threatened with being sent up Salt River to the salt makers. Taylor says the phrase was used in connection with defeated candidates about 1840, but he evidently did not connect it in any way with the Henry Clay story.

WILLIAM D. LANCASTER

(The following article is signed E. (probably Eliza) Lancaster, and is dated Sept. 15, 1944.)

The Lancasters are descended from two English gentlemen who came over to the Maryland Colony with Lord Baltimore in 1642, 134 years before the Revolution.

One was the son of Sir John Lancaster, Baronet of Lancashire, England, and the other was Mr. Neal, Gentleman, son of the English Consul at Marseilles.

Arriving at Chesapeake Bay in 1642, they landed at Old Point Comfort where there was a small fortification. They explored the coast for good locations and finally established estates in Charles County, Maryland. The patent for "Wallaston Manor," the fine old colonial home of Mr. James Neale was signed in London in 1645.

One hundred years afterwards these two families were united by the marriage of John Lancaster and Elizabeth Neale. A second patent of the original was granted them by Charles Calvert, the then Lord Baltimore, dated 1737, forty years before the Revolution. This old document with the seal of the province of Maryland attached is still in the possession of the descendants at Rockhall, MD.

This couple--John Lancaster and Elizabeth Neale--had a son Raphael Lancaster, grandfather of W. D. Lancaster. Raphael married into the Darnell and Carroll families, the wife being a niece of Mrs. Daniel Carroll, mother of Abp Carroll and a cousin of Mrs. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, also of Chief Justice Taney. These families of Lancasters, Carrolls, and Neales were wealthy and prominent. They were connected with the Degses, Brents, Taney's, Danealls, Carrolls and other conspicuous members of colonial society. They were among the founders of Georgetown University and were also related to Abp Carroll to his CoAdjutor, Abp Neale. They were also closely related to Lord Baltimore.

Judge William Lancaster was the son of John Lancaster who immigrated to Kentucky from Maryland in 1787 and settled on a large farm of one thousand acres in Marion County, Kentucky. He married Catherine Miles who brought a large dowry; and when the two fortunes were united by their marriage, they built a colonial home known through the South for its hospitality. There was a chapel in the house so missionary priests visiting the country would stop for days and have religious services for the people in the neighborhood. The house is still there and many go to see it and are struck by the large commodious slave quarters, as Mr. Lancaster was good to his negroes who loved him.

There were twelve children; Judge W. D. Lancaster was the youngest of the seven sons who were all distinguished men. The oldest was Joseph Lancaster who was Supreme Judge and acting Governor of Florida Territory. Father James Madison Lancaster was acting Bishop of Covington, Kentucky, when he died suddenly in 1868. Dr. John Lancaster was the well known physician of his community. Raphael, Benedict and Henry were three landowners with large farms and hundreds of slaves to work them. Two of his sisters married Spaldings and another married Judge A. H. Churchill. The fourth married Mr. Baker Smith, a wealthy merchant of Bardstown.

Judge Lancaster married Miss Malvina Churchill and took his bride to his home in Marion County which he had inherited from his mother. His brother Dr. Jack Lancaster wanted this home place so Judge Lancaster sold it to him. Some years afterwards he and his family moved to the town of Independence, Missouri.

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Judge Lancaster was an ardent Southerner. During the Civil War he had never been troubled by the Yankees, but just at the end of the war, one morning a Company of Northern Cavalry came riding into his grounds. The Colonel and some of the men stepped onto the porch and called for Mr. Lancaster. He came at once and was told by the Colonel that he take the oath of the Union and repudiate the South. Mr. Lancaster refused. The Colonel threw a rope around his neck and said, "I give you ten minutes to take the oath or you will be hung." The family and friends stood petrified, terror stricken.

Judge Lancaster's oldest son James had graduated at West Point a few months before and was in command of a company of artillery. He had had his picture taken and sent it home; Mrs. Lancaster remembered this. She went into the house and quickly brought out the photograph and showed it to the Colonel, saying, "Will you hang the father of a Northern officer?"

At once the Colonel changed, took back the rope, and said very pompously, "In consideration of your son I save your life but you must leave the state at once. Take anything you can carry with you."

The slaves were called up and offered their freedom if they would leave their master, but all refused and begged to be taken to Kentucky. The wagons were filled with the family and their belongings and they started off. The beautiful home with its handsome furnishings was set afire; they looked back and saw their home in flames. The soldiers went to the stables and rode off with the fine horses, leaving their old ones in place.

When Judge A. B. Montgomery was in Congress, he represented this to the War Department and was told if he could procure the name of the Colonel and the number of the Cavalry who had taken the horses, Judge Lancaster would be paid for his loss. This he was never able to do as the Colonel had not given his name, so he never received any compensation.

His father-in-law, Judge Churchill, asked him to remain with his family in Elizabethtown. He did this. After the war Judge Lancaster took a prominent part in politics, was elected County Judge for one term, and when stricken with paralysis was holding a government office under President Cleveland. Judge Lancaster was a typical Kentucky gentleman with a courtly southern manner. He never again accumulated the great wealth he had made and lost because he refused to take an oath of disloyalty to the South. He was a staunch member of the Catholic Church.

Judge Lancaster and his wife Malvina Churchill Lancaster were the parents of nine children: William, Henry, James (Colonel in U.S. Army), John, Penelope, Nannie, Mary Eliza, Frances (died in infancy), and Catherine (of Sacred Heart Convent). John married Mary Young. Penelope married Professor Charles Cecil. Nannie married C. T. Warren. Mary Eliza married Judge Thompson of Lebanon. James married Miss Cliffie Burks of New York City. There were twenty-seven grandchildren.

HARDIN COUNTY, 1792

Hardin county was the 15th territory to be made a county in Kentucky. It was formed out of Nelson county by the first Legislature of Kentucky, in the year 1792, and was named in honor of Col. John Hardin. The original area of the county was approximately 700 square miles, larger than the State of Delaware, having an estimated length of 140 miles and an average width of nearly 50 miles. As no survey was made, the original boundaries of the county were vague except that the Ohio, Salt, Rolling Fork and Green rivers were specifically noted.

COUNTY COURT ORDER BOOK A, HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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November Term 1801

At a County Court began and held for Hardin County at the Courthouse in Elizabeth-town on Monday the 9th day of November 1801.

Present Philip Read, Stephen Rawlings & George Bell Esquires.

Ordered that all the hands above the road that leads from Hardin Courthouse to Breckenridge County line, on freemans Creek from Capt Helm's down to said Road, do assist Samuel Bush in opening & keeping the road in repair of which he is Surveyor and that all the hands above mentioned be exempted from working on any other road in future.

Present Thomas McIntire Esqr.

Ordered that it be Certified to the Auditor of Public Accounts that Robert Hodgen Sheriff of this County, is allowed Six Dollars and twenty cents for carrying & comparing the poles for the late Election for a member to Congress for the Southern District of this State.

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Ordered that all the hands on Billeys Creek as low as John Vanmatre's & all on Shaws Creek below Samuel Bush's to include Samuel Duree & Samuel Walls do assist John Vanmatre in keeping the road in repair of which he is Survey, & that all the said hands be & they are hereby exempted for future from working on any other road.

Ordered that all the hands on the Valley Creek below Armistead Churchill's to include Churchill as low down as Philip Rogers's (to include Rogers's) & that Lettice Vanmetre's & Jacob Vanmetre's hands do assist Armistead Churchill in keeping the road in repair of which he is surveyor, & that all the said hands be and they are hereby exempted from the future working on any other road.

Absent Philip Read & Thomas McIntire Gent.

Present Daniel Vitertow Esqr.

Isaac Hodgen Deputy for Robert Hodgen Sheriff of this County produced in Court his lists of Delinquents for the years 1798 1799

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and made Oath thereto as the law requires & the same being examined & approved of by the Court were ordered to be certified to the Auditor of Public accounts.

Elizabeth Elder, widow of Joseph Elder deceased came into Court, and at her request the Court doth assign to her a Negro fellow named Isaac for her dower in the Negroes of her sd. decd. husband's estate except thirteen pounds Six Shillings and eight pence, which is her dower pounds worth of the Balance of the Negroes.

Charles Helm produced a Commission from his Excellency James Garrard Esquire Governor of Kentucky to be paymaster of the third Regiment of the Militia in this County, whereupon the several Oaths required by law were administered to him, and he entered into bond with George Helm & Nathaniel Wickliff his securities conditioned as the law directs.

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Daniel Waide Deputy for Robert Hodgen Sheriff of this County, produced in Court his lists of Delinquents for the years 1799 & 1800 and the same being sworn to by him & examd and approved of by the Court was ordered to be certified to the Auditor of Public accounts.

Edward Rawlings late Sheriff of this County produced in Court a List of delinquents for the years 1797 & 98 was sworn to by him & appd of by the Court & ordered to be Certified to the Auditor of Public accts.

Ordered that Stephen Rawlings be & he is hereby appointed to advertise that Henry Miller jr son of Henry Miller Senn a poor Child of this County will be let out on Saturday the 14th of this inst to the lowest bidder, to be kept for one year from that time which is to be paid out of the estate of

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the said Henry Miller Senr if sufficient But if not, to be paid by the County.

The Court doth appoint Asa Coombs to procure weights and measures for this County agreeably to the standard prescribed by law.

The Court proceeded to rate the several Tavern keepers in this County as follows, to wit:

	O	P	I	S	D
for breakfast or supper	0	1	3		
for Dinner	0	1	3		
Grain per Gallon (Corn or Oats)	0	0	6		
Whiskey per half pint	0	0	6		
Lodgen per night	0	0	6		
Brandy per half pint (peeche)	0	0	9	n	3
Rum, Wine or French brandy per half pt	0	2	3		
Cider per quart	0	0	9		
Hay & Stablage for 12 hours	0	1	0		
Pastrage per Ditto	0	0	6		

Ordered that the several Tavern keepers in this County do not exceed the foregoing rates.

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Ordered that Benjamin Helm, George Bell & John W. Holt be and they are hereby appointed to settle with the Sheriff of this County for the years 1799 & 1800 & make report thereof to the next Court.

Ordered that John W. Holt & George Bell be and they are hereby appointed to call on the different Surveyors of the roads in this County to render an account of the fines by them collected.

Present Philip Read, Esqr.

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in Course.

/s/ Philip Read

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December Term 1801.

At a County Court began and held for Hardin County on monday the 4th day of December 1801.

Present Stephen Rawlings, George Bell & Asa Coombs Esquires.

The last Will and Testament of Henry Frake decd was presented in Court by Hannah Frake the Executrix therein named, & proved by Michael Hargan, Jacob Enlow & Randal Slack subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Hannah Frake who made Oath according to law Execution of the said Will is granted to her, she having given bond, with Jacob Enlow, Michael Hargan & David Morrison her Securities in the penalty of eight hundred Dollars conditioned as the law directs.

Ordered that David Morrison, Jacob Enlow & Michael Hargan or any two of them being

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first sworn before a magistrate of this County do appraise in current money the Slaves (if any) and personal estate of Henry Frake deceased and return the Appraisal thereof to the next Court.

The persons appointed to settle with the Sheriff of this County for the years 1799 & 1800 this day returned their report in these words, to wit: "We John W. Holt & George Bell being appointed by the County Court of Hardin to settle with the Sheriff of the said County for the years 1799 & 1800 this day proceeded to settle and find that for the years there is due to the Sheriff the sum of L6.13.9 for the year 1799. We also find that for the year 1800 there is due to the County the sum of L15. Given under our hands this 14th day of Decr 1801. (signed) John W. Holt, George Bell"

On the motion of James Skaggs, It is ordered that a warrant issue directed to Patrick Brown, Thomas McIntire & Robt Hodgen Gent appointing them Comrs

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agreeably to an act of Assembly Entitled an act to ascertain the boundaries of lands and for other purposes requiring them or any two of them to attend the said James Skaggs to two entries made in the name of James Skaggs, the one lying on Linn camp Creek at the second fork & running up the said fork for quantity, the other one lying on the right hand fork of Linn Camp running up said fork for quantity, the said entries containing 150 acres each, to take on Oath the Depositions of such witnesses as may be

brought forward to establish the beginning or any Special call in said entries, and it is ordered that a warrant issue accordingly.

Ordered that Isaac Larue be and he is hereby appointed Surveyor of the road leading from Hodgens mill to the mouth of the beech fork as far along said road from said mill to intersect Varrals (?) road and that all the hands that assisted Conrod Walters on keeping said road in repair do assist him in keeping the same in repair.

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William Munford, Jacob Larue & David Morrison Gent having produced a Commission from the Governor of this Commonwealth to be Justices of the Peace for Hardin County took the Oath required by the Constitution and thereupon took their seats.

Ordered that the Sheriff of this County have credit for L6.13.9 out of the sum of L15 the first sum being the amt that the County fell in debt to the Sheriff for the year 1799 & the last mentioned sum being the amt that the Sheriff fell in debt for the year 1800.

An Indenture of Apprenticeship binding out Manual Carter to David Brunk was acknowledged by the parties thereto & ord to record.

Ordered that Henry Ditto, Richard Dougherty, Joseph Smith & Benjamin Vanvacter or any three of them being first sworn before a magistrate of this County do view the nearest best and most convenient way for a road to be opened from the mouth of Ceder Creek to Breckenridge County line on a direct Course to Breckenridge Courthouse and make report thereof to the next Court.

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Absent Stephen Rawlings Esqr

Ordered that Court be adjourned untill Court in Course.

(signed) George Bell

JANUARY TERM 1802

At a County Court began and held for Hardin County at the Courthouse in Elizabeth Town on Monday the 25 day of January 1802.

Present Stephen Rawlings, Samuel Rice, Isom Enlows, William Withers, David Morrison, Jacob LaRue & Samuel Finley Esquires.

An Inventory & appraisement of the estate of Henry Frake decd was presented in Court & O.R.

Ordered that Williamson Bruce be and he is hereby appointed Surveyor of the road leading from Elizabeth town to Robert Hodgen's new Mill in Place of James Williams and that all the hands that assisted the said James Williams in keeping the said road in repair do assist the said Williamson Bruce in keeping the same in repair.

On the Motion of Samuel Finley, It is ordered that a warrant issue directed to William

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Munford, Samuel Watkins & John Smoot Gent appointing them Commissioners agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth Entitled An Act to ascertain the boundaries of land and for other purposes requiring them or any two of them to attend the said applicant to an entry made in the name of Matthew Pattent lying on the North side of Bacon Creek about five miles below Timothy Tichenor's including the round Bottom on Bacon Creek, to take on Oath the Depositions of such Witnesses as may be brought forward to establish the beginning or any special call in said Entry.

Present Geo. Bell & Asa Coombes Esqrs

William Ewin having produced a Commn from the Governor appg him a Justice of the Peace for Hardin County took his Oath & Seat.

The Court doth appoint James Larue Commissioner of the revenue in this County for the present year, he having entered into Bond with Jacob Larue and David Morrison

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his securities according to Law.

Ordered that the road leading from Elizabeth town to Samuel Miller's ferry on the Rolling fork be and the same is hereby established.

Ordered that Jacob Artman, John Watkins & Andrew Birtle be appointed to view the best and most

convenient way for a road to be opened from the most convenient place between Andrew Birtle's & Jacob Artman's to stricke out of the Hartford road, to Jacob Roades' mill on Rock Creek, they being first sworn before a Magistrate of this County & ret a report thereof to the Ct.

Ordered that Jacob Roades, Vincent Dunn & Samuel Snider be appointed to view a road the nearest and most convenient way from Elizabeth town to Jacob Roades' mill on Rock Creek, they being first sworn before a Magistrate of this County & ret. the report thereof to the next Court.

Ordered that Benjamin Shecklett, John Jenkins, James Wilson & Jacob Shaver or any two of them do view the best and most convenient way for a road to be opened from
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Elizabeth town to the Breckenridge County line on a direct Course to the mouth of Sinking, they being first sworn before a Magistrate of this County, and to return their report to the next Court.

The Persons appointed to view a road from the mouth of Salt river to the Breckenridge County line returned their report in these words, to wit, "Pursuant to an order of the County Court of Hardin, to us directed we have viewed the road beginning at the mouth of salt river and with the road leading to Elizabeth town, thence crossing below the big Cave on Otter Creek thereto Jackey's Grove going through the lands belonging to Benjamin Shacklett & John Jenkins, thence to the Breckenridge line leaving the Indian Grove about three quarters of a mile to the left.

(signed) Benjn Shacklett John Jenkins"

Ordered that the same be established, the owners whose lands it goes through making no objection and it is ordered that John Jenkins be appointed Surveyor of the same from
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the mouth of Salt river to the crossing of Otter Creek, and that all the hands living on the east side of Otter Creek and the settlement of Salt river do assist him in opening and keeping the same in repair. And that John Dodson be appointed surveyor of the road from Otter Creek to the Breckenridge line and that all the hands on the west of Otter Creek do assist him in opening and keeping the same in repair.

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in Course.

(signed) Step. Rawlings

At a County Court began and held for Hardin County at the Courthouse in Elizabethtown on Monday the 22nd day of February 1802.

Present Stephen Rawlings, Isom Enlows, George Bell & Jacob Larue, Esquires.

On the motion of Frederick Geiger for leave to build a water Grist mill in this County on the Valley Creek, and that a writ of Adquaddammus may issue directed to the Sheriff of this County directing
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him to empannel a Jury for that purpose on the day of if fair, if not on the next fair day, It is ordered that the writ issue accordingly as the law Directs.

Robert Hodgen Esquire, Sheriff of this County with Benjamin Helm, Isom Enlows & Jacob Larue his securities entered into and acknowledged bond for the Collection of the Revenue tax & County Levies for the year 1802 according to Law.

Ordered that it be Certified to the Auditor of Public Accounts that John Creamer had no Tavern License for the year 1798 in this County.

On the motion of Jacob Vanmatre for leave to Build a water grist mill in this County on the Valley Creek, he owning the land on both sides, it is ordered that the Clerk issue a writ of adquaddamnum to the Sheriff of this County directing him to Summon 12 good & lawful men to meet on the ground on the 8th day of March next if fair if not then on the next fair day there & then to do what is required by law.

James Dye vs. Peter Minguss, Magistrates Jud. reversed with Costs.

to be continued.....

ELIZABETHTOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES 1827

March 7th 1827

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabethtown at the Clerks office in said Town on Wednesday the 7th day of March 1827

Present Arthur Park, Armistead H. Churchill & John Hill Gentlemen Trustees

Ordered that Ezekiel H. Coombs be appointed overseer of the streets of this town, whereupon he, in the presence of the board took the oath required by law as such.

Ordered that the Board adjourn

A. Park

Test

Jas. E. Stone Clk.

In pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky directing elections to be held in the several County towns in this state for the purpose of choosing trustees therefor, I caused an election for that purpose to be held at the court house in Elizabethtown on Monday the 6th day of August 1827 being the time prescribed by law and at the close of the polls the following persons (having the highest number of votes) were duly elected trustees in & for the said town by the qualified voters thereof, to wit:

John Hill, Arthur Park, Armistead H. Churchill, Thomas Chilton and Sam Haycraft.

The polls are filed with the papers of the Board of Trustees of said Town & a return made to the Hardin County Court.

Given under my hand as clerk of the Board this 7th day of August 1827

Jas. E. Stone

Jas. E. Stone Clerk of the Board hereby resigns his office of Clerk of the Board & he hopes the Board will allow him the \$2.25 which he has in his hands for his services & he claims no more - having acted as such two years.

Jas. E. Stone

November 23rd 1827

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town in the Clerks office on the 23rd day of November 1827

Present Arthur Park, John Hill, and A. H. Churchill

Whereas a certain Mr. Brown is now in this town performing in a circus for the amusement of the citizens & for his profit, Ordered that he pay the sum of three dollars for each days performance and that the clerk superintend the collection thereof & receipt for the same when paid to him.

Ordered that James George be appointed clerk pro tempore.

Ordered that the board adjourn.

Arthur Park Prs.

QUERIES

HARKNESS

Seeking info on WILLIAM HARKNESS who lived in Hardin County c. 1850. 1850 census states he was born in KY. Birthdate known to be June 13, 1820. By 1860 he and family had moved to Pike County, Indiana. NANCY HARKNESS RITCHIE, 22464 Briarhill Drive, Goshen, Ind. 46526.

BULL

Genealogical info desired on BULL family, particularly BARTHENA BULL, born c. 1800, KY, md. JACOB ANDERSON of Campbell Co., Tenn. in 1825. Barthena lived with son William in 1870 in Whitley Co., KY. MARTHA HARRISON, 10630 Beulah Road, Pensacola, Fla., 32526.

RINEY, WISEMAN, THOMAS, GREENWELL

Would like to make contact and share info with persons knowledgeable of above families of Hardin County. RAYMOND DONALD HAGAN, 1056 Honeysuckle Dr., San Marcos, CA 92069.

NEW BOOK

A DOCTOR OF THE 1870's AND 80's is the story of Dr. Robert B. Pusey who was practicing in Elizabethtown and Hardin County during those years, as recalled by his son, Dr. Will Allen Pusey. It was before bacteriology revolutionized the practice of medicine and before the telephone and the automobile changed the conditions of rural practice.

Many true stories of house calls in remote sections of the county are related. Will Allen knew all about it--he often accompanied his father on his missions of healing.

The book also details episodes of the life of the family of a busy country practitioner. It is well illustrated with many photographs of Hardin County scenes of the period.

Copies of the book, which was published in 1932, were recently discovered in a closet in an old house, still in their original individual cartons.

These original editions are for sale by the Society, price \$10.00. Send orders to the Hardin County Historical Society, P. O. Box 381, Elizabethtown, Ky. 47702. Add \$2.00 for postage.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS TO ALL. I trust you had a great holiday season and you're ready for a New Year. Gee--- 1996. Where does time go?

We have a big year ahead of us. We need to increase our membership, and we're working on that. You can help by inviting your friends to our meeting on January 22nd. Let's outgrow the Brown-Pusey House.

Our committees are working. Long-range Planning is still active. The Constitution Committee will have a report for us on the 22nd. We're looking at fund-raising ideas, and perhaps another book deal. In any event, we're trying to move a little.

I hope you like the new newsletter format. It endeavors to combine announcements with the quarterly bulletin. We are seeking ways to keep you as informed as possible, and this is one result. Call us with any ideas you wish to share.

See you on January 22, 1996, at 6:30 P. M.

CHARLES W. LOGSDON

Books For Sale

By The Society

HISTORY OF ELIZABETHTOWN by Samuel Haycraft, Jr. Written in 1869 by the County Clerk, it is interesting and informative. Hardcover. 256pp. \$12.95

WHO WAS WHO IN HARDIN COUNTY This is a compilation of 170 biographical sketches written by descendants of the subjects. Great genealogical source! Soft bound \$12.95.

CHRONICLES OF HARDIN COUNTY by Mrs. T.D. Winstead. Chronological listing of noteworthy dates and events in Hardin County 1776-1974. Hardcover \$5.00

All book orders should be sent to Hardin County Historical Society, P.O. Box 381, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42702. Postage \$2.00 per book.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Hardin County Historical Society will meet Monday, January 22, 1996, at 6:30 P.M. at the Brown-Pusey House.

DINNER MENU:

Yankee/Rebel Pot Roast

New Red Potatoes

Peas with Mushrooms

Rolls

Coffee/Tea

Cranberry Nut Gelatin

Price \$6.25

The program will be presented by Raymond Ward, former pastor of the Rineyville Baptist Church. He is an entertaining speaker and will bring a program of home-spun humor.

Telephone Gary Kempf (769-3814) or Mary Jo Jones (765-5593) by January 19th for dinner reservations.

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