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YOUNG HISTORIANS

(The following article was submitted by Matthew Cook our youngest member of the society)

The Elizabethtown Cemetery is a place rich in history. Founded in 1806, this place has since been a spotlight in Elizabethtown, bringing in tourists from around the country, and the world. What's so great about this tourist attraction? The very sentence this article began with! The rich, the intriguing, the bloody history that has taken place. This cemetery contains the remains of soldiers, the regular citizens, and politicians, such as Samuel Haycraft Jr.

The Civil War has a major part in the history of The city of Elizabethtown. In 1862, shortly before Christmas, John Hunt Morgan led his men into Elizabethtown to destroy that part of the L&N railroad in order to cut off Union supply lines through Kentucky and Tennessee. John Hunt Morgan and his soldiers fought from the Elizabethtown Cemetery, using cannons.

To this day, a cannonball remains in a building in historic downtown Elizabethtown. The building was torn down in the following century, but the cannonball was saved and placed in the new building close to where the cannonball landed in the former building nearly one hundred years before.

The Elizabethtown cemetery draws many people for various reasons, some to learn about the history, some to pay respects, some to learn in regards to genealogy. This cemetery perhaps has a personal relation to many readers of this article.

I can recall trips to the cemetery with my mother. Together we would search for gravestones with the summer heat beating down on us. I have an oddly vivid memory of when I was sipping on a blue raspberry icee that we had bought just before we went. As I did so I watched my mother in front of me as she took pictures of gravestones.

It is odd but I always have a sense of calm in the graveyard. Maybe it was because, of our multiple trips, or maybe the the laughter we shared.

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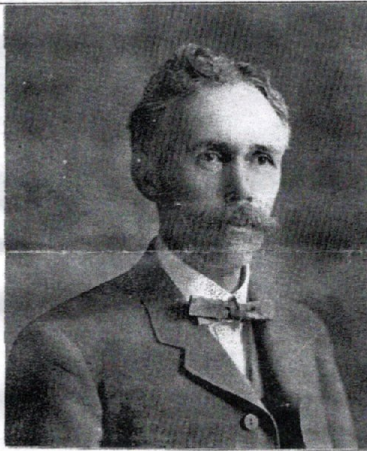
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Soon after, the one and only second Saturday would come up and we would walk around looking at the wonderful chalk art on the roads and sidewalks. As we walked around looking at the booths filled with intricate jewelry we would talk about the most random things. Just the life of these memories in Downtown E-town and the Elizabethtown cemetery, just those little memories, keep me motivated.

Cassandra Carroll

"I have lived in Elizabethtown for nearly my entire life. I love this place. I have plenty of good memories. I have always been interested in history, and local history is no exception. The Elizabethtown cemetery is somewhere I have seen quite a few times as my Aunt Anita lived near there some years ago and I would go over there sometimes with my mother or my grandparents. Thinking about that cemetery now, I find it very intriguing because of how large of a role it has in the history of my hometown. If one is similar to me, they would want to increase their knowledge on things they care about or are related to that."

Matthew Cook



H.A. Sommers

ONE OF MY FAVORITE SOCIETY'S TREASURES

Elizabethtown & Hardin County 1869-1921

by H.A. Sommers, 199 pp, Price: \$20.00

This book is the complement to Haycraft's and takes up where he left off describing the history of Elizabethtown from 1869 to 1921 in great detail.

Henry Augustin Sommers (1853-1937)

Editor of the **ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS**

A CHALLENGE In 1781, John Paul's family moved to Kentucky, and settled at what would later be Hardin County. Kentucky. Paul was the first clerk and recorder of this county. Samuel Haycraft In 1794, he married Sarah Thornberry Grover. They had four children, with the eldest, Mary Berry, dying young. John was the son of Michael and Ann (Parker).

Michael Paul (John's father) (1720- 1790), Ann (mother) (1723-1812) and Mary Berry Paul (1796-98) are buried in Hardin County. I would like to challenge the reader to help locate the burial plot. The first person to notify me (270) 401-8848 of the location, will be given a copy of Haycraft's HISTORY OF ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY. This writing tells about John Paul in Hardin County

FYI In 1816, Paul's daughter, Ann Parker Paul was born in Hardin County on March 18, 1799. She later married to William Hendricks. He was a senator and governor of Indiana.



**Second Annual Glendale Crossing Festival
July 1980**

Pictured Monta Shipp (Left), Lady with back to camera Stella Sheets, lady next to her is Juanita Sheets Goodman and lady shopping is Mildred Royalty.

NEWS FLASH...October 15, 2016 Cross Festival Grand marshall will be WWE's Hillbilly Jim.

July 25th Meeting will be held the State Theater Gallery with dinner at 6:30 and the program at 7:00. The cost is \$10 per dinner guest. There is no charge to attend the HCHS meeting. To make reservations for the dinner, call Brown Pusey House **(270) 765-2515** no later than July 22nd.

Our caterer for the evening is Roger Ramsey. Roger Ramsey is a local retired police officer who has come highly recommended. Menu for the evening: Steak Dianne, Stuffed Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, and a Vegetable Medley. Dessert will include both Banana Pudding and Cheesecake.



OUR SPEAKER: Joyce Bender, branch manager of the Kentucky Nature Preserves and Natural Areas Commission. She will be speaking on the 4 nature preserves we have in Hardin County: the mature knob forests at Vernon-Douglas State Nature Preserve, the limestone slope glades at Jim Scudder State Nature Preserve, and finally the grasslands and barrens at Eastview Barrens and Springhouse Barrens State Nature Preserves.

Ms. Bender will also discuss the historic use of the preserves, and how they are being currently used. She will be sharing old aerial view photos and a power point preservation with us."

The Elizabethtown News (March 15, 1927) The sale by John Pickerill and Hugh Jenkins which was held at Mr. Pickerill's farm Saturday was well attended and very good prices were realized for the different articles offered for sale. Mr. Dick Monin had the misfortune to lose a valuable mule that he had just purchased at the sale. He hitched the mule to a tree with a halter and the mule put its head in the forks of the tree and pulled back and broke his neck. Some say that it was the deep attachment which the mule had for John, while others say that they believe the mule didn't like Dick was the reason he committed suicide.



Message from the President

Happy belated Fourth of July! I hope you had a wonderful holiday celebrating our nation's birthday with your family and friends. Had it not been for the dreams of freedom and perseverance of men like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, we might not be celebrating independence and the life we have today. They had a vision.

At our last meeting Kevin Addington shared with us a portion of his vision for downtown Elizabethtown. As he stressed, a community without a vision, becomes stagnant and left behind as the rest of the world moves forward. As our community grows, an accurate recording of our experiences will provide the knowledge needed to plan for the future.

I am happy to report that the fourth historical marker funded by Etown Tourism is ready to be installed. Once installation is complete, we will apply for reimbursement. The three signs already in place along Main and Poplar Streets have been read by thousands of visitors. What a great way to share our stories. In addition, a small group of HCHS members are working on another project to clean the Sara Bush Johnston cabin and restore the flower beds with help from the City Parks Dept. Thank you to those helping. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours on this project, please contact Anita Goodin at 270-765-2171.

Hope to see you on July 25th, for our summer meeting at the State Theatre. Invite a friend and maybe they will become new members!

Twylane Van Lahr



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