

Bits and Pieces of Hardin County History

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Vol. XI, No. 2 THE ORPHAN BRIGADE (FIRST KENTUCKY BRIGADE) Summer 1990
Held Its Third Reunion in Elizabethtown
September 20, 1884

By R. Gerald McMurry

The Confederate Veterans of the First Kentucky Brigade held their first reunion on July 20, 1882, at Blue Lick Springs, Ky., and for fifteen years thereafter reunions were held annually. Squire H. Bush of the Sixth Kentucky Regiment who represented Elizabethtown at the Blue Lick Springs meeting had been severely wounded at Chickamauga. He was the nephew of Sarah Bush Johnston who married Thomas Lincoln on December 2, 1819, and thereby she became the step-mother of Abraham Lincoln.

The second reunion was held at Lexington on September 5, 1883, and before the command adjourned they voted to meet at Elizabethtown on September 20, 1884. In the years that followed reunions were held in Glasgow, Cynthiana, Bardstown, Frankfort, Louisville, Lawrenceburg, Owensboro, Paris, Versailles, Russellville, Bowling Green and the final reunion was held at Nashville, Tenn., on October 14 & 15, 1896. [1]

Many Kentuckians maintained that the Orphan Brigade was "the fightingest outfit in the Civil War." A review of their engagements leads one to believe such claims may be true. Early in the war a small part of the command was captured at the surrender of Fort Donelson but the others fought at Shiloh, Vicksburg, Jackson, Baton Rouge, Chickamauga, Rocky Face Ridge, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Atlanta, Peachtree and Intrenchment Creeks, Jonesboro, and many smaller engagements. Before the war ended a part of the brigade was mounted and fought as mounted infantry. A majority of the men from Hardin County were assigned to the Sixth Regiment of the First Brigade. Several companies of this regiment were enlisted by Colonel Martin H. Cofer and Major Thomas H. Hays. [2]

Perhaps the reason why the First Kentucky Brigade was called the Orphan Brigade was due to the fact that the State of Kentucky remained in the Union and these soldiers were not welcome or even recognized by their government at home. Another reason might have been that they suffered the loss of two of their commanders, namely General Roger W. Hanson and General Ben Hardin Helm, as well as having six different commanders during the course of the war, namely: General John C. Breckinridge, General Roger W. Hanson, Colonel R. P. Trabue, General Marcus J. Wright, General Ben Hardin Helm, and General Joseph H. Lewis. A final reason might have been that the First Kentucky Cavalry was known as the "Adopted" Orphan of the First Kentucky Brigade of Infantry. In fact it was at the Elizabethtown reunion that the members of the First Kentucky Cavalry asked the members of the First Brigade of Infantry to adopt them. A vote was taken and the First

Kentucky Cavalry was formally adopted as an honorary member of the Orphan Brigade

Certainly the First Kentucky Cavalry deserved such recognition as adoption. When they went to war they furnished their own horses and their own side arms and in most cases the shotguns, rifles, carbines, and muskets or whatever weapons they had at the beginning of their enlistment. Left to their own initiative, they largely supplied themselves with ammunition, arms of better pattern and more uniformity once they engaged in conflict at the expense of the enemy.

During the Lexington reunion it was determined that subscriptions were to be solicited to erect monuments to General Roger W. Hansen and General Ben Hardin Helm. The third reunion at Elizabethtown was the largest in attendance, up to that date, (even Federal veterans were present) and the major objective of this event was the reinterment of the remains of General Helm who was mortally wounded at the battle of Chickamauga on September 20, 1863. Immediately following his death, he was buried in the Atlanta Cemetery with military honors. [3] General Joseph H. Lewis designated pall bearers to escort the remains of Gen. Helm to the Helm Place for reinterment in the Helm family cemetery. After the funeral ceremony the mourners moved to a neighboring grove where addresses were delivered by Colonel J. B. Nuckolls, General Simon Bolivar Buckner, General Lewis, and Governor J. Proctor Knott. [4] A stone slab above the grave of General Helm bore the following inscription:

Ben Hardin Helm
of Kentucky
Fell at Chickamauga
Sept. 20th, 1863
Age 32 Years
He giveth his beloved
sleep

On their return to town the veterans marched to the Elizabethtown City Cemetery to visit the grave of Judge Martin Hardin Cofer, Colonel of the Sixth Kentucky Regiment and later Chief Justice of the State Court of Appeals of Kentucky. Which position he was holding at the time of his death on May 22, 1881. He had married May 8 1853, Mary Ellen Bush, daughter of Christopher Bush, Jr. and Mary (Polly) Goodin Bush.

During the Elizabethtown reunion Colonel Bennett H. Young who took part in some brilliant military exploits during the war appealed to the veterans to visit the Louisville Exposition. Aside from being a distinguished citizen of Louisville, he was President of the Louisville Exposition.

General Ben Hardin Helm was the oldest child of twelve children born to Governor John Larue Helm and Lucinda Barbour [Continued on page 19]

COURT ORDER BOOK, HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY 1800 (Jan)

At a Court held for Hardin County on Tuesday the 28th day of January 1800

Present Robert Hodgkin Philip Reed Bladin Ashby & George Bell Gent Justices

On the motion of Nicholas Brashear Licence is granted him for keep a Tavern at his house for the Term of one year next ensuing this date he having complied with what the Law in that case requires

Ordered that Joseph Kirkpatrick Andrew Reed John Bozarth James Logsdon & William Hargis or any three of them being first Sworn do view the most convenient way for a Road from Amoses ferry on Green River to intersect the Road that leads by Andrew Reeds to the Salt works and make report thereof to the next Court

On the motion of peter Wooby who owns land on one side of Lynn Camp Creek and is desirous of building a water grist mill thereon and prays that one acre of land on the opposite Shore may be condemned for the Abutments of his mill dam It is ordered that a Writ of Adquodamun Ifsue to the Sheriff of this County commanding him that he summon twelve good & lawful men of his County to meet on the premises on the day of next to Enquire agreeably to an Act of Afsembly in that case made & provided & Such inquisition so to be made he shall return under the hands & seals of the Jurors to the next Court

Benjamin Helm Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sefsions produced in Court an Act of Tax on procefs Alienation since the Time of his being appointed Clerk which was Sworn to by the said Clerk & was ordered to be certified to the Auditor of publick Accts

Ordered that Francis pairpoint Junr be appointed overseer of the Road in the room of peter Keneday and that the same Tithables that afsisted said Keneday do afsist him in Clearing and keeping sd Road in repair

Jacob Larue's Earmark is as follows an under bit in Each Ear and a Slit in the Right

A deed from Isaac Millen to Samuel Goldsmith was acknowledged & ordered to be recorded

Ordered that John paul Clerk of the County Court be allowed twenty dollars for Examining Commifsioners Books for the year 1799

Ordered that George Bell & Thomas McIntire be appointed to Examine the County Court Clerks office & report the state of the papers & records to the next Court

Ordered that the infant Orphans of George Hinch Decd be bound apprentices to the following persons (t wit) William to peter Coopwrighter to learn the art and Mistery of the black Smiths Trade Joseph to Isaac Larue to learn the art of the Tanners trade and that Elenor also be bound to said isaac Mary be bound to Andrew Reed and Elizabeth to Robert Vese Alexander

Ordered that peter Keneday and Jacob Westfall be

exempted from viewing the Road from pairpoints to Culbers
Ordered that Jacob Larue be appointed overseer of the
Road in the room of John Farmer and that the same Tithables
that afisisted sd Farmer do afisist him in Clearing & keeping
Said road in repair

Present Thomas McIntire Gent

Ordered that Samuel Goodin be Exempted from keeping a
ferry acrofs the Rolling fork

The persons appointed to view a Road from the Court
house toward Mr Hogins Mill made thier report in the
following words We the viewers proceeded to view the Road
from the Courthouse toward Mr Hodgins Mill and report to said
court that is no way so convenient as where it is now Stands
provided there was a bridge acrofs the Creek below Mr Hay-
crafts Saw Mill which we Suppose can be made with lefs
Expence than moving the Road given under our hands Being
sworn Asa Coombs Stephen Rawlings Christopher Bush

Ordered that the Road So laid off be Established & that
the former overseer & his hands Clear the same

Ordered that Jacob Larue and the male Tithables alloted
to him Clear the road from his former road to the walnut tree
on the ridge between the Harrisons and Ashby's

Ordered that George Bell Esqr be appointed to examine
what County the following infirm persons belong to (to wit)
Garrard Walton now at David Morrisons the other at Joseph
Eniows

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in Course
Robt Hodgins

ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES, 1825

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town at the
Clerks office in Elizabeth Town on Thursday the 12th day of
May 1825

Present John Morris George Matthis Allen Singleton and
Arm. H. Churchill

Ordered that Allen Singleton let out to the lowest bid-
der the appointment of Clerk of the Market on next Saturday
until the 1st day of December 1825 and report the same to the
Board

Be it ordained that if any person or persons shall
hereafter remove or cause to be removed or distroy any
improvements put in the streets or allies by the Overseer
thereof or by order of the board of Trustees of Elizabeth
Town shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars for each
and every such offence to be recovered in the same manner as
penalties for the breach of other bye laws of said Town are
recovered and it is further ordained that the overseer of the
streets see that this order is carried into effect and shall
proceed for each and every violation of the same in the name
of the Trustees

Ordered that the Board adjourn John Morris Pr.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Elizabeth Town

held in the Clerks office in said town on Friday the 22nd day of July 1825

Present John Morris George Matthis and A. H. Churchill
Trustees of said Town

Whereas David Carter has arrived in this town with a collection of wax figures & other curiosities & proposes the exhibition of said figures & curiosities to the citizens of the town and its vicinity for the purpose of profit & gain to said Carter & it being but Just & Equitable that said proprietor should pay to the trustees for the benefit of said town a tax upon said exhibition in like manner as has been customary in such cases

It is ordered that said Carter be taxed the sum of twelve dollars & fifty cents for said exhibition if he should exhibit the said figures or curiosities or any of them for profit provided he does not exhibit them or any of them longer than Wednesday the 3rd day of August 1825 And it is ordered that the town collector do call on said Carter for said tax before the exhibition is over Said town collector is authorised to receive to said tax notes on the bank of the commonwealth of Kentucky or its branches at its nominal value

Ordered that the board adjourn

John Morris Prs.

SARAH BUSH LINCOLN by Louis A. Warren(continued from Vol. XI, 1

It is not difficult to anticipate the first contribution of this new mother to the orphan children of Thomas Lincoln. Existing in the wilderness for fourteen months without a mother to care for them, clothes to wear in the daytime and bed clothes to cover them at night would be some of the many material needs of these neglected urchins. It is not likely that a boy ten years of age would make any special efforts towards cleanliness, without the persuasion of a mother. We are told that a general scrubbing of the young Lincolns was the first task undertaken by the new director of the household. With the nourishing food she would prepare, the clean bodies, and the comfortable clothes, the general physical condition of these orphan children would be much improved. Sarah Bush Lincoln was noted for her sprightliness and industry which would provide in the renovated cabin, home conditions not inferior to the average pioneer family.

Little is known about the religious views of Mrs. Lincoln. Her contributions in this field were probably moral, rather than doctrinal. Her two sisters and one of her brothers joined the Severns Valley Baptist Church at Elizabethtown in 1802. Since that early date until the present it is doubtful if the Bush family has failed to have a representative in this historic church. Squire Bush, already mentioned, served the organization as deacon for forty years, and as Sunday School Superintendent for twenty-five years. Sarah, however, was never affiliated with the church while living in Kentucky.

According to a tradition credited to Dennis Hanks, after

her marriage to Thomas Lincoln, Sarah "set some kind of a dead-fall trap for him, and got Tom to join the Baptist Church." The records of the Little Pigeon Church, situated near the Lincoln's Indiana home, do not support this story. At a business meeting of the organization on June 7, 1823, item number four states: "Received Brother Thomas Lincoln by letter." After two other entries had been made, item number seven follows with this information: "Received Brother John Wire by relation, and Sister Lincoln and Thomas Carter by experience." While Thomas Lincoln had been a church member in Kentucky, his wife heretofore had made no public profession of faith. According to H. G. Glasco in the INDEPENDENT for January, 1901, both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lincoln later affiliated with the Christian Church in Coles County, Illinois.

Apparently, the most valuable contribution which this step-mother made to the orphaned Abraham was her sympathetic attitude towards his desire to learn. Lincoln was a product of the library rather than a child of the school. Most of his information was acquired from borrowed books, and a library atmosphere of quiet was created by Sarah. Upon being interviewed by one of the President's biographers she said: "I induced my husband to permit Abe to read and study at home as well as at school. At first he was not easily reconciled to it, but finally he too, seemed willing to encourage him to certain extent. . . . We took particular care not to disturb him - would let him read on and on until he quit of his own accord."

Sarah Lincoln, herself, had little education, and it is very doubtful if she could write her name. In some few places where we would expect to find her signature she makes her mark instead. Other members of the Bush family according to Mr. Haycraft the historian became much interested in education. We have already mentioned that one of Sarah's sisters married a school teacher. Her own brother, Christopher Bush, Jr., had one son who was a famous jurist, a member of the Kentucky Legislature and political leader. Two other sons of Christopher became prominent lawyers, and a fourth, one of the best surveyors in Kentucky. To Sarah, however, was left a greater service. Her encouragement played a larger part in the mental development of Abraham Lincoln than the year of spasmodic instruction under the tutorage of his transient school masters.

The physical, moral, and mental contributions which Sarah made to the life of Abraham, were confined to their Indiana residence. One most valuable influence which she exerted over him did not cease with the migration of the family to Illinois, or his decision to leave the old home, but continued with him until death. This stepmother loved Abraham Lincoln no less than her own children, and the love of Abraham for his own mother was not greater than his affection for his foster mother. It is doubtful if history records a mother's tribute to a stepson comparable to this testimony of Sarah Bush Lincoln: "I can say what scarcely

one woman--a mother--can say in a thousand, Abe never gave me a cross word or look, and never refused in fact or appearance to do anything I requested him. I never gave him a cross word in all my life...his mind and my mind--what little I had--seemed to run together."

A few days before the departure of Abraham Lincoln from Springfield in 1861, there occurred another farewell scene in a Coles County cabin fully as trying to "Greatheart" as the memorable leave taking of Springfield friends. There was no crowd to witness this parting of mother and stepson but we may feel sure that the close contact of more than forty years was not easily broken. Others may have occupied prominent places in the funeral cortege that brought the martyred President back to Illinois; others may have paid glowing tributes to his life in well spoken eulogies, but among the real mourners none would be more truly grieved than the mother of his boyhood days.

Few women who have rendered such valuable service to civilization, have been so little honored as this stepmother. Not until four years ago was her name to be found on any memorial. Dr. and Mrs. William Allen Pusey of Chicago, at that time made possible the erection of a monument at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on which she is mentioned jointly with Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Not until two years ago was her grave near Farmington, Illinois, marked. This effort was sponsored by the Lions Club. The fact that she was the wife of Thomas Lincoln was more responsible for her recognition here, than any deep appreciation of the individual service she rendered.

While memorials which she shares with others, now designate the place of her birth in Kentucky, and the site of her grave in Illinois, the State of Indiana has made no effort to honor this woman. It was here that for eleven years she was the most potent factor in directing the acquired tendencies of Abraham Lincoln. Appreciative stepsons of America, among whom we might include our Honorable President Calvin Coolidge, should erect somewhere in Hoosierdom a worthy memorial to Sarah Bush Lincoln, the greatest stepmother in all the world.

[Note: Remember that this article was written by Dr. Warren in 1926, therefore, some of his comments may no longer be completely accurate.]

ORPHAN BRIGADE [continued from page 14]

Hardin.[5] His wife Emilie Todd Helm, a half-sister of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, resided at 218 West Poplar Street in Elizabethtown, where she served as postmistress from March 1, 1883, until April 8, 1895. She was first appointed by President Arthur, then by President Cleveland and next by President Harrison. Robert Lincoln, son of the Sixteenth President, who had served as Secretary of War and later as United States Minister to England, is believed to have been a dominant force in securing the post office appointments for

Mrs. Helm. [6]

One of the cherished honors that was bestowed upon Mrs. Emilie Todd Helm was the title of "Mother" of the Orphan Brigade. For a while she shared this honor with Mrs. Hanson whose husband died on January 2, 1863, as a result of a wound he received during the Battle of Stone's River (Murfreesboro). His remains were interred in Lexington. With the death of Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Helm's senior in age and bereavement, Gen. Helm's widow was granted, during the Elizabethtown reunion, the full title of "Mother of the Brigade."

Perhaps never before or since has Elizabethtown been the meeting place for a more unique, devoted, and sincere group of Americans who lost the war but were willing and ready to join hands with those who fought to save the Union of the States.

On September 7, 1942, the Hardin County Historical Society marked with appropriate signs the grave of General Helm calling attention to his deeds of valor in a cause which he believed was worthy of his support, so much so in fact, that he was willing to sacrifice his life for these principles.

FOOTNOTES

- [1] Ed Porter Thompson, HISTORY OF THE FIRST KENTUCKY BRIGADE, Caxton Publishing House, 1868, pp 341-343.
- [2] Daniel E. McClure, Jr., TWO CENTURIES IN ELIZABETHTOWN AND HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, the Hardin County Historical Society, p 271 (Col. Martin H. Cofer) and p 272 (Major Thomas H. Hays). George K. Holbert, "Major Thomas H. Hays," WHO WAS WHO IN HARDIN COUNTY, July 22, 1941, and AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY, Judge Martin H. Cofer, WHO WAS WHO IN HARDIN COUNTY, n.d.
- [3] R. Gerald McMurtry, "Ben Hardin Helm 'Rebel' Brother-in-Law of Abraham Lincoln, with a Sketch of His Wife and Account of the Todd Family of Kentucky," The Civil War Round Table of Chicago, 1943, p 46.
- [4] Ed Porter Thompson, p 343.
- [5] Lucinda Barbour Hardin, the mother of General Ben Hardin Helm, was a daughter of Ben Hardin, a member of the United States Senate from Kentucky, who was dubbed by John Randolph as a "Kitchen knife whetted on a brick."
- [6] Nellie B. Hoke, "Emilie Todd Helm," WHO WAS WHO IN HARDIN COUNTY, Hardin County Historical Society, July 16 1940. Daniel E. McClure, Jr., pp 222-223.

DUES, DUES, DUES!

If you have not sent your 1990 dues yet, they are still \$8.00 per year. Please remit the same to Mrs. June Thornberry, 128 North Main St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701

TIDBIT

Hardin County, Kentucky, population in the 1840 Census was 16,340.

DIRECTORS FIRST HARDIN NATIONAL BANK (continued from Vol. XI, 1)

OSCAR S. BOND

Oscar S. Bond became a director in the First Hardin National Bank January 8, 1918. He was born and reared at Caneyville, in Grayson county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bond. When a young man he removed to Vine Grove, Hardin county, where he engaged in the tie business on a small scale. Soon thereafter, he came to Elizabethtown to make his home, and twenty-five years ago Bond Bros. was incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Mr. Bond was its first President, and he still occupies that position in a corporation, whose capital stock has expanded to \$2,000,000, and whose annual business runs into the millions. Other incorporators of the original company were his brothers, G. W. Bond and J. R. Bond.

Mr. Bond is also an officer in the Producers Wood Preserving Co., which operates a large creosoting plant in Louisville, and of the Wayne Land Co., which holds 80,000 acres of land in the South.

He is the individual owner of the Shaker farm in Logan county, comprising 1,500 acres, and one of the show places in Southern Kentucky.

He was married to Miss Mary Baird of Glasgow. He also has two children, Clarence Bond, who is associated with Bond Bros., and Mrs. T. J. Turley, both of whom reside in Louisville.

J. F. NALL

James Fuller Nall became a director in the First Hardin National Bank January 1, 1918, at the time the bank absorbed the Citizens Trust Co. and increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Mr. Nall was born January 14, 1875, on a farm in Nalls Valley, in Hardin county, and is the oldest son of Charles M. Nall, of Vine Grove. At the age of seventeen years he became a school teacher and rose to a prominent place in his profession in the county. He received his education at East Lynn College, Buffalo, Ky., where Prof. J. C. Pirtle was president.

In 1904 he came to Elizabethtown and was one of the organizers of the Old Kentucky Overall Company, of which he later became President.

Mr. Nall is now manager of its successor, the Old Kentucky Manufacturing Co., which is one of the largest overall and clothing producers in this part of the state.

Although he has always taken an active interest in public affairs, he has never sought nor held but one office, that of a member of the Board of Trustees of the Elizabethtown City Schools. He was president of the board for several years.

Mr. Nall has also been prominent in fraternal activities

in the county. He is a Mason and Knight Templar, and has been Master of Morrison Lodge of Masons of this city, and Prelate of Elizabethtown Commandery of Knights Templar.

He is a Methodist, a member of the Board of Stewards of the Lucinda B. Helm Memorial Church in this city, and for a long time has been teacher of the young men's class in the Methodist Sunday School.

Mr. Nail was married to Miss Lillian Collie, a daughter of the late Rev. D. L. Collie, and they reside on Central Avenue.

In addition to his other pursuits, Mr. Nail is owner of a farm near Elizabethtown

LUKE B. SCHMIDT

Luke B. Schmidt is the youngest director of the First Hardin National Bank, both in years and in point of service. He celebrated his thirty-ninth birthday anniversary yesterday at his winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. Schmidt, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, was born in Chattanooga, Tenn., and when eight years removed with his parents to Louisville, where his mother still resides.

In the spring of 1920 he came to Elizabethtown and established the Coca-Cola Bottling Works, whose name was lately changed to the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. From a modest beginning it has expanded into one of the most profitable business enterprises in this part of the State.

The Schmidt family were the pioneers in the Coca-Cola bottling trade in Kentucky. Mr. Schmidt's brother, Martin L. Schmidt, manages a plant in Louisville, and another brother, Paul F. Schmidt, is manager of the plant at Shelbyville, where he is also Mayor of the city.

Mr. Schmidt is president of the company in Elizabethtown vice-president in Louisville, secretary at Shelbyville, and is also director in similar companies at Warren, Ohio, and at Jamestown, New York.

Before entering upon his business career, he attended Manual Training High School in Louisville, and University of Kentucky. He was devoted to athletics and played third-base on the Elizabethtown baseball nine for several years. Later he sponsored the local team, which bore the name of "Elizabethtown Coca-Colas."

Mr. Schmidt was elected a director in the bank November 30, 1928, succeeding the late Taylor Watkins.

He was married in 1920 to Miss Irene Blake of Cottage Grove, Tenn., and they have two children, Nancy Jane and Billie Blake. Mr. Schmidt is a Mason, Knight Templar and member of the Methodist church. He was also one of the most active members of the Elizabethtown Kiwanis Club during that organization's tenure here.

[DIRECTORS will be continued in the next issue.]

TIDBIT Rev. Josiah Rogers Dodge was the third permanent pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church from 1791-1800.

APRIL 1899, OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF THE OHIO VALLEY TELEPHONE
COMPANY INC. Elizabethtown, Ky. Listings

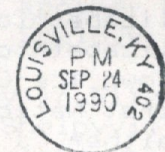
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Bank of Elizabethtown
Bell, Mrs. Maggie
Berry, A. L.
Bolling, Rev. Geo. W.
Bush, S. H.
Carpenter, G. A.
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Chelf, W. F.
Cofer, LaRue
Cordrey, Mrs. Margaret
Corley, Frank G.
Court House
Crawford, J. M. & Sons
Cresap & Ament
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Duff, D. G.
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Elizabethtown Milling Co.
Elizabethtown News
Etown Ice Co.
First National Bank
Gaither, J. R.
Goldnamer, S.
Goldnamer, S. & Son
Graham, E.
Gray, John P.
Grimes, J. S.
Hansbro, J. F.
Hays, Horace
Helm, John L.
Holcombe, Miss M.
Illinois Central RR Co.
Johnson, Q. W.
Joplin, Frank M.
Joplin, F. W.
Joplin Implement Co.
Kennedy, Martha
L & N RR Co.
Marshall, R. L.
Mathis, Wm T.
Mc Cans' House
Mc Coy, J. H.
McMurtry, Mrs Sophronia I.
Melton, Robert
Miller, Rice
Montgomery, A. B.
Morris, Martin
Mumford, R. M.
Neighbors, J. R.
Payne, James B.
Post office-F M Joplin PM
Pusey, Mrs. Belle B.
Ramey, Andy M.
Rider, D. W.
Rihn, J. M.
Robertson, Mrs. F. Z.
Selby, J. R.
Showers & Sweets
Showers' House
Showers, Hugh
Showers, Mrs. M. B.
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Sommers, H. A.
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Standard Oil Co.
Stewart, J. W.
Stith, A. M.
Strange, Mrs. F. S.
Strickler, Dr. Frank P.
Tobin, Geo.
Walker, J. B.
Warren, C. T.
Watkins & Co.
Watkins, Granville
Wheatney, Alfred
White, Virgil S.
Wilson, Mrs. Julia
Woelpert, John
Wren, W. H.
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Young, H. E.
Young, Mrs. Eliza
Maupin, J. E.
Sandige, T.
Miss M. Holcombe, Manager

FROM THE EDITOR

As you have probably noticed in recent issues, we are beginning to get articles from new writers on topics that have either not been covered adequately before or that have never been covered. It is very encouraging to see "new" people beginning to write on topics of interest to themselves and the rest of us. It is my fervent wish that this influx of new blood continues as no publication or organization can remain static and expect to continue for any length of time.

In two years Kentucky will be celebrating its bicentennial. This is a ready-made forum for information about the families and events that have shaped our local, state, and national identity. Remember that what you know well and feel has been adequately covered by others in years past may well be brand new to a majority of the current population and open new areas of interest for many.

Thousands of people have passed through Kentucky in two hundred years. Some have stayed for a generation or two and moved on while others have stayed only a short period of time. In many cases when the family has moved on there has been little or no contact with Kentucky and they have become "lost" segments of our history. Wouldn't it be great to connect some of these "lost" segments to our Kentucky lines! Let's make a real effort for the bicentennial to expand our knowledge of the place Kentucky and Kentuckians have in the history and development of our nation.



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