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THAT ELUSIVE THIRTY ACRES

Quoting Samuel Haycraft, Jr. on page 24 of his book, THE HISTORY OF ELIZABETHTOWN, "...thirty acres of land was laid out by Colonel Andrew Hynes as a place to erect the public buildings...", but where were the thirty acres located?

In Deed Book G, page 4, Hardin County Clerk's Office, is the authority on which Haycraft based his above statement.

The authority reads, "Whereas the County Court of Hardin has thought proper to erect the public buildings for said county on my lands in Severns Valley in consequence thereof I have laid off thirty acres of land on which a number of lotts under the following restrictions (viz.) The lotts to be sold to the highest bidder. The Purchaser is to give bond and security for the purchase money payable in beef cattle or cash price within twelve months from the day of sale and also to build a house sixteen feet by eighteen of hewed logs within two years from the day of purchase, if not the lott or lotts to be forfeited and sold again to the highest bidder and the money to be applied to the benefit of the town by me or the trustees hereof as appointed for said town. In consequence whereof I do covenant and agree to and with said purchasers that if they comply with the above terms that I will give each person a general warranty to each lott for its contents. In witness where of, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of April 1794.

Andrew Hynes

Recorded by S. Haycraft, March 31st, 1819

George Helm and Nicholas Miller first being sworn testified to the handwriting of Andrew Hynes.

Subscribed: Hynes Bond to Trustees of Elizabethtown examined.

Andrew Hynes died in 1800. It would be interesting to know the exact boundary of the thirty acres and doubly interesting to know why the indenture was not recorded for twenty-five years.

In 1835 Noah English, deputy surveyor of Elizabethtown, drew a map of the city showing all of its lotts and its additions to date. That map is framed and hangs in the Hardin County Public Library.

SOCIETY'S OFFICERS

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FROM THE EDITOR

Congratulations to our newly elected 1st Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Welcome aboard.

I wish to thank everyone who has sent in articles for the quarterly, queries and family sheets. Your generosity is really heartwarming.

A special thanks is sent to the DuBois Family Association of New Paltz, N.Y. for offering to share material of local interest from their files.

We can always use articles so if you come across something you think might be of interest send it in. Don't forget to send in your family sheets. Sure would like to know how you fit into our historical family!

I hope everyone has a super summer. If you are in our neck of the woods, stop by the Brown-Pusey Library and check out what we have. You may even run into a relative or make a new genealogical friend.

BETHLEHEM ACADEMY REJUVENATED

Bethlehem Academy, one of the oldest Catholic boarding schools for girls in Kentucky, was established in 1830 in Hardin County about seven miles northwest of Elizabethtown. After flourishing for one hundred and twenty-nine years, Bethlehem closed due to a shortage of teachers and a preference for co-educational schools on the part of the students. The buildings and the seven hundred acre farm on which the school was situated were sold in 1959. For years, empty and neglected, the buildings deteriorated and in 1978 the left wing was badly damaged by a fire probably started by vandals.

It is a pleasure to announce that Mrs. Edith Ray, the present owner of the property, has completed restoration of the remaining buildings. She has also landscaped and enhanced the grounds and gardens to compliment the impressively restored buildings.

Mrs. Ray, a member of this society, is to be commended and thanked for preserving one of Hardin County's most historic landmarks. G.W.

Society's dues for 1983 are \$5.00 per person. Send to Mrs. June Thornberry, 128 N. Main St., Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

COURT ORDER BOOK, HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, 1795

At a Court held for Hardin County on Tuesday the twenty-seventh day of October 1795 Present John Vertrees Robert Hodgens and Bladen Ashby Gentlemen Justices

On the motion of John Kinny Ordered that John Vertrees Isaac Morrison and Stephen Rawlings be appointed Commissioners for taking depositions to pertuate? testimony respecting a special call in an entry on land in controversy perticularly to ascertain the improvements of John Bentley Samuel Humphrys Joseph Anderson Telmon Camphire Situate on Clear Creek on the south side of the Roling fork of Salt River...

On the motion of William Sharp who together with Isaac Morrison his security entered into and acknowledged their bond Conditioned as the Law directs Licence is granted him for keeping a Tavern at his House in the Town of Hartford for the term of one year next ensuing this date and from thence until the next Court...

On the motion of Elizabeth Stuart Widow of William Stuart deceased who made oath thereto and together with Joseph Kirkpatrick her security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of six hundred pounds as the Law directs Certificates is granted her for obtaining letters of administration on the Estate of William Stuart her late husband...

Ordered that Haneneah Lincoln Isaac Morrison and Samuel Watkins being first sworn do appraise in current money the estate of William Stuart Deceased and return a true and perfect Inventorythereof to the next court...

On the motion of Elizabeth Stuart widow it is ordered by the Court that William Brownfield be appointed Guardian of William Stuart infant orphan of William Stuart deceased... the said William together with Joseph Kirkpatrick his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of six hundred pounds for the safe keeping of the said orphans estate...

Isaac Hynes Gentleman Sheriff produced an act for six days at six shillings per day for attending an Election and the poles for a reprecentitive to Congress for the year one thousand seven hundred andninety four...

A deed from William Chinworth and Mary his wife to William Bush for two hundred acres of Land was acknowledged by the said William and was ordered to be recorded said Mary being Examined as the Law directs relinquished her right of Dower in said Land...

A deed from Joseph Barnet and Abigail his wife to William McClung for one thousand acres of Land was proved by the Oaths of John Vertrees John Paul and Charles Helm subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded...

Samuel Haycraft Gent Sheriff protested the public Jail...

Ordered that three acres of Land be Laid of fer prison Bounds to include the said Jail in the Center...

And Exemplification of two Deeds from Anthony Walton White to David Ramsey was produced in Court duly authenticated and was ordered to be recorded...

A deed from Richard Gains to Robert Cradock for Eleven hundred and one and a half acres of Land was produced in Court duly authenticated and ordered to be recorded... t

Sam Haycraft Gent. Sheriff sworn to a List of Delin ax supermendis...

A deed from Philip Philips to Samuel Wakins for 357 acres of Land was proved by the Oaths of Richard Winchester Coonrod Hester two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to Lay for further proof...

A deed from Philip Philips to Thomas Williams for one hundred acres of Land was proved by the Oath of Coonrod Rester? one of the witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded...

A deed from Hubbard Taylor and Clarisa his wife for 479 acres of Land to Thomas Graves was produced in Court duly authenticated and was ordered to be recorded...

A deed from John Handly to Elizabeth Brooks was proved by the Oaths of John Paul and Samuel Haycraft two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to Lay for further proof...

A deed from Philip Taylor & Elizabeth his wife to John Shelton for three hundred acres of Land was produced in court duly authenticated and was ordered to be recorded...

David McClure took the oath of Constable and together with Isaac Vertrees his security entered into & acknowledged their Bond conditioned according to Law for the faithful performance of the said Office...

On the Motion of James Speed it is Ordered that the Clerk of this Court do Issue his Warrant to James Nourse Richard Winchester and Joseph Kirkpatrick appointed Commissioners commanding them or any two of them to attend the said James Speed to take on oath the Depositions of such persons as may be brought forward by the parties to prove the Beginnings or any special place called for in said Entry and to do such other thing or things as may be deemed necessary by an act of assembly entitled an act to ascertain the boundaries of Land and for other purposes...

The above named Commissioners were Sworn in Court that they were not interested in the above mentioned Land and that in taking Depositions they would act Impartially and according to Law...

Ordered that the Sheriff pay John Crutcher ten pounds toward building the Courthouse &c...

A deed from Frederick Giegar and Anna his wife to Samuel Bush was produced in Court duly authenticated and was ordered to be recorded...

A deed from Nicholas Mereweather & Betsy his wife to William Duvall produced in Court duly authenticated and was ordered to be recorded...

A deed from Robert Daniel to Nicholas Mereweather was exhibited in Court duly authenticated and ordered recorded...

A deed from Joseph Barnett & Abigail his wife to Benjamin Fowler Acknowledged before two Magistrates produced in Court and ordered to be recorded...

A deed from Samuel Norwood to Elizabeth Dorsey was produced in Court duly authenticated and ordered recorded...

Same from Elizabeth Dorsey Executed &c to Samuel Norwood exhibited in Court duly authenticated and ordered recorded...

Same from John Dorsey to Thomas Dorsey duly authenticated and ordered recorded...

Same from Samuel Chase to Thomas Dorsey duly authenticated and ordered recorded...

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Dorsey exhibited in Court authenticated & ordered recorded...

A deed from Joseph Barnett and Abigail his wife to James Shanks acknowledged before two Magistrates exhibited & ordered recorded...

The Court proceeded to Lay the County Levy the State of which is as followeth

	E S P
To James Nourse as States Attorney for County	150000
Sheriffs Exofficio fees	60000
Clerk for ditto	50000
To John Crutcher for building Courthouse	660000
To Clerks & Judges for attending Election	11600
For books and press for the Court of Quarter Sessions	150000
Deposition and Sheriffs per cent	140500
	1240100

Hardin County 6<sup>s</sup> by 415 tithables

Ordered that the Sheriff collect 6/ shilings per tithable and pay the above creditors and act with the Court for the balance.

A deed from Samuel Goodwin & Peggy his wife & Letty Garrard to Hardin Thomas for 166 acres of Land was acknowledged by the parties & ordered recorded Feme Court Examined &c.

A deed from John Haywood & Racheal his wife to Isreal Denton was acknowledged & ordered recorded Feme Court Examin'd.

James Nourse produced a nomination from Ben. Helm Gent Surveyor appointing his his Deputy It is ordered that John Paul & Abraham Nelson do Examin into his capacity and reported him duly qualified and thereupon he took the oath of a Surveyor.

A letter of attorney from Joseph Nourse to James Nourse was produced in Court and ordered recorded...

Ordered that Enoch Berry and Samuel Watkins be added to the Viewers of the Road from the Courthouse to the mouth of big Barren...

Ordered that Aaron Rawlings and his gang keep the Road from the Courthouse to Middle Creek in repair...

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in Course...

John Vertrees

## 1824 VOTERS LIST (continued)

Calhoon, Freeman	Collins, John	Dodge, Isiah
Cain, Michael	Colvin, John	Donald, John
Calvert, Cecelian	Colvin, Luke	Dooley, Thomas
Calvert, John	Colvin, William	Dooley, Samuel
Calvin, Luke D.	Conway, William	Dorsey, Charles
Cann, Michael	Coogle, John	Dorsey, Richard
Cann, William	Coombs, E.H.	Dorsey, Thomas
Cann, William R.	Coombs, Fielding	Dougherty, William
Carlton, Henry	Coombs, Samuel W.	Dowdall, Jefferson
Carlton, Hiram	Coombs, Thomas	Dowdall, Silas F.
Carlisle, James Sr.	Cook, George	Dowdall, William'
Carman, Joseph	Cook, Jacob	Drake, William
Carroll, John	Cook, Joseph	Drake, William, Jr.
Carson, Alexander	Cook, Windle	Drury, Elias
Carter, Aaron	Cowley, John	D rury, Timothy
Carter, Jacob	Cox, Ross	Duckworth, Elijah
Carter, John	Crady, William	Duckworth, Nathan
Carter, Joseph	Creager, Christopher	Duffee, Abram
Carter, William	Creger, Daniel	Duffy, James
Cash, Abraham	Cregar, Valentine	Duffner, James C.
Cash, Claiborn	Craig, Samuel	Dugan, James
Cash, John	Crail, Richard	Dugan, Jeremiah
Cash, Warren	Crail, Thomas	Dugan, William
Cash, Warren T.	Crawford, James	Dunbar, George
Castleman, Lewis	Crossman, Josephah R.	Dunnavan, William M.
Castleman, Stephen	Crutcher, James	Dunwoodie, William
Catlett, Isaac	Crutcher, James, Jr.	Durbin, Christopher
Catlett, Nathan	Crutcher, Norvel	Durbin, Elisha
Chaddie?, Thomas	Crutcher, Robert	Durbin, John
Chalfour, Joseph Jr.	Crutcher, Willis	Durbin, Joseph
Chaney, Hosey	Cully, John	Durbin, Stephen
Chenoweth, Isaac C.	Cully, Robert	Durbin, William
Chilton, Thomas J.	Cully, Thomas, Sr.	Duvall, John
Churchill, A. H.	Cummings, Arthur	Duvall, Thomas
Churchill, Armistead	Cundiff, John	Easter, John
Churchill, Cad	Custard, Coonrad	Edelin, William
Churchill, John	Custard, Nathan	Edson, Daniel
Churchill, John, Jr.	Cutright, John	Elliott, John
Clark, Ben	Cutright, Richard	English, Lemuel
Clemmons, Francis	Cutright, Samuel	English, Noah
Clinglesmith, George	Daugherty, John	English, Silas
Cofer, John	Daugherty, William	English, William
Coffman, Abraham	David, Richard	Enlow, Abraham
Coffman, Hearmon	Davis, Robert	Enlow, Jacob
Coffman, John	Davis, William	Enlow, John T.
Colburn, Henry	Decker, William	Enlow, Thomas B.
Cole, John H.	Devour, Daniel	Evans, David
Cole, William	Dewil, Barnet M.	Evans, John
Coleman, Daniel	Dillard, James	Evans, Lewis
Coleman, Stewart	Ditto, Henry, Jr.	(To be continued)
Coleman, William	Dix, Henry	

ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 1800, 1801, 1804, 1805

At a Board of Trustees of Elizabeth Town began and held on Saturday the 19th day July 1800 at Benjamin Helms office Present John Vertrees Sen Stephen Rawlings James Crutcher Benjamin Helm Armstead Churchill Asa Coombes & Charles McGovern Gents

A deed was made to Andrew Hynes for five Lotts No as follows (To wit) No 30, 29, 13, 11, & 10...

A deed to James Crutcher for Lott No 22 was made...

A deed to John Sneed for Lott 32 was made...

Ordered that the Board do adjourn...John Vertrees, ck

At a Board of Trustees begun and held for Elizabeth Town on Saturday the 10th day of October 1801 at Benjamin Helms office in said Town Present John Vertrees James Crutcher Charles Helm Asa Coombes Benjamin Helm & Armstead Churchill Gents.

Ordered that Robert Huston be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the said Streets in room of Charles McGovern Dec'd.

Ordered that the Board be adjourned...John Vertrees ck

The Trustees appointed by the County Court of Hardin County at the August Term last As Trustees to Elizabeth Town met at the Clerks in said Town the 17th day of November 1804 Present John W Holt Robert Huston James Percefull & Benjamin Helm Gents.

Nathaniel Wickliff is appointed Clerk to the Board of Trustees Pro tempor...

On motion John W Holt is appointed Chairman to this Board.

A deed to Lott No 6 was executed to Charles Helm for which a deed was executed by a former board of Trustees but not recorded...

Ordered that the board do adjourn...

Attest Nath Wickliff CP John W Holt ck

At a Board of Trustees for Elizabeth Town held on Friday the 8th day of February 1805 Present John W Holt James Crutcher James Percefull Benjamin Helm & Robert Huston Gents.

Ordered that the clerk of this board do advertise the sale of Lotts in this Town agreeable to Law...

On motion and for reasons appearing to this board It is ordered that on Benjamin Helm conveying a piece of ground for a street forty feet in width between said Helms & Pattons Lott to extend as far eastwardly untill said Street intersects Haycrafts alley that this board will convey to the said Helm the street which leads by his Lott agreeable to the plan of the town...

Ordered that James Crutcher be and he is hereby appointed surveyor of the streets in this Town in the place of Robert Huston resigned,,.

Ordered that this board be adjourned...

Nath Wickliff CPT

John W Holt ck

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (continued)

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 172. Martha Bently                         | 217. Samuel Bush d. 1870         |
| 173. Caroline Lovelace                     | 218. Deborah Bush d. 18 Oct 1855 |
| 174. Colmore Rogers                        | 219. Henry Bush                  |
| 175. Mary Miller                           | 220. Mary Ann Thurman            |
| 176. Jane Bunnell                          | 221. James Ryley                 |
| 177. Eliza Miller                          | 222. David Selvy                 |
| 178. Elizabeth Miller                      | 223. Sarah Selvy d. 7 Oct 1862   |
| 179. Kittyann Ringo                        | 224. Parthenia Selvy             |
| 180. Mary Scifres                          | 225. Nancy Selvy (Stovall)       |
| 181. Calvin Rogers                         | 226. Elizabeth Selvy             |
| 182. Margaret Ann Rogers                   | 227. Elizabeth Peters            |
| 183. Milly Gordon<br>d. Aug. 1849          | 228. Sarah Ailes                 |
| 184. Sarah Bently                          | 229. Mary Jane Stovall           |
| 185. Travis Bently                         | 230. Ralph Stovall               |
| 186. James M. Cowherd                      | 231. James H. Gilmore            |
| 187. Permelia Cowherd                      | 232. Joseph Humphres, Sr.        |
| 188. Sarah P. Rogers                       | 233. James Cofer d. 1 Feb 1862   |
| 189. Matilda Howell<br>d. 24 Oct 1855      | 234. Margaret Ann Cofer          |
| 190. Rachael Matlock                       | 235. Christinia Woodring         |
| 191. Martha Cowherd                        | 236. Isaiah Ailes                |
| 192. Mathias Scifres                       | 237. Stephen Chenault            |
| 193. David Scifres                         | 238. Albert G. Morgan            |
| 194. Mary Selvy                            | 239. Miles H. Cowherd            |
| 195. Martha Patterson                      | 240. George B. Potter            |
| 196. Jane Patterson                        | 241. John J. Ferran              |
| 197. Francis Mariah Rogers                 | 242. Eliza Ann Ferran            |
| 198. Isaiah Miller                         | 243. Adam Stader, Jr.            |
| 199. Anne Miller                           | 244. William Humphres            |
| 200. Isaiah Miller                         | 245. Rebecca Jane Stader         |
| 201. Mary McMillin                         | 246. Edward Burris               |
| 202. Mary Lancaster                        | 247. John Lancaster              |
| 203. Mary Ringo                            | 248. Martha Lancaster            |
| 204. Joseph Humphries, Jr.<br>d. June 1854 | 249. Mary Crow                   |
| 205. Elizabeth Humphries<br>d. 1852        | 250. Lydia Stader                |
| 206. Jane Hobbs                            | 251. Mary Garner d. 1854         |
| 207. Thomas Chenault                       | 252. Rachael Humphres            |
| 208. Lucinda Chenault<br>d. 24 Jul 1864    | 253. Elizabeth Haycraft          |
| 209. Eliza Stovall                         | 254. Letticia Ferran d. 1856     |
| 210. Eliza Jane McMillen                   | 255. Sarah Norris d. May 1855    |
| 211. Lucinda Ringo                         | 256. Cyrus B. Hobbs              |
| 212. Catherine Potter                      | 257. Daniel K. Haycraft          |
| 213. John Humphres                         | 258. Adam Stader                 |
| 214. James A. Stader                       | 259. Lydia Milton                |
| 215. George N. Miller                      | 260. Lucinda Stader              |
| 216. William Larkin<br>d. 1854             | 261. Elizabeth Crow              |
|  | 262. Mary Ann Fields             |
|  | 263. William Vertrees            |
|  | 264. Rachael Vertrees            |
|  | 265. William Downs               |
- (To be continued)

## KENTUCKY VITAL STATISTICS

Due to the great length of the Vital Statistics, we are not going to attempt to run them in this quarterly. It would take us 20 years at our rate of printing. If you are interested in this material, you can contact Mrs. Francis Terry Ingmire, Ingmire Publications, 10166 Clairmont Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63136.

Mrs. Ingmire has done extensive and good quality work in Kentucky records. She has a catalogue which includes material dealing with several Kentucky counties, several Midwestern states and several Southern states, particularly Texas.

## NALL FAMILIES OF AMERICA II

Mrs. Sally Nall Dolphin, co author of the first Nall Families book, now has a second volume in the works. The prepublication price if ordered before June 1st is \$50.00. To order write Mrs. Sally N. Dolphin, Box 1023, Coeur D'Allene, Idaho 83814.

## MARTIN H. COFER BOOK

A copy of A SUPPLEMENTAL DIGEST OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COURT OF APPEALS OF KENTUCKY 1853-1867 by Martin H. Cofer, printed by Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, 1867 is in the hands of Mr. Marvin Swartz, Rt. 1, Box 122, Glendale, Ky. 42740 Ph. 502-737-8932. Mr. Swartz says that the book is in "fair" condition and anyone interested in it should contact him.

## From THE ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS 1941

The old Salt River Road was the only road of consequence in the vicinity of Vertrees in the middle 1800's. It was established by act of the Legislature in 1829, providing that it be cleared "of all timber in all practicable places, the stumps not to be more than twelve inches high," and leading from the mouth of Salt River to the Brandenburg and Bowling Green Road at Leitchfield. Livestock was driven over this road to Louisville and to boat landings at Brandenburg and West Point. Family marketing was done at Howe's Valley and Big Spring. Big Spring was then a thriving little town in a fertile valley beyond the "Long Hollow," which was avoided for night travel on account of robbers.

## EARLY SHOEMAKERS AND COBBLERS

Early shoemakers and cobblers in Elizabethtown were Conrad Hotopp, John Rihn, John Heller and William Christen. Hotopp's shop was where the old White Dove Bakery was on Dixie. Christen's shop was on the corner of Main Cross and Mulberry, the present site of First Federal Savings and Loan.

D.E.M.

### WOODRING FAMILY

John Woodring, born at Graceham, Frederick County, Md. 8 March 1771, was the son of John and Elizabeth (Glatt). In 1796 at the age of twenty-five, John emigrated with relatives and friends to Nelson County, Ky., later moving to Hardin County near what is now Elizabethtown. Here he married Christine Wolf, daughter of Christian and Catherine Wolf.

John and Christine laid off the boundary of their farm by blazing trees and building their log house by a large spring near St. John's. Besides farming, John ran a pottery on the exact site of Bethlehem Academy.

After the deaths of John and Christine, their son Charles and his wife Matilda (Hartley) obtained possession of the land and they lived there the rest of their lives. At their death their two sons, Monroe and Wesley, a bachelor, lived on the homeplace until Wesley was killed by lightning while going to the spring for water. Monroe then sold the place and the land passed out of the Woodring family.

Monroe Woodring was the grandfather of I. W. Woodring, who is in possession of the family Bible. It lists the children of John and Christine Woodring as follows: Jacob, William, Susan, John, Lucinda, Charles, Matilda, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, James, Jack, Benjamin, Sam, and Joseph.

G.W.

### THE LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE STAGE

Samuel Beale Thomas of Elizabethtown and Daniel Carter of Nashville operated the Louisville and Nashville Stage Coach Line beginning in 1829. The stage company had its Louisville office at the Galt House at First and Main. A daily stage ran each way between Louisville and Nashville and the company did a thriving business. Thomas acquired a great wealth from his interest in the undertaking.

The coach used was of the Concord type and carried six passengers inside with room for another on the box with the driver. The baggage was carried on top of the stage or was swung on the back end. For many years four horses were used in good weather and six in bad weather. The horses were the best that could be procured and were usually well matched.

The stage left Louisville at 5 AM, stopped for breakfast at the Nine Mile House, near Pleasure Ridge Park, and reached Elizabethtown at noon where passengers had dinner at the Eagle House on the Square. Resuming the journey at 1 PM, they reached Bell's Tavern, Glasgow Junction, now called Park City, ninety miles from Louisville at 9 PM and spent the night there. On the second day, the stage left Bell's Tavern about 5 AM and reached Nashville at 9 PM, thus making the trip of 180 miles in two days. In 1834 the fare from Louisville to Nashville was \$12.00. It is said that in 1851 when the famed Swedish singer, Jenny Lind, was traveling by coach from Nashville to Louisville, Samuel Thomas personally drove the stage for her. Thomas lived in the house on Poplar Street now owned and occupied by Mrs. L. F. Brewer.

G.W.

QUERIESMC CLURE, ENLOW, LARUE, HELM

Can anyone furnish information as to Robert McClure, who figured prominently in Hardin County in early days. He was Sheriff of Hardin County in 1824. He married Lydia Enlow, daughter of Rebecca Brooks Larue, by her second marriage. Lydia was thus a half-sister to Rebecca Larue who married George Helm. Daniel E. McClure, 909 Albermarle Court, Louisville, Ky. 40222

WITHERS, ROSSER, HORD, MILLER, NELSON

John Withers m. Hannah Rasser (Rosser), as shown in BITS & PIECES Oct. 1982. John's bro William (1726-1804) of Fauquier Co., Va. m. Elizabeth Hord and Jane Miller. Was William the father of Polly Withers who m. Samuel Porter in 1796 in Fauquier Co? Their dau. Sally m. Alexander B. Nelson and moved to Ky. in 1830. John Thomas, 379 Portlock Rd., Honolulu, HI 96825

SKEES

Anyone who has information of the Skees family and allied families is invited to send it to Mrs. Nancy Skees Hurley. Mrs. Hurley is assembling a family history and will be glad to include any pertinent information. Mrs. Nancy S. Hurley, 500 Bellarmine, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

BELLOWS, CROFRET, SALISBURY, HOLMES

I wish to correspond with anyone who has connection with the following: Alonzo Wheeler Bellows b. 1829 Onondaga Co., Ny, d. 1901, Beaver Dam, Wis. m. 1851 McGrawsville, Ny. Clara Salisbury Holmes b. 1833 Solon, NY d. 1904 Beaver Dam, Wis. Alonzo's parents: Zebulon Bellows and Beulah Crofret of Onondaga Co, NY. Clara's parents: Samuel Holmes of Madison Co, NY m. about 1822 Rosannah (nee Salisbury) Gillet b. 1798 Providence, RI in Courtland Co, Ny. Bob Beimdick, Rt. 1, Box 278, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

SMITH

Need info on David or Larkin Smith, b. 1794-1800 Ky. only brother of Jordon Smith b. 1797 who m. Nancy Logsdon b. 1804 and were living in Grayson Co, Ky in 1820. David or Larkin Smith is believed to have been unmarried, practiced law and lived and died in Lexington, Ky. area. In Haycraft's HISTORY OF ELIZABETHTOWN, there is a listing of a Larkin Smith being admitted to the bar on 5 Sep 1817 but nothing else. It is believed Jackson Smith is father of these two men. Rosemary Dawood, 5509 W. Higgins, Chicago, Ill. 60630

QUERY

FRANKLIN

Need parents and grandparents of Bennett Franklin b. 16 Apr 1792 Ky or Va d. 28 Oct 1865 Hardin Co, Ky. m. Elizabeth Richardson b. 1790 d. 1869. Believed to be descendant of Josiah Franklin b. 1657 and Abiah Folger b. 1667 who lived Boston, Mass. and are parents of Benjamin Franklin but cannot find documentation to prove this. Rosemary Dawood, 5509 W. Higgins, Chicago, Ill. 60630

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