

# **Bits and Pieces**

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### **Bid On The Lincoln Heritage House Painting By R. T. Claggett**

The quarterly meeting of the Hardin County Historical Society will be filled with the sound of an auctioneer as an original painting of the Lincoln Heritage House goes on the block. The painting by Dr. Robert Claggett was donated to the Brown-Pusey House. Proceeds from the sale go to help with restoration and maintenance of that historic site. Dr. Claggett has painted many local historic buildings, including the Brown-Pusey House in 1999.

"I have been involved with the Lincoln Heritage House from the very beginning of its restoration. I remember when a group of local men, including Rufus Brandenburg and me, went to inspect the house and discovered evidence of two separate cabins. I believe this was sometime between 1947 and 1949", Dr. Claggett recalled. He added that workers began removing all the siding and several weeks later, it was discovered that the building was leaning to one side. Log chains were fastened to the house and used to pull it back to an upright position. It was then anchored to a huge cedar tree down by the lake. Later the building moved again taking the cedar tree with it. At that time, it was decided to have the logs dismantled, numbered and sent to a facility in Louisville, KY to be pressure treated. A concrete foundation was poured, sitting exactly on the original cornerstones. This chronology is to the best of my recollections."

Dr. Claggett began his latest painting of the Lincoln Heritage House at a workshop in the Cunningham Garden behind the Brown-Pusey House shortly after fire had destroyed it.

"I had already planned to do the painting before the fire, but after the fire it became even more important to me." The fact that he could no longer view the Heritage House as he painted did not matter to Dr. Claggett. He said, "I've painted that house so many times I could do it in my sleep. I know it inside and out and have many photographs of before and after its restoration."

The meeting and auction will be at the Historic State Theatre, Monday, October 26, at 7pm. You don't want to miss this opportunity to purchase an original painting of one of Hardin County's historical treasures.

## Sheriffs of Hardin County

When Hardin County, KY was formed in 1792, one of the instrumental government officials was the Sheriff. Under the first Kentucky Constitution, the office of sheriff was elective and the term of office was three years. Under the second Constitution in 1799, the sheriff was nominated by the county court and appointed by the Governor from the court's list of nominees. The sheriff's duties fall into four categories: tax collection, election duties, services to courts and law enforcement.

Every two years a new person would be recommended to the Governor and then appointed as High Sheriff. The first Hardin County, KY Sheriff appointed by the Governor Isaac Shelby was Isaac Hynes. Isaac Hynes served from 23 July 1793 to 26 May 1795. The Sheriff chose his own deputies. Isaac Hynes chose Isaac Radley as his deputy. A bond had to be secured for both the Sheriff and the deputies.

The second sheriff of Hardin County was Samuel Haycraft Senior from 26 May 1795 to 6 March 1798. Edward Rawlings, Elijah Cravens were admitted as his deputies and sworn in.

The third sheriff of Hardin County was George Helm from 6 March 1798 to 3 July 1798. His deputy was Aaron Braden.

On 3 July 1798 Edward Rawlings was appointed Sheriff until August 1800. His deputies were Samuel Haycraft, Sr. and Nicholas Miller.

On 26 August 1800 Robert Hodgen was appointed Sheriff with Daniel Wade and Isaac Hodgen as his deputies. The performance bond for Robert Hodgen as Sheriff was recorded in Will Book A on page 143.

CYRUS VEIRS. 1900








Cyrus Veirs, Sheriff

Mr. Cyrus Veirs, the present sheriff of Hardin county, was born on a farm in Hardin county in 1857. Here he attended the free schools until 1876. He went to Urbana, Illinois, where he stayed one year with his brother attending the high school while there.

In 1877 he returned to Hardin county and up until his appointment as deputy sheriff in 1894 followed the occupation of farming. He served as deputy sheriff under George Tabor from 1895 to 1897, when he was elected to the present office of sheriff.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Robert Hodgen, Jacob Kline, Philip Reed, Isom Calous & Jos. Michpatrick, are held and firmly bound unto James Garrard Bevier Governor of Kentucky, and his Successors, in office, in the full and full sum of two thousand Dollars current money of Kentucky, to the payment of which, well and truly to be made and paid, we bind ourselves, our heirs, Exors, & Adors, as jointly, severally, and firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1800.

The Condition of the above obligation, is such, that if the above bound Robert Hodgen Sheriff of Hardin County, shall by himself or Deputies, well and truly collect, all taxes interest and duties directed by Law, to be collected, in the said County, during the time of his continuance in Office, also all fines, arrearments and forfeitures, which he shall be authorized to collect and account for by precept same to the Public Treasury, and other persons intitled thereto, at such times & in such manner, as is directed by Law, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Robert Hodgen   
 Jacob Kline   
 Philip Reed   
 Isom Calous   
 Joseph Michpatrick 

At a County Court held for Hardin County, at the Courtroom in Elizabethtown on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1800, this bond was acknowledged by the subscribers thereto in open Court. And that the same is truly recorded in my office.

Witness Benjamin Helm Clerk of the Court aforesaid, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1800.

Benjamin Helm

## Sheriffs of Hardin County

On 26 July 1802 Philip Read was appointed Sheriff. He had the following deputies during his term: George Helm, Charles Helm, Squire Larue, James Larue and Ichabod Radley as his deputies.

On 20 August 1804 Stephen Rawlings was appointed Sheriff. His deputies were Nicholas Miller and Benjamin Wright.

In 1850, under the third Constitution, the sheriff's office was again made elective. The term of office was two years. However, Hardin County still had their Sheriff appointed by the Governor until 1861.

### **Sheriffs from 1806 to 1861:**

1806 Thomas McIntire	1823 Benjamin Shacklett	1843 William Tarpley
1807 Benjamin Helm	1825 Christopher Miller	1845 Hercules Hays
1808 George Helm	1827 Samuel Martin	1847 James W. Hall
1809 Isom Enlows	1829 Richard Walker	1849 Henry Wise
1811 William Withers	1831 Denton Geoghegan	1851 Jesse P. Moreman
1813 Lewis Wells	1833 Barton Roby	1852 William H. Hays
1815 Adin Coombs	1835 Reuben Newton	1853 Thomas S. Geoghegan
1817 Nicholas Miller	1837 Lewis Read	1856 Robert English
1819 Robert C. Slaughter	1839 John Morris	1858 Isaac Radley
1822 Jacob Enlow	1841 John Fife	

From the beginning of the American Civil War (1861) the Sheriff was elected by the voting citizens of the county. The first Sheriff elected was Isaac Radley.

### **Sheriffs from 1863 to 1890:**

1863 Martin Hardin	1873 Hercules Hays	1882 Horace C. Branham
1865 James L. Hills	1875 Hercules Hays	1885 M. W. Dunkin
1867 William T. Love	1877 James C. Hays	1887 James M. Lee
1871 W. D. Wood	1880 W. H. Gardner	

From 1890 until 1950 the Sheriff's term was for four years.

### **Sheriffs from 1890 to 1950:**

1890 Sam Glasscock	1914 Robert T. McMurtry	1938 Sam Spires
1894 M. A. Berry	1914 James Stealy McMurtry	1942 Walter Weller Hodges
1895 George W. Taber	1918 E. L. Hagan	1946 W. S. Long
1898 Cyrus Viers	1922 H. Bernie Fife	1950 J. A. Nall
1901 William R. Hart	1926 Richard W. Wilson	
1905 George W. Yates	1930 W. Strother Long	
1909 Thomas Waggener Hart	1934 H. Walter Hines	

The present Constitution with a 1992 constitutional amendment requires the election of a sheriff in each county beginning in 1993 to serve a five-year term.

### **Sheriffs from 1950 to Present:**

1954 Harvey Tabb	1977 David Owsley	1998 Bobby Thomas
1958 Byron Pirtle	1981 Ralph Baskett	2001 Martha Thomas
1962 Harold Cowley	1985 Charlie Logsdon	2002 Charlie Williams
1966 Joseph Shup	1989 Charlie Logsdon	2006 Charlie Williams
1969 David Owsley	1993 Charlie Logsdon	
1973 Ralph Baskett	1994 Bobby Thomas	

See the [NEW](http://www.hcky.org/hcso/) Hardin County, KY Sheriff's website at [www.hcky.org/hcso/](http://www.hcky.org/hcso/).

## Dever Hollow

By John Lay

William A. Dever (1845-1915) was a staunch union man, had joined the Union Army while still a boy and had fought in the American Civil War. On December 17, 1872 W. A. Dever and Malvina Young were married by C. M. Daugherty at Ben Gardners in Grayson County in the presence of J. M. Hart and Thomas Ash. On January 19, 1876 W. A. Dever purchased 20 acres from Cohular Tewney for \$85.00. On December 20, 1889 W. A. Dever purchased another 20 acres for \$20.00 from Thomas Figg. These deed transactions mention the Big Meeting Creek and a branch that runs over a cliff. The 40 acres called Dever's Hollow was surrounded by large rock walls. Dever discovered a cave and after exploring the cave, he found many Native American artifacts and also Native American skeletal remains. He built a museum to house his find. He opened the Black Hoof Museum, showing these many Native American artifacts. W. A. Dever had 3 sons and 1 adopted daughter. William A. Dever died in December 1915. He and his wife are buried on the hill overlooking Dever Hollow.

William Waverly Dever was born April 6, 1884, had never married, and died March 12, 1941 of heart trouble. His burial was in the family cemetery at Dever's Hollow.

James T. Dever had married Ella B. Watkins on February 9, 1900 near Rineyville by W. A. Hynes and in the presence of J. E. Linder, Greensberry Thompson and Samuel Watkins. James T. Dever is buried by his mother in the Devers Family cemetery. Ella Devers burial is unknown.

John Owen Dever had married Minnie L. Steel on March 21, 1910 by W. P. Stewart in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Bailey. John and Minnie are buried at Hardin Memorial Park. John died July 1960 and Minnie died May 1964.

Bertha Dever, and adopted daughter, married Henry C. Brown on October 27, 1906 at the Dever home by William H. Green in the presence of Mathew Brown and David South. Henry died March 1977.

Summit, Oct. 12th.

After an absence of four weeks, we will again write a few items for the dear old Mirror.

Mr. W. A. Dever has on exhibition at Black Hoof Museum, Dell View, Kentucky, a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, a newspaper published by Samuel Freer & Son at Kingston, on Jan. 4th, 1800. It gives an account of the death and burial of General George Washington. Mr. Dever also has on exhibition at the Black Hoof, a copy of the Daily Citizen, a newspaper printed on wall paper at Vicksburg, Miss., on July 2nd, 1863, the day before Vicksburg was surrendered to General Grant. The name of the publisher, was J. M. Swords: This was the last issue of the Daily Citizen ever printed.

1903

Mr. W. A. Dever, of this place, the greatest living genius with the Jack Knife, has consented to carve for the Kentucky exhibit at the World's Fair a small model of the old constitution battleship on which Kentucky hemp had its first test. It will be covered with hemp and displayed in the Kentucky building. Mr. Dever has received a picture and measurement of the ship, and will begin work immediately. Mr. Dever will have a picture made of his pioneer relics and carvings Thursday before he ships them to the World's Fair. It is Mr. Dever's intention to have a cut made for the papers and publish a history of his museum.

Mrs. Melvina Dever has sold 30 dozen eggs since January 9, 1904 at an average of 23 cents a dozen. She has one of the finest poultry yards in the country.

Bro. Edward filled his regular appointment at Antioch Sunday.

NEW DROP.

# WHITE MILLS

## A Party Spends a Pleasant Day Visiting Dever's Hollow

Quite a number of the boarders and home people from here spent a very pleasant day last Wednesday at Dell View, or better known as Dever's Hollow. It is a valley consisting of about fifty acres, and is almost surrounded by massive cliffs of sandstone that tower from forty to fifty feet above. Through the center of the valley winds a crystal stream the banks of which are decked with wild flowers, mosses and ferns. The scenery is beautiful and it is an ideal place for a day's outing. After enjoying the dinner that was spread in the cool shade beside the stream, the crowd dispersed and proceeded to explore every nook and corner of nature's great work, gathering as they went, ferns and flowers, and also a liberal supply of chiggers and ticks. The old Indian fort was the last place to go and as soon as that was seen the party decided to go through Mr. Dever's curiosity shop, in which are displayed hundreds of very interesting things such as Indian relics, freaks of nature, revolutionary weapons and numerous other things impossible to mention. Mr. Dever was very kind to tell what he knew about the different things which he has been years collecting, and proves himself a natural genius by his artistic wood-carving and mechanical inventions. One of the most interesting things, however, was an old newspaper that he has recently received from a friend in Utah. It is the Ulster County Gazette published by Samuel Freer and son, Jan 4, 1900. It gives a full account of the death and funeral of George Washington, printed in mourning. The paper shows that it has been carefully handled, and is scarcely worn at all, but is deeply stained from age.

1902

This deed made the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1876,  
 Witnessed for and in consideration of the sum of Eight  
 dollar dollars in hand paid, I Cochran Devery of Hardin  
 County State of Kentucky has lawfully sold and conveyed by  
 grant in writing to W. H. Dever of County in state above  
 mentioned. The following described tract of land lying on  
 the waters of Big meeting Creek in the County of Hardin  
 and State of Kentucky, bounded as follows to-wit: Beginning  
 at a red oak near black oak marked as a corner bounding  
 thence N 87 1/2 E 30 poles to a white oak, and then small  
 Hickory, thence N 89 W 20 poles to a white oak on a  
 bluff thence N 74 E 62 poles to a white oak and small  
 black on E bank of a branch by and old fence thence  
 down the branch N 13 poles to a spruce pine and maple  
 on the cliff where the branch runs over in Dever's original  
 line and corner to Higdon land then with said line S  
 57 1/2 W 10 1/2 poles to a white oak on the bank of meeting  
 Creek thence down the creek as meander, where said  
 Dever's land leaves the creek which place may be found  
 by running straight line, as follows to-wit: S 57 1/2 E 11 poles  
 N 80 W 20 poles, South 29 E 6 poles, North 60 W 26 poles,  
 N 86 W 12 poles, South 62 W 14 poles, N 50 W 11 poles, S 40 W  
 9 poles, N 51 W 20 poles, S 46 W 12 poles, S 34 W 12 poles, S 32 E 6  
 poles, S 40 W 6 poles to where said Dever's survey leaves  
 the creek thence S 24 E 18 1/2 poles to a sugar tree on  
 top of a cliff where a small branch runs over and  
 standing by a dead ash, the ash being Dever's original  
 corner running thence with the top of the cliff as  
 they meander to the beginning which may be found  
 as follows: N 16 E 12 poles N 49 E 10 poles N 9 W 10 poles  
 S 88 E 9 poles, S 42 E 11 poles, S 107 E 16 poles N 107 E 21 poles  
 S 77 E 22 poles, N 45 E 8 poles, S 44 1/2 E 14 poles, N 57 E 20  
 poles, N 75 E 10 poles, S 78 E 7 poles to said beginning con-  
 taining 20 acres more or less and being part of  
 said Dever's survey. The said Cochran Devery for his  
 said Executors or administrators will warrant and  
 forever defend the title to the land herein deeded.  
 In Testimony whereof hath hereunto set  
 hand and seal this day and year first written  
 Cochran Devery  
 State of Kentucky  
 Hardin County  
 John H. Wells, Clerk of the Ben  
 Court for the County aforesaid certify that on the  
 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1879 the foregoing deed was  
 duly acknowledged before me by Cochran Devery  
 party thereto to be his act and deed, and the  
 was on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1880 lodged for record  
 Whereupon I have truly recorded the  
 same together with this certificate in my office.  
 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1880  
 John H. Wells  
 by Luke C. Kay

See the door from the  
 birthplace of President  
 Abraham Lincoln at  
 the Hardin County  
 History Museum.  
 J. O. Dever had once  
 owned the door.

Courtesy of Graham Egerton

# WHAT IS ARCHAEOLOGY?

By Christy Pritchard, Archaeologist

Archaeology is the study of non-renewable and often fragile material remains of past human activity. Archaeology sites can not be replaced once they are destroyed - the information that adds to our heritage and history is lost. It is up to you to preserve and protect sites. When Archaeologists

excavate a site, they carefully record and gather information about the site area, the artifacts, and structural remains.

Recording exactly how the objects are situated in the soil and in relation to other objects, referred to as context and provenience, is extremely important.

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***Did you know...? In Kentucky, it is against the law to disturb or collect archaeology materials on municipal, city, state or federal land. Disturbing graves, or artifacts related to graves, on any land is a federal offense. Please protect your history and educate your friends.***

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## Purchase of a Distillery in the late 1800s

On 19 September 1881 Diller and Annie H. Thompson sold land and property to the **Ashton Distillery Company**. This corporation was organized under the laws of Kentucky having its principal place of business at **Elizabethtown**. The company purchased three acres, two rods and thirty poles of land near the Paducah and Elizabethtown Railroad and Valley Creek

for \$10,000. The Thompson's also sold all of their machinery, wash and fermenting tubs, fixtures and tools, stills and other implements that was in the distillery building warehouse and the other buildings located on the above described land including the brand **Muldraugh's Hill Distillery** and the exclusive right to use the same.

## Creation of yet another Distillery

**Happy Hollow Distillery Company's** principal place of business was near Colesburg. The general nature of its business shall be to buy, sell, own, lease distilleries and lands and operate the same, make, buy, and sell whiskey and other articles, buy and sell grain and cattle feed stock.

The company was organized on May 2, 1890 with the first officers as follows: President W. C. Smith; Vice-President J. F. Smith; Secretary/Treasurer W. C. Smith.

# Town of Sonora

Incorporated 4 March 1885

To view the history of Sonora, a ledger of the minutes of the Town of Sonora was presented to Hardin County Clerk Kenneth L. Tabb. The following are contents from the ledger:

The journal's first entry is dated 12 April 1935. The meeting was at the office of the Bank of Sonora at 7:30 pm. Those present were R. L. Mason, M. S. Buckles and J. T. Sanders. The minutes of the meeting of September 13, 1934 were read and approved.

A number of citizens of the town presented a petition to place a street light on Lucust Street behind D. W. Sullivan's barn. Petition was discussed and held over to the next regular meeting. Matter of checks from Sheriff W. W. Hodges was held over for some future meeting. Dr. J. F. Glasscock's resignation was read withdrawing from the Town Board. R. E. Gentry was the Secretary/Treasurer that kept the minutes.

On January 17, 1946, the Town Board of Sonora met in the Bank of Sonora at 7:30 pm. Those present were the following female board members: Mrs. Lee P. Highbaugh, Mrs. Anna R. Dyer, Mrs. Edna Bland, and Mrs. Ellis Patterson. The male board member was R. E. Gentry as the notary public and Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. C. L. Bland, Chairwoman asked all the Town Board to act as a committee to see about securing help from the W. A. Government to help rebuild streets in Sonora and see about water works and

other improvements. This is the first all female board of trustees for the Town of Sonora from January 17, 1946 to January 6, 1947.

The ladies resigned and the Hardin County Judge H. B. Fife had to appoint a board for Sonora on December 4, 1947. John H. Crain, Ellis Patterson, J. W. Bland, Hulse L. VanHoy and Covert H. Routt were appointed. From 1947 to 1960, the citizens of Sonora failed to file for office as board of trustees for the town of Sonora. Hence, a special county court session had to be called to appoint a board for the town of Sonora.

During the summer of 1957, the Sonora citizens requested to go on daylight savings time in order to be on the same time as neighboring vicinities.

On 21 November 1964 R. E. Gentry was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Town of Sonora for over 29 years had resigned. He had also been the president of the Bank of Sonora. The meetings were held many times in the Bank of Sonora. The next Secretary/Treasurer was J. M. Manakee. The meetings were held in the town hall, the South Hardin Funeral Home and the Sonora School.

## *Hardin County Interest-the Family of Clevidence*

By Meranda Caswell,  
Hardin Co Historical Society Member

The family of Clevidence moved into Hardin County about 1853. Their name does not appear in the records after 1909. George Allen Clevidence appeared in the Hardin County, KY records as early as 1853 marrying the 27 year old Elizabeth Allison. The marriage ceremony took place at Jacob Rogers by Jacob Rogers, witnessed by Johnathan Clevidence and Augustus Preston. In the 1860 Hardin County, KY Census, George is listed as Allen at the age of 31. Elizabeth, his wife, is listed at the age of 34. Their four children listed are Felix A. age 6, Jeremiah age 4, John C. age 3 and Alice M. under the age of one. Two out of these four children married in Hardin County: Felix married Feby Jane Artman in 1875; John C. married Emma J. Hern in 1881. Emma Hern's father was J. T. Hern, a naturalized citizen from England who had filed his papers in the Hardin County Circuit records in 1823.

On 28 March 1881 Elizabeth and George Allen Clevidence sold one-ninth interest of 165 acres to John D. Wooldridge who was their neighbor in the 1860 Hardin County, KY Census. The land had once been purchased by Jeremiah Austin from John

Helm of Breckinridge County. The acreage was lying on the waters of Mill Creek. On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1891 George A. Clevidence, living in Jefferson County, KY, sold 72 ½ acres of land on the waters of Mill Creek to Clarence E. Pierle for \$250. The land had been a part of David Burcham's property. David Burcham, originally from Pennsylvania, had served in the American Revolutionary War as a Native American spy. On 19 September 1891 Clarence E. and Maude L. Pierle sold this land to W. T. Brown for \$100. Both deeds were recorded simultaneously in the Hardin County Clerk's office in Deed Book 36 on 21 September 1891.

George Allen Clevidence's son George H. Clevidence married Aletha C. Hawkins in Hardin County in 1886 at Silas H. Hawkins, her father's residence. George H. and Letha sold land to J. H. Kendall on 26 day of March 1909. The land was located on the waters of Mill Creek, known as Harvey Hawkins farm, and being the same willed to Francis Jane Hawkins until her death in 1893. The land was to revert to their heirs. Silas Harvey Hawkins and Francis Jane Hawkins had seven children, one of which was Aletha Clevidence.



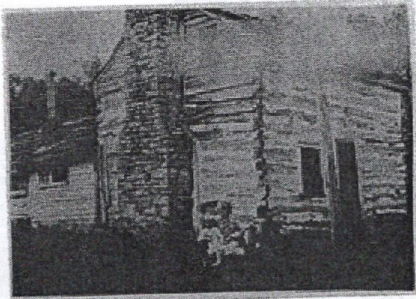
### *43<sup>rd</sup> Governor of Louisiana*

James Noe was born in Harrison County, Indiana to John M. Noe and Bella McRae. He also lived in the area of West Point, Kentucky as a child. His education was limited to County schools. In 1971, he received an honorary LL.D. degree from the Univeity of Louisiana at Monroe. As a profitable oilman and business man, he owned and operated two radio stations in Houston, Texas- KNOE-FM and and New Orleans, Louisiana-WNOE-FM as well as a television station KNOE-TV in Monroe, Louisiana. During World War I, he served as lieutenant of the U. S. Army. He had married Anna Gray Sweeney and had three children.

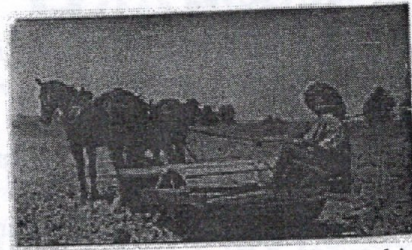


James Albert Noe, Sr. (b. 1890 – d. 1976) of Monroe, Louisiana served for nearly five months as a Democratic Governor of Louisiana after the death of Oscar K. Allen on January 28, 1936. He was reelected to the Louisiana Senate and served until 1940.

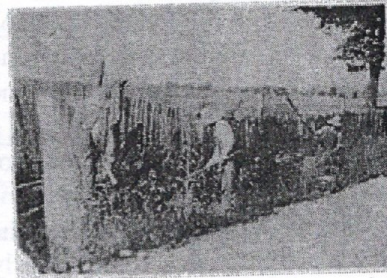
## HINE SIGHT



Lewis W. Hine photographed Demetra Jones at her home in Sonora, KY in 1916.



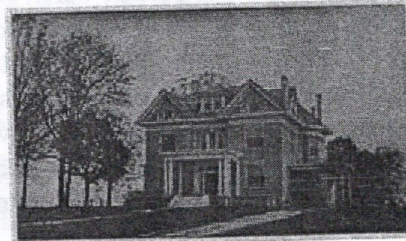
Harry Dewitt driving a roller on his father's farm near West Point



Grubbing out the fence corners in Cecilia



Calvin Humphrey family near E-town



E. J. Hayward was in World War I and had purchased land near Elizabethtown.

Lewis Wickes Hine (1874-1940) was a photographer who used the camera to capture the scenes of the social changes. He was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He studied sociology at the University of Chicago and Columbia and New York Universities. These items are part of the National Child Labor Committee Collection at the Library of Congress. These photos are among other photos in an agriculture album taken during the years of World War I.

### **More of a Hayward family in Hardin County records, Yet unknown if related to E. J. Hayward.**

W. B. Hayward was born in New York in 1832. He was a teacher for over 30 years. He was in the State Senate from Hardin County district. On 15 May 1891 he moved from Ohio County, KY to Hardin County onto a 59 acre farm, see Deed Book 36 page 431. He died in 1896 and is buried in Lorraine Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland. His will was probated in Hardin County Will Book G page 352. His first wife Belle Elston of Shelby County, KY died; they had no children. His second wife was Mary Talbott. Mary (1840-1929) is buried in the Elizabethtown City Cemetery in Section D Lot 1195 with the other members of the Talbott family. After the death of W. B. Hayward, Mary lived with her son, Wilbur T. Hayward, a lawyer of Baltimore, Maryland.

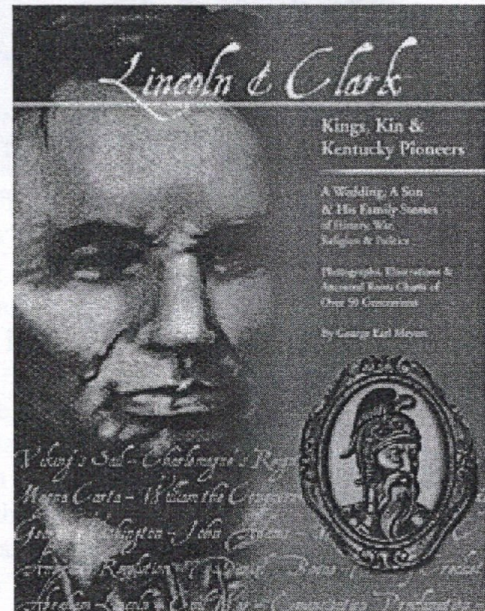
## Book Review

*Lincoln & Clark: Kings, Kin and Kentucky Pioneers: A Wedding, A son and His Family Stories of History, War, Religion and Politics* By George Earl Meyers.

At the Lincoln Family Workshop on Saturday 12 April 2008 sponsored by Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Earl Meyers talked about Finding Your Ancestors-Scottish Kings, Brumfields, and Lincolns. Earl had announced his upcoming book. The intent for this book was to be an easy flowing genealogy and a tutorial guide to family history and genealogy.

Chapter 1-Part 1 begins with a remark of oral history passed from the generations to the author. The author explains the family connections of many early pioneers into the Kentucky region. Modern photos have been taken by the author to give a visual description of places, people and events contained within the book. Photos, sketches, and drawings are all identified as to whom has copyright as well as interesting marginal notes. Original documents such as the Elizabethtown Plan of 1815 have captions that tag areas of importance to Lincoln's heritage.

The charted ancestry of Earl Meyers, pages 199 to 202, incorporates many legendary Hardin Countians and nationally known individuals. Even if you are not related to the Lincolns, I would recommend you to explore this book for the following reasons: 1) a guide on how-to decipher original documents, 2) explanations of historical figures, and 3) descriptive visual examples of events and their locations.



[www.lincolndanclark.com](http://www.lincolndanclark.com).

The physical description of the book is as follows: softcover, 8 ½" x 11", with an illustrated cover with original art work of President Abraham Lincoln and William the Conqueror, 257 pages, Table of Contents with twenty-four chapters divided into 12 chapters Part I and Part II, Extended files, General Index and an Image index.

Book Review by Meranda Caswell

# Hear Ye! – Hear Ye!

This quarterly publication is in need of a committee to gather information and layout the newsletter.

Submissions of Hardin County History are needed, too. Interested persons need to contact the President Jeff Lanz at [jlanz62812@comcast.net](mailto:jlanz62812@comcast.net).

The nominating committee will produce a slate of officers to be voted on at the October meeting.

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## Treasurer Message

Each calendar year, beginning on the first of January, membership into the Hardin County Historical Society is to be renewed. A one year membership from the first of January to the thirty-first of December is \$10.00 per person.

Membership reminders are posted within the quarterly issues.

January 1, 2010 is the next renewal date. Submit your payment at the January 2010 quarterly meeting

Or to the Society's Post Office Box.

Thank you for your continued support of your local historical society.

## Historical Society announces next meeting

The Hardin County Historical Society will meet Monday evening, October 26, 2009, at the State Theater Gallery, 209 West Dixie Avenue, in downtown Elizabethtown. The buffet dinner, catered by Back Home, will be served at 6:30 PM. The price is \$8.50 per person. Call Regina Lancaster at 765-6700 by Friday October 23 for dinner reservations; later reservations for the meal cannot be guaranteed.

The program will be announced that evening at the meeting.

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