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TO THE VOTERS OF THE 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY

From the information which I have had within a few days past, I am induced to believe that some part of the letter I addressed to a number of gentlemen of this district, have been misunderstood.

Last winter when I was in congress, I discovered that a good part of the time of the state legislature was taken up in the passage, or in the attempt to pass replevin and property laws; and that a number of the members of this district, & among the rest, one of my present competitors was in favor of a property law.

After my return home I discovered in different parts, different sentiments prevailing; some for a property law, others for a replevin law, and others a loan office of state paper. All these schemes I thought objectionable. The plan I suggested of Treasury notes, as being the best currency that could be created, was only for the consideration of the people and the members of the state legislature. As a member of congress I have nothing to do with the subject of relief, to the people of this state; I only pledged myself when in congress, to give any assistance to the state that the legislature might desire; and that would be my duty, because the will of the state legislature would be the voice of the people, which I could never, as a representative disobey. I understand some have thought that it was a device to erect a kind of bank. I have been all my life opposed to all banks, and in every situation have opposed the chartering of them. If the people do not like the plan of Treasury notes, then I presume the state legislature will not adopt it; for I again repeat, as a member of congress I have nothing to do with it. I saw the present distress of the people; the government have been the occasion of it by the banking system. I only, as an individual, gave my reflections on the subject. Whatever plan the state shall devise to assist the people in their present embarrassment, until trade shall return to its proper channels, it is not for me, but their collected wisdom to point out. But one thing I will venture to say, that if no plan be adopted you will see property of every kind before one year, sold from time to time for one tenth of its value; because there is not money in the country to meet the debts.

BEN. HARDIN  
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FROM THE EDITOR

With this issue we complete our second year of publication. Your response has been tremendous. We expected some interest but nothing like what we've had!

It is our hope to keep all of you as members in the new year and to print material you find of interest. To this intent, we would appreciate any suggestions on material you would like to see and any material you have that we can print for others to see. Your support in this area is essential to the continued publication of this quarterly.

Thank you so much for your support and encouragement over the past two years. Please accept our early but fondest wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS (Great Christmas presents!)

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QUERYDILLINGHAM

Joseph Dillingham lived in Hardin County and probably died near Nolin in 1860 at age 55. Need any info on him and his family. Madalyn McCollom, 7525 N. W. 25th, Bethany, Okla. 73008

TITHABLES FOR HARDIN COUNTY, 1796 (conclusion)

Mud, Walter	Rawlings, Stephen	White, Bennedick
Miller, Adam	Rawlings, Ichabod	West, Nicholas
Miller, Nicholas	Roads, Jacob	Westfall, Jacob
Miller, Thomas	Rice, Nicholas	Williams, Thomas
Mellender, John	Rice, Samuel	Winchester, Richard
Miller, Michael	Rawlings, Aaron	Wathen, John
Miller, John	Redmon, Thomas	Walters, Coonrad
Mosley, Robert	Roas, ?	Wilhelm, Alexander
Miller, Henry	Stockwell, William	Whitman, Thomas
Miller, Barney	Sheckte, Richard	Wood, John
Morgan, Charles	Strader, Francis	Wood, Bartholomew
McIntire, Thomas	Shaplon, John	Wood, Samuel
McLeymen, Thomas	Smith, Amos	Wood, Thomas
Miller, Ernest	Smoot, John	WWilliams, Jonathan
May, David	Shipmon, Daniel	Williams, James
Morrison, Isaac	Swaring, John	Wroti, William
Martin, James	Sykes, George	Wroti, Joseph
Nourse, James	Skaggs, James	Walters, David
O'Daniel, John	Swank, Rosana	Wise, Jacob
Odum, Willis	Stillwell, Richard	Wadkins, Willis-
Pairpoint, Frances	Springston, Wm.	(refused giving in)
Parpoint, Frances	Springston, Peter	Wright, Moses
Phillips, John	Springston, Moses	Watkins, Samuel
Pearcifull, James	Shark, William	Wright, Benjamin
Phillips, Andrew	Shutte, Mathias	Wathen, James
Powers, John	Smith, John	York, Jeremiah
Powers, Isaac	Smith, Edward	Yonhider?, John B.
Peake, John	Spencer, Samuel	York, Amineal
Pakenpaugh, Peter	Smith, Thomas	York, James
Paul, John	Swank, John	
Paul, Jonathan	Shomale, Adam	Bush, Christopher
Piety, Thomas	Strader, Stephen	Brown, Patrick
Patton, Samuel	Stephenson, Joseph	Lincoln, Hannaniah
Pryor, John L.	Smother, William	G.W.
Patton, Thomas	Thompson, ?	
Paul, John	Thomas, John	
Rogg, Martin	Taten, Phillip	
Roopard, Davis	Thomas, Hardin	
Rudi, Henderson	Taylor, Phillip	
Richards, Nathan	Taylor, Benjamin	
Ragan, Bart	Vitteto, Daniel	
Read, George	Vanmeter, Jacob	
Read, Andrew	Vanmeter, Jacob L.	
Read, Hensley	Vanmeter, Isaac	
Rias, Thomas	Vertrees, Jacob	
Rusher, George	Vertrees, Isaih	
Rusher, William	Vanmeter, John	
Rusher, Andrew	Vanmeter, Jacob	
Rusher, Henry	Vertrees, John	
Rawlinth, Rebecca	Vertrees, Joseph	
Read, Phillip	Vanmeter, Jacob	

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FUNERAL NOTICES

Yourself and family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of JAMES F. ADAMS which will take place from the Baptist Church in Elizabethtown tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9 o'clock. Interment at the Alfred Vernon burial ground. Elizabethtown, Ky. 14 Sept. 1882

The funeral of MRS. NANNIE ANDERSON, wife of Dr. Samuel Anderson, will take place tomorrow (Tuesday) evening. The procession will form at the residence of her father, Wm. C. Hawkins, at 4 PM and proceed to the Catholic Church and from thence to the town cemetery. Monday 2 Sept. 1872

The funeral of EFFIE SWAN, daughter of D. C. Swan and Willie Wintersmith, will take place from the residence of her grandfather Robert L. Wintersmith, this (Sat.) afternoon at 4½ o'clock. 15 June 1872

The funeral of WILLIAM O. READ, eldest son of Mrs. Lottie C. Read, will take place this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from the residence of Dr. R. B. Pusey, after which the body will be in the charge of the Good Templars, and will be buried in the town cemetery. Elizabethtown, Ky. 13 April 1873

The funeral of MRS. MARY K. BUCKNER will take place from the Episcopal Church today (Tuesday) at 2 o'clock PM. Elizabethtown, Ky. 6 Jan. 1873

The funeral of WILLIAM T. NEFF will take place from the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow, (Saturday), August 18, 1876, at 10 o'clock AM. You are respectfully invited to attend. Elizabethtown, Ky. 18 Aug. 1876

You are invited to the funeral of SARAH LIZZIE, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Geoghegan, this evening at 4 o'clock, the procession will form at the residence of R. D. Geoghegan where the funeral service will be held, and proceed thence to the Town Cemetery where the interment will take place. Elizabethtown, Ky. 18 Aug. 1862

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The following is from Addie Dillingham, Bedford, Texas:

There's one in every family  
 Who catalogues and makes collections.  
 At last, when all the data's in,  
 The clan has got it's pedigree  
 (Never mentioning great-Uncle Pete...  
 They hanged him from an old oak tree!)

by Colleen Bare

OUR GERMAN CONNECTION by Elmo McClure

The sound of German surnames has been a familiar feature in this community almost from its beginning. Some names were of second-generation citizens, but most belonged to people who were direct travelers from the "Fatherland". These immigrants brought their characteristics of thrift, energy and good citizenship to their adopted home in Kentucky and contributed so much to its business and cultural life.

Arriving a decade prior to the Civil War period, these immigrants each came with a skilled trade, a high regard for education and a desire to see themselves, their children and their community progress. Samuel Haycraft Jr.'s HISTORY OF ELIZABETHTOWN records business life in the community over a century ago when the German immigrants were the proprietors of many local firms. The following sketches are of some of these immigrant proprietors.

Bernard Staadeker, born 1838, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, reportedly came to the United States in 1858. His store was located where the Chamber of Commerce is, and was jointly owned by him and George M. Cresap.

Also on the Public Square was the firm of Solomon Kaufman and Co., composed of Mr. Kaufman, Joseph Josenberger, and Samuel Goldnamer. Mr. Kaufman came from the Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1848. Mr. Goldnamer was born in Rhine Bavaria and came to the United States in 1855.

Following the big fire in Elizabethtown's business district in August, 1869, Mr. Kaufman built a store on the corner of the square where the downtown branch of the First Hardin Bank is now located. The upstairs of the building was given over to an entertainment space known as "Kaufman's Hall", where plays, minstrel shows and other public performances were held. Bryan's Hall located over Hillary Bryan's store was the other major entertainment site of that time.

Mr. Samuel Goldnamer, his son Louis, and a brother Theodore, were dry goods merchants in town for many years. Their establishment occupied the former Kaufman building until 1923 when the bank was erected on the site. Goldnamers moved their store one building north of the bank.

For over three-quarters of a century the northeast corner of the Public Square was occupied by the John B. Helm building, presently the Union Bank building site. The Helm building was owned during the Civil War by Dr. Samuel Anderson, who sold it to Mr. Joseph Foerg, a German. Mr. Foerg and later his son-in-law Thomas Carter operated a bakery and confectionery there for many years. The Carter building adjoining the site was for years the location of McFarland Brothers men's furnishings, and later Rider's Men's Store.

Mr. Foerg married Margaret Raubold, sister of Fritz (Fred) Raubold. From his arrival in 1846 until his death in March, 1905, Fritz Raubold operated his toy, novelty and confectionery store in the space adjacent the for r Perry and Alvey Funeral Home.

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KEITH GENEALOGY

Jean Edwin Keith was born 11 Jan. 1921 in Elizabethtown, Ky. He was the son of John Proctor Keith and Louella Hargis Carr. After attending Elizabethtown City School and Rineyville High School (Class of 1938), Mr. Keith did his undergraduate work at Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, Ky. His graduate work was done at Johns Hopkins University from whence he received a doctorate in history and a position on the faculty. During World War II, Mr. Keith served as a naval lieutenant on the USS Stevens. After the war, Mr. Keith became a historian for the federal government. In 1959 Mr. Keith co-authored a history of the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Keith died in 1977 but is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Ann Miller in Florida, Mrs. Lucille Meredith in Elizabethtown, and Mrs. Katherine Nall in Louisville.

The following material was submitted by a friend. We will print the Keith line initially and collateral lines as time, space, and interest permit.

Jean Edwin Keith b. 11 Jan. 1921 Elizabethtown, Ky.  
d. 1977.

Son of John Proctor Keith b. 23 Feb. 1879 Cloverport, Ky. d. 18 Aug. 1952 m. 19 June 1907 Louella Hargis Carr b. 4 Mar. 1886 Derby, Indiana.

Son of John Edwin Keith b. 6 Mar. 1837 d. 30 Jan. 1909 m. 29 Aug. 1858 Mary Elizabeth La Heist b. 14 June 1841 Cloverport, Ky. d. 16 Apr. 1930.

Son of Enos Keith b. 6 Dec. 1816 d. 1889 m. 26 May 1836 Francis "Fannie" Haynes b. 25 April 1814 d. 13 Aug. 1845.

Son of Benjamin Keith b. 4 July 1792 d. 28 June 1876 m. 13 Mar. 1813 Ruamey Walters b. 24 Nov. 1798 d. 23 Jun. 1880.

Son of Alexander Keith b. 1750 Hampshire Co., West Virginia d. Mar. 1844 m. c. 1774 Margaret Harned d. Sept. 1834

Son of John Keith d. c. 1780 m. Katharine.

Son of Alexander Keith b. c.1681 m. c.1709 Christianne Forfar.

NOTES: Benjamin Keith served in the War of 1812 and was wounded at Tippacanoe.

John Edwin Keith was seven years old when his great grandfather Alexander died. John remembered him as a little man who sang to him. Alexander also told him of the blockhouses and Indians at Hardinsburg and of being wounded by Indians while running for the blockhouse. Four others in the party were killed.

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If anyone has additional information on the above named, the editor would be pleased to receive it and add it to a later article.

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VALLEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP LIST (continued)

John A. Tanner	Jehon B. Table	Lou Ela Coombs
Ellen Greenwell	d. 23 Sept. 1894	William H. Sutton
Henretta Tanner	Mamie Irwin	Emmitt Bailey
Harrison Kerrick	d. 10 Apr. 1891	Cora Reid Rogers
James Bledsoe	Ruth Farmer Rogers	Minnie B. Reid-
d. 9 Jan. 1892	Lizzie Nall	Morrison
Fanny Bledsoe	Charles Murphy	John T. Weller
George F. Brown	Mary J. Murphy	James M. Percefull
Phebe Brown	Ara M. Riggins	Margaret A. Percefull
Monteville Riggins	Mary J. Riggins-	Sudie Percefull-
Rusoe Horn	Bonner	Castleman
Elizabeth Edlin	Eveline Tabb	Martha Brown West
Thomas J. Morrison	Andrew Beard	Susan C. Brown-
Sarah J. Howe	George W. Tabb	Florence
A. B. Vernon	W. T. Bunnell	Julia Bledsoe-
d. 16 May 1891	Fanny S. Bunnell	Daugherty
Isabela Gray	Mariah T. Bunnell-	Mollie Bledsoe-
Archie Howe	Perry	Weller
d. 25 Mar. 1904	Silvester Harris	George H. Ash
William Riggins	d. 6 Jan. 1884	Sally Ash Dyer
Nancy Riggins	Loutitia J. Gray	Clemma Ash Tabb
Sallie Riggins	Cretia Irwin Sercy	Samuel Horn
James C. Perciful	Rosa Marshall	Clarinda Harris
d. 6 Jan. 1892	Mary E. Morrison	Alferd Gibson
Mary Rogers	Mary E. Cutwright-	Mallie Gibson
Cora A. Perry	Casteel	Minnie Montgomery
Sally Miller (col)	Thomas Cutwright	Mary J. Hawkins
Rella J. Perciful	d. 16 Feb. 1885	Kate Hawkins
d. 16 Nov. 1900	Nancy McKenny	Mary Howey
Laura Perciful	John Hodges	Media Percell
d. 31 Dec. 18	Blanch Strange Howey	Matilda Hawkins
Emly J. Brown-	Effie Tabb Horn	Jerrrome Hawkins
Daugherty	Rachel C. Bunnell-	Bryant Y. Ballinger
Phebe J. Brown	May	d. 4 Oct. 1886
Wm. Brown	Florence Strange	Leticia Brown
Mary Nall	Evalina Lampkin-	T. J. Penington
Joseph Nall	Miller	August Asplind
Francis Bartley	Charles Percell	Adaline Asplind
London Bartley	Charles Perry	Katie E. Hagan
Luella Johnson Abell	Sarah J. Harris	Rosa E. Bush
Salley Horn	James J. Willett	Mollie Sutton
d. 24 Feb. 1901	Lee M. Perry	Henry T. Bush
Manda Willie Horn	d. 4 Dec. 1900	Ida E. Bush
James Horn	Richard L. Gardner	George W. Kirtley
Nancy Vernon	Ella V. Bailey	Amanda Kirtley
Elizabeth D. Tabb	d. 29 Apr. 1891	Charles R. Bush
Elizabeth Brown	Ruthie Tabb	George H. Bush
Kitty Gray	Patton P. Perry	Maggie L. Bush-
B. T. Bunnell	Benjamin W. Marshall	Hagan
d. 20 Feb. 1903	Cinderella Strange	Sally B. Ash Coffire
Devilla Sweet	d. 16 Sept. 1902	James H. Edlin
Martha Bard	Josephine Morrison	(to be continued)

BUSINESS PROCLAMATIONElizabethtown News Tues. 1 May 1906

On the eve of unprecedented prosperity when business conditions are good manufactures on their increase and retail trade thriving and the farmers prosperous it is fitting for the representative business interests of a community to formulate a principle by which that community may become known abroad and that enhances the value of its prosperity

No community enjoys better natural advantages than Hardin County Its agricultural resources place it in the front rank of Kentucky communities its transportation facilities are of the best Elizabethtown its county seat has water works electric light telephone and telegraph systems of the highest order of development Its banks compare favorably with those of communities of much greater population and its educational religious and social institutions are in a flourishing condition

Now therefore these things being true we the representative business men of the county desire to proclaim to the world at large the unusual advantages enjoyed by Hardin County and set forth the facts with reference thereto in such manner as to show that Hardin County offers homeseekers and investors opportunities in present advantages and future prospects second to no community in America In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our signatures:  
(Note-The above was set in flowing script without punctuation on a full page advertisement.)

First National Bank, W.C. Montgomery; First National Bank, Horace Hays; Louisville Store, J. L. Altman; R. B. Park, Mayor; R. L. Marshall, Pro(?) Cyclone, Jenkins & Essex Lumber Co., J. T. Cresap, Showers & Phillips, Keith Bros. Marble Works, R. L. Wintersmith & Son, Groceries and Hardware; Bethlehem Academy, Miller & Turner, Druggists; W. B. Gwynn, Lynnland College; C. H. Moorman, Fletcher Irwin, S. H. Bush, M. H. Gabbert, L. A. Faurest, R. H. Eskridge, J. R. Layman, S. M. Payton, I. Goldnamer & Son, James M. Rihn, V. H. Churchill & Son, Jewelers; C. K. Holbert, H. A. Sommers, Watkins & Co., Gardner & Stone, Morrison & Raby Lumber, Charlie Weavers, Transport Co.; Latham Medical Institute, A. P. Latham, M.D., Prop.; R. T. McMurtry, LaRue Cofer, E. J. Brunner, J. B. Walker, Grocery; J. L. Dyer, A. F. Dyer, J. P. O'Mera, H. L. James, C. E. Morgan, D. M. Cooper, Cyrus Viers, Jno. W. Boyd, J. D. Irwin, James C. Poston, R. L. Stith. G.W.

REMEMBER: The 1982 dues for the Hardin County Historical Society (\$5.00) are now being accepted. Send them to Mrs. June Thornberry, 128 N. Main St., Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

AN ALUMNA VISITS AT BETHLEHEM  
Elizabethtown News, 1940

Sixty-two years ago in 1878, Nancy Catherine Strickler came to Bethlehem for the first time. Today, Mrs. Nancy Catherine Strickler Mooreman comes back to tell us of Bethlehem then, her teachers, and to visit her granddaughter, Rosemary, who is now a student here.

The Superior of Bethlehem at that time was Mother Bertha. Some of the other sisters and their works as Mrs. Mooreman remembers were: Sister Martina, in charge of Sodality; Sister Mary Joseph, Latin teacher who also spoke several languages fluently; Sister Benita, mathematics teacher; Sister Marcelle, grammar teacher; Sister Sienna, art teacher; Sister Paschal and Sister Justine, Music teachers; and Sister Anslem, presiding Sister. "Sister Justine," said Mrs. Mooreman, "always had the headache and the habit of "touching" the girls on the head with a long crochet needle if they didn't do to suit her. Mrs. Mooreman also informed us that despite the fact that Sister Anslem was without eyelashes, she could see for miles around and missed nothing, even the smallest details.

Many of the seventy-five girls who were here at school in 1880 have found their vocations in life; still others have been called from the trials and tribulations of this earth. Among the former we find Anna Chenault, Martha Klingsmith, Sophronia Craycroft, Sudie Kinkhead, Eliza Akers and a Miss Wheately. Among the latter are Vivian Murray, Belle Craycroft, a typhoid fever victim, five Brey girls, Mamie Hardin and Clara Anderson.

The Brey girls' father always brought them in September and left them here until June. They came of a family that was quite wealthy, but despite this fact were given no spending money. Anything they needed could be put on the bill and they were free to take part in any extra curricular activities, yet had not a cent themselves.

Clara Anderson, full of mischief, caused Mrs. Mooreman no little trouble one day when she emptied a holy water fount on the ground and Mrs. Mooreman was blamed for it.

Another girl, especially fond of onions, used to keep them in her desk wrapped in a napkin. This provoked many of the other students who did everything--but appreciate it.

The Bethlehem of today is quite different from that of 1878 and 1880. At that time Number Ten was the refectory; the Community room was then the chapel, the present "Rec" was an open porch, the dormitories were all on the third and fourth floors and the girls slept in double beds with feather mattresses instead of in the present single ones. The parlor, front hall and music room was combined into a true, old-fashioned parlor with a big red Brussels rug on the floor and floor-length curtains. Number Two was the study hall. Numbers Three and Four were music rooms.

The girls played very few games but usually spent their

leisure time in doing something useful, as crocheting or embroidering. They often danced in Number One, their recreation room, and were especially graceful when they knew the Cecilian College boys worshipped from afar--were outside the window, as they both revered and feared the Sisters.

As Mrs. Mooreman strolled around at Bethlehem, her remark was: "I certainly am glad Rosemary has the opportunity to go to school at Bethlehem for I know that coming here has made me a better woman."

NOTE: Nancy Catherine Skees Hurley donor of this article is the great granddaughter of Mrs. Moorman. The Rosemary in the article is Nancy's mother Rosemary Moorman Skees, the daughter of Clifford and Shelley Calvert Moorman.

#### COLONEL ANDREW HYNES, KENTUCKY PIONEER 1750-1800

Colonel Andrew Hynes, a Revolutionary War soldier, who crowded so much living in his short life span of fifty years, is credited with being one of the founders of the Falls of the Ohio (Louisville), Bairdstown (Bardstown) and Severns Valley later named by him Elizabethtown in honor of his wife, Elizabeth Warford Hynes.

Hynes spent the last twenty-one years of his life in exploring, defending and developing that part of Virginia that became Kentucky. With others he worked tirelessly to obtain statehood which was finally granted in 1792.

At his death in 1800 while at his farm near Bardstown, he left his widow, Elizabeth Warford Hynes and six children: Elizabeth, Thomas, Nancy, Polly, Abner, and Alfred Warford Hynes. The widow soon afterward on 12 Dec. 1803.

A biography describing the life and accomplishments of Col. Hynes would make an interesting and informative addition to Kentucky's history. G.W.

#### FAMILY CONNECTIONS

A new feature we would like to start in 1982 is a listing of our members who are working on their genealogies and the lines in which they are interested. If any members have information on lines other than the ones on which they are working and would be willing to share this, please list those lines also. If you are interested in participating in this project, send your name and complete address and your families' names including county names if you go beyond Hardin County to Bob Beimdick, Rt.#1, Box 278, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701 Use a post card if you can.

#### QUERY

#### SKEES

I need any information you may have on the Skees families of this area. I am updating the family tree with the intention of publishing it. Nancy Skees Hurley, 500 Bellarmine, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

FAIRLEIGH

From Mrs. William G. Lussky, Sr., 3931 Elmwood St., Louisville, Ky. 40207

In the process of reading some old issues of the Courier-Journal, I came upon this intriguing item: Aug. 12, 1879, Tuesday morning, page 4, (Special to the Courier-Journal), "Meeting of Fairleigh Heirs..." Elizabethtown, Aug. 11-

"A meeting of a number of the heirs of Andrew Fairleigh of this county, formerly of Pennsylvania, was held here today to take steps to secure the immense estate left by their ancestor, and the meeting adjourned till the first Thursday in September when a fuller attendance of the heirs is expected. The estate is estimated at about \$50,000,000, a large portion of the property lying in the heart of the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny City."

Mrs. Lussky (June Fairleigh) and the editor would appreciate any information anyone has on the above story.

QUERIESABELL

Robert S. Abell b. 1813 m. 31 July 1836 in Brandenburg, Ky. Narcissa Haynes. Who were his parents? Mrs. Fern Yarnell, 1109 Hilby Avenue, Seaside, California 93955

CLAYTON, MONTGOMERY

Need the children of the following: Thomas P. Clayton m. 1817 Green Co. Ky. Jane Montgomery b. 1795. Benjamin Clayton m. 1824 Green Co. Ky. Mary "Polly" Montgomery b. 1802. These families settled in Hardin and Larue counties. Mrs. Fred M. Wright, 227 Meader St., Campbellsville, Ky. 42718.

LAS(S)WELL, McMILLEN, LINVILLE

Need any info on Francis McMillen b. 1810 m. Emily Las(s)-well b. 1 June 1814. They had several children in Hardin County. One was Rosa Jane McMillen b. 30 Aug. 1835. Family moved to Knox Co., Mo. c. 1860. Rosa m. William Page Linville b. 9 Feb. 1834 b. ?, Ky. Mary Lay 588 Paso Robles, Santa Barbara, California 93108.

NEFF, SAMPSON

Henry Neff m. 18 Oct. 1796 Lincoln Co. Ky. Susanna Sampson dau. of Benjamin Sampson. Their dau. Elizabeth Neff m. 12 Apr 1821 Benjamin Sampson son of ?. Need any info on any of the above. Henry Neff was on Hardin County tax rolls 1822-1839. Elva Evans, 1819 Miller Ave. Burly, Idaho 83318

SEN. HARDIN  
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TO THE VOTERS (continued)

Ben Hardin's broadside to the voters was probably written during his second term in Congress (1819-1823). During this period there was a financial panic and thousands of Americans lost everything. The Kentucky legislature passed the Replevin Law for the relief of debtors. This law was to postpone for two years the collection of debts, unless the creditor would agree to accept notes of any lawfully chartered bank in payment. This was totally unacceptable to creditors as the notes were worthless. This controversial law was tested in court; the unconstitutional nature of it proven and a disruption in state government begun that lasted until 1829 when the original decision won out.

Ben Hardin is remembered locally as a lawyer of prominence who practiced for about two years in Elizabethtown and then moved to Bardstown to make his name. His peculiar oratorical style was rough and homey but keen and trenchant and earned him the name the "Kitchen Knife".

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