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THE MOUNT GILEAD EARTHQUAKE 1811-1812

A Local Observation

By R. Gerald McMurtry

Just recently in the national press it has been announced that a large sum of money has been allocated to study geological faults in the central area of Continental United States, due to fears that a second upheaval comparable to the New Madrid earthquake may occur before the turn of the century.

That earthquake of 1811-1812 was described in Collins' HISTORY OF KENTUCKY "as the most serious in its effects, that ever occurred within the United States, east of the Rocky Mountains, spent its greatest force in Kentucky in Fulton County, and in the extreme south-west portion of the county and state." Perhaps, the most obvious result of this great upheaval was the creation of Reel Foot Lake, now seventeen miles long and from three-quarters of a mile to two and a half miles wide. In some areas the lake is twenty feet deep.⁽¹⁾ Undoubtedly, the earthquake would have registered a very high reading on the Richter scale, if there had been such a measurement in that day.

Modern geological maps of Kentucky reveal a Kentucky River fault a Pine Mountain fault, and a Rough Creek fault along with lesser weaknesses in the earth's surface. The latter fault appears to disappear before reaching areas of Elizabethtown and major portions of Hardin County.⁽²⁾

Dr. William Allen Pusey, once president of the American Medical Society and benefactor of many worthwhile Elizabethtown projects, including the Brown-Pusey Community House, discovered and preserved an old journal of his great-grandfather William Brown who recorded his observations of the Mount Gilead earthquake.

One not familiar with this area might, at first, be confused about the location of Mount Gilead, as that place name is used in both Mason and Pulaski Counties in Kentucky.⁽³⁾ However, William Brown made his observations at his home and farm called Mount Gilead, in original Hardin County, three miles north of Hodgenville, and forty-six miles directly south of Louisville.⁽⁴⁾ This observation point (using an odd directional statement), "was 225 miles slightly north of east" of New Madrid, Missouri.

William Brown came to Kentucky from Virginia in 1782, secured patents to large tracts of land on the north fork of Nolin River, three miles north of the future site of Hodgenville. He became one of the first trustees of that town in 1818 when it was organized.

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THE UPTON INSTITUTE

(This was taken from THE MIRROR which was printed in Elizabethtown
 from May 16, 1902, until it was taken over by the ELIZABETHTOWN
 NEWS.)

The Upton Institute is an excellent place for those who wish
 to attend school. Board can be had in the best of homes at from
 \$2.25 to \$3.00 per week, and the faculty cannot be excelled:
 Prof. J. A. Howard, principal, with Miss Stella Keith as assistant.
 The salary of the principal was raised from \$900 to \$1,000 a year
 while the assistant's salary was raised from \$30 to \$40 per month.

Miss Keith was reared in Upton and attended the public school
 there. She attended high school in Upton under the able manage-
 ment of Prof. J. C. Pirtle and C. W. Matthis. She took a thorough
 course in Bowling Green Normal School.

The district had an enrollment last year of 230 pupils(8-8-1907).
 12-8-1899 UPTON SCHOOL, D. E. McClure, principal; Clyde Keith,
 assistant; R. J. Keith, D. Watkins and Joe Walters, trustees.

5-13-1907 Graduates: Lizzie Bowles, Gus Burks, George Conner,
 Byron Stuteville, Warren Keith, Miss Willie Hicks, Lula and Sola
 Payne, Nannie and Olive Cox, Ellen Carroll, Clara Smith, Kad and
 Fanny Keith, Emmett Tabb, Ed Vanmeter, Granville Caswell, Ray
 Highbaugh, Foster Perry, and Owen Edwards. Principal-Prof. Howard,
 Supt. Pilkenton.

COURT ORDER BOOK, HARDIN COUNTY, KY. 1796 (23 AUGUST)

At a Court held for Hardin County on Tuesday the 23d day of August 1796 Present Robert Hodgkin Robert Mosly & Bladin Ashby Gent Justices

A deed from John Paul & Sally his wife for three hundred acres of land to Benjamin Anderson was produced in Court duly authenticated and was ordered to be recorded

An Inventory & appraisement of the Estate of Edward Rawlings decd was Exhibited in Court & was ordered to be recorded

John Watson Methodist minister by Stephen Rawlings his attorney in fact and security entered into & acknowledged their bond and therefore License was granted him to solemnise Matrimony

The persons appointed to view a road from Pairpoints Mill to the Widow Countremans old plantation made their report in the following words Beginning at the Valley road back of Mr. Pairpoints orchard running thence by the point of the ridge oposite said Mill & between the field & the ridge Thence on straight direction near the foot of the knobs crofsing Youngers Creek above the said Widows plantation to intersect the old road at or near the first crofsing of said Creek above said old plantation on consideration thereof it is the opinion of the Court that the said road so laid off be established

Ordered that Mark Marshall be appointed overseer of said Road from the Beginning to first Crofsing of Youngers Creek above the said Widows old plantation and that all the Tithables on the waters of the Rolling fork within four miles of said Road do afsist him in Clearing and keeping said Road in repair

And Coonrad Walters and his Gang do Clear said Road from Mr. Hodgkin's Old mill to the Crofsing of Youngers Creek

Ordered that Joshua Younger be appointed overseer of the knob Creek road in the room of Caleb Hazle and that all the Tithables that afsisted Hazel do afsist him in clearing and keeping said Road in repair

An Inventory & appraisement of the Estate of John Crow decd was produced in Court & ordered to be recorded

An Inventory of the sales of said Estate was also returned and was ordered to be recorded

The last will and Testament of John Ewen decd was proved in Court by the Oaths of three of the subscribing witnefses thereto and was ordered to recorded. On the motion of Sally Ewen Executrix James Davis & George Bell Executors in said Will named took the Oath required by Law and together with Jacob Vanmatre & Hannaniah Lincoln their securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of one thousand pounds as the Law requires Certificate is granted them for obtaining probat thereon in due form

Ordered that Isaac Morison Daniel Linder Thomas Helm & Isaac Hynes or any three of them being first sworn do appraise in Current money the Estate of John Ewin decd and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the Court

The last Will and testament of Isaac Dye decd was proven in Court by the Oaths of two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded Hannah Dye Executrix and Job Dye Executor in the said Will named took the Oath required by Law and together with John Vertrees & Josiah Dodge their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two hundred pounds Certificate is granted them for obtaining probat thereon in due form

Ordered that Isom Enlow Joseph Kirkpatrick David McClure & John Walters or any three of them being first sworn do appraise in Current money the above Estate and return an Inventory thereof to the next Court

The persons appointed to afsign unto Elizabeth Crow her Dower in the personal Estate of John Crow decd made their report in the following words In obedience to an order of the County Court of Hardin we the appraisers do afsign unto sd Elizabeth Crow her Dower in her late husbands Estate according to the amount brought before us to be appraised Afsigned to Mrs Crow

One negro Woman named Cloey appraised to	£75 00 00
One ditto Girl named Jane ditto	35 00 00
One bed and furniture ditto	6 00 00
One small pot and one dutch oven ditto	1 18 00
One pail one bible and one dish ditto	00 11 00

Robert Mosly, Acquilla Fields, Stephen Cleaver, Abraham Hornback Whereupon the same is Established as the Dower of said Elizabeth Crow in the person property of her late husband John Crow decd and it is ordered that the said Elizabeth hold the said Dower to her afsigned as aforesaid

On the Motion of Thomas Todd by James Nourse it is Ordered that the order of the Last Court appointing Commifsioners to perpetuate Testimony respecting the special calls of John & Walter Bakers Entry near the mouth of Long fall Creek and an Entry for Monsieur Lewis Lureau be ammended that the same Commifsioners appointed for that purpose proceed to act under the said order and likewise to perpetuate testimony respecting the Special calls in an Entry made for William Steward for 3640 acres on Green River and an Entry of fifteen hundred acres in the name of John and Walter Baker at the mouth of Long Fall run

The Deposition of Thomas Harbison for perpetuating testimony in an Entry of James Speed's was returned and was ordered to be recorded James Nourse & Richard Winchester Gent. Commifsioners made oath that they acted Impartially in taking the above Deposition

Ordered that David Walker be appointed Constable in the room of Wm Calliway and together with Robert Mosley his security entered into and acknowledged their bond conditioned according to Law for the faithful performance of said office and thereupon took the oath of a constable

On the application of George Caldwell it is ordered that the Clerk of this Court do Ifsue his Warrant to Ben Helm John Paul Thomas McIntire George Berry Isaac Morrison and James Nourse who are hereby appointed Commifsioners agreeably to an act of Afsembly intituled an act to ascertain the boundaries of Land and for other purposes requiring them or any two of them to attend the said George Caldwell to the boundary or any special place called for in an Entry of five thousand and eighty seven acres made in the name of the

said George Caldwell on the Head waters of Carry Creek to take on oath the Depositions of such persons as may be brought forward by the parties and to do such other thing or things as by the said recited act they authorised and required to do.

Ordered that the same Commifisioners attend John Middleton to an entry of one thousand acres made in the name of the said Middleton on the Waters of Muddy to take Depositions as in the Above order &c.

Ordered that the same Commifisioners do attend Garrard Briscoe to an Entry of one thousand acres in the name of said Briscoe on Hardin Creek alias Limestone to take an act to afsertain the boundaries of Land and for other purposes

On the motion of Robert Mosly who together with John Paul his security entered into and acknowledged their bond as the Law directs Licence is granted him for keeping a Tavern in the Town of Hartford for the term of one year next ensuing this date

Ordered that Christopher Jackson be appointed overseer of the road from Carry to the big spring on Short Creek and that all the Tithables on Halls Creek and up the waters of Rough Creek to Carry do afsist him in Clearing and keeping said road in repair

Ordered that Jefse Cravens be appointed overseer of the Road from Hartford to Carry and that all the Tithables on the waters East of Rough Creek as high as Halls Creek do afsist him in Clearing and keeping said road in repair

Ordered that Robert Mosly Stephen Cleaver and Abraham Hornback be appointed to Examine state & settle the administration of the Estate of John Crow decd and return an acct thereof to the next court

Ordered that Thomas Gilliland Thomas McIntire & John Thomas do Examine state and settle the administration of the Estate of William Stewart decd and return an acct there of to the next Court

Ordered that John Vertrees Stephen Rawlings and George Berry be appointed to view the Workmanship of the Courthouse and make report thereof to the next Court

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in Course

Robt Hodgkin

Reprint of A HISTORY OF KENTUCKY BAPTISTS, by J. H. Spencer

"Commemorative Centennial Edition" in 2-volumes, this work was originally published in 1886, covering a period from 1769 to 1885. The 2-volumes contain more than 800 biographical sketches. Volume 1 contains 767 pages with a 7 page Index and Volume 2 contains 671 pages with an 8 page Index. The books will be beautifully bound in "F" Grade Buckram cloth, with gold lettering on the spine and cover. The 2-volume set will retail for \$54.00 per set. We will offer a special Pre-publication Sale Price of \$42.00 per set. The books will be ready for shipment on or about 28 Sept. 1984. Postage will be paid by us on all prepaid orders, otherwise \$3.00 per set postage and handling will be added.

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ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 1807, 1808

At a board of Trustees of Elizabeth Town held at James Crutchers Store House the 21st day November 1807 Daniel Waide James Crutcher Joseph Chalfin & Benjamin Hardin Gentlemen Present

A deed from the Trustees to Daniel Linder was made for Lotts No 39 & 40 by order of James Crutcher

A deed from the Trustees to Samuel Bush for Lott No 15, 16 & 35 Lott No 16 by order of Daniel Waide

Ordered that the board adjourn until the first saturday in December next

Attest Saml Stevenson clk

Joseph Chalfin ch

At a board of Trustees met at James Crutchers Store House in Elizabeth Town on the 24th of December 1807 Present Joseph Chalfin Daniel Waide & Benjamin Hardin Gentlemen

Ordered that Horatio Waide be and he is hereby appointed clerk to this board in the room of Samuel Stevenson resigned

A deed from the Trustees to James Crutcher was acknowledged For Lotts No five No Thirty four No Thirty Seven & No forty eight The Lott No thirty four made by order Garrard Bowling and the Lott No Thirty Seven made by order Samuel Bush

Ordered that the board do now adjourn

Attest Horatio Waide

Joseph Chalfin

In persuance oa an act of the general afsembly of Kentucky authorising the clerks of the boards of Trustees of the several towns within the said State to cause to be holden on the first Monday in August annuly an election to elect Trustees for said Towns I Horatio Waide clerk of the board of Trustees for Elizabeth Town did cause an election to be holden on the first monday in August last at the Courthouse in Elizabeth Town where Benjamin Helm William D Stone Daniel Waid Samuel Stevenson and Robert Bleakley were duly elected

Whereupon the said Benjamin Helm William D Stone Daniel Waid Samuel Stevenson and Robert Bleakley met at Samuel Stevensons Tavern in Elizabeth Town on Friday the 2sd day of September 1808 and formed a board

Horatio Waide

Ordered that Benjamin Helm be and he is hereby appointed President to this Board

Ordered that William D Stone be and he is hereby appointed as overseer to keep the streets of Elizabeth Town in good order

Ordered that this board meet on the first Saturday in October and on the first Saturday in every month after

Ordered that the Board do adjourn until the first Saturday in October

Teste Horatio Waide Ck

Ben Helm P

POST OFFICES IN KENTUCKY March, 1874

Hardin County: Cecilian, Dorrett's Run, East View, Elizabethtown, Franklin's lXl Roads, Glendale, Grand View, High Up, Howe's Valley, Nolin, Red Hill, Robertsonville, Sonora, Stephsburg, Uptonville, Vine Grove, West Point, White Mills. Collins' HISTORY OF KENTUCKY, Vol. 1, p. 636, 1874.

(EARTHQUAKE, continued from p.24)

William and his wife Hannah (Street) Brown were the parents of nine children. A son Alfred M. Brown was born on Christmas Day in 1811, during the period of the earthquake. They continued to live at "Mount Gilead" until their deaths, his in 1825, hers in 1843.⁽⁵⁾

Brown's record follows:

Mount Gilead Kentucky Earthquake on Sunday night Decr. 15th, 2 of the clock of the night a severe shock of an earth quake was felt. The motion of shaking continued about 15 minutes. About half an hour after this shock was over another was felt less severe, continued only a minute or two. The next day, Monday morning the 16th, a little after sunrise another shock was felt, the tremor continued a few minutes. Two other slight shocks were felt that morning--the next shock was on Sunday about midday not so violent as the first. The weather for some days before had been dull and cloudy. Again on the night of the 30th instant a shock was felt. Again on Jany (Thursday) 23, 1812 at 8 O'clock in the morning another severe shock was felt. The tremor continued for several minutes. When it had stilled another shock was felt which lasted a minute or two. On Monday morning Jany. 27th, a slight shock was felt--on Tuesday evening, 4th Feby. 1812 a slight shock was felt. The trembling of the earth continued for several minutes suppd. 6 or 7--and a rumbling noise heard. These are the shocks that we felt at this place. By report hardly a day passes but the trembling of the Earth is more or less felt. In time of the severest shocks to attemp to walk you feel light head and reel about like a drunken man. Again on the night of Thursday, the 6th Feby. about 4 o'clock A.M. a very severe shock was felt which lasted fully 15 minutes with a rumbling noise like distant thunder and three very distinct reports like cannon was heard at the end of it. Again on Friday night the 7th a smart shock at 8 o'clock then about 11 o'clock another less severe. Frequently you may feel a trembling in the Earth when there is no visible appearance of shaking. It has invariably been cloudy weather about the time of the shocks and rains or show shortly after. Again on the night 20th Feb. about 9 or 10 o'clock 2 slight shocks were felt the last of which continued its tremor for more than 15 minutes. Again on Saturday night about 10 o'clock (22nd) another slight shock.⁽⁶⁾

It is reported that nearly every home had a key suspended over the mantel-piece, and under it usually a Bible. By the oscillations of the key, the members of the family were informed of the degree of danger. During this series of earthquakes, Thomas Lincoln and his family were living on a 238 acre farm on Knob Creek situated seven miles north-east of Hodgenville. One cannot help but wonder what their reactions were to the earthquake. There seems to be no record of their experience. Of course, young Abraham, at the age of three, would not be expected to remember such strange rumblings of the earth. Collins' HISTORY OF KENTUCKY reported that "the earthquake had a beneficial influence upon public morals."⁽⁷⁾

William Brown mentioned a comet in his journal preceding his observations of the earthquake, as follows:

A comet with a broomy tail appeared about the first week in September 1811 in the northern region of the Heavens. Its course appeared to be coming from the Northeast and making its way to the Southwest. Continued to be visible until about middle of Jan'y 1812. The last appearance of it was in the So. Western region of the Heavens .

Due to the fact that Brown did not suggest any connection between the comet and the earthquake, indicates his freedom from superstition. However, in some cases the heavenly comet might have been more alarming for the Hardin County residents than the shaking of the earth.

A cursory examination of Elizabethtown and Hardin County histories reveals no mention of the New Madrid earthquake which was mild locally in comparison to the tremors felt in the area centering around New Madrid, Missouri. The historian Collins related that the earthquake shook the valley of the Ohio to Pittsburg and beyond, and that it passed the Alleghenies and their connecting mountain barriers, and died away along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. Even the bed of the Mississippi River was elevated to the extent that its current was driven back temporarily upon its course.⁽⁸⁾ This great upheaval was no doubt one of the major events of the earth's disturbance in the western hemisphere since the beginning of recorded history.

We can be grateful to William Brown who, while at Mount Gilead, left us his journal of these strange earth disturbances.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Lewis & Richard H. Collins: HISTORY OF KENTUCKY, John P. Morton & Co., 1924, vol. II, pages 282-284.
2. P.P. Karan & Cotton Mather, Editors: ATLAS OF KENTUCKY, The University of Kentucky Press, 1947, page 99.
3. Collins: HISTORY, Index, vol. II, page 795.
4. Larue County, the 98th in order of formation, was formed in 1843 out of the south eastern part of Hardin County and was named in honor of John Larue. Collins: HISTORY. Larue County, vol. II, page 456.
5. Daniel E. McClure, Jr.: TWO CENTURIES IN ELIZABETHTOWN AND HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, Hardin County Historical Society, 1977, pages 42, 432.
6. William Brown's journal is located in the University of Chicago Library. See pages 19-20. Brown's observations relative to the Mount Gilead earthquake were reprinted from SCIENCE, March 14, 1930, vol. LXXI, No. 1837, pages 285-286.
7. Collins: HISTORY, Jefferson County, vol. II, pages 373-374.
8. Collins: HISTORY, Fulton County, vol. II, page 282.

HISTORY OF SEVERNS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH (continued)

In 1832 a prayer meeting was commenced by the brethren in a school house, about two and one-half miles east of town, near Thomas Swan's, which became interesting, and was continued Sabbath after Sabbath. Elders Lovelace and Rogers were called, a considerable revival commenced, and extended to town, and west several miles, and at last closed with the addition of twenty-six members. Shortly after, the members of the church commenced prayer meetings on Thursday nights and Sabbath mornings, which have been kept up ever since, with but few interruptions.

In February, 1833, the church resolved that members in good standing in the separate Baptist churches, suing for membership in this church, on the terms of general union, might be received.

It is within the recollection of the writer that some, and particularly Bro. Horace Buckner, was of the opinion that such should be rebaptised, but Elder David Thurman being with the church on that day, gave such reasons as quieted all objections, and a member was on that day received under the resolution.

In June, 1833, some brethren reported that they had raised a subscription for building a new church edifice, and contracted for the building, and etc., all of which the church approved of, and the present commodious house was completed, near the center of Elizabethtown. It may be proper here to remark, that the church occupied a large, open log house, on the north side of the town (sic) from about 1804 to 1807. The house was never completed, but a substantial hewed log house was erected and completed on the same spot, but after the new house in town was completed, the old house was removed, and the site is now filled with graves.

September, 1834. At this meeting Squire L. Helm was received by experience and baptism. He was grandson of Thomas Helm, who, I believe, was an original member in 1781; was the son of George Helm, Esq., who, at his death was a member of our church, and filled many stations in the county, and was a member of the legislature of Kentucky. His mother, Mrs. Rebecca Helm, now dead, was then a member of the church. She was a daughter of John Larue, a ruling elder--so that our beloved brother Squire is a baptist of Baptists, in both descending lines. He was licensed by the church to preach in November, 1836, and afterwards ordained at Brandenburg, Ky., and since that period has occupied so wide a field of usefulness, in various parts of the State, having filled the place of pastor at Brandenburg, Owensboro, Louisville, May's Lick, and Covington, and is so well known as an eloquent and forcible preacher, and such success has attended his meetings, and he occupies such a high place in the affections of the denomination, that it is useless to speak farther of him.

In July, 1835, a protracted meeting was commenced by that eloquent divine and successful revivalist, Elder Thomas J. Fischer, which resulted in an overwhelming reward. Elder Fischer baptised seventy-one. The whole addition to the church, as the fruits of that meeting was ninety-two. The meeting lasted six weeks. During about ten days at the close, he was assisted by the lamented Elder John S. Wilson, who preached his last sermon on earth in our pulpit, and although by removals, new churches, yet some of our most efficient members are the fruit of that revival.

...Without going into further details, the church has, since that period experienced many vicissitudes, and changes, had her declensions and revivals; she has furnished members to aid in forming Nolin, Middle Creek, Ruby Creek, Younger Creek, Mill Creek, Mount Zion, and other churches...

The Church has enjoyed the preaching of Elders John Gerrard, William Taylor, Joseph Barnett, Joshua Carman, Josiah Dodge, Alexander McDougal, David Thurman, Colemore Lovelace, Russell Hollman, Robert L. Thurman, George H. Hick, Jacob Rogers, Thomas J. Fischer, William Vauhan, John H. Yeaman, William L. Morris, J. Lansing Burrows(now of Richmond, Va.), Preston Samuels, J. Toll Miller, William C. Jones, James C. Rush, and John Larue Gatton, our present pastor, together with the occasional preaching of visiting preachers...

Out of her membership has sprung the following preachers: Josiah Dodge, James Haycraft, Issac Hodgen, Colemore Lovelace, Jacob Rogers, Squire L. Helm, and William L. Morris, Alexander W. Larue, J. H. Yeaman; the four last named together with Issac Hodgen, were descendants of the old fathers of the church.

There are some facts and circumstances connected with the early history of this church...the lamented John Gerrard, a minister of God...finding a few of the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ like sheep without a shepherd, on the eighteenth day of June, 1781, they were collected together, under a green sugar tree, and in church covenant they gave themselves to the Lord, and to one another, and were constituted a Baptist church.

Imagine the male members, partly in Indian costume, leather leggins, breech cloths, and mocassins, with hats made of buffalo wool rolled around white oak splints, and sewed together, and the female in the simple costume of bed gown and petticoat, all of buffalo wool, underwear of dressed deer skin, for as yet no flax, cotton, or sheep's wool was to be found in their wilderness home. The males sat with rifles in hand, and tomahawks at their sides, with sentry at the door...

In eleven short months the savage tribes who claimed the bloody ground, searched out the abode of civilized man, and in May, 1782, the minister, Elder Gerrard was taken captive, and he was never again heard of...His youngest daughter, Mrs. Lettitia Miller, afterwards became a member of the church, and so remained for about 44 years, until September, 1842, in the eightieth year of her age...

A few words about the members of the original constitution: The Elder, Jacob Vanmeter, died in 1798, in his seventy-fifth year, ...The younger Jacob Vanmeter, the last survivor of the original church, departed this life on the 12th day of October, 1850, in his eighty-ninth year, having been a member of the Baptist church 78 years, and 45 years of that time a church deacon, leaving 13 living children, the youngest upwards of forty years of age. Out of his 10 sons, 7 were deacons of some Baptist church.

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SOME HAMILTON MISCELLANY

Marriages

John Hamilton to Hannah Rice 13 May 1798 Hardin Co.
 Abraham Bruner to Margaret Hamilton 17 Apr 1804 Hardin Co.
 Presley Wilhite to Malinda Hamilton, dau. of Hance Hamilton,
 4 Dec. 1834 Hardin Co.
 James W. Miles to Caroline E. Hamilton, dau. of John B. Hamilton,
 27 Aug. 1840 Hardin Co.
 Lewis Hamilton to Mary Lee Hamilton 15 Jan 1851 Hardin Co.
 Thomas E. Summers to Susan E. Hamilton 13 June 1850 Hardin Co.
 Thomas E. Hamilton to Hannah Ann Cotton 17 Aug 1854 Hardin Co.
 Solomon Hamilton to Martha Ann Scott 22 Nov 1854 Hardin Co.
 Henry Allen to Sarah A. Hamilton 27 Oct 1868 Hardin Co.
 Hance Hamilton to Margaret Bruce 5 Apr 1807 Nelson Co.
 Hance Hamilton to Nancy Carter dau. of Meshak Carter, 12 Jul 1797
 Nelson Co.

Death--Savilla Hamilton a. 21, b. Hardin Co., d. 11/15/1852 in
 Hardin Co. of Typhoid Fever.

Wills

Hance Hamilton-Hardin Co. Will Book E, p. 15
 Estate to be divided equally on death of wife to all children
 except Winny Ann to her \$150 more.
 Executor-brother, David Hamilton
 Dated- 1838
 Witnesses-John McElvary, J. C. Farmer
 At court-19 Nov 1838
 Recorded-26 Nov 1838

Albert S. Hamilton-Hardin County Will Book G, p. 421
 Entire estate to Minnie K. Hamilton his wife and executrix.
 Witnesses-J. D. Irwin, W. A. Barry
 At court-18 Oct 1909
 Recorded-19 Oct 1909

Deed

Hardin County Deed Book P, p. 443
 8 June 1807
 Walter Beall and Ann his wife of Nelson Co. to Hance Hamilton of
 Nelson Co. for \$500 Kentucky money land in Hardin Co. on south
 side of Rolling Fork opposite the mouth of Beech Fork. Patented
 in the name of Jacob Myers. Surveyed-2 Dec 1784, 400 acres.
 Patented-14 Aug 1786
 Recorded-Nelson Co. 11 Feb 1815
 Recorded-Hardin Co. 15 Oct 1836

REMEMBER--Your miscellany may be just the bit of information that
 someone else may need. Send in any scraps of info you may have.
 If possible, always give your source with the info, as it makes
 it much easier to check back on if necessary.

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