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## Hardin County, Ky County Clerks in Court Order Books | 2015

1. John Paul (1793-1800) Book A-2, 30 Appointed In 1793; A-227 Resigned In 1800
2. Benjamin Helm (1800-1817) Book A-228 Appointed In 1800; C-355 Resigned In 1817
3. Samuel Haycraft Jr (1817-1851) [Photo] Book C-355 Appointed In 1817; M-328 Resigned In 1851
4. Hugh J. Dunavan (1851-1853) M-328, 336, 338 Appointed In 1851; N-284 Resigned In 1853
5. Samuel Haycraft Jr (1853-1853) N-284 Appointed Pro Term In 1853 To Fill Vacancy Until Election In 1853
6. William T. Samuels (1853-1863) N-316 Elected In 1853; P-333 Resigned In 1863
7. Thomas S. Crutcher (1864-1864) P-333-334 Appointed Pro Term In 1864 To Fill Vacancy Until Election In 1864
8. William J. Mulholland (1864-1866) P-407-408 Elected In 1864
9. Virgil Hewitt (1866-1874) R-134 Elected In 1866; S-79, 82 Elected In 1870
10. Fox Hewitt (1874-1878) T-282 Elected In 1874; [Photo On Hchm Website]
11. John H. Wells (1878-1896) U-436 Elected In 1878; W-388 Elected In 1882; Y-405 Elected In 1886; Book One (1)-105 Elected In 1890; Book Two (2)-211 Elected In 1895; 2-375 Death In 1896
12. Frank G. Corley (1896-1914) [Photo] 2-374 Appointed Pro Term In 1896 Due To Death Of Wells; 2-442 Elected In 1896; Index To Court Order Book 3 Is Missing. Book 4-389 Bond Dated 1907; Book 5-174 Elected In 1909
13. J. L. Irwin (1914-1921) Served Two Terms [1914-1916] [1917-1921] Nothing Of Irwin In Index In Book 5; Book 6-89 Irwin Is County Clerk; Book 6-314 Elected In 1917
14. Robert N. Sprigg (1922-1933)
15. W. Strother Long (1934-1945) [Sheriff 1930-1934, 1946-1950]
16. Harold A. "Sid" Boyd (1946-1961)
17. R. R. "Babe" Thomas (1962-1969)
18. David L. Logsdon (1970-1998)
19. Kenneth L. Tabb (1998-2015)
20. Debbie Donnelly (2015-Present)

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Frank G. Corley, County Clerk.

The first recorded exploration of Hardin County region was during 1766 by Col. John Smith, who was on a hunting trip. Ten years later a group of Virginians known as Shane, Sweeney and Company, led by Samuel Pearman, investigated the area for possible settlement. They returned to Virginia at the onset of winter, after several Indian attacks. Daniel Boone's brother, Squire, explored the area repeatedly in the late 1770s, but no permanent settlements were established until 1780, when Col. Andrew Hynes, Capt. Thomas Helm, and Samuel Haycraft each build a fort with a mile of each other near what is now Elizabethtown. The settlement was named Severn's Valley, was home for at least seventeen families. The Indians number 2,500 strong in the region.

From The Kentucky Encyclopedia

## Bits and Pieces about Hardin County clerks.....

In 1793, Governor Isaac Shelby appointed **John Paul** as the first clerk of Hardin County. He resigned in 1800 and moved to Ohio where in 1803 he established the town Xenia and became the first clerk of Greene, County. In 1810, Paul established the town of Madison, Indiana and became the first clerk of Jefferson County. The only man to serve as the first clerk of the three different counties in three different states.

**Samuel Haycraft, Jr.** is the longest serving county Clerk 1817-1851.

**Frank G. Corley** was appointed pro tem in 1896 due to death of **John H. Wells**. He was elected in 1896 and served until the end of his term in 1914.

The current clerk, **Debbie Donnelly**, was elected in November, 2014, making her the first female to serve as Hardin County Clerk.



Bobby Spencer on Tricycles at dad's Glendale Blacksmith Shop

## MEDICINE IN THE LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY:

### Dr. Robert Burns Pusey



In the late nineteenth century, medical practice hovered at the intersection between medieval and modern. Bleeding the patient was still used to treat an art of ailments, but the idea of contagion was rapidly developing as the medical profession learned more about the nature of microscopic organisms and their roles in causing disease and infection.

Dr. Robert Burns Pusey the father of William and Brown Pusey, practices medicine in this changing theoretical environments. He practiced from the 1860's until 1889, covering roughly twenty-mile radius extending from Elizabethtown.

His training consisted of a two-year book-based course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, which he funded through several years of work hauling cotton. He may have acquired some practical experience working with his brother, Dr. Henry Pusey, in Louisville.

Although Pusey kept an office in Elizabethtown, he did not keep regular office hours. He was responsible for all medical treatment for his patients, including child-birth and surgery. He was always on call and treated patients at their homes.. There was no hospital in the area, and surgical operations were often performed on the kitchen table with chloroform as an anesthetic. He traveled using a variety of means, including trains, railroad tricycle, and horse and buggy.

Unlike some of his contemporaries, Pusey did not rely heavily on bleeding. He also valued cleanliness. Broken and fractured bones were a particular danger and often required amputation in the days prior to X-rays.

Pusey died in 1880, likely from an infection acquired while treating patients during a typhoid fever epidemic.

Zoey Larson, 2014  
former Curator Pusey House

## PAYING THE DOCTOR

Robert Burns Pusey charged his patients roughly as follows:

Visits in town and office calls	\$1.00 and up
Country trips, by mileage	
First Mile	\$1.00
Each subsequent mile	.50
Consultations	\$5.00—\$25.00
Child births	\$10.00
Minor Surgical operations	\$25.00-100.00
Dislocations and fractures	\$10.00-25.00

### Hypodermic Syringe

Pusey Collection

Hypodermic needles were invented in 1844. Few injectable medications had been developed at that time, but hypodermic syringes could be used to draw blood or fluid. Syringes could also be used to flush wounds. In 1857, morphine became available in injection form, allowing for a wider use for treating pain.

### Lancets

Pusey Collection

These small lancets, two with their protective carrying cases, might serve a variety of purposes. Physicians would use them for bleeding patients, to make surgical incisions, or to drain boils or infections. Lancets were also used to vaccinate patients, particularly against smallpox.

## Bits and Pieces about Robert Burns Pusey

Robert Burns Pusey was born in Garnettsville, Meade County on August 24, 1836 to Joel and Anna Roup Pusey.

He married Bell Brown (1846-1922) daughter of Mary Bell Stone and Alfred M Brown of Elizabethtown.

Robert and Bell were the parents of two children: William Allen (1865-1940) and Brown (1869-1953). William married Sallie Warfield Cunningham (daughter of Anthony Hundley and Malvina P Warfield Cunningham of Hardin County) on July 13, 1887. He practiced Medicine in Chicago.

According to an article in the Hardin County Independent in 1992, Brown never married. His ashes are interred in Elizabethtown City Cemetery.

Robert, Bell, William and Sallie are in repose in Elizabethtown City Cemetery.



## Our April Speaker

Kevin Dale Addington, president and owner of Addington Transportation

Inc., Elizabethtown, Ky. Addington received an associate's degree in business from Elizabethtown Community College in 1982 and a subsequent bachelors degree in agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky. He has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumni of the University of Kentucky School of Agriculture and as a Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year.

He is a member and past president of the Rotary, board member and past chairman of Central Kentucky Community Foundation, and member of the Hardin County Library Board, Hardin Larue Community Health Clinic, Elizabethtown Police Foundation, Heritage Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and United Way of Central Kentucky. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Elizabethtown and have three children.

## Gleanings from the Elizabethtown News....

May 8, 1896-Sonora: Well, the season for the bicycle craze is on us. We want to say in all earnestness to the women who mount those "straddling machines" and parade the streets of our cities, that if they knew the comments they provoke they would, no doubt, abandon the indelicate and unwomanly exercise. Let us stop the abomination. We verily believe that a majority of women who straddles these vehicles do not intend to be immodest and their intentions are possible good but the impression they create is repulsive to the finer sensibilities of all true men who bow at the shrine of noble womanhood and have a refined conception of womanly modesty.

June 1891-Glendale: Over two hundred Elizabethtown people attended the Lynnland commencement via the L & N, while nearly as many more went in private conveyances.

April 27, 1928-Camp Knox: The Carr's Creek basketball team, which attracted national attention will be at Camp Knox for the Citizens' Military Training Camp to be held during July, it was announced yesterday.

All members of the squad except one have enlisted.

July 26, 1918-Elizabethtown: The Sommers Brothers and Marriott announce due to ink and paper increase, the News will raise from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

1891-Glendale: The bridge over Nolin at Gilead is about completed. It will fill a long felt want.



## Lt. Martin Tyler Hoskinson (b. July 01, 1917, d. May 24, 1944)

(son of **Stanley Palmer Hoskinson** and **Virginia Adeline Smith**) was born July 01, 1917 in Glendale, Hardin County, Kentucky, and died May 24, 1944 in B-17 Bomber Pilot, Germany-World War II. He married **Virginia Revell Strohman**, daughter of **Charles Gossett Strohman** and **Juanita Inez Williams** on October 11, 1940. They had 3 children: William Thomas, Mary Lois, and Juanita Virginia.

In a big air battle in the region of south Schleswig-Holstein, the northernmost county of Germany with border to Denmark. In this air battle there were KIA 3 fighter pilots, one of them was Lt. Hoskinson. It appears that a fellow USA pilot crashed into Hoskinson's B-17 plane before the front stabilizer causing it to break apart sending it crashing to earth. The break precluded any of the crew from egressing from the ship.

A stone is erected in E'town City Cemetery to his memory.

## Message from the President.....

Since you received a rather lengthy letter from me in January, this will just be an invitation for you to join your fellow members at the **Brown-Pusey House, 120 N. Main Street** for our next meeting on **April 25, 2016**.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm, by Back Home Catering. Cost is \$10 per person. Please make your reservation by calling **270-765-2515** by **Friday, April 23**. The program begins at 7:00pm and is open and free to the public.

**Kevin Addington** will be our guest speaker. Mr. Addington is owner of Addington Transportation, Inc. and a partner in the Renaissance Group which owns properties in Elizabethtown. The group is committed to the development of downtown as a major tourist attraction and residential area, with shops, restaurants and places of entertainment. His vision for the downtown area is inspiring and we think you'll enjoy what he has to share. I hope you will join us.

Let's keep telling our stories!  
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