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GOLD!

The ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS 3 Sept. 1897

The Elizabethtown correspondent of the Louisville Commercial writes entertainingly about the recently discovered gold fields of Hardin County. He says, "These mines are located within six miles of each other and are owned by Mr. James Terry and Mr. M. P. Cundiff of Summit, Ky. These gentlemen are now making a preliminary development of their interests, with the prospects being unusually flattering. There is no doubt about there being gold in great quantities within this section, which borders on the eastern line of Grayson county and great excitement prevails.

"Mr. Joseph Dobson, now sojourning at Bowling Green, is an old and experienced miner, having operated in Idaho and other mines of the West. He says that the Summit mines are very rich, but as yet he cannot locate the most productive lodes; that such a question as the presence of gold in paying quantities is assured by the outcroppings of the ore in this section, which is highly similar to that found in Idaho, which is an especial characteristic of the two Summit leads; that the surrounding features of the country in this section is very much like that of the Idaho gold sections.

"Mr. James Terry, one of the Summit mine owners, produced reports of an assay from the President of a Bank in Idaho which showed \$4.13, \$8.35 and \$34.35 per ton and another from the Assay Office in Washington, which showed \$58 to the ton. In a very short time Messrs. Terry and Cundiff will put in a three-stamp mill at one of their mines and a five-stamp mill at the other.

Along toward the southward, on the east of Aker's Valley and on the ridge adjacent to it, there are large beds of white and blue flint. This valley and ridge are situated twelve miles from Summit. Still stretching away farther southward is Upton's Station, near the Hart county line, which can be seen from Summit. In this section is the beginning of the north end of the rich onyx beds, stretching through Metcalfe, Hart, Green, Monroe and Barren counties to Little Barren River."

CORRECTIONS

Vol. I, No. 1, p. 2, para. 6, lines 2-3 should read, Dues effective 1 Jan 1981 will be \$5.00 per member.

Vol I, No. 1, p. 5, para. 3, line 2 should read , one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Vol. I, No. 1, p. 6, para. 5, line 2 should read, Robert Mosley.

MEMBER CO-AUTHORS BLOYD BOOK

Edna Bloyd Nichols, HCHS member, and Carolyn G. Simpson of Louisville have authored a history of the Bloyd family beginning with William Bloyd who came to Green County, Ky., from Scotland by the fall of 1805.

The hardbound book contains 336 pages and includes the Bloyds and families with Bloyd connections: McCubbin, Thomas, McMurtry, Graham, Larimore, Young, Walker, Close, Dobson, Druen, Noe, Chaudoin, Hall, McDonald, Corum, Gray, Clark, Thompson, Matherly, Bale, Ferrill, Bell, Perkins, Simpson, Marcum, Cantrell, Milby and Nelson. Wills, census information and cemetery records are included where available.

The book WILLIAM BLOYD-BLOYED OF MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA AND GREEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND HIS DESCENDANTS, published by Gateway Press, Baltimore, is available for \$20.00 plus \$1.40 postage from Edna B. Nichols, 106 E. Forrest Ave., Hodgenville, Ky. 42748.

THE ORPHAN BRIGADE

THE ORPHAN BRIGADE by William C. Davis has been recently published and is available at bookstores for \$12.95. In a letter to the President of HCHS, Mr. Davis advised of his continued interest in the Orphans and requests that if any letters, diaries or personal papers by or pertaining to members of the Orphan Brigade are owned by descendents or others, he will greatly appreciate receiving copies for which he will gladly pay. Send to Hardin County Historical Society, 128 North Main St., Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701.

MEMBER PUBLISHES SILENT FOOTSTEPS

SILENT FOOTSTEPS is a genealogical quarterly published by Joan Saunders, HCHS member, and Gertrude Meyer dealing with Grayson and adjacent counties. Subscription rate: \$8.00 per year. The Silent Footsteps, %Joan Saunders, 306 Sequoia Drive, Leitchfield, Ky. 42754.

MATERIALS NEEDED

To have a good publication, we must have material to publish! Please send copies of Bible records, obituaries, articles, diaries, family histories and anything else of genealogical or historic interest to Editor, Bits & Pieces, 128 North Main St., Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701.

SOCIETY MEETING JULY 28

The quarterly meeting of HCHS will be at the Brown Pusey House on July 28. Dinner at 6:30. For dinner reservations call 765-2515 before July 24, or call 765-4036.

PLEASANT VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP LIST

Pleasant View Baptist Church held its first meeting on Oct. 21, 1858. The church was located a few miles east of present day Muldraugh, Ky. and about a mile east of the Old Louisville and Nashville Pike. The church existed until latter 1916 or early 1917 when the federal government bought up the area for Camp (Fort) Knox. An early moderator of the church retained the first two church minute books. Greenup King's great grandson, Robert G. King of New York City has them in his possession. The editor has a photocopy of them.

The following is the first installment of the membership list of Pleasant View Church. Over the years, several pages have disappeared and others have become illegible however, over 200 names are still readable.

The following abbreviations will be used Experience and Baptism (E&B); Revelation (R); By Letter (L); Dismissed by Letter (DBL); Excluded (EXC); Died (d.); Restored (RES).

Greenup King d. 2(5-8) June 1889	Henry Triplett
Hannah E. King	Emily Triplett d. 13 Oct. 18__
Thomas Kelley d. 22 Apr 1875	Mary Triplett
Artimora (?) Kelley	Sallie Miller
John P. Hays	Mariah C. Stovall d. 1902
Eviline Hays	James Rigney
William Kindal d. Aug. 1890	Mariah Mc Coy DBL Jul 71
Lucretia Kindal	William H. Mc Coy DBL Jul 71
Susan Hubbard	Margret Shearer L 187(6)?
Elizabeth Overton d. 25 Nov. 1869	d. 14 Feb 9(5)?
Jane Harris DBL Sep. 71	Elatha Samuels DBL Jan 82
Charles J. Brown	Elizabeth Shean
Arabell Brown	Robert Fletcher
William Torrence EXC Jan. 1874, Res.	Mary Lamaster EXC 1891
Matilda Torrence	Malinda Nickols
Albert E. Hubbard EXC Jan. 1874	Sarah Crist
Irene Vanclave E&B, d. 8 Apr 1888	Anna Holston
James Irwin	(Louis)? E. Lamaster
Emily Irwin	Lucy N. Harris
Abigal Withers	Thos. M. Kelly DBL Jan. 1886
Henry Lovelett	Mary A. Robinson
Lydia Lovelett	Washington Smith
John Tanner	March 1866
Mary Tanner	Hes Stovall
Kate H. Fletcher DBL Jul 71	Sue Shean DBL 1871
Ann E. Claffy	M. Brown
Sebbia (?) Goldsmith	Charles Duncan
Adison Cowherd	Emiline Duncan
Martha Fletcher	Jacob W. Johnson
Judah Burcham d. 7 Apr 73	Manerva Johnson EXC 1884
Kitty Miller	Harriet Brown
Augustus Preston DBL 20 Apr 1888	Jane Brown
Maneroa (?) Preston d. 6 Oct 18(66)?	Fannie E. Fletcher DBL Aug. 1874
1865	John Burcham
Martha Jewell	B. F. Burcham
Mary Hays	
Martha Wigington	

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THOMAS HERCULES HAYS (continued)

The children of William Hercules Hays, Sr. and Mary (Slack) Hays:

1. William Hercules Hays, Jr. (b. 3-18-1778 in Va. d. 1866) m. Eleanor Burcham (b. 3-16-1781, d. 1863).
2. James Hays, m. Letitia Brian 2-4-1805.
3. Margaret Hays, m. John Kennon.
- *4. Hercules Hays (b. 1-8-1786, d. 3-4-1855) m. 3-18-1809 Elizabeth Lusk (b. 12-6-1789, d. 187?).
5. Elizabeth Hays (b. 12-6-1789) m. Mr. Decker.
6. Mary Hays (b. 1793) m. 1. Henry Burcham; 2. Stephen McMurtry.
7. Randall Porter Hays (b. 1-22-1794, d. 8-26-1884) m. 12-26-1822 Sarah Colvin (b. 1804, d. 1875).
8. Susan Hays (b. 1797) m. 8-21-1827 Jesse Wooldridge.
9. John Porter Hays (b. 1-1-1798, d. 1-16-1868) m. 1833 Evaline Dorsey (b. 4-25-1808, d. 3-3-1882).
10. Sarah J. Hays (b. 3-3-1804, d. 7-3-1865) m. 3-11-1822 Luther Decker (Luke) Colvin (b. 11-29-1800, d. 4-15-1862).

The above Hercules Hays and Elizabeth (Lusk) Hays were parents of

1. America Hays (b. 3-20-1810) m. 11-3-1831 William H. Branham.
- *2. William Houston Hays (1810-1897) m. 1. Nancy Neill; 2. Harriet Peddicord.
3. Nancy M. Hays (b. 5-14-1819, d. 6-21-1878) m. 2-5-1839 Stokely Winterbower (b. 2-18-1810, d. 6-21-1871). Their daughter Ella Winterbower was the first wife of Weed S. Chelf, Circuit Judge of Hardin County in the early 1900's. His second wife was Miss Hallie A. Wrather of Meade County.
4. Mary (Polly) Hays
5. James W. (Cyrus) Hays (b. 10-23-1815, d. 1-14-1891) m. 11-21-1837 Mary E. Churchill; m.2. 9-16-1851 Elizabeth Hays, a cousin.
6. Randall Green Hays (b. 1-1-1822) m.1. Laura Johnson; m.2. Mollie Keigwin.
7. Stephen Horace Hays (b. 6-27-1824) served in Confederate Army, killed during Civil War.

The above William Houston Hays, a one-time sheriff of Hardin County married his first wife Nancy Neill 7-14-1835. They were the parents of

1. Nancy Arabella Hays (b. 4-30-1836, d. 8-12-1838).
2. Thomas Hercules Hays (b. 10-6-1837, d. 11-9-1909) m.1. 7-17-1861 Sarah (Sally) Hardin Helm; m.2. 11-25-1869 Georgia Broughton of La Grange, Georgia.
3. James Clay Hays (b. 1841) m.1. Nora Wathan [Wathen]; m.2. Catherine (Kate) Wathan [Wathen].
4. Nancy Catherine (Kate) Hays (b. 1848 or 1849, d. 1927) m. Wiley Wilson.
5. William Houston Hays, Jr. (b. 1851) m.1. Catherine (Kate) Barbee; m.2. (?).

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BLUE BALL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1849

The church was established 20 June 1849 and called Blue Ball Baptist Church because of its proximity to Blue Ball Hill. The church building was better constructed than most country churches of the time, being built of bricks fired on the grounds. It was a small square building and had a stone enclosed cemetery adjacent.

The precise outward appearance of the building and grounds match the order and precise nature of the conduct required of the members and officials of the congregation. A copy of the first minute book with the rules and procedures, written in 1849, reveals the strict rules in effect when the church was constituted 131 years ago.

At the first meeting held at the home of Brother Daniel Holman, committees from five Baptist churches in the county were present. From the Forks of Otter Creek came William Rogers, William Yates, Thomas B. Nall, Thomas Elliott, L. McIntire and A. Lewis. The Union Church sent Hiram Tabor, Elhmon Vertrees and E. Vertrees. Mt. Zion was represented by Jacob Rogers, Colmore Lovelace, Isaih Miller, George Watts and Thomas Peck. From Rudes Creek came Elder George H. Hicks, Charles Pairpoint, Henry Bland, John English, William Woodring, Martin Nall and Richard Richards. Severns Valley sent John Morris and Elder H. Fraize.

Names of twenty-four persons requesting membership were presented. The Articles of Faith (8) were called for and read, followed by the Rules for Decorum (25). Most of the Rules for Decorum make a lot of sense but some seem to modern churchgoers. The 13th rule set out that, "No member of this church shall address another by any term or appellation but 'brother' or 'sister' while the church is in session." The 16th states, "Members speaking shall not strike at the feelings of the previous speaker or any member of the house." While the 17th required that, "Members are not permitted to talk, whisper or laugh so that an interruption is made in the church while transmitting business." The 25th reads, "Each male member shall pay twenty-five cents per year to the deacons to defray the expenses of the church." Each member was required to take communion or give his reason for not doing so.

Letters held by the brethren and sisters wishing to go into the constitution were as follows: Daniel Holman, Frances Hill, Henry Willyard, Robert Nall, Elizabeth Nall, Mary E. Nall, Daniel W. Nall, Harrison Holman, Isaac Richardson, Mary Wortham, James Holman, Lucy Holman, William Tarpley, Lucy Hobbs, Martin S. Hill, Mildred Hill, Nancy Hicks, Jacob Woodring, Thomas Morrison, Lucinda Morrison, William Hicks, Leticia Richardson, Ellen Holman and Thomas H. Thomas.

Guy Winstead

Helpful Hint: If your ancestor didn't have a will, as many did not, check in the Inventory and Appraisal books. Sometimes the estates of individuals who died intestate do have inventories, appraisals and settlements. Some estates took years to settle so don't give up if you don't find it where you think it should be. Keep looking!

HAPPY HUNTING

CEMETERY

This Catholic cemetery was recorded by Nancy Hurley and the Editor this spring. It is located between Flint Hill and Spurrier on the Copelin farm. Although the name is not definitely known, it may be St. Benedict's.

G. W. Akers	22 Mar. 1826	6 Sep. 1881
Anne M. wife of G. W. Akers	5 May 1835	24 Dec. 1887
John T. son of G. W. & A. M. Akers	21 Aug 1858	4 Aug. 1880
Lillie dau. of G. W. & A. M. Akers	25 Jun. 1863	21 Nov. 1882
Viola G. Skees	17 Sep. 1881	15 Apr. 1883
Martha E. wife of L. J. Wells	17 Oct. 1847	7 Jun. 1883
2 fieldstone marked graves (Buried 20 yards from the others)		
William K. White	7 Nov. 1837	29 Aug. 1878

BIBLE RECORD

Miller family Bible in the possession of David T. Miller, Rt. 1, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701. The Holy Bible, A. J. Holman & Co. 1881.

David G. Miller was born February 4, 1838
 Rebecca Miller was born September 21, 1837
 Mary F. Miller was born July 30, 1859
 Sarah E. Miller was born March 20, 1861
 Ida B. Miller was born September 23, 1862
 Minnie D. Miller was born October 23, 1864
 Elizabeth Miller was born March 12, 1864
 James W. Miller was born April 8, 1870
 Jacob Miller was born March 17, 1873

Mary F. Miller died June 20, 1861
 Sarah Emily Miller died August 21, 1861
 Jacob Miller died August 19, 1873
 David G. Miller died February 14, 1910
 Rebeca Miller died July 3, 1925
 James W. Miller died July 22, 1924
 Minnie D. Miller died March 10, 1938
 Ida B. Miller died August 31, 1944

QUERIESMILLER

Michael Miller b. 17 Oct 1805, d. 7 May 1887 buried Gilead Cemetery, Glendale, Ky. m.?, Mary ? b. 10 Apr 1810, d. 14 Apr 1887 buried Gilead. Who were their parents, and where from?
 Joe Miller, 3605 29th St., Lubbock, Texas 79410

KING

Greenup King b.?, d. 23 Jun 1889, m. 29 Jan 1850 Hardin Co. Hannah Withers Ditto b. 6 Apr 1820, d. 16 Aug 1904. Who were Greenup's parents? From where? Where are Greenup and Hannah buried?
 Bob Beimdick, Rt. 1, Box 278, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

QUERIESGORE, MARTIN, MATTHEWS, WOOLDRIDGE

David Martin b.9 Oct 1763 Goochland Co., Va., d.?, m.?, Nancy Matthews b.?, d.?, Son Moab Martin applied for Father's Rev. War pension in Hardin Co. 1854. Who were Moab's brothers and sisters? William Wooldridge b. 1800 Ky. where?, d. 1879 Ky. where?, m. ?, Mary Gore b. 1800 Ky. where? d. 1884 Ky. where? Who were their parents and children?
Mrs. Eugene D. White, Colony Drive, Rt. 1, Shelbyville, Ky. 40065.

CAMERON, EVELAND, WORTH

Need any information on Ernest Worth b.16 Aug 1843 in Ind. or Ohio, d. 9 May 1933 Indianapolis, m. 1877 Vine Grove, Ky. Sarah Frances Eveland b.12 Nov 1859 Newark, N.J. d.18 Mar 1938 Indianapolis. Josiah Eveland b.29 Jun 1817 Pa., d.28 Dec 1893, m.?, Sarah Cameron b.?, d.13 Feb 1899.
Lavina Worth, P.O. Box 503, Salina, Kansas 67401

ISAAC HYNES

Isaac Hynes, pioneer of Severns Valley, is mentioned by Samuel Haycraft as being the first Sheriff of Hardin County. One Isaac Hynes married Betty Handley in Nelson County as shown in the first Nelson County Marriage Book, probably before Hardin County was formed in 1793.

There is a record of an Isaac Hynes being born in Hynes Fort in 1790. It is likely but not proven that this was the son of Isaac Hynes, Sheriff. There seems to be no certain knowledge of the relationship, if any, between Isaac and Andrew Hynes. No one seems to know what happened to Isaac Hynes, Even Haycraft on page 39 of his history pleads ignorance. If anyone can enlighten us on any of the above, please write the editor.

ROBERTSON TO SPEAK AT JULY MEETING

Dr. Robert Wintersmith Robertson O.B.E. S.A.C.S., M.D. formerly of Elizabethtown, will be the July speaker. A prominent American and Kentucky surgeon, Dr. Robertson was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in England. Dr. Robertson's topic will be Elizabethtown as he knew it.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

<u>TWO CENTURIES IN ELIZABETHTOWN AND HARDIN COUNTY, KY.</u> by D. E. McClure	\$32.75
<u>HISTORY OF ELIZABETHTOWN, KY.</u> by Samuel Haycraft, Jr.	\$12.95
<u>CHRONICLES OF HARDIN COUNTY.</u> by Mrs. T. D. Winstead	\$ 5.00

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