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Tom Hatcher, Driving. Time Around World War I. Courtesy of John Forsyth.

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In Vol I, page 18 of the Society's publication "150 Years Pike County Kentucky 1822-1972," an error crept into the information through a series of statements passed from student to teacher to the Pike County Historical Society and was not adequately checked for accuracy. The error related to the military record of Mr. William Tackett. The Society apologizes for the error.

The following letter from the General Services Administration speaks for itself and sets the record straight.

September 13, 1967

Mr. Thomas J. Tackett
Box 149
Virgie, Kentucky 41572

Dear Mr. Tackett:

The records of the War Department in the National Archives indicate that William Tacket (also shown Tackett) was enrolled on November 11, 1862, at Peach Orchard, Kentucky, and was mustered in on November 18, 1862, at the same place. He was honorably discharged on September 15, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky, as a private, Company B, 39th Regiment Kentucky Infantry.

Private Tackett was born in Virgie, Pike County, Kentucky, and was 32 years of age at enrollment.

Sincerely yours,

signed James D. Walker

for Richard A. Jacobs, Chief
Central Reference Staff
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INTRODUCTION

This group of articles now going to the public attests to the variety and the depth of life in eastern Kentucky. Several articles are history in the traditional manner, such as work in logging and farming, growing up in Civil war times, and visiting the small city back in "stagecoach" days at the end of the last century. Others list organizations and county towns, such as a gazetteer, a roster of the Grand Army, the Ashcamp Church. Our genealogies continue to expand our knowledge of Pike County citizens and their family ties. And our marriage list has increased greatly and will soon get out of hand. But these are the researches that will make county and area histories possible.

There are two special projects that we are hoping to address in the immediate future. These are the Place Name movement, encouraged by the American Place Name and Folklore societies, and the Cemetery Inventory project, again nationwide in scope, but also sponsored by a grant to the Kentucky Historical Society. Call our office for forms, tapes, maps if you or your group will lend a hand in these basic historical projects.

The workers on this number of our papers may be given for your information. From Pikeville and vicinity: Alla M. Huffman, Faye Burke, Edith Thornbury, Anna and Frank Forsyth, Claire Kelly, Dorcas Hobbs; Jessie Horne, Robinson Creek; Elsie A. Hudson, Ashcamp; Lexie N. Wisecarver, Virgie; Madonna Newcomb, Virgie; Clyde Runyon, Hardy, Mary B. Miller (who sent us 4 family studies), Gaylord, Michigan. Others are unknown, or deceased. We would like to thank our local firms for their generous support, and all others who have helped to bring these papers to publication.

-- The Editors
"Little Francis" Tibbs came to Pike County from Smythe County, Va. in the early 1860's with her mother, four brothers, and three sisters. Their long wearisome journey and the hardships they endured is the subject of a story in *150 years of Pike County*.

For a time, the above named family lived with the Rueben Clark household. Mrs. Clark being the Widow Tibbs' sister; but with the coming of Spring, the Widow and her eight children set up housekeeping in a one-room log cabin with a loft and a lean-to kitchen. There was no door, and the one window had only a solid shutter on leather hinges. However, it was home and the children were wildly happy, for while there was a lot of work to be done there was also time to roam the hills and wade the creeks and just while away the good long spring and summer days.

It must be remembered that the 1860's were pioneer days in Pike County. The people were mostly poor, although they did not regard themselves as such! The housing was what the Federal Government would now label "sub-sub standard". However, they were independent, industrious, and fun loving; so there were many happy times for young and old.

Few people could be called wealthy or well-to-do by the standards of the day, and "cook stoves" were a luxury only they could afford. The average family cooked on the fire-place or even over an open fire outside in the summertime. The food, although plain, was usually plentiful. It consisted mostly of corn, beans, potatoes, pork, wild game, and corn-bread, even for breakfast; biscuits was a delicacy for Sunday morning. In the winter, pickled beans, kraut and pickled corn added zest to the salt pork and rabbit, ground hog and squirrel which the men folk brought in.

In the long winter evening, friends gathered in front of a roaring wood fire to tell tales of the "good old days." Yes, they had them even then! For refreshments, parched corn and sweet potatoes baked in the ashes under hot coals were served and relished with much gusto.

When Francis was quite an old lady (she lived to be ninety-three years of age) she told many stories of her childhood days. I will try to relate some of them and hope you will enjoy them as much as those children did.

**Vignettes**

The Widow Tibbs worked for neighboring families to support her family, receiving meat and produce for pay.

Being very industrious, and to lose no time in the long walk from her work to her home, she carried her knitting along with her and would sometimes complete a pair of socks on the way to work and the walk home.

Mrs. Tibbs' grandfather was a Cherokee Indian Chief. She was tall, very erect, with coal black hair, blue eyes and a straight thin nose. Her high cheek bones were her Indian heritage.

Her posture was so perfect that she was known to have walked five miles with a ham of meat balanced on her head, and her knitting needles flying! (Where is that book, with which I've been trying to improve my posture?)

"Little Francis" was in 1869 about 9 years of age, and being the youngest of the family was also the "pet," but she recalled many times when her mother would have to be away late or even over night, and her sisters who hired out to neighboring families, were also
away. Then she was left in the care of her brothers. Most of the time, they were quite careful to be sure one of them was with her. Especially since their mother meant business and no nonsense, and they knew that dire punishment would befall them if they did not obey. But a few times the call of the hounds in the hills, or the pretty girl on the next farm would lure them away and she would awaken to find herself alone. On one of these occasions, a neighbor riding by heard her crying and calling to the boys. He put her on back of him on the horse and took her home with him, a distance of six miles. Were those boys ever in trouble!

Feeding the Panthers

The Clark family had to make a trip to visit a family quite some distance away, and the Tibbs family were to take care of the farm and look after the animals.

Mrs. Tibbs and the older girls were to milk the cows that roamed the hill pasture and only came or were driven down to the clearing to be milked. Panthers were quite often seen moving through the hills from one location to another, and their screams could be heard from the high hills sometimes, coming quite close. Milking time was just at dusk and each evening it seemed the screams came closer. Then one evening, three huge cats came into the clearing, screaming and lashing their tails against the ground. The next day the frightened cows stayed close to the old rail fence, and that evening at milking time, the three cats came down from the woods again, this time so close that the terrified women poured the milk into the feeding troughs and ran for their lives with the bawling cows scattering here and there, jumping fences and heading for safety. When the women felt safe to look back, the panthers were contentedly lapping the warm fresh milk!

A Wedding

In 1865 the Widow Tibbs married Jacob Weddington, and until his death the family fared much better. Little Francis remembered him kindly, being the baby and his pet. However, he dealt firmly with the boys, and the work on the farm began to show results. He also taught the girls some of the manners and niceties of life that made home more pleasant for all the family. They called him Uncle Jake and thought he was one of the best men they had ever known. In the winter, he would read from the Bible and explain the meaning as he saw it.

"Brush Arbor" Camp Meeting

In Virginia, the family were of the Methodist faith, and the old Circuit Riders, visits were looked forward to with much joy and anticipation. Traveling evangelists from other faiths were also made welcome. Camp meeting, usually held for a week or even more, was a highlight of the summer season. Usually held in June and July, people would come for miles around bringing food and bedding, and camping out for the duration of the service.

These services were held in the open air. A nice level grove was selected, the growth cleaned out, some of the trees "felled" to make benches, others left as shade. In the preachers' rostrum, good side saplings were bent to form a canopy over a crude platform, a large tree felled in front, with the branches lopped off served as an altar, or a 'mourners bench' as it was called.

Services were held in the morning, dinner "on the grounds" at noon, and services
again in the afternoon. Sometimes as many as five preachers called Exhorters would follow each other on the rostrum. During the noonday break, the children and young people would take over the meeting place, singing old time songs and some even 'trying their hand' at preaching on the Brush Arbor rostrum.

A Wedding

The first real wedding and the grandest to the little girls' childish eyes was held one summer at one of these Brush Arbor services on a June afternoon when the sun shone brightly, flowers were blooming and the women and children had gathered any kind that they fancied in great armfuls and decorated the altar and platform. Everybody came from miles around to attend the wedding and the festivities to follow. In years to follow, Francis would recall how perfect everything was, and how pretty the bride was in her "factory" (unbleached muslin) dress with a wreath of flowers in her hair and carrying a huge bouquet of flowers! She was also wearing the first pair of slippers tied with ribbons she had ever seen.

A wedding dinner was served after the ceremony. The neighbors and friends had provided special food, and the bride's father had roasted a hog over an open fire to provide meat.

The wedding cake, iced with beaten egg whites, held the place of honor in the center of the table, and the little girl said she thought it was the finest and best food she had ever eaten. This meal was the called the "Infare Dinner."

That night the young people "shivareed" the happy couple. After dark, they gathered around the house, ringing cow bells, joking, singing, even shooting guns in the air. A great time was had by all. The word "shivaree" comes from the French "Chivirari". It seems to have been an old English custom. Early settlers were mostly sturdy English stock.

The Witch

One day Francis visited a neighbor. She found her on the front proch, churning milk in a wooden churn. The lady was quite put out because the milk kept foaming up over the lid. Finally she told the little girl that the milk had been 'witched.' After a while, she got a dime, washed it, lifted up the lid of the churn and dropped it into the milk. Muttering "This will do the job—witches can't stand pure silver," she resumed churning. The foaming stopped and the butter gathered to the top of the milk.

In later years, Francis wondered if the dime had done the trick or if the milk simply got warm and quit foaming.

Union Soldiers in Pikeville

In the year of 1862 Union soldiers occupied the town of Pikeville. One detachment camped in the down-town area and another on the hill where Pikeville College now stands. The soldiers on the hill were quite jealous of the down-town soldiers because that was where the pretty girls were. This was the year of the "great '62 flood." The rains came down day after day and the Big Sandy River kept rising, finally forcing the down-town soldiers to move up the hill, to the great joy of the hill soldiers. The hill soldiers jeered, cat-called, and refused to help anyone except the families who happened to be blessed with a handsome lass or so.
A Romance

Richard P. Robinson, who came from Virginia with his brothers, Isaac and Samuel, in the 1820's settled on the Big Sandy River just above Pikeville and claimed all the land from the mouth of Red Creek to the mouth of Chloe.

His brother Issac settled on Island Creek. Samuel went back to Virginia. Richard P. was blessed with many daughters of great beauty and talent. In addition to sons, one daughter, Lucinda, is John Cline's grandmother.

Louisa married Archibald Huffman, grandparents of Bill and George. Hannah married Albert Huffman and they are the grandparents of Landy, Virgil, and Norman. The two brothers married two sisters.

Another sister was a young lady of 16 or thereabouts when the Union soldiers were in Pikeville, and a young officer fell madly in love with her. She returned his affection. When the troops had to leave, he vowed to return to her. But she never saw him again, even though she faithfully waited and watched for his return. She died quite young but until the end she had no other beaus, and maintained that if he were alive, he would come back for her.

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Gideon Ison I. was born about 1650 in Shropshire, England. He was a lord in the English Parliament. He went from England to Ireland and was buried there in 1701.

When his son, John, fell in love with a German girl, Elizabeth Huff, who was of the common class, he gave up his royalty, married her and sailed to America. He settled in Amherst County, Virginia, when Elizabeth’s family was supposed to have come to America and settled near Wise, Virginia.

Gideon I, John’s son, born 1710, married Cynthia Ingram. He reared his family in Scott County, Virginia.

Isaac, Gideon II’s son, was born 1780, and married Becky Ingram. They lived on the Gusses River in Virginia. Isaac’s brother, George III, married Becky’s sister, Annie. They all moved to Linefork, Letcher County, Kentucky. They brought with them slaves, horses, cattle and other things necessary to live in an isolated country. It is said that as they crossed the Cumberland River, a slave accidentally dropped her small baby into the water. George, in the rush to get across Pine Mountain before dark, refused them time to rescue the baby. George, who had visited Linefork previously, realized the difficulty in reaching his destination and, too, they considered a baby slave as worthless. Also, there were signs of lurking Indians in this wild unpopulated territory.

George Gideon was a strong, robust, muscular individual. He had learned to be rather clever with his fists. When he was in Russell County, Virginia, he was a champion fighter. After he had lived at Linefork for a few years he was challenged by a man from Virginia. It was a hot summer day. He was plowing in his cornfield with an ox when a man rode up to him and asked where George Gideon Ison lived. George told him he did not have to go any farther, as he was looking at him. George started to the road. He was barefoot, stumbled and fell by hanging his foot in his long linsey shirt which he was wearing. The stranger told him to get some clothes on because he had ridden all the way from Virginia to give him a good whipping. George did not wait to change his clothes. He knocked the man off his horse. The stranger was whipped before he had time to strike the first blow. The stranger wanted to leave but George insisted that he feed his horse and eat with him before he left. George Gideon fought many similar fights and was always the victor.

Edmond, Isaac’s son, settled in Pike County at the mouth of Marshalls Branch, His parents moved to Linefork, where George Gideon and Annie lived. He was my great-grandfather and was married to Cassey Huff.

They had nine children: 1) Alex who lived at Beech Hill; 2) Dave lived at the Pound. He was a wanderer and made many trips out west; 3) Billie married Ellen Belcher, my grandparents; 4) Sallie married Helton Blankenship and lived at Hellier. Melster York was their granddaughter. 5) Hulda married Jake Sanders, their daughter married Professor Remines, 6) Margaret married Ode Elkins; 7) Oma married William Powell, and 8) Rebecca married Urah Johnson.

Edmond was killed in Pike County near the Letcher County line when a log rolled over him. He was buried in Marshalls Branch in the Penelton Johnson Cemetery.

Billie Ison, my grandfather, married Ellen Belcher. They had six children: 1) Charley—who is still living at the age of eighty-eight; 2) Sam T. married Alice Keel and is buried at Ashland. He worked for the C & O Railroad for years; 3) Farabell married Doll Bench. Later after Mr. Bench’s death, she married my father-in-law, D. J. Horne. She is buried at South Point, Ohio. 4) Elihu, My father, married Draxie Marrs, both are buried at Robinson Creek; 5) Lillie married Dr. J. F. Wright and is buried at Ashland. Dr. Wright still lives in Russell and is still practicing dentistry; 6) Muncy married Lillie Sindal. He is dead but she still
lives at the old home place at Marshalls Branch.

Annie Ison, George Gideon’s daughter, had a son, Jeff, before she was married. His father was a Hall but Jeff kept the name of Ison. His daughter, Mantie, married Fess Whitaker, who was elected jailer of Letcher County, where he was in jail when he was elected. He was later released and served his term as jailer.

Another daughter, Polly, of George Gideon, married Kelley Hogg. They had separated. One weekend he brought home a girl friend. A churn of milk was spilled on the floor and the bare foot prints of his girl friend were left on the floor. When Polly returned she saw the tracks. She took an axe and cut the plank containing her footprints from the floor.

Many of the Isons had a hereditary eye disease called “Retinitis Pigmentosa,” that left them blind. Carl Breeding, whose mother is an Ison, and is blind, has made a study of what might possibly be the cause. He found that this disease was in the offspring of the individuals where Isons had married Stampers or Breedings. Carl, after teaching for twenty-nine years, was forced to retire, because of this disease. He is now participating in an experiment with the New York University to try and find a treatment for this rare eye disease, which has plagued the Ison generations for ages.
ASH CAMP
In the southern part of Pike County, 122 miles south of Picketown, the county seat, its nearest shipping point 75 from Bristol, Tenn., on the E. T. V. & G. R. R. and 200 southeast of Louisville. Adams Express. Semi-weekly mail. George W. Francisco, postmaster.

Business Directory
Bartley, Pleasant, flour mill.
Cantrill, Hiram, blacksmith.
Cantrill, Reuben, general store.
Farmer, O. L., boot and shoemaker.
Francisco, G. W., farmer.
Van Doer, John H., justice of the peace.

BENT BRANCH
A small postoffice in Pike County, 350 from Louisville. Weekly mail. Bevins, postmaster.

Business Directory
Lawson, J. M. Dry Goods.
Pinson, J. A. general store.
Scott, J. M., general store.

COAL RUN
In the northwestern part of Pike County, 4 miles north of Picketon, the county seat, 64 miles south of Willard, its nearest station on the E. K. R. R. and 330 southeast of Louisville. Its nearest shipping point by water is the mouth of Stone Coal river, 300 yards distant. Tri-weekly mail. William Reynolds, postmaster.

Business Directory
Reynolds, Wm. general store.
Walker, C. A. teacher.

FISH TRAP
Quite a small settlement in Pike County.

Business Directory
Blackburn, H. P. grocer.
Coleman & Co., general store
Hamilton, James W. Druggist
Hamilton, N. general store
Polley & Ford, general store
Ramey, Joseph, general store
Ratliff, T. M. druggist

PAWPAW
A postoffice in Pike County, from which 300 families receive mail. It is on Tug Fork of the Big Sandy river, and is about 400 miles from Louisville. Weekly mail. Daniel B. Coleman, postmaster.

Business Directory
Blankenship, Wm., justice of the peace
Coleman, Daniel B., general store and live stock
Coleman, H. M. mill owner
Ellswick, Thompson, general store
Fuller, Harvey, physician
Lane, John, gunsmith
Scarbery, R. M. Lawyer

PIKETON
On the west fork of the Big Sandy called Pikeville, the county seat of Pike, 110 miles southwest of Catlettsburg, its nearest shipping point by water, on the Big Sandy river, 127 southwest of Huntington, W. Va., its nearest shipping point by rail on the C. & C. R. R. 400 southeast of Louisville, and is on the tri-weekly mail and stage route to Prestonsburg and Paintsville. Population 350. L. C. Dils, postmaster.

Business Directory
Adams, A. E., general store
Auxier, A. J. Commonwealth Attorney
Bowles, O. W., lawyer
Bowles & Ratliff, general store
Call, W., carpenter
Clay, M., jailer
Cline, P. A. sheriff
Cline & Marrs, druggists
Coates, Thomson, tanner
Connelly & Cecil, lawyers
Dean, Rev. C.
Draper, J. N., physician
Fewell, R. E., clerk circuit court
Ferrell, R. M., blacksmith
Fidlar, John M., flour and saw mill.
Ford, H & Son, general store
Gray, I. E., physician
Gray & Ford, druggists
Gray & Hatcher, general store
Hamilton, N. & Son, general store
Hatcher, A. J. hotel
Hatfield, Basil, county judge
Kelly, B. F., marshal
Leslie, A. W., general store
Leslie, J. W., blacksmith
Marrs, N. B. carpenter
Marrs, Thomas L., express agent
Maynard, Linsey, coroner
Phelps, J. C., boots and shoes
Ramey, Joseph, assessor
Ratliff, J. E., sheriff
Ratliff, James Y., lawyer
Ratliff, W. O. B., lawyer
Scott, John, general store
Thornsberry, James M., county attorney
Todd, Rev. James
Tope, Rev., J. B.
Weddington, H. justice
Williamson, Hibbard, county clerk
York, J. M., lawyer
Ziegler, Rev. Isaac

POWELL'S MILL

On the Big Sandy river, in the southern part of Pike County, 8 miles south of Piketon, the county seat, its nearest shipping point, on the Big Sandy, 300 southeast of Louisville, and is on the weekly mail and stage route from Piketon to Whitesburg. David Campbell postmaster.

Business Directory
Boles & Ratliff, lumber
Campbell, David, flour mill
Polley, James, general store.


ASH CAMP In Pike County, 24 miles south of Pikeville, the county seat, and 200 miles southeast of Louisville. Ship to Pikeville. Population 25 Bartley, G. W. & Bro.—general store.

BEATRICE In Pike County, 21 miles from Pikeville, the county seat, banking and shipping point. W. H. C. Johnson, postmaster, general store and flour mill.

BENT BRANCH In Pike County, 13 miles from Pikeville, the county seat, banking, and shipping point. Population 200. J. H. Pinson, postmaster.

Bevins, A. P. mason
Bevins, G. W., shoemaker
Bevins, J. M. & Co., general store
Deskins, J. K., lumber
Goff, J. M., blacksmith
Jackson, R. L., physician
Lawson, L. M., saw and flour mill
Leslie, K. F., general store and saw mill
Pinson, James, A., general store and lumber
Pinson, John C., blacksmith
Pinson, John H., hotel
Runyon, L. G., distillers
Smith, Joseph, carpenter
Stump, O., teacher
Thompson, Albert, flour mill and constable
Thompson, Henry, justice
Williams, Robert, teacher
Young, G. W., general store

CANADA
On the N. & W. R. R. in Pike County, 18 miles northeast of Pikeville, the county seat. Population 100.
John Smith, postmaster
Blackburn, G. R., saloon
Burns, Thomas, Justice of Peace
Harris, W. M., carpenter
Hawkins, Andrew, constable
Jernigston, Robert, wagonmaker
Smith, John, general store
West, Job, blacksmith
Williams, Floy, hotel
Williams, H., banker
York, J. M., lawyer

DESKIN
Pike County, 13 miles northeast of Pikeville, the county seat and shipping point. L. Stone, postmaster.
Deskins, Wm., general store
Reynolds, Thomas, general store
Richardson, Henry, carpenter
Runyon, Lewis, distiller
Smith, Galililan, flour and saw mill
Thompson, Anthony, constable
Thompson, Henry, justice of peace

GULNARE
Pike County, 16 miles north of Pikeville, the seat of justice, banking and shipping point. Population 300. H. J. Clark, postmaster.
Clark, Henry J., Artist and Jeweler
Clark, W. S., flour and saw mill
Leslie, R. A. E., teacher
Leslie, T. J., general store
Maynard, B. W., teacher
Maynard, J. D., lumber
Scalf, James, carpenter
Scalf, Jerry, carpenter
Scalf, J. W., druggist
Scalf, Wm., gunsmith
Scott, Henderson, lumber
Scott, H. & Walker, general store
Vicars, J. W., physician

JAMBOREE
Pike County, 25 miles from Pikeville, the county seat. Ship to Whites Camp, W. Va., Population 75.
Blankenship, B. F., general store
Dotson, D. H., general store

MOUTHCARD
A rural postoffice in Pike County. 16 miles east of Pikeville, the county seat.

PAWPAW
Pike County, 37 miles from Pikeville, and 12 miles from Delorme, its shipping point. Population 50.
Bowers, W. J., school teacher

PHELPS
Pike County, 35 miles from Pikeville, the judicial seat and banking point, and 6 from Delorme, W. Va., its shipping point. J. J. Wolford, postmaster.
Campbell, A. W., general store
Sanders & Blankenship, general store
Wolford, A., Jr., grocer
Wolford, Jonathan J., general store
Wolford, W. R., flour mill

PIKEVILLE
The judicial seat, Pike County, is located on the west fork of the Big Sandy, 65 miles south of Richardson and 132 from Frankfort. Ship via Williamson, W. Va. Population 700.
Auxier, A. J., lawyer
Auxier, J. B., lawyer
Auxier, N. J., lawyer
Auxier, R. R., general store
Bailey, J. M., clothing
Bales & Ferrell, wagonmakers
Bank of Pikeville (capital $50,000).

James Hatcher, Pres. James Sowards, Cashier
Belcher, Bart, lawyer
Bowles, C. C., grocer
Bowles, O. C., lawyer and general store
Caudill, J. D., general store
Cecil, S. M., lawyer
Connolly, W. H., lawyer
Ferguson, J. Lee, lawyer
Hatcher, James, general store
Hatcher & Huffman, saw and flour mill
Hatcher & Williamson, milliners
Huffman & Gray, general store
Kline, J. S., grocer
Leslie, J. W., grocer
Marrs, Joseph, lawyer
Marrs, J. P., lawyer
May, A. P. W., lawyer
Moore, D. B., undertaker
Mountain Monitor, Pikeville Publishing Co. publrs.
Nays, C. F., contractor
Parson, C. M. Lawyer
Phelps, J. C., shoemaker
Pikeville Publishing Co., publrs Mountain Monitor
Polley, James & Sons, general store
Ramey, Joseph B., blacksmith
Ratliff, T. F., druggist
Repass & Nixon, harness.
Robertson, J. M., lawyer
Rutroff, J. H., Jeweler
Smith & Scott, livery
Steel, Scott & Pinson, general store
Stepp, W. B., lawyer
Thornbury, Grant, drugs
Walford, David J., lawyer
Williamson, Hibbard, hotel
Williamson & Pritchard, general store
Wolford, J. M., tinner
York, J. M., lawyer
Yost, C. T., lawyer
Yost, P. O., Grocer
Yost, T. G., painter

PRAISE

Pike County, 18 miles from Pikeville, the county seat and nearest banking and shipping point. L. Clevinger, postmaster.
Belcher, G. W. & Co., general store and lumber
Belcher & Bentley, lumber
Bentley, James G., general store
Center, H. C., lumber
Clevinger, Lewis, carpenter
Cure, Orville, carpenter
Hoyston, J. W., justice
May, J. H. & Son, general store
Maynard, C. C., physician
Polley, W. M. & Co., general store, stock & timber
Polley & Clevinger, timber
Polley & Ferrell, timber
Powell, M. H. & Bro., general store & lumber
Ramey, James S., saw and flour mill
Ratliff, John, justice
Roberson & Clevinger, lumber
Sloan, John, lumber
Stiltner & Mullins, general store
Thornbury & Polley, lumber
Wilder, J. T., saw and flour mill

ROBINSON CREEK
Pike County 14 miles southwest of Pikeville, the county seat. Thomas May, postmaster.
Call, W. P., saw mill and grist mill
Damron, L. T., music teacher
Damron, Rev. Robert (Baptist)
Jones, Rev. Nathaniel (Methodist)
Keel Bros., general store
Marrs, Wm. E. confectioner
May, M. E., general store
Newsom, A. J., general store
Newsom, Samuel, general store
Roberts, Rev. Daniel (Baptist)
Tackitt, Hiram, carpenter

RUNYAN
Pike County, on the N & W. R. R. 25 miles from Pikeville the county seat, and 3 miles from Williamson, W. Va. its banking point. W. G. W. Riddle, postmaster.
Scott, A. J. & Smith, general store
Scott, T. B. & Co., general store

RURAL
Pike County, 23 miles northeast of Pikeville, the county seat, and 8 miles from Nolan, W. Va., its shipping point. G. M. D. Bevins, postmaster.
Bevins, G. T., saw and grist mill
Pauley, J. F., general store
Hall, P. W. Mill Co., flour mill
Hall, S. W., carpenter
Jent, John, justice
Pratt, John M., blacksmith
Singleton, W. C., surveyor
Wells, A. J., sheriff
Wells, E., cooper and mason

VIRGIE

STRATTON
Pike County, 9 miles from Williamson, W. Va. its banking and shipping point, and 18 miles from Pikeville the county seat. Population 75. J. B. Smith, postmaster.
Bolt, W. L., flour and saw mill.

ZEBULON
Pike County, 6 miles northeast of Pikeville, the county seat and banking point. Ship via Williamson, W. Va.—M. V. McCoy, postmaster
Ball, B. B., carpenter
Goff, John M., blacksmith
Helvey, Wm. H., blacksmith
Honaker, James, W., blacksmith
McCoy, M. V., school teacher
McCoy, N. B., general store
Miller, J. P., cooper
Runyon, L. G., distiller
Thompson, Albert & Co., saw and girst mill
Thompson, A. W., constable
Thompson, Rev. H. H. (Christian), justice
Thompson & Co., general store

SPOKE FACTORY EXPLOSION (Early 1916)
Pikeville, Ky.
James Anderson was born about 1827 in Virginia. His parents' names are not known but it is believed that he had brothers and sisters named Lydia, Nancy, Thomas, John, Lucy, Moses and Aaron Anderson.

James Anderson married Jane Perlina "Tena" Potter, daughter of Isaac & Mary Potter of Letcher Co., Ky. James Anderson resided, at different times, in both Pike County and Letcher County. The children of James & Jane Perlina (Potter) Anderson were:

1. Polly (or Mary) Anderson born about 1851, married "Cain" (Elkanah) Newsome.
2. Isaac Anderson died young.
3. John Anderson born about 1855, married Sydney Wright.
4. Lucy Anderson born about 1860.
6. Moses Anderson born about 1864, married Elizabeth Croft (or Craft).

Joseph Anderson, son of James & Jane Perlina (Potter) Anderson, married Rachel Anderson, 27 February 1879. Rachel was born 1 August 1862 the daughter of Hiram and Spicey (Tackett) Anderson. She was the granddaughter of Charles Anderson and of George and Hannah (Osborne) Tackett.

Joseph and Rachel (Anderson) Anderson lived in Pike County, Kentucky, and were members of the Enterprize Old Regular Baptist in the Amil Little Cemetery on Long Fork, Pike County, Ky.

Children of Joseph and Rachel Anderson:

4. Tena Anderson born 7 April 1885, died 28 August 1934.
5. Anize Anderson born 12 April 1887, died 31 October 1891.
12. Frankie Anderson born 8 November 1901, died 1 December 1928.
Joseph Anderson married 2nd, Polly Little on 27 February 1905. No children were born to this union and Polly died 21 July 1908.

Joseph Anderson married 3rd, Amanda Bryant on 21 September 1909. She was born 9 June 1889, a daughter of Lewis Bryant.

Children of Joseph & Amanda (Bryant) Anderson were:

Amanda (Bryant) Anderson died 13 July 1933 and is buried in the Belcher Cemetery on Blaze Branch, Pike County, Kentucky.

Joseph Anderson married 4th, Kentucky Ratliff. No children were born to this union and Joseph Anderson died 25 December 1938 and is buried in the Amil Little Cemetery on Long Fork, Pike County, Kentucky.

Hiram Anderson, son of Joseph and Rachel (Anderson) Anderson married Annie Rebecca Tackett on December 21, 1911. She was the daughter of James Tackett and Mary Ann Martin Tackett and was born 18 February 1895. Hiram and Annie lived on Long Fork of Shelby, Pike County, Kentucky for many years and then moved to Pigeon Roost Creek of Elk-horn, near Ashcamp, Ky.

Their children:


Hiram Anderson died 12 June 1964 and is buried on Lower Pigeon, Pike Co., Ky. His widow, Annie Rebecca (Tackett) Anderson, lives with her daughter at Ashcamp, Kentucky. She is descended from many of the early Pike County settlers. Her father, James Tackett, was the son of Abel and Rebecca (Caudill) Tackett. Abel Tackett was the son of William and Sarah (Caudill) Tackett. William Tackett was the son of William Tackett, Sr. and Amy Johnson Tackett.

Rebecca Caudill was the daughter of Jesse and Elender (Estep) Caudill. Jesse and Elender were married 4 August 1834, Pike Co., Kentucky. He was the son of Stephen and Sarah (Yonts) Caudill and she was the daughter of Joel Estep.

James Tackett's wife, Mary Ann Martin, was the daughter of William and Annie (Davis) Martin. James Tackett and Mary Ann Martin were married 3 October 1879. Their children:

1. Jacob Tackett, died age 3 years.
2. William Able Tackett, born 24 October 1882, married in 1903, Fannie Louise Osborne. She was born 5 December 1885 and died 3 April 1971. William Able Tackett died 30 December 1970.
4. Alvin A. Tackett, died age 24 years.
7. Gracey Tackett, married a Little.
8. Annie Rebecca Tackett born 18 February 1895, married Hiram Anderson.
PIKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT - LOOKING FOR NEW SOLUTIONS TO OLD PROBLEMS.

FROM THE DESK OF:

Wayne T. Rutherford
Pike County Judge

Speaking for myself and others in Pike County Government, I congratulate the Pike County Historical Society on its third publication, an issue devoted to the personal histories of many Pike County families.

The task of the Historical Society—of revealing our special heritage—is an important one. There is much we can learn from the courage and determination of our forefathers. Their devotion to an honest day's work, their close family ties and traditions, their self-reliance, their love of nature are all worth knowing and imitating.

I am proud of the progress this county has made in the last decade. I am confident that by working together the government and people of Pike County can realize the dreams of their ancestors.

PROGRESS IN PIKE COUNTY - 1970 - 1978

* COMMUNITY SERVICES
Solid Waste Program
Housing Projects
Disaster Relief Programs
Airport
Health Clinics
Library Facilities
Fire Stations

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
Douglas Industrial Complex
Coal Gasification Plant
Multi-County Industrial Park* (proposed)

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
Road and Bridge Repair
Water and Sewer Management
Drainage Projects

SOCIAL PROGRAMS
Senior Citizens Centers
Group Home for Juveniles
Alcohol Treatment Center

RECREATIONAL PROJECTS
Blackberry Recreation Park
Recreational Facilities at all county elementary and secondary schools

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Jail Renovation
Juvenile Detention Center
Prisoner Processing Center

COURTHOUSE PROJECTS
Remodeling of Courthouses in Pikeville, Hellier
New Courthouse Annexes at Phelps, Belfry
COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Judge - Wayne T. Rutherford
County Attorney - Gary C. Johnson
County Clerk - John Paul Blair
Sheriff - Charles "Fuzzy" Keesee
Property Valuation Admr. - T. T. Colley
County Jailer - Sid Phillips
County Surveyor - C.D. Roberts
County Coroner - Brafford Hall
County Treasurer - John Paul Burchett

MAGISTRATES

1. Lee Roberts
2. Flem Varney
3. Wade C. Justice
4. Taylor Justice

"Progress should be defined as any step toward improving the quality of life for our people."
Dear Girls:

How could I keep from loving you when I had loved your mother so long. Your Grandmother Connolly and my father were descended from the same old man Ratliff. Your great Grandmother, Aunt Peggy Ratliff used to be so good to me. I often sat in her room and talked with her and listened to her talk of olden times. She told me how she used to come to Chloe to visit my Grandmother during her last illness—how my father came to see his Mother by slipping in from the Army. Your great uncle Butler and my Aunt Mollie Wheeler were sweethearts for a long time, when I was a little girl and lived in Johnson County. We moved to Pike Co., (Chloe) in January, 1888. The teacher’s examination was in early summer, held in the old public school building across the street from the Connolly Hotel. Daddy took me to the Hotel Friday morning and I had dinner there Friday and Saturday—took the examination and got my certificate to teach school. Your Grandfather was County Superintendent.

I taught my first school on Chloe Creek—taught five months and received $100.00. A young Presbyterian preacher named Smith taught the Pikeville public school that year. He came to Chloe one Sunday and we organized a Sunday-School. He brought the “Big Four” to sing. The “Big Four” were—Mary Yost, Anna (Big) Ford, and Katie (Lit) Ford and Nona. I do not remember what anyone wore except Nona had on black and white diamond checked hose. She was 13 and I was 17. She started to P. C. Institute when school opened in September 1889, Mr. Blythe was teacher that year. I taught five months on Chloe (my second school) and started in the Freshman Class in January 1890. I studied hard and made 88 in my first Latin test. I had a good English foundation.

I often stayed all night with Nona and we studied our lessons together. She decided she didn’t want to take Latin in our Sophomore year, but in our Junior year she learned she had to take Latin to get her diploma, so I took Ceasar again with her. Mr, Kendrick came to Hendrick Hall and gave us special lessons. We took Cicero that year too.

There were twelve in our Sophomore class—Harrison Connolly, Joe Hatcher (Jim’s youngest brother, died young), Allen Cline, Arthur Walton, Jay Sidney Gray, Rousseau Thornbury, Alma Gray, Lillian Rutoff, Anna and Katie Ford, Nona Connolly and myself (Lizzie Syck). Only three of us finished the four years. We had three new dresses that last spring. I had a pink cashmere, light-weight all wool, Nona had a blue figured summer silk. We bought 25¢ a yard challis material for our Baccalaurate sermon dresses, pink for Nona, blue for me. We made them ourselves and made them alike and trimmed with yards and yards of ribbon and lace. We had to send to Paintsville to get enough ribbon to finish. All this lace and ribbon was put on by hand. We sewed afternoons and evenings, worked on lessons and dresses, matching color instead of material.

We ordered white China silk for our commencement dresses—26 yards, 50¢ per yard, from Chas. A. Stevens, Chicago. We sent them to Miss Helen Zeigler, Cattlesburg to have them made to our measure, cost $6.00 each. When she mailed them to us she valued them at $50.00 each, but they didn’t cost half that. We ordered white kid slippers from New York—cost $1.98 a pair. Wore white cotton hose (silk hose had not made their appearance in Pikeville then - 1894). We dressed at the hotel and wrapped newspapers around our white hose and wore our black slippers to the Courthouse. One of the jury rooms was our dressing room (to change shoes). The streets were too dusty for our white slippers.

Hester Rolfe, Frank Connolly’s Mother, ordered Marchal Neil roses for us. Our “make-up” was glycerine and lemon juice applied carefully for three or four nights before to remove tan and sunburn.
We were given subjects for our essays. Nona's was "Out of the Life of School into the School of Life"—Sidney's was "Does the man make the circumstance or circumstance make the man?"—Mine was "If you cannot find a place to fit you, strive to fit the place in which you find yourself."

The courthouse was used for all entertainments and the whole town was very much interested in our first High School Commencement.

Our class colors were "Silver and blue"—our class flower "violet" and our class motto "Labor Omnia Vincit"—Labor conquers all things.

The rostrum was too low for our stage, so a platform was built up over the railing. School boys and girls and friends wound flowers and vines all around the railings and covered the pillars from bottom to top with roses, daisies, ferns and vines.

Dr. Condit made the address and Rev. Blythe presented the diplomas. Then we started from the life of school into the school of life. I taught school that year at the Mouth of Meathouse and boarded at Tom Williamson's. Your Mother visited her uncle Butler's down in the state. She wrote me of meeting a young doctor and then, of course your Dad wrote to her about the young doctor. She accused me of telling tales, I was perfectly innocent. Bigger worked in the Post Office part of the time and he helped himself to my letters. She went to Oxford in September for a year in college, and we just had to write no secrets. I got some letters he didn't read and sometimes he would meet my Dad on the street and send my letter to me and sometimes he got the letters open someway and put them back in our box.

After I finished my five months school at Meathouse I taught five months at P. C. I., the first part of 1895, and stayed at Hendrick Hall.

Sometimes your Dad would take me to a little social gathering or horseback riding. Your mother was gone—we were cousins children, about the same age and both loved the same girl, the chief subject of our conversations.

A few months after she came home from Oxford, she sent me a note to come over the next morning, they were going to be married at 8 o'clock. After the wedding when they were getting ready to start on their "honeymoon," Landon Lawson came to me and said, "They want us to go part of the way with them." Your Grandmother fixed an extra nice lunch. The horse your Dad intended to drive was a large, handsome bay and was rather lively that morning and your Grandpa Bowles was afraid for Bigger to drive him. Landon was a good horseman and I was used to riding and not afraid so we drove the bay and Bigger and Nona drove a more gentle horse till noon.

We ate the wedding dinner spread on a big log in the creek bottom just this side of the overshot mill, where Jean Auxier lives now. After a pleasant hour, and no dishes to wash we exchanged horses as Mr. Bay Horse had calmed down after a ten mile drive. Just think of using the biggest part of the day to drive to Williamson from Pikeville.

She went to housekeeping on College Street. I was with her often, they sent for me when Charley was a tiny baby. We didn't have telephones then. I stayed with her all I could when your Grandfather and Harrison died. She always had more money than I, but that didn't make any difference in our friendship.

On Monday before I was married, we drove to town and told a few friends. Your father and mother and about 40 others came to our wedding. When we came home from our trip, your Grandmother wanted us to stay at the hotel, but we didn't have money to start boarding. We had the promise of a house on second street, but it took the people so long to vacate! Dr. made a trip to Shelby and we went to housekeeping at Virgie. After a few months we came home and when the first twins were two months old we went to housekeeping in the Connolly Annex across the street from your Grandmother's so we were near each other again. When we built on College Street, your Mother let you children come up to our house and play all morning and afternoon, but she seldom let you eat there; she said if she
allowed you to eat there it wouldn’t be long till you would be eating other places too. She gave each of you a job as soon as you were old enough. Charley did the milking, Harrison carried out the ashes. Lorraine had a certain part of the house work and you were just a little helper.

Dr. Walters and Bigger Bowles were very close friends.

We had lots of fun writing our class song—getting all the ‘meters and measures’ right and working our motto and colors into the song. Your Mother set it to music and played it on the guitar. I think Mr. Blythe was prouder of the song than we were. He certainly laid a sound, solid foundation for the Pikeville College. Dr. Condit, Dr. Fulton, and Dr. Hendrick made the trip of investigation and organized the Presbyterian Church and made plans for the school but David Blythe worked with his head, his hands, and his heart. He helped dig the foundation of the building in the cornfield.

He began the school with only two teachers but at Christmas, he added another—a kindergarten teacher—Miss Jennie Evans. He visited the sick and the poor besides his own church members; after teaching half a day. On Sunday he had Sunday School, preached the morning sermon, had Christian Endeavor society meeting and preached again in the evening. He gave his time and money and impaired his health for life for Pikeville College (and on Founders Day 1950, he was not even mentioned). Overwork and worry finally gave him a bad case of typhoid fever, from which he never fully recovered and caused him to give up his dearly loved Pikeville work.

The principal for the next two years was Miss Katherine B. Ureeland. Her teachers were her Mother and T. J. Kendrick. She was there two years and resigned in 1894. Then Mr. Forsythe and T. J. Kendrick were co-principals in 1894-1895. After Christmas they added two more teachers, Lizzie Syck and a young Mr. McDonald. He could read 12 languages and speak seven. I taught U. S. History, arithmetic, grammar, etc. Normal work. The next year, 1895-96—Hammet was Principal. He stayed two years—then came Rev. Corneilison for 1898-99. The school was failing fast and very nearly died.

Then, in 1899 Dr. Record took it over. Like Rev. Blythe, he was very much interested in the school. He began by traveling over the country by horseback and getting acquainted with the people.

I first met him at Phelps where I was teaching that year. I married in 1900 and didn’t go to Sunday School and church much until we moved to town in 1901, and doctor’s boys started going to the Academy. From that time on, the Records and Walters were special friends. Dr. Walters was their family physician, also was physician for the Dormitories for years.

It was a common occurrence for the Records and teachers to “drop in” at our house or the office for a chat. Now, I guess I have written enough. You girls can remember the rest.

With best wishes for all of you & yours,

Mrs. W. J. Walters

P. S. Our first library at P. C. I. was started about 1890. Rev. Blythe obtained a large bookcase and put it in the hall of the Academy. Of course, there were only a few volumes perhaps not more than 100 or 150, but it was a beginning and we were proud of a start for a bigger, better library.
WILLIAM AND PRICEY (BISHOP) HUNT'S FAMILY
by Mary B. Miller
Abstracted by Dorcas Hobbs

William Hunt was born in April of 1829, Pike County, Kentucky, a son of George and Celia (Breeding) Hunt. George Hunt was born about 1808 and Celia Breeding was born about 1812. They were married 2 April 1826, Pike County, Kentucky. On the 1850 Census of Pike County, Kentucky, George's birthplace is listed as Kentucky and Celia's as Virginia. They resided near Steele, Kentucky. Their known children were John, William, Mary A., Jane, Elizabeth and George W. Hunt.

Pricey Bishop was born 27 May 1838, Pike County, Kentucky, a daughter of William E. and Mary “Polly” (Justice) Bishop. William E. Bishop was born about 1811 and Mary Justice was born about 1811 and died in 1895. The 1850 Census of Pike County, Kentucky lists his birthplace as Virginia and hers as Kentucky. They were married 15 May 1831, Pike County, Kentucky. Their known children were Uriah, Rhoda A., Pricey, Hiram, Miles, Jane, David, Vina, William and Andrew Bishop.

William Hunt and Pricey Bishop were married 1 September 1856, Pike County, Kentucky. William Hunt died 20 January 1913 and Pricey Hunt died 1 April 1930. They were the parents of seven children:
(1) James Martin Hunt, born 18 January 1858, Pike County, Kentucky.
(2) Madison Hunt
(3) Sarah Jane Hunt, born 19 November 1865, Pike County, Kentucky.
(4) Miles Hunt
(5) Roland Hunt
(6) Esten Hunt, born 22 February 1872, Pike County, Kentucky.
(7) Thomas Hunt.

Of these children, the contributor had no further information on Miles, Roland or Thomas Hunt.

(1) James Martin Hunt was born 18 January 1858, Pike County, Kentucky. He married Sarah Jane Justice, daughter of William Allen and Dorcas (Brown) Justice, on 10 October 1877, Pike County, Kentucky. They resided in the Feds Creek community most of their married life and were the parents of nine children—Mary, Nelson, Jerry M., Ellen, Ida, Telia, Minda, Jane and Floyd Hunt.

(1) Mary Hunt, oldest child of James Martin & Sarah Jane Hunt, married 1st, George Miller. There were no children of this marriage. She married 2nd, John A. “Buddy” Rowe, born 4 June 1880, son of Jackson and Sarah Ann (Thacker) Rowe. Their children were:
1-1 Lundy Rowe, born 2 February 1900, married 24 July 1922, Mary Abshire Reynolds, born 9 May 1904, a daughter of Artemius and Alice (Robinson) Reynolds. Their children:
Kelly Rowe, born 23 May 1923, married Ruth Williamson.
Alex J. "Dempsey" Rowe, born 20 May 1925, married Ample Childress.
Florence Rowe, born 17 June 1927, married Wilton Dotson.

Myrtle Rowe, born 20 September 1932, married Hansel Hunt.

Oeda Mae Rowe, born 11 February 1938, married Earl Scott Darnell.

Sarah G. Rowe, born 6 October 1940, married Gailard Patterson.

Larry Randall Rowe, born 18 March 1942, married Patty Jean Michael.

1-2 Stella Rowe, born 8 April 1906, married 28 March 1921, James Keene, born 10 May 1892. Stella died 27 March 1922. James died 18 October 1968. One child:

Olga Keene, born 4 January 1922, married 23 September 1939, Bennett Reynolds, born 6 July 1920. Their children:

Robert Reynolds, born 1941
Rose Lee Reynolds, born 1943
Jackie Reynolds, born 1945
Norma Jean Reynolds, born 1947

1-3 Ocie Rowe, third child of Mary (Hunt) and John A. Rowe, married 1st, Lewis Farley. Their children:

Jack Farley, born 8 May 1922
Lewis Farley, Jr., born 28 August 1925
Eloise Farley, born 7 June 1929

Ocie Rowe married 2nd, Lewis Hurley. Their children:

James Hurley, born 23 January 1932
Lois Hurley, born 10 June 1934
Flo Hurley, born 7 August 1937

Mary Hunt, married 3rd Mont Bevins, born 17 July 1876 and died 10 April 1949. Mary died 1 October 1925. Their children were:

1-4 Clinard Bevins, born 28 February 1910, married 27 July 1927, Mertie Reynolds, born 16 December 1911, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Varney) Reynolds. Their children:

Vernon Jesse Bevins, born 9 May 1931
Joyce Bevins, born 9 November 1932
Everett Bevins, born 3 December 1934
Ermel Bevins, born 14 November 1936
Clifford Bevins, born 3 November 1938
Carmel Bevins, born 31 May 1942
Jimmie Bevins, born 22 October 1944
Lois Bevins, born 12 December 1949

1-5 Ressie Bevins, born 31 December 1912, married Lay Young, son of Julius E. and Polly (Williams) Young. Their children:
Owen Young, born 11 March 1929
Bennett Young, born 8 April 1931
Mildred Young, born 1 June 1932
Janet Young, born 12 May 1937
Dean Young, born 11 May 1939
J. C. Young, born 28 September 1941
Lillian Young, born 13 January 1946

1-6 Lurla Bevins, born 4 February 1917, married Layton Scott. Their children:

Mary Lowe Scott
Wanda Gail Scott
Kevin Scott

1-7 Roy Bevins, born 30 January 1920, married Bell Ellis, born 8 June 1928, daughter of Cleve and Minda (Smith) Ellis, on 28 June 1945. Their children:

Patsy Deloris Bevins, born 1946
Phyllis Jean Bevins, born 1948
Wilma Lee Bevins, born 1949
Gary Ray Bevins, born 1951
Sandy Kaye Bevins

(2) Nelson Hunt, son of James Martin and Sarah Jane Hunt, was born 29 September 1880. He married Sarah Elizabeth Fuller, daughter of John and Matilda (Stacy) Fuller, on 2 May 1901. She was born 4 March 1881 and died 8 December 1968. Nelson died 11 June 1965. They resided in the Feds Creek community most of their married life. Their children:

2-1 William L. Hunt, born 1904, married Gladys Priest, born 1903. They resided at Athens, West Virginia. Their children:

Geneva Dare Hunt, born 1930
Paul Dean Hunt, born 1936

2-2 Brookie Hunt, born 1906, was the postmistress at the Feds Creek, Kentucky Post Office for years.

2-3 Earl Hunt, born 25 April 1908, married Fairy Valey Justice, born 20 December 1912, daughter of Roland and Mary (Hurley) Justice. They were married 1 June 1928, Louisa, Kentucky. Their child:

Patricia Jean Hunt, born 1930, married Curtis Hankins.

2-4 Everett L. Hunt, born 27 August 1910.

2-5 Don R. Hunt, born 4 September 1912.
2-6 Grace Hunt, born 13 February 1915, married Cecil Queen, born 1912, son of Hansford and Margaret (Moore) Queen. Their children:

Nancy Sue Queen, born 1941
Donnie Edd Queen, born 1943
William H. Queen, born 1945
Linda Kaye Queen, born 1947

2-7 James E. Hunt, born 31 December 1922, married Lillian Phillips, born 1925, daughter of Grayson and Vina (Slone) Phillips. Their children:

Michael Hunt, born 1947
James Terry Hunt, born 1950

(3) Jerry M. Hunt, son of James Martin and Sarah Jane Hunt, was born 12 March 1885. He married Carrie Whitt, born 5 July 1887, daughter of John Henry and Ruth Ann (Thornsbury) Whitt, 10 July 1912. Jerry M. Hunt was a businessman and was a Magistrate for four years. He was very interested in the progress of his County. Jerry and his family resided about a mile below the mouth of Feds Creek. Jerry M. Hunt died 7 April 1936. Their children:

3-1 Ermel Hunt, born 1913, married in 1937 Anna Lee Elliott, born 1919. Their children:

Pricilla Gay Hunt, born 1939
Ermel Lynton Hunt, born 1947
Rebecca Lynn Hunt, born 1954

3-2 Orie Hunt, born 1915, married Verna Childress, born 1919, daughter of James Harve and Pricy (Woods) Childress. Their children:

Jerry James Hunt, born 1946
Virgil Clinton Hunt, born 1947
Betty Ruth Hunt, born 1956

3-3 Victor Hunt, born 22 March 1917, a Minister, married Jettie Lee Griffith. Their child:

Geneva Hunt, born 1941, married Carmel Hunter.

3-4 John Hunt, born 11 December 1921, married Hester Polly, born 17 July 1925, daughter of Otto and Eula (Powers) Polly. Their children:

Jill Sue Hunt, born 1947
John Paul Hunt, born 1952

(4) Ellen Hunt, daughter of James Martin and Sarah Jane Hunt, was born 16 October 1886. She married I. C. Justice, born 1880, son of Wilburn and Manda (Elswick) Justice, on 12 October 1910. Ellen died 7 April 1927 and I. C. died 10 January 1959. Their children:

4-1 Lakie Justice, born 29 September 1911, married Leon Farley, 26 Octo-
ber 1934. He was born 30 October 1909 in Martin County, Kentucky, son of Bertrand and Betty (Muncy) Farley. Their child:

Barbara Farley, born 1937, married Fredrick Roff.

4-2 Faye Justice, born 15 January 1915, married Clifford Cantrell, born 1913, son of J. Monroe and Nancy (Childress) Cantrell. Their children:

Dannie Harold Cantrell, born 1934
Shirley Ann Cantrell, born 1936
Clifford Cantrell, Jr., born 1940
Billy Don Cantrell, born 1942
James Quentin Cantrell, born 1944
Eddie Earl Cantrell, born 1945
Linda Cantrell, born 1949
Connie Sue Cantrell, born 1952
Nadene Cantrell, born 1954

4-3 Mae Justice, born 28 November 1916, married Carmel Meade, born 27 July 1916, son of Charley and Ersa (Rowe) Meade. Their children:

G. C. Meade, born 1937
Kay Frances Meade, born 1938

4-4 Quentin Hughes Justice, born 17 March 1919, married Flo Slone, born 23 March 1923, daughter of John A. and Dixie (Farley) Slone. Quentin was killed in World War II, 8 February 1945. Their children:

Peggy E. Justice, born 1941
Joan R. Justice, born 1942


(5) Ida Hunt, daughter of James Martin and Sarah Jane Hunt, was born 22 November 1888. She married Roscoe Griffith, born 1 April 1888, son of James and Jane (Slone) Griffith. They were married 3 November 1909. Roscoe died 3 February 1969. Their children:

5-1 Loretta Griffith, born 18 October 1910, married Raymond Ratliff.

5-2 Parker Griffith, born 11 September 1918.

5-3 Hearl Griffith, born 12 April 1921, married Lillian Baldridge, born 1930, daughter of Sherdin Baldridge. Their children:

Bruce Griffith, born 1952
Terry Griffith, born 1954
Jim Griffith, born 1956
Rickie Griffith, born 1958

5-4 Ilo Griffith, born 21 March 1925, married Corbet Belcher, born 12 Oct-
ober 1915, son of Paris and Lydia (Elswick) Belcher. Their child:

Donna Rue Belcher, born 1949

5-5 Daryl Griffith, born 11 September 1926, married Betty Carter, born 16 June 1936. Their children:

Karen Griffith, born 1964
Linda Kaye Griffith, born 1967

5-6 Neva Jo Griffith, born 4 September 1929, married Paul Childress. Their child:

Paula Charlene Childress, born 1948

Neva Jo married 2nd, Frank Gaston, born 1930. Their child:

Debie Dean Gaston, born 1957

(6) Telia Hunt, daughter of James Martin and Sarah Jane Hunt, was born 11 May 1895. She married Alex Reynolds, born 6 February 1894, on 4 September 1915. They reside on Grapevine Creek where Alex served as principal for several years. He has been a school teacher for about 45 years. Their children:

6-1 Charles Willis Reynolds, born 11 April 1916, married Loraine Flanary, born 6 May 1918, daughter of Burley and Hazel (Matney) Flanary. They were married on 9 August 1939. Charles died 28 September 1956. Their children:

Danny Eugene Reynolds, born 1941
Sandra Reynolds, born 1949

6-2 James Hassel Reynolds, born 4 April 1918, married Lassie Charles, born 15 March 1916, daughter of Frank and Mary (Sullivan) Charles. Their children:

Charles Reynolds, born 1937
Donald Reynolds, born 1940
Helen Reynolds, born 1942
Louella Reynolds, born 1943
Larry Reynolds, born 1947
Jerry Wendle Reynolds, born 1948

6-3 Elda Reynolds, born 12 January 1920, married Ample Faye Cantrell, born 9 March 1923, daughter of J. Monroe and Nancy (Childress) Cantrell. Their child:

Gerald Reynolds, born 1948

6-4 William Homer Reynolds, born 13 April 1921, married Mollie Phillips, born 25 October 1921, daughter of Grayson and Vina (Slone) Phillips. Their children:
Ronald Homer Reynolds, born 1941  
Phillip Reynolds, born 1948  
Sherwin Lyle Reynolds, born 1958

6-5 Lavonne Reynolds, born 8 April 1924, married James Isom Blackburn, born 1 April 1916, son of Floyd and Cora Ann Blackburn. Their children:

Ann Louise Blackburn, born 1945  
Douglas Blackburn, born 1946  
Margaret Blackburn, born 1951  
Melva Blackburn, born 1953  
David Blackburn, born 1957  
Keith Blackburn, born 1959  
Kent Blackburn, born 1962

6-6 Lola Reynolds, born 26 July 1925, married Inis Thacker, son of Elzie and Brookie (Hurley) Thacker. Their children:

Jlenda Thacker  
Glema Thacker  
Lecia Thacker

6-7 Lillian Reynolds, born 11 February 1928, married Clarence Bostic, born 17 December 1910, son of George and Elizabeth (Cochran) Bostic. Their children:

Juda Bostic, born 1946  
Janet Bostic, born 1947  
Dwight Bostic, born 1954

6-8 Paul Edward Reynolds, born 28 January 1940

(7) Minda Hunt, daughter of James Martin and Sarah Jane Hunt, was born 16 February 1899. Minda married Waldon Pugh, 17 March 1919. He was born 4 July 1900, a son of Kimps and Louisa (Hunt) Pugh. Their children:

7-1 Ruth Pugh, born 29 April 1920, married Newell Childers, born 1917, son of Jasper and Misa (Griffith) Childers. Their children:

Nancy Childers, born 1941  
Barbara Childers, born 1943  
James Childers, born 1945  
Ellene Childers, born 1948  
William Jerry Childers, born 1950  
Donny Childers, born 1953  
Larry Childers, born 1956  
Newell Gene Childers, born 1958  
Billy Ray Childers, born 1962
7-2 Grace Pugh, born 6 May 1925, married Samuel Ball, son of Will Ball. Their child:

    Johnnie Ball, born 1949

7-3 James Hubert Pugh, born 4 September 1928, married Lois Mae Brason, born 1 May 1929, daughter of Chester and Elvaria Brason. Their children:

    Linda Louise Pugh, born 1948
    James Donald Pugh, born 1952

(8) Jane Hunt, daughter of James Martin and Sarah Jane Hunt, died age 3 years.

(9) Floyd Hunt, son of James Martin and Sarah Jane Hunt, died age 2 years.

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(2) Madison Hunt, son of William and Pricey (Bishop) Hunt, married Martha Skeens. Madison was born about 1856 and died in 1932. Martha (Skeens) Hunt was born about 1856 and died in 1936. They were the parents of twelve children.

(1) Lydia Jane Hunt, daughter of Madison and Martha Hunt, was born 9 July 1876. She married John Ance Rowe, born 5 November 1874, a son of Jeff and Sarah (Miller) Rowe. Lydia (Hunt) Rowe died in February 1930. John Ance Rowe died 23 November 1969. Their children:

1-1 Lonie Grayson Rowe, born 1900, married Ida May. Their children:

    Beatrice Rowe
    Lonie Rowe, Jr.

1-2 Vernon Rowe, born 1902, married Bertie Taylor. Vernon died 25 March 1968. Their children:

    Thelma Rowe
    Esta Rowe
    Harold Rowe
    Lena Rowe
    Mazy Rowe
    Lucy Rowe

1-3 John Ance Rowe, Jr., born 1904, married Esta Runyon.

1-4 Effie Rowe, born 1906.

1-5 Junie Rowe, born 1908.

1-6 Avery Tonia Rowe, born 28 January 1912, married Garness Hunt, born 21 August 1922, daughter of Luther Vanderbilt and Phebe Ellen (Jones) Hunt. Their child:
Evalene Rowe, born 1950

1-7 Ival Clarence Rowe, born 1 April 1914, married Zella Pugh, born 1916. Their children:

Boneva Rowe
Earlsue Rowe
Patty Joan Rowe
Diann Rowe
Bobby Rowe

1-8 Marie Clara Rowe, born 27 April 1916, married 1st, a Mr. Estep. Their children:

Hobert Estep, born 1945
Bobby Estep, born 1935
Jimmy Estep, born 1948

Marie married 2nd, Howard Burton, born 19 February 1910, son of Thomas and Lira (Onal) Burton. Their children:

Eddie Burton, born 1953
Trecicia Burton, born 1957

1-9 Oliver James Rowe, born 17 October 1918, married 1st Vernell Keaton, born 1918. Their child:

Roger Rowe

Oliver married 2nd, Dollie ________.

1-10 Lacey May Rowe, born 29 December 1921, married Wilbie Writt, born 1923.

1-11 Warren G. Rowe

(2) John Hunt, son of Madison and Martha Hunt, was born 14 April 1884. He married Malinda Jane Miller, born 30 May 1888, daughter of McClellan and Peggy (Estep) Miller. John Hunt died 3 July 1920. Their children:

2-1 Homer Wallace Hunt, born 28 March 1906, married Carmen Ercella, born 23 October 1921. Their children:

Larry Homer Hunt, born 1942
Carla Gene Hunt, born 1940
Kenneth Ray Hunt, born 1965

2-2 Lova Jane Hunt, born 23 August 1908, married Clyde Stanley Phillips, 28 August, 1926. He was born 1 September 1899. Their children:

Ishmael Hendricks Phillips, born 1929
Gamaliel Duard Phillips, born 1931
Delano Franklin Phillips, born 1935
2-3 Ethel Hunt, born 22 January 1912, married Troy Prator. Their children:

Judy Fern Prator
Virginia Prator
Beatrice Prator
Autumn Prator
Tolbert Prator
Venert Prator
Windell Prator
Arnold Prator

2-4 Bennie Ellis Hunt, born 9 February 1914, married Irene Mae Burk, born 1 May 1915. Their children:

Nancy Lou Hunt, born 1938
Bonnie Kay Hunt, born 1944
Linda Hunt, born 1945

2-5 Julian Hunt, born 29 March 1916, married Fern Hauser. Their children:

Stanley Hunt, born 1941
Sandra Hunt, born 1944
Rawleigh Hunt, born 1946
Marquetta Hunt, born 1948

2-6 Okie Marie Hunt, born 21 March 1918, married Willard Milton Kennedy, born 7 March 1910. Their children:

Alta Jo Kennedy, born 1945
Karen Marie Kennedy, born 1946
Sharon Kay Kennedy, born 1952

(3) Thomas Hunt, son of Madison and Martha Hunt, married 1st, Edna May. Their child:

3-1 Carmen Hunt

Thomas Hunt, married 2nd Jane Runyon. Their children:

3-2 Everett Walter Hunt, born 1 October 1924, married Virginia Thompson, born 8 August 1925, daughter of List and Audrey (McGranaahan) Thompson. Their child:

Walter Eugene Hunt, born 1948

3-3 Lorraine Hunt, born 3 November 1926, married Jefferson Wood Smith, born 27 May 1925, son of Lafe B. and Polly Ann (Williamson) Smith. Their child:

Stanley Lee Smith, born 1949
(4) Harris Hunt, son of Madison and Martha Hunt. No further information.

(5) Alex Hunt, son of Madison and Martha Hunt, was born 28 February 1893 and died 28 October 1959. He married Bessie Bishop, born 27 February 1893, daughter of W. E. and Emeritha (Slone) Bishop. Their children:

5-1 Kermit Hunt, born 23 April 1922
5-2 Juanita Hunt, born 18 February 1924, married Dr. Earl Lewis.
5-3 Dock Hunt, born 2 September 1927, married Betty Rowe, born 8 September 1933, daughter of Roland and Esta (Likens) Rowe.
5-4 Clara Hunt, born 28 May 1932.

(6) Robert Hunt, son of Madison and Martha Hunt, died 1972.

(7) Kinsabbe Hunt, son of Madison and Martha Hunt, married Cora_________. No further information.

(8) Sytha Tilda Hunt, daughter of Madison and Martha Hunt, married Dilse Taylor, born 14 February 1876, son of George and Sarah Katherine (Fields) Taylor. Sytha Tilda died 1930. Dilse Taylor died 4 November 1960. Their children:

8-1 Stella Taylor, born 14 May 1901, married Garfield Stump, born 13 August 1898. They were married 2 April 1919. Their children:

   Annis Taylor, born 24 March 1920
   Inis Taylor, born 11 November 1921
   Ernest Taylor, born 10 September 1923
   Arnold Taylor, born 17 January 1925
   Grace Taylor, born 17 July 1928

8-2 Roland Taylor, died young.

8-3 Pricey Taylor married Heber Slone.

8-4 Waldon Taylor married Juda Dotson. Their children:

   Lilly Taylor
   Linton Taylor
   Pearl Taylor
   Leatta Taylor

(9) Pricey Hunt, daughter of Madison and Martha Hunt, married Horton Rowe, son of Jeff and Sarah (Miller) Rowe. No further information.

(10) Artilia Hunt, daughter of Madison and Martha Hunt, married Grant Epling. No further information.
(11) Louisa Hunt, daughter of Madison and Martha Hunt, married Lee Burtrand. Their child:

11-1 Ray Burtrand

(12) Abigail Hunt, daughter of Madison and Martha Hunt, married Gove Bishop. No further information.

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(3) Sarah Jane Hunt, daughter of William and Pricey (Bishop) Hunt, was born 19 November 1865. She married William Alexander Jones, son of Jesse and Phoebe (South) Jones. He was born 16 September 1857 and died 19 January 1920. Sarah Jane (Hunt) Jones died 5 December 1932. Their children:


2-1 Lona Slone, born 1906, married Frank Keene
2-2 Neal Slone, born 1908, died 1970, married Loma Potter
2-3 Fon Slone, born 1910, died 1956, married Bertha Yoder
2-4 Lon Slone, born 1913, married Hazel Coleman
2-5 Lee Slone, born 1915, died 1932
2-6 Landon Slone, born 1917, married Oma Coleman
2-7 Grace Slone, born 1919, died 1932
2-8 Fay Slone, born 1922, died 1975, married Leona Wyatt
2-9 Sonia Slone, born 1924, married John Reitenbach
2-10 Don Slone, born 1926, married Bertie
2-11 Ona Slone, born 1929, married Frank Belcher
2-12 Oona Slone, born 1932, died 1934

(3) Phebe Ellen Jones, born 1891, married Luther Vanderbilt Hunt, born 1888, died 1968. Their children:

3-1 Clinard Hunt, born 1912, married Pearl Chaney
3-2 Milard Hunt, born 1913, married Virginia Hayes
3-3 Grathel Hunt, born 1916, died 1916
3-4 Edwin Hunt, born 1919, married Betty Paynter
3-5 Eunice Hunt, born 1917, married Delmer Kidd
3-6 Garness Hunt, born 1922, married Avery Ionia Rowe
3-7 Asterline Hunt, born 1925, married John Puskas, Jr.
3-8 Mabel Jewel Hunt, born 1930
(4) Thomas Henderson Jones, son of William Alexander and Sarah Jane (Hunt) Jones, was born in 1893. He married Hannah Estep, born 1898. Thomas died in 1964. Their children:

4-1 Vivian Gertrude Jones, born 1920, married James Rowe Anderson.
4-2 Hannah Virginia Jones, born 1922, married Wilbur Albert Janes.
4-3 Mary Mildred Jones, born 1924, married Dennis Cole Minnick.
4-4 James Ernest Jones, born 1927, married Eleanor Beatrice Clifton.
4-5 Dorothy Marie Jones, born 1929, married Thomas Walton Goodman.
4-6 Macy June Jones, born 1932, married Sylvester Alren Smith.
4-7 Thomas Henderson Jones, Jr., born 1932, married Carol Marie Boyd.
4-8 David Leighton Jones, born 1934, married Pearl June Daugherty.

(5) George Hubbard Jones, son of William Alexander and Sarah Jane (Hunt) Jones, was born in 1900. He married Pearl June Coleman, born 1900, died 1963. George died in 1976. Their children:

5-1 George Hugh Jones, born 1922, married Johnnie Joey Young.
5-2 Alasce Lorraine Jones, born 1924, married Henry Virgil Guinn.
5-3 Peter Miller Jones, born 1927, married Peggy Ann Smith.

(6) Ida Florence Jones, daughter of William Alexander and Sarah Jane (Hunt) Jones, was born in 1902. She married Eli Jackson Miller, born 1897. Their children:

6-1 Ottis Miller, born 1921, married Ida Mae Poust.
6-2 Edith Miller, born 1924, married Harold Potrykus.
6-3 Hillard Miller, born 1926, married Beulah Kathleen Haynes.
6-4 Nora Miller, born 1928.
6-5 Hassel Miller, born 1930, died 1932.
6-6 Eli Jackson Miller, Jr., born 1932, married Mary Bertha Mitchell.
6-7 Paul Miller, born 1935, married Barbara Kachaturoff.
6-8 Sarah Ann Miller, born 1937, married Otis Lynn Raymond.
6-9 William Ross Miller, born 1940, died 1940.
6-10 Charles Edward Miller, born 1941, married Charlotte Rose Hardin.
6-11 Leroy Miller, born 1944, married Marilyn Rose Posius.

(6) 'Esten Hunt, son of William and Pricey (Bishop) Hunt, was born 22 February 1872. He married 12 November 1902, Abbey McClanahan, born 22 September 1880. Their children:

(1) Cecil V. Hunt, born 12 August 1903, married Grace Slone. Their child:

1-1 Patty Rai Hunt

(2) Delpha Hunt, born 13 April 1906, married 22 February 1944, Charles F. Woodworth. Their child:
2-1 Ann Sue Woodworth

(3) Wilson Hunt, born 31 October 1908, married 30 June 1951, Pearl Smith, born 29 December 1921. No children.

(4) Jonah Hunt, born 20 July 1911.


(6) Alvis Hunt, born 2 January 1917, married 25 June 1952, Edith Looney. Their children:

6-1 Aledia Jo Hunt, born 1953
6-2 Barbara Ann Hunt, born 1956

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The Newsoms

A brief history of one of the pioneer families who settled in the eastern part of Kentucky (Pike County)

by Lexie Newsom Wisecarver

The first Federal Census of the U. S. was taken in 1790. Our area at that time was a part of Virginia, but after Kentucky became a state in 1792, all of eastern Kentucky was in Mason Co. In 1799, Mason County, Va. was split and a part of it became Floyd County. Our area was a part of Floyd County until Pike County was formed in 1821. So the first federal population census for Pike County was not taken until 1830.

John and George Newsom were brothers who settled in the state of North Carolina. My great-great grandfather was Harrison Newsom, the son of George Newsom. Harrison was born in North Carolina in 1775. His wife, Peggy Lowe, was born in North Carolina in 1780. They were married in North Carolina in 1798. They had six sons and six daughters. Five sons and two daughters were born in North Carolina.

Harrison Newsom got a government land grant for land in Kentucky. He brought his wife and family to the eastern part of Kentucky (at that time, Floyd County) in 1815 or early 1816.

The children he brought with him were as follows—

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<th>Polly B. Hartwell</th>
<th>born about 1800 in N. C.</th>
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<td>A Boy</td>
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<td>Henry</td>
<td>” ” 1807 ” ” My great-grandfather</td>
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<td>A Girl</td>
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<td>Fredric</td>
<td>” ” 1812 ” ”</td>
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<td>Harrison, Jr.</td>
<td>” ” 1815 ” ”</td>
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<td>Davenport</td>
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Harrison’s land grant covered a large section of land in Pike Co. on Shelby Creek, near what is now Virgie, Ky., a large section of Little Robinson Creek and a large section of land on Caney Creek.

A few Indian families were living on the land that Harrison’s land grant covered. Harrison paid the Indians money, dogs, guns, and trinkets until they were satisfied to give up their claim on the land, and they left on friendly and good terms. There was a small Indian cemetery on the land. It was respected and well taken care of by the Newsom families. The cemetery was located on Caney Creek and I lived by it when I was a girl. It contained graves of adults and children.

Harrison’s sons married as follows:

Henry Newsom married Martha Branham in 1831 in Kentucky.
Hartwell married Sallie Tolley in 1831 in Kentucky.
Fredric married Anzie Hall in 1835 in Kentucky.
Harrison Jr. married Mary Hall in 1834 in Kentucky.
Davenport married Marinda Bryant in 1831 in Kentucky.

Harrison was a farmer and raised stock. The timber had to be cleared off the land before it could be tilled. The timber was sawed into logs to build their homes and all the other
buildings needed on the farms such as barns, cribs, etc. The timber was also used for fuel to heat their homes and for cooking. It was also used for fencing.

Harrison gave each one of his children a farm when they were married. He gave Henry Newsom, my great-grandfather, all of the Caney Creek section of his land. Henry built his home and all the necessary buildings to make his farm complete.

As stated before Henry married Martha “Betty” Branham. Henry and Martha’s children were as follows:

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<td>Elizabeth Wilson</td>
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<td>David</td>
<td>“         ” 1834</td>
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<tr>
<td>Washington</td>
<td>“         ” 1836 (my grandfather)</td>
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<td>Peggy</td>
<td>“         ” 1839</td>
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<td>Usley</td>
<td>“         ” 1841</td>
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<td>Henry</td>
<td>“         ” 1844</td>
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<td>Mary Polly</td>
<td>“         ” 1847</td>
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David Newsom, my grandfather, fought in the Civil War. He was stationed at Louisa Ky. His father died while he was in service. In those days there were no other means of communication except by foot or horseback. A neighbor brought him the message. His army officer let him go home, and sent another soldier with him. His father was already buried. His mother was very ill. He stayed all night and had to leave for camp the next day. During his stay in the army, he took typhoid fever and was in the hospital several weeks.

David Newsom married Dicy Roberts in 1865. Their children were as follows:

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<td>Melvina (Viney)</td>
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<td>John Henry</td>
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<td>Daniel</td>
<td>10-21-1870</td>
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<td>Alifare</td>
<td>12-26-1872</td>
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<td>Mary Alice</td>
<td>5-19-1875</td>
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<td>George Washington (Wash)</td>
<td>5-23-1877</td>
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<tr>
<td>Peter (Pete)</td>
<td>12-25-1879 (my father)</td>
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<td>Wilson</td>
<td>1-6-1882</td>
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<td>Usley</td>
<td>5-16-1884</td>
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<td>Nannie (Nan)</td>
<td>6-15-1886</td>
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<td>Belle</td>
<td>12-24-1888</td>
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<td>Dollie</td>
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David was a farmer. His father Henry gave him a large farm on Caney Creek. He built a large log house with a full length porch on either side. He built a barn with 2 rows of stalls. It was built with a broad hallway in the center on the ground floor. The second floor was used to store fodder for the stock. He built a large smoke house of logs for curing and storing his meats. He built two large cribs to store corn to feed the stock.

They raised most everything they used such as corn, beans, cotton, Irish and sweet potatoes, a little wheat and tobacco. At this time they cooked on their fireplace, using large iron kettles, iron skillets and a dutch oven. They planted a large orchard of apples and peaches. The apples were used fresh during the season, and were peeled and sliced and dried on a big kiln for the winter. Many peaches, berries and apples were made into preserves. They were put in gallon and half gallon crock jars and sealed. They were sealed by pasting layers of paper over them. They strung large strings of beans and dried them. They raised their soup
beans, shelled them and stored them in a large barrel. They dug holes in the ground, lined them with boards and straw, and in these were stored apples, turnips, potatoes and cabbage for the winter. They raised their cane for molasses and grandfather with his cane mill ground the cane and made molasses. He also had a water mill, where he ground his corn into meal. He also ground his wheat for flour and ground chop for the stock. He also ground meal for the whole neighborhood using a little square box to measure his toll.

Grandmother had a loom and a wheel and spun the wool into yarn thread. She wove it into blankets, bedspreads and material called linsky. The material was used for clothing. She spun the cotton into thread, and made cotton cloth for clothing, etc. They raised geese and ducks for feathers to make their feather beds and pillows.

Grandfather raised all kinds of stock and would give each of his children a calf, a colt, a pig or lamb. He would let them feed and care for them. Buyers would come through the country buying the stock from the farmers. Grandfather would sell his and let each child keep the money for his. When they grew up, each child would have saved a few hundred dollars.

Grandfather bought one of the first cook stoves. He was afraid to set it in the house for fear of fire. So about fifty feet from their house they built a log stove house. The kitchen table, chairs, and a long bench were taken out to the stove house. A cupboard and dish safe were also added to the new stove house. This cook stove was used for several years.

An agent came through the country selling the "Home Comfort range". Grandfather bought one of these. A new kitchen and dining room were built only a few feet from the house. They used the stove house for a smoke house to store their canned food, dried vegetables, walnuts, etc.

About everything I have written about my grandfather, David Newsom, who was Harrison Sr.'s grandson, could be said about all the rest of Harrison's family including the grandchildren because they all faced the same problems. They were strong in mind and body, They met the challenges and overcame them.

They were all brought up under the same principles: Trust in God. Always be truthful. Be honest with yourself and your fellow man. Like everybody. Be helpful wherever you are needed. Meet every task with a determination to win. Set your goals high.

Before there was a bank in Pikeville grandfather kept his money in the loft of his log house. The medicine shelf was the secret stairway and a panel of the ceiling was a secret opening.

The shelves were used for steps. Then they slipped the panel, and went into the loft. Grandfather loaned money out on interest to his friends and neighbors.

Grandfather was a brilliant man. People often came to him for advise which he freely gave. I just have to tell this one incident.

One day a neighbor came in. He said, "Well, Uncle Dave, I have come to you for advice."

Grandfather said, "Well, what is it?"

"I killed a man last night and I want your advice about what to do."

Grandfather said, "You are too late. If you had asked me yesterday, I would have told you not to do it."

The children were always encouraged to obtain a good education. They were sent to the county schools as far as they could go. Then the boys were sent to subscription schools for further learning. My Uncle Daniel enrolled in Pikeville College either in the first or second class after it opened. He taught school a few years. He opened a general store and operated it for several years. He was in the lumber business on Caney Creek. About 1909 he sold out and bought a farm in the Bluegrass section of Kentucky and moved there.
My uncle J. H. Newsom did some farming, operated a general store and was also in the lumber business. My uncle G. W. Newsom was a farmer, owned a general store, and was in the lumber and saw-mill business. Later moved to Pikeville, Kentucky.

Peter Newsom, my father, lived on a farm but didn’t farm. He owned a general store and was also in the lumber business. He owned a saw mill and a stave mill, furnishing employment to many people. He moved to Pikeville in 1923 and was in the restaurant business a few years. Then bought out a grocery store and meat market. He and his son operated that for several years. He then retired on a farm north of Pikeville.

My uncle Wilson Newsome was a farmer and during World War II went to Michigan and worked at defense work.

My grandfather’s daughters all married and raised nice families. I would like to have the space to tell about them and all the grandchildren and the great grandchildren, but that would take a book.

All the Newsoms are great sportsmen. They work hard and play hard. The oldsters liked hunting and fishing. The young ones participate in baseball and basketball and are very good.

Most of David’s grandchildren and great-grandchildren have a good education. There were two doctors and two nurses. One served one term as State Representative. Some are in the mining business for themselves. Two barbers, two beauticians, and two meat cutters. Several are teachers and some still teaching and working in different fields of educational work. Some are employed by the state, office jobs and surveyors. Some are bookkeepers, salesman, etc. One grandson served in World War I and some served in World War II and one in the Korean War.

I am real proud of my family.
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1903

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built by Pikeville
National Bank
and Trust Com-
pany in 1904.
Picture taken in
1921 after inter-
ior remodeling.

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PIKE COUNTY TEACHERS’ INSTITUTE

by

Mrs. George Thornbury (Edith Walters)

An old (between 1890 and 1900) clipping from the News (Pike County?) is headed, "A large Crowd in Attendance and More Than Usual Interest Manifested.” It continues: “The Pike County Teachers Institute was called to order Monday by Supt. P. D. Bevins. Mr. S. J. Salyer delivered the address of welcome, extending the freedom of our town to the teachers assembled. He was in a happy mood and the address was well received. The response by J.M. Staton on behalf of the teachers was good, voicing the sentiment of all the teachers as shown by the hearty applause at the close. The address by Supt. Bevins was able, scholarly and logical, showing deep thought and understanding of the subject of education and the object of the Institute.

“They then proceeded to organize by electing P. B. Stratton, Vice-President; T. M. Riddle, Secretary; and W. B. Pinson, assistant-Secretary; W. K. Steele, Chaplain; and Profs Peter Clay and J. I. Riddle, as able instructors; and with the large attendance, increased interest in educational matters and the progressive spirit and intelligence of our teachers it bids fair to be the best Institute we have ever had.”


“Honorary Members are: James Hammet, Elmo Hammet, John Kelly, Roxie Cline, Kate Ford, Cannie Ford, Sidney Ratliff, Dixie Scott, Alice Roberson, and Nora Roberson.

The Superintendent appointed the following teachers as Vice Presidents of the Teachers Association in the several magisterial districts: Edna Harris, A. E. Smallwood, W. J. Keathly, Mrs. H. V. Webb, J.M. Staton, K. L. Varney, and R. W. Jackson.

“Other teachers not listed were: W. K. Elliott, T.J. Elliott, T.J. Kendrick, Sam Ison, Roscoe Vanover, Joe Trivette, Jerry Sanders, Adam Osborne, Fonso Wright, P. K. Damron, Jerome Damron, John Casebolt, and R. T. Jackson.”

NOTES

The night sessions of the Teachers Institute, known as the Teachers association, have been very entertaining and instructive, and the rendition of the programs show that Pike
County teachers are up with the times. Mr. Isaiah Smith is the oldest teacher in attendance, having been a faithful teacher in our schools for more than forty years.

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The recitation by Miss Lydia Hatcher, one of Pikeville’s most accomplished and beautiful girls, was splendid and elicited great and merited applause.

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The debate Tuesday night between Messrs. Staton, Buck, Kennedy and Childers on the question of the independence of Cuba, and the lending of aid by the United States, was good.

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The beauty, youth and intelligence of the county are congregated in town this week attending the Institute. The session so far has been harmonious, and each one in attendance will doubtless be given an opportunity of telling what they know in regard to how to “teach the young idea how to shoot”.

The NEWS wishes them a pleasant sojourn, and extends to each of them an invitation to call around and make themselves as familiar as possible with the “art preservation of all arts”.

Uncle Marion Little
Born April 8, 1863

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OUR TRIP TO PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY
July, 1895

by Miss Maggie Higgins

After making necessary preparations, we started on our journey to Pikeville and other places of interest bidding many friends and relatives farewell. We boarded a Norfolk & Western East-bound Midnight train at Coal Grove, Ohio.

The weather was very unfavorable, but nevertheless we enjoyed the ride as well as could be expected, in accordance with our feelings. Oh, that train, how did we ever recover from that dizziness and sea-sickness which it produced? It was just terrible; rocking, shaking and turning those short curves, which almost threw us from our seats. We spent perhaps an hour in disturbed and unpeaceful slumber, owing to the irregular movements of the train.

The first station the train stopped at was North Kenova, Ohio. While crossing that noted Kenova Bridge, we could see far up and down the beautiful Ohio by the lights along the shores. Then stopping at Kenova, W. Va., changing engines and crews, we were soon bounding on our Eastern journey. Morning began to dawn when we reached Dingess, and we surely admired the beauties of the country. There was a large number of men at the station (at Dingess) to witness the passing of the train as we supposed to be their intention. Really, we were afraid the train would run off the track and we would be killed—it was so rough. At Canterbury, there was a very small station, where one man stays alone all the time; poor fellow, no one to cheer his lonely walk through life. We admired Nolan very much because of its beautiful environs and those lovely residences. One thing noticeable was its large, magnificent school building which shows that they encourage education and want intelligence and industry, to reign in their midst. They also have a church, proving that God reigns as ruler, even there. Oh yes, we had forgot to mention the Hotel, where many appetites are satisfied but we must not tarry too long at Nolan, but go up and explore the country, thro’ which the beautiful Tug flows. If the waters could talk as they float they would tell beautiful tales of lives (I suppose). We felt like singing those beautiful lines as we glided along the shores of that peaceful river. The first fair West Virginia damsel we saw was a farmer’s daughter, feeding poultry. We passed many stations, but we cannot recall their names just now, owing to a crowded memory. We went around some splendid curves before our arrival at Williamson, and the conductor jokingly told us that the engineer and brakeman on the sleeper were exchanging tobacco very frequently, ha! ha! Of course we believed everything they told us, as we thought we were on our way to the moon not knowing anything about the surrounding country. See? We arrived at Williamson, at almost 6:00 O’clock, and not feeling the best-after losing one whole night’s sleep. After learning the time the Stage Coach left the town, we—Fannie and I went to the Hotel “Ester Arms,” to leave our trunks until we came back to that place (if we ever did). While there, we met a young gentleman from Pikeville,—Mr. T. C. Leslie. He was clerking there at the time and I judged from his appearance and manners that he was a “good one.” He had not combed his silvery locks and those lovely curls, but we certainly admired them. We went to the Post office, sent a postcard back to anxious friends, then saw the Stage Coach coming to take us to Pikeville, being pleased with Mingo County very much, we did not like to leave so soon.

Leaving Williamson, we took the Stage Coach for Pikeville, drove a little distance, had to ford that River—Tug, that we have been writing about. My! My! but that river was deep; it reminds me of that “Will the waters be chilly, when I am called to die.” The water being so deep, we feared we might be drowned at any moment. The waters came rushing up into the wagon-bed and Oh! but we were scared. We cannot hardly describe the journey—over mountains, down through lonely valleys, over creeks, and into the funniest roads we ever saw.
The mail is carried by Hacks, and they have no established post offices, but leave it at dwelling houses, the people are conscious of what has to be done with it so there are no mistakes.

We stopped at a farm house for dinner and we were glad to rest and get something to eat. See?

Then changing Hacks, we went to the city of Pikeville. What fun we had crossing those creeks. One time we laughed until the mules refused to go and the driver said, "Wait until we get up this bank and then laugh," but we never listened, but just laughed on and the Hack-driver-well, he never laughed, but the mules went on.

The time passed very pleasantly while we sang "After the Ball," "Sweet Matie," "Two little girls in Blue," "Pride of the Ball," and various other love songs. 'Don't you see?'

Almost to PIKEVILLE; Happy thought

After we crossed the last mountain (that was what we called them), there was one thing in particular we noticed—the place where Henry Hall was hanged. The Scaffold remains to tell the sad, woeful story, of what that man suffered for his own crime. We have a piece of the rope his feet were tied with and will keep it as a relic. Dear me! another river to cross,—The beautiful Big Sandy. The water was not so deep, so we were not so scared of being drowned, feeling so very, very tired from our 30-mile ride in one day.

TO PIKEVILLE AT LAST

Little did we think on entering that grand, beautiful city—the workmanship of wise men—that our stay would be so pleasant.

The grandest structure of the city is the Court House, with its magnificent tower rising high above the surrounding country, and that 'Grand Old Clock; with its beautiful faces pointing to all the cardinal points, telling us the time of day and night, also for the young lovers to hasten home before the wee small hours of night. See?

There is a fine College and the youths of the city are being taught the principles of good education.

Also, there is a large, magnificent School Building in the North Western part of the city, where, no doubt, good schools are taught every year.

There are four nice Churches, viz: Northern Methodist and Southern Methodist, where the people mingle together in the worship of God, and Christian and Presbyterian, which are situated nearer the border of the city.

The people—as you may well know by their religious and educational establishment, are very industrious, intelligent, generous, kind hearted, and the best, and most clever people on the EARTH. (so think we!)

THE PRINCIPLE HOTELS ARE:

the WILLIAMSON HOUSE, CONNOLLY HOUSE and MATNEY HOTEL, situated in the business parts of the city. There are also many enterprising business establishments. The Geographical quotation, "Kentucky is noted for its fine horses and pretty women," is true, because we talk, not as they that know not, but speak the truth.

We had been in Pikeville, only a short time, until we began to enjoy ourselves and have a very pleasant time, and met some very fine young people.
The first place we went out of town, was to the Mouth of Mud, Floyd County, to an old-fashioned, "hard-shell" Baptist foot-washing, but we did not see any feet washed. We went in a hack accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dow Marrs, Marion Cecil and "Lit." Bowles. What a fine dinner we had, though I think by the way, Mr. Henry Hatcher entertained us that he was a very hospitable young man. Mr. Cecil was very entertaining, but Mr. Bowles wanted to talk love too much, I think.

We came home late that evening and went to preaching at the Northern Methodist Church, listened to a very interesting sermon, by Rev. Peter Clay. So much for that day.

On the following Tuesday we went to explore the Court House. Mrs. Lit. Bowles and Sheriff Lawson accompanied us. They were quite good at climbing—I'll tell you. We went up to a tower and out on the balcony and laid our monies on the tower as a memory that we were up there, then. That evening Mr. Lawson and myself went driving and I enjoyed the trip up through the country very much.

We had many principally ones, I cannot tell, (just now). We went to Sunday School and up to the Presbyterian College to church the following; but that warm day, we almost suffocated before we got home.

Fannie, My chum, went home and left me by myself and I was so lonely. O—Yes, I had forgot to mention the examination, but we did not pass (only in at one door and out at the other). I had met Miss Alice Robertson and she is so nice that I had a splendid time with her. The Sewing Circle had a quilting and you ought to have seen us working; we can quilt too. Then we—Alice and I—was asked to sell the tickets (for the quilt), but where were they to come from? Alice and I went down to the Printing Office and made the tickets, but Mr. Jim Lawson assisted us very nicely. He and his brother, Landon, went around with us and helped very much in selling them. The quilt was sold and Bro. Clay was the one that held the lucky ticket. I wish my sweetheart had got it. I would have stolen it from him. Don't you see?

Next on the program was a Pie Party, given by the Ladies of the Northern Methodist Church to—

Note: The printed narrative breaks off at the end of a page. Some of the story is lost. The editors do not know Maggie Higgins and friend Fanny. Do you?
REDDY SALUTES PIKE COUNTY PROGRESS

The hardy pioneers who explored Kentucky deserve our admiration. And we also are grateful for those early families who followed, settled and tamed this wild mountainous country. Sharing in Pike County's Sesquicentennial gives us an opportunity to honor those who contributed to our rich heritage and paved the way to today's progress.

Coal is Pike County's richest natural resource. Much of this coal is burned at Kentucky Power's Big Sandy Plant and returns to our area as electricity. Thus, electricity is coal...coal by wire. The power plant near Louisa uses about 2½-million tons of coal a year from eastern Kentucky mines.

The world's largest transmission network of 765,000 volts sweeps across Kentucky from the Ohio border to the Virginia border, with Big Sandy Plant as the focal point. This line becomes the new transmission backbone of the seven-state American Electric Power System, of which Kentucky Power is a part.

Use of Electricity continues to grow and promises to contribute more to future progress. Power for the homemaker to care for her family better. Power for the farmer to produce more for more of us. Power for the industrial worker to multiply his productivity. Power for the ecologists to protect the environment. Power for the breadwinner to have employment opportunity. Electricity is for people, so more power to you.
WE, the subscribers, comrades of L. D. Yost Post No. 162, of Pikeville, Ky., Department of Kentucky, Grand Army of the Republic, do hereby subscribe to the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Army of the Republic, as revised by the National Encampment, Boston, Mass., May 11th and 12th, 1871, and to any revisions or alterations that may hereafter be legally adopted in accordance with the provisions of the present Rules and Regulations: also to such Rules and Regulations or By-Laws, as have been or may hereafter be legally adopted by L. D. Yost Post No. 162, of Pikeville, Department of Kentucky, Grand Army of the Republic, for their government.

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The roll of members of the L. D. Yost, Post 162 of Pikeville, Kentucky, of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) is recorded for its historical interest. The GAR was organized on April 6, 1866 at Decatur, Illinois, the home of Abraham Lincoln. The organization of Civil War Veterans of the Union Forces possessed for a long time both political and social importance.

The veterans named apparently do not include all of the Union veterans in the Pike County area.

PIKEVILLE SUPPLY & PLANING MILL CO., AROUND 1925

Front Row, Left to Right: Willard Thompson, John Rich, Sam Huffman, John Kendrick, Harrison Huffman, Jack Huffman.
Grey (father of Virgil Grey); left: thought to be Joe Williams. Do you know?
Before presenting the parts of the discussion still available, I would like to insert the following from the Pike County News, Pikeville, Kentucky:

"His interesting reminiscences of Pikeville and Pike County before the turn of the century and in the early years of this century presented a fascinating glimpse of days and life far different from that of the contemporary scene. Uncle Bob's description of log rafts taken from Pike County to Catlettsburg; the Hatfield-McCoy feud; the livery stables where horses, carriages, and other means of transportation were rented for business and special use, highlighted his tales of an earlier and more leisurely time. He told of teaching school in Pike County in the 1890's at a monthly salary of $20. From this income he told of saving sufficient money to make his first purchase of real estate. Uncle Bob's speech was spiced with anecdotes regarding citizens of Pikeville and the county of bygone years. Such reminiscences, it is noted, are the raw material of history."

...... Mr. Williams: ...... Makés me think of one joke that happened down there on the farm one time. It was about, we sold some horses to old man Marian Young. He was running the stables and Pond Creek was in its boom then and the miners, you know, there were some foreigners worked there. They would go to Catlettsburg and buy whiskey and bring it up in suitcases on the train, which they were allowed to do,—and get off and hire a hack or surry or buckboard to take them over to Pond Creek with their whiskey. Old man Young had the business in that respect, a pretty good business, furnishing those people. On one occasion they had come by and they had a little, you know. When you first entered the barn on the left side of the hall, they would set their suitcases in this little office until they got ready to go. There hadn't been any interruption or anyone messing with it for a long time. On this one occasion they came along and put the whiskey in. Somebody had to take the whiskey in and set it away and this time it happened to be Andrew Chaffins. You all remember him. He was around there and some more boys and they decided to get one of these valises that had the whiskey in it. There was a little back window, a half window, and somebody in there reached one of those out the back window. Andy was out there and he took this and disposed of it. This fellow directly began to look for his whiskey and it was gone. So, he raised a ruckus about it. He said he saw this man take it. He recommended to the court and they got a warrant for him, for Andy and somebody else, and he went up for trial before the police judge and so when they came up to trial—Andy had grown a beard and it was grey. He slipped out and got a shave before this trial came up, in the few minutes he had, and when he came on trial they asked this man who got his whiskey. He said he saw the man get it, this foreigner did, but he didn't know his name. Well, they asked him to look around and see if he was in the courtroom. "No sir, no sir, he is not here." he said. "Does this look like the man?" "No sir," he said, "that man had a grey beard." So Andy beat the case.
Mr. Frank J. Forsyth: Andy Chaffins was that "Spot" Chaffins?

Mr. Williams: Yes. Spot.

Judge Ervin S. Pruitt: Spot has a son that was also nicknamed Spot?

Mr. Williams: Yes, he lived over here at Burning Fork.

Judge Pruitt: I believe Spot and Andy lived at Pauley for many, many years. His daughter-in-law runs the Coal Run postoffice at this time. That's Charley's wife. That is Spot's boy, Charley. Mr. Chaffins raised a large family of boys. It seems to me like your place of business was on the corner across from the old Pike Hotel?

Mr. Williams: Right where the Owens Furniture Store is.

Judge Pruitt: Was there an alley back there?

Mr. Williams: No, there was no alley back there. We had a shed back there, back of the barn. The barn fronted out there on Pike Street but did not go all the way back on the lot. We had a shed back there and watered the horses back there. We had water piped in.

Judge Pruitt: I remember a cousin of mine coming from Virginia in the '20's (1920's) and renting a horse from you. He rode it all the way to the head of Buckley's Creek and it got down on him because he rode it too hard. It lay there about an hour and it got up and rested a little bit and he rode it back to town. Did you rent out much stock at that time?

Mr. Williams: Yes, we hired out horses to people to ride all over the country. Sometimes they would take special good care of them and others would abuse them. Sometimes they would come in in bad shape.

Judge Pruitt: Did you ever rent to Mr. Ken Mackle?

Mr. Williams: Mackle?

Judge Pruitt: Mackle. He used to run the Mackle Shop there at the end of the Pike Hotel. Up there towards the Weddington Theater.

Mr. Williams: I don't remember him.

Judge Pruitt: Do you remember Jake Smiley? They had the store across from the Jefferson Hotel. Jasper Smiley and Jacob Smiley?

Mr. Williams: I just have a faint rememberance of them.

Judge Pruitt: They were akin to the Mackles. They were peddlars. I thought you might remember them, that you might have rented horses to them.

Mr. Francis Dale Burke: Uncle Bob, what was the biggest raft of logs you ever saw on the river here?
Mr. Williams: It would have been about 75 logs in a raft or something, I guess something like a hundred logs. I remember on one occasion I was working for Tom Williamson. He lived over on the farm then, over on Johns Creek, and he had a little store where he furnished his men who were logging. He drifted out, they used to have splash dams up in the creek. They knocked the logs down and they would catch a head of water and they turned the water loose and splashed the logs along. They would go a piece and roll out on the bars, the rock bars, and they would shut the dams down and catch another head of water. While they were catching that they would take the teams and pull these logs back into the channel. They would turn off another head of water and knock the logs down a little further until they got down along Bent Branch or Coon Creek and then naturally the tide would pick them up and take them out. On one occasion I was with him down at the mouth of Johns Creek. He had what was called the boom log across there to catch this timber when it came along to keep it from going on into the river, you know. It was broke or something had happened to it and a lot of this timber got out into the river and he asked me if I could take the jack boat and when, if I would take the jack boat and some men and pick up logs from the mouth of Johns Creek to Catlettsburg. I told him I would try it. So, we started rafting right there at the mouth of creek. We put up one panel of logs across, about so many logs wide, and rafted that in. I went on ahead with the jack boat and, you see, people along the river, along the banks would catch these logs up and tie them and hold them until the owner came along; I would stop them and raft the logs in. And when we started out I would go ahead in the boat and locate some more for them. I think it was about four or five days I was on the river picking up logs from the mouth of Johns Creek to Catlettsburg. I had seventy-three logs, I believe it was, in the raft when I got down there.

Judge Pruitt: You say you started out with about twelve logs?

Mr. Williams: No, we started out with about seven or eight. Just one tier. Sometimes, you wouldn’t have a whole tier. A tier was what they called one row.

Mr. Burke: A full width?

Mr. Williams. Yes, the width of the raft.

Mr. Burke: You say they were branded?

Mr. Williams: Yes, you branded them with a branding hammer and paint also. If you didn’t you couldn’t tell whose logs they were, you understand.

Mr. Burke: Did you use initials or marks?

Mr. Williams: Initials. Now, Hatcher and Smith had logs in, Jim Hatcher and Will Smith, and they had an S. and H. brand. It was on a hammer with a handle on it. They went along and hit the end of the log with the hammer and that left the print of the letters in the end of the log. They would also take some paint and paint the end of the log or paint a ring around it or half a ring around it or take a brush and paint some dots on it, paint so many dots, and you could see that maybe a hundred yards and the letters, you had to get pretty close to them before you could tell what it was.

Mr. Forsyth: How much did they pay for canting logs?
Mr. Williams: Twenty-five to fifty cents.

Mr. Forsyth: Was that a Kentucky law or was it just customary?

Mr. Williams: It was just customary. I don’t know if it was law or not.

Mr. Forsyth: Do you know about taking toll for the milling of corn? The grinder got a certain portion. That was in Kentucky law.

Mr. Williams: I don’t know if this was law or not. Anyway, that was the way it was. Sometimes twenty-five cents and sometimes fifty cents. If they held them awhile it was fifty cents.

Judge Pruitt: Was the river congested then along the banks like it is now? The sandbars?

Mr. Williams: No, not so bad. The timber was thinner then, thinner than it is now, not so heavy. It wasn’t so thick along the bank. It has grown up with small timber now, like it is along the river now. Smaller timber has grown up. It would be pretty hard to go along and pick up logs now. I imagine it would be hard to roll them in now. They caught these logs when there was a pretty good sized river and some of them would be way up on the bank and they would be way up on the bank and they would have to roll them in and lash them to the raft.

Judge Pruitt: It would be pretty hard to land a raft on the river bank now, wouldn’t it? With the trees along the bank?

Mr. Williams: Of course, it would. Of course, there are plenty of trees and it is mean about getting through them. I went through one time on a raft from the mouth of Cedar down here. I was going to school here and I had always wanted to go out on a raft to Catlettsburg. I was here in school and John Bowles had some timber hauled in from Cedar and Hurricane and that raft was located about the mouth of Cedar. There hadn’t been a tide that winter to carry the logs out after you got it rafted. In May there came a little tide and he contracted with John Lowe down here at Mossy Bottom to run this timber, so much per raft. So, I found out they were going to run that timber and I made it my business to get down there and get myself a raft trip. I wanted to go out on the raft and I went down there and there was fellow by the name of Stratton, Grant Stratton, who was going and I got in with Grant to get him to let me go with him. I had never been on a raft and I wanted to go and take the trip. He said he would take me along. I inquired about it and everybody said he was a good riverman and knew the river. It was getting late in the evening. It was late in May and it must have been four or five o’clock when they commenced turning the rafts loose. John Lowe told Stratton, he said, “You pick and get one that is well rafted so you can tie the other rafts to it and then run ‘til dark and tie up.” He and I got this raft, picked it out and got some ordinary sized logs and well rafted. We struck out ahead and got out about Boldman. In the meantime, there came a little steamboat up there. It didn’t tarry very long until it went back by us. John Bowles worked in the bank, the First National Bank. He got on this steamboat and passed us up down river before we landed for the night. He went on below Boldman somewhere and got off and came back and we were tying up the rafts. He said to John Lowe, he said, “Now John, you had the contract to run this timber when there was water. There is water now to run and in the morning it may be gone and you can’t run tomorrow. I want you to run tonight.” John stuttered. He said, “I, I, I, I, don’t know about the men, whether they will run or not.” But he said, “I want you to see that this timber goes out while there is water,” and, well, they begin asking the men if they wanted to run and I didn’t know anything about it. We agreed to go
but, of course, the other rafts were tied up around us and we couldn’t get loose then. We had to wait until some more of them got ahead of us and then we turned loose and we came back up to old man Bowles’ then, that was John’s father, and ate supper first. It was getting along up in the night before we turned loose. We got started down the river and it was so dark. He put me on the rear end of the raft and said, “You work when I tell you to. Stay on the lower end of it and we will go through all right.” I said, “I will do just what you tell me to do.”

Judge Pruitt: About what was the fare to ride a steamboat from Catlettsburg to Pikeville?

Mr. Williams: I don’t know exactly. As I remember some three or four dollars.

Judge Pruitt: Uncle Bob, I believe you came to Pikeville about 1903?

Mr. Williams: 1903. Yes.

Judge Pruitt: About how old were you then?

Mr. Williams: I was born in ’72, 1872. Thirty-one.

Mr. Burke: Uncle Bob, what would be the size of the logs you rafted down the river, the diameter of the logs?

Mr. Williams: Well, they ran from two to three feet in diameter.

Mr. Forsyth: What was the largest one you can recall?

Mr. Williams: I have seen timber in Johns Creek that would measure five foot in diameter.

Mr. Forsyth: Was that poplar logs?

Mr. Williams: Big poplars. There at Johnstown, at the mouth Bent Branch, we had some awfully big timbers. The raft was right there. The logs were so large that the man with the oar, you know, that had to walk across these logs, and you had to lay planks. You couldn’t step from the center of one log to the other at one step. They had to have planks laid there to make a walkway. That was large timber.

Judge Pruitt: Did you ever see anyone crushed between logs floating in the creek?

Mr. Williams: I got knocked off a drift one time and went down in there. The logs were caught in like this (indicating). The logs started catching in above a tree. Some went out toward the center of the creek and some in this way, and this formed a pocket. In working trying to get the drift loose I fell through but my arms caught on the logs and some of the men went and got me out. If the logs had gone on it would have crushed me to death.

Mr. Forsyth: How did you fasten those logs together?

Mr. Williams: We had poles, called tie poles. We laid them across the raft and bored a hole through that pole and put pins in them.

Mr. Forsyth: Wooden pins?
Mr. Williams: Yes. Later on they got what they called chain dogs and they would chain them. They put a wedge on each end of the chain and then put that over the pole and drove the two wedges in.

Mr. Burke: Uncle Bob, to change the subject, did you ever have any contact with any of the people mixed up in the Hatfield-McCoy feud?

Mr. Williams: Any contact with them? Well, I used to teach school over there on Tug River and I knew several of them.

Mr. Burke: What is your story about what started the feud? I have heard three or four different stories.

Mr. Williams: Well, the first story, the first fighting they had was over the election. Come up over a floater. I understood they had some hogs that were destroying their crops one time but at this election they—one side was Republican and the other Democrat. The Hatfields were Republicans and the McCoys were Democrats. They had what they called a floater and they were both trying to get him to vote and they got into it over him. They got into a fight and so the McCoys shot and stabbed Ellison Hatfield. He was a day or two, two or three days, before he died. These boys, these three boys that did this work, they arrested them and held them over in West Virginia until the brother died. Ellison Hatfield died and they brought them back over into Kentucky, tied them to a bush and shot them.

Mr. Burke: I understand that was on an island, a sandbar in the middle of the river. Do you know where that was?

Mr. Williams: Yes. I know just where the point was where they were killed, where they always told me they were killed, them three boys. It was across the river on this side, just across from Matewan a little. There was a kind of basin there, up the river just a little. They always said there was a pawpaw tree there which they tied them to. They killed three of them after Ellison Hatfield died and then after that you know it grew into more trouble. There was two of the Scotts over there. Julius and John Scott were across the hill there on Blackberry Fork of Pond Creek to Stringtown on Tug River and the Hatfields, they thought they were waylaying the McCoys to try to kill some of them and mistook the Scotts for the McCoys and they shot two of these men but did not kill either one of them. They shot one of them in the knee. He had a crippled knee all his life, John Scott. I have stayed with him at night and talked with him many times about it. Julius Scott, they shot him in the shoulder and he recovered. They both lived but they were pretty badly wounded.

Judge Pruitt: Was this the same Julius Scott that lived at Hardy?

Mr. Williams: It was young Julius’s father. He lived up in the head of Blackberry Fork. John Scott, his brother, lived up in Narrows Branch.

Judge Pruitt: Floyd was probably his son.

Mr. Williams: Floyd was his son.

Judge Pruitt: What was the population of Pike County when you came to Pike County, Uncle Bob? Approximately?

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Mr. Williams: Well, I don’t exactly remember about that. I reckon about 1,500 or 2,000. I don’t know exactly.

Mr. Felix Compton: I don’t believe there was that many at that time.

Mr. Williams: There might not have been but it was growing pretty fast at that time.

Judge Pruitt: Were the streets paved in front of your business at that time?

Mr. Williams: No, very little pavement here. We had plank walks if we had any at all and the mud, they hauled coal through the streets with wagons axle deep. I have seen teams get hung up over here going up over that bridge (indicating middle bridge) after it was built. It was built in 1905, I believe.

Mr. Forsyth: 1907.

Mr. Williams: 1907. Well, anyway, I have seen teams get stuck going up that little grade to the bridge. There was mud and rock in there and a wagon would go in to its axles.

Judge Pruitt: What was the average number of horses and mules that would pull a wagon at that time?

Mr. Williams: Two good ones, well broke, would pull a wagon, that is if the wagon wasn’t too heavy. Some of them worked four, you know. Two, four and six. They would haul coal with two. The coal they had, they had to ferry the river here when the river was up. They had ferry boats; would drive the wagon in with the teams, and ferry the load over and put it out on this side of the bank. That was hard on the team, coming up the bank.

Judge Pruitt: Did they have a spare team there to help them?

Mr. Williams: Sometimes they would but not often. Sometimes they had sixteen to eighteen bushels of coal.

Judge Pruitt: Can you remember before any cars at all came to Pikeville?

Mr. Williams: Yes sir. Yes sir. The first car of any kind that was here, Preston Layne had an old truck of some kind. The teachers had an institute here and during the institute Layne was running that old truck up and down the street. It was the first automobile that was ever in Pikeville.

Mr. Burke: Uncle Bob, before the days of the car, how long would it take you to make a trip to Pond Creek or Peter Creek and back to Pikeville?

Mr. Williams: How long?

Mr. Burke: From the county seat?

Mr. Williams: It would take a day to go over there, that was on horseback.
Mrs. Burke: If the people here had stock they wanted to sell, Uncle Bob, did they drive them out of here?

Mr. Williams: Yes, they drove them to Mt. Sterling. Cattle and sheep. Sam Powers and his brother, Jim, used to go back up here to the Breaks of the mountains and buy sheep. They would go out of here with two or three hundred head in a drove. Sam would bring his dog along. I used to hire him horses. He would get out at daybreak and go to his sheep. Sheep, you know, is a thing that stirs early. He would have to get them on the road pretty quickly.

Judge Pruitt: Those sheep and cattle drives, do you remember the amount of pay a person would get for helping to drive cattle and sheep to Mt. Sterling?

Mr. Williams: Not over a dollar a day.

Judge Pruitt: Did that include food?

Mr. Williams: They would feed them, you know.

Judge Pruitt: A dollar a day and food?

Mr. Williams: They would feed them. They usually walked along you know.

Judge Pruitt: Did they sleep along the road at night?

Mr. Williams: Yes. They would get their sheep or cattle in somewhere, you know. Into a barnlot or field and stop over for the night.

Mrs. Burke: How long did those drives take?

Mr. Williams: It would take about, let’s see, they would go about twenty miles a day, as a rule. It is about a hundred twenty-five or thirty miles to Mt. Sterling. It would take about five days.

Mr. Burke: Uncle Bob, I heard you mention a Powers man. Do you know if they were related to the Powers of Knott County? Caleb Powers?

Mr. Williams: No. I don’t know about that.

Mr. Burke: He served in congress from this district, I believe, about 1904.

Mr. Williams: Caleb Powers?

Mr. Burke: I believe that is right. He was elected Secretary of State about 1900, about the time of the Goble-Taylor case.

Mr. Williams: Might have been. I didn’t know any of them except Sam and Jim. Jim, you know, married Aunt Tuck Sowards. His brother was never married. He came up here and stayed with them, you know. He worked in the bank.

Mr. Burke: Do you remember how many times Mrs. Sowards was married?
Mr. Williams: Well, I could recall. She first married Will Scott. He died. Then she married Dick Ferrell and he died. That is two. Then she married a fellow by the name of Saylers, that was three. Then she married U. S. Music, was four, and then she married Allen Maynard. That is five, that I can recall.

Judge Pruitt: There were quite a few large farms in Pike County at that time. Can you remember the value of some of the large farms?

Mr. Williams: Yes. The Runyon farm over here. The history of that farm was that there was a fellow by the name of Barn Johnson who owned it during the Civil War. It was what they call the Taylor farm now, at the mouth of Coon Creek and up and down Johns Creek. There was about 800 acres in the whole farm. I started to tell you that Johnson owned that farm, I have been told. My father used to tell me about it and Andrew Auxier also told me. Andrew was an attorney, you know. This fellow Johnson was never married. He owned some slaves and when they freed the slaves about the time of the end of the war he willed it or deeded it to these colored folks. They brought up some debts against the farm after his death and it was sold. I don’t know if they were genuine debts or fake debts but, anyhow, it was sold for the indebtedness. It was bid in by Lewis Runyon. That was the grandfather, the father of Claude Runyon. These Runyon boys’ grandfather. Mr Runyon bid the farm in and so these colored folks had to get out, you know. It was sold from them and old man Jim Taylor... finally, old man Runyon worked along and used the logs and a Jim Buckhannon hauled and put timber in the river and farmed all he could on the place but never could make it. He first built a brick house. Burned the brick over there on the farm and built a great big brick house but he never did get it completed. Then it went on from that and old man Runyon never did get the farm paid for and he borrowed some money from old Uncle Jim Taylor and Kelsey, his brother, and he was unable to pay that indebtedness and they took a notion they wanted their money and foreclosed the mortgage and sold the land. It brought about $6,000.00 for about 800 acres of it. Before it was sold, he sold off a piece up this way to old man Maynard. That is where the big white house is now. About that bridge this side of the house to way down there below some houses where Bob Maynard lived across the creek there, to below that house. He sold that for about $3,000.00 and paid that on this indebtedness. Anyway, he never did get the farm paid for and it was sold when they foreclosed the mortgage on it.

Judge Pruitt: Do you remember the transaction of the Bowles farm down here?

Mr. Williams: I don’t remember but I heard it was sold for a rifle gun and a dog. That is the history of it. I don’t know.

Judge Pruitt: How many acres of land do you own, Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams: Well about 2800 acres. There is about a thousand acres of it which has some coal on it. Coal rights . . .

At this point we ran out of tape and were unable to record the rest of Mr. Williams’ discussion. It is unfortunate because he continued to answer questions for almost an hour longer.
Ashcamp Regular Baptist Church
By Madonna Newcomb

INTRODUCTION

For as long as I can remember, I have been curious about the religion known as the Old Regular Baptist. At first I had planned to inquire about their early years in my community of Ash Camp, Ky. Then I decided to restrict my questions to the church nearest my home—The Ash Camp Regular Baptist Church.

Everyone I contacted was more than willing to help me. I met so many of my distant relatives that I cannot remember ever meeting before. The two people who helped me the most were Tressie McGuire (my dear neighbor) and Ivel Coleman (the clerk of Ash Camp Church). Without their help my task would have been much harder and not nearly as interesting.

The first part of my report is a copy of the first meeting time and a copy of the organizational meeting held on Saturday, June 19, 1914. I have tried to copy it exactly as it was written in the ledger.

Next in my report is the results of my survey. The questions, the answers, the facts, the memories and the people are here, brought forward by questions about things they had not thought about in years.

Last in my report is a list of all the people who are or have ever been members of the Ash Camp Regular Baptist Church. This list states how they were received into the church, the date they were received, the date and how they were (if they were) dismissed, and the date they died (if they are dead).

No. 1

FIRST CHURCH MEETING OF ASH CAMP CHURCH
June 19 - 20, 1914

June the third Saturday and Sunday 1914

We the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ faith an order being duly organized and named as the Ash Camp Church after service proceeded to business, found in love an fellowship which give rights to affirm the church do and received one by Exp. and Baptism Alex Ratliff Sr. done and signed by order of the church.

G. W. Powell—Mod.

Ash Camp Po. June the 20th 1914
Pike Co. Ky.
June 3rd, Saturday 1914
This Church Organized:

We and Arm of the Pine Grove Church of Jesus Christ Regular Baptist faith and Order being organized in to a church by name Ash Camp Church by a presbytry to wit: G. W. Powell, Elder A. L. Musser, Elder D. C. Church, F. M. Mullins clk. and Bro. Harrison Ratliff, Deacon and Elder G. W. Powell Mod. of the Presbytry moved and second that Bros. Harrison Ratliff name the church and he called it the Ash Camp Church.
1st. Names of members of this Church at that time:
2. Caleb Wood and Linda Wood, Deacons
3. Andy Large
4. Noah Z. Bartley and Betsa Bartley
5. Ida Belle Francisco
6. Hiram Cantrel, Bitha Cantrel
7. Jacob Gibson, Mintie Bartley
8. Lisa Mullins, Evaline Bartley
9. Dulcena Bartley
10. George W. Bartley and Pricy Bartley, Deacons
11. 1st. the constitution being Red
2nd. Articles of faith being Red
3rd. Rules of Decorum
1st. After being organized select Mod & clk.
2nd. Elder G. W. Powell Mod.
   A. L. Musser assistant clk.
   John Ep. Ratliff clk. & Treasurer
   Jacob Gibson assistant clk.

3rd. Appointed a messenger to go to the Elkhorn Church and ask leaf for Bro. G. W. Powell to be there mod. also to Pilgrimrest Church to ask leaf for Bro. A. L. Musser to be assistant mod. & also a move and second of the Church for Bro. Caleb Wood and wife to be ordained as Deacons by a move and second in hands of same Presbytry now being organized as a Body Invited Sister Churches to Seat with Us. Several Seated. Some from Pine Grove Church. Some from Sweet Home Church and Sulpher Spring Church. Elkhorn Church. Some from Samaria Church also from the Pilgrimrest Church. Regular time of our Church meeting 3rd Saturday & Sunday in each month. Done and signed by and Order of the Church.

   Elder G. W. Powell Mod.

There was an interest in having a church at Ash Camp as far back as 1857, according to the book History of Regular Baptist by Rufus Perrigan. In 1857 they gave the right to W. M. Cook to build a house and establish a church at Ash Camp, Ky. However, Ash Camp Church was not actually organized until June 20, 1914. What happened between 1857 and 1914? No one knows for sure. A minister of the Regular Baptist Church, Fon Bowling, gave some possible answers. He said that W. M. Cook was an old circuit rider, a pioneer. And this area was sparsely populated. He said any number of things could have happened to defer the establishment of this church. He said that Mr. W. M. Cook might have died before he could get the Ash Camp Church established. W. M. Cook might not have been able to secure land, materials, etc. that were needed. A lack of interest or sufficient members could be another reason for the long delay.

Tressie McGuire (her grandmother, Dulcena Bartley, was in the army) said “Before Ash Camp Church was established everyone went to Pine Grove Church at Lookout, Ky. The road was rough and the Ash Camp hill was hard to cross. It was impossible for many to travel the five miles year round. No one had heard tell of baby sitters in them days so the whole family went.”
Cleve Belcher said meetings were held for several years in the school house which is now a dwelling place for Cane Willis and his wife Pebble.

People began to ask around and they found that Alex Ratliff would let them have the land. Alex Ratliff joined the church and was baptised at the first meeting in the new church building.

Willie Ratliff (a son of John Ep Ratliff) said, “My father went into the hills, cut the trees and brought them to his home where he dressed the lumber by hand. Everyone helped to build it. People denoted money, whatever they could afford to give. People didn’t have much cash.”

I was also told that my grandfather, Albert Mullins, helped to build the church. Mary Ratliff cooked for the workers.

Willie Ratliff said that his father and some of the others worked “until their knees were covered with blood where they knelt.”

Pinkie Ratliff said, “John Ep Ratliff had to take his mules and go to the head of Blue Head to get the log that made the beams through the church. When they were in place, one just would not fit right so they put a post in the middle of the floor for support. That post still stands today. There was some dispute about the length of the building and Brother John Ep said he wanted his children to have plenty of room.”

Ash Camp Regular Baptist Church was an Arm from the Pine Grove Church with members duly dismissed for that purpose. Those members are listed as Charter Members. This Arm called for a Presbytery (members are listed in the First Church Meetings). After the Presbytery examined the Arm and found them to be orthodox in the faith, Brother Harrison Ratliff named the church Ash Camp Church.

The first clerk was John Ep Ratliff. The next one was Alex Ratliff, Sr. B. J. Phipps was the next clerk, and then Teamus Bartley and the present clerk is Ivel Coleman.

Tressie McGuire told the following as she remembers it. “I was a young girl and my friends and I attended church services. These services had been requested by some of our young men who were going to the army. These meetings were held at night by lamp light (coal or kerosene was used). This was in 1918.”

Mrs. McGuire also told me the following things concerning her church. “In those days every woman had a black dress and white collar and wore an apron with a pocket which held a piece of gingerbread or a biscuit with fried apples between. Maybe they had a piece of hard candy, almost anything to keep little children quiet for they were tired and hungry. Church most always lasted til the middle of the afternoon. It was nothing for my mother and me to feed 30 or 40 people after church. We would start baking and cooking on Thursday. At association time, there has been as many as 25 people stay overnight at our house. I remembered once there was a colored preacher and several other menfolks spent the night in a neighbor’s barn loft. The women slept in our house.

Mrs. McGuire said, “Our church has no inside plumbing such as a bathroom. We have a “path.”

The Deacon’s wife’s job was to make the unleavening bread and prepare the wine for the feet washing (Sacrament). The first one was “Aunt” Lindy Wood, then Mary Ratliff and then Mary Adkins. These three had this job until their deaths. Deacon Cane Willis’ wife Pebble now holds this position.

Tressie McGuire joined Ash Camp Regular Baptist Church in July 1974. The following information is her summary of her church. “Old Brother J. M. Gibson, whom we call Brother Jake or Uncle Jake, was our moderator for as far back as I can remember and I’m 61. He could have been called a circuit rider long ago but he didn’t ride much. Mostly he walked and carried a little black bag or briefcase. He sold fruit trees for Stark Brothers and he made clothes for men or ordered them. So he made a little money while traveling. The church time
is the third Saturday and Sunday of each month. On Saturday, after singing and prayer, about two Bros. will preach. Then the moderator does up the church work. First he calls for the seating of our own members. Then he calls for love and fellowship. If no one has anything against any one everyone holds up his or her hand (the right hand) in fellowship. Then we do all old work left off from last meeting. If there is none then we invite our Brothers and Sisters of our same faith and order in good standing at their home church to come be seated with us. There is no closed door to our meetings. Everyone is invited to come see how we get along. We do not do business work on Sunday. We do not fellowship other denominations. We don’t hold to Sunday school or mourners’ bench. We will not have false doctrine. It must be the True Living Word of God. We believe in the Old and New Testament but we are governed now by the New Law or New Testament. We believe in old time feet washing after taking of the bread and wine. The unleavened bread being broken signifies His broken body. The wine signifies His blood shed for us. The wine is made of the fruit of the vine.”

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Cecil Cure Exp. & Baptism Aug. 1976

Ashcamp Old Regular Baptist Church November 20, 1976

The first part of this tape was the beginning of their services which is started each time with singing. Most of this tape was lined by one of my neighbors, Lester Hickson. Another song on the tape was lined by my second cousin, Clarity Sanders. Another one was lined by a member of the church, which I did not know. After the singing, preaching was done, then there was prayer, and as it is on the third Sunday of this month, this church calls for its business to be taken care of, it is not done at any other time—only on Sunday. It is closed with a prayer and a song and any announcements from visitors from other churches.

After the services were completed, all of the church members that were present came back to meet me and made me feel very welcome. I felt very at home at this church. All of the members were very nice, friendly people and were sincere in everything they said. They invited me to come back.

Hymns sung and taped but not included here were
Farewell, Mother, I Am Dying
Abide With Me
It will Open Wide
HISTORY OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PIKEVILLE

The First National Bank of Pikeville began business as a State bank under the name of The Bank of Pikeville. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors, of September 20, 1888, A. J. Hatcher was temporarily elected President and W. M. Connolly, Secretary and Treasurer. The purpose of this meeting was to make plans for a brick bank building with law officer over it. The property was later purchased from Mrs. Kentucky Ferrell, size 24’ x 40’, for $700 and was paid for by the sale of capital stock. With the lot went the privilege of adjoining the bank building to the side of a store house on the next lot.

When the building was completed, the part occupied by the bank contained 76,580 brick, which, at $3.00 per 1,000, amounted to $229.74, plus $236.74 for labor. The vault door was purchased from Hall’s Lock & Safe Company for $100.00, less $5.00 freight, to be paid on arrival.

The following permanent officers were elected by the Board of Directors on December 8, 1888: R. M. Ferrell, President; C. W. Parsons, Vice-President; and Hi Williamson, “Cashier Temporary,” who was later replaced by J. B. Hatten as the Permanent Cashier and Secretary at a salary of $800.00 per year.

The Directors of The Bank of Pikeville met in the Court House on June 29, 1889, and adopted Minutes of previous meetings and By-Laws for the government of the Bank, which was to open officially on July 1, 1889.

After one month of transactions, the cash on hand on July 31, 1889 is itemized below:

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On April 1, 1890, the directors decided they should provide-better protection for their customers’ funds and valuables. A time-lock burglar-proof safe was purchased from Hall’s Lock and Safe Company in Cincinnati at a price of $675.00. This was later traded in on a Mosler safe, which had a round top with a rotating, combination-lock center section, approximately five and one-half feet tall. Inside capacity of the center section was approximately nine and one-half cubic feet. This safe was the very latest protection in the bank-vault line at that time. It can still be seen in the inner vault of the bank, as the large outer vault was later built around it and the safe has never been removed.

Application was made for conversion into a National bank and permission was granted on February 20, 1903. The name was officially changed to The First National Bank of Pikeville and the following officers were elected to operate the rest of that year: John W. Ford, President; J. P. Powers, Vice-president; J. C. Bowles, Cashier; and W. W. Gray, Assistant Cashier.

In May, 1911, business had grown to such an extent that a committee was appointed to purchase the adjoining corner building. Remodeling was completed with rental offices on the third floor.
We have enjoyed good leadership by our past and present officers. Following are the men who have served as presidents: R. M. Ferrell; John W. Ford; W. W. Gray; George W. Greer; Mack Bowles; Kelly Day; and Norman A. Chrisman, our current President.

On January 13, 1925, the office of "Chairman of the Board" was created, with George W. Greer elected to hold this newly-elected office. He was succeeded in this office in later years by the following: Mack Bowles; Cecil R. Greer; Robert H. Hobbs; and James G. Hobbs, our present Chairman.

Presently serving in various capacities are: W. Elmer Blackburn, Executive Vice President and Cashier; Senior Vice Presidents; John E. Coleman, G. Roger Roberts, and Jonathan W. Hiers; Vice President: Kelly Brown and Ron May, Wilnah H. Dixon, James T. King, Sidney E. Copley, and Johnny Hatfield; Assistant Vice Presidents: Victor Bartley, David Varney, Yvonne Davidson, and Patty Sowards; Auditor: Bill C. Burchett; Assistant Cashiers: Ritchie Phillips, Gay Justice, Jenny Taylor, Pat Elkins, Elma Littrell, Marcheta T. Blackburn, Portia Doka, Gene Davis, Bobbie Markham, Norma Hinchman, John Blackburn, Tim Swanson, and Shirley Anderson; Branch Managers: Steve Belcher, John B. Sanders, Michael Compton, and Roger Varney.

The Federal Reserve Board approved application for Trust Powers on December 19, 1927, and the Secretary of the Board was authorized to proceed with the necessary steps to organize the Trust Department.

In 1932, $3,235.00 was spent for the installation of the McClintock Bandit Barrier Protective System. Up until this time, a guard had been employed for the lobby of the bank.

That same year, a "banking holiday" was declared by the Governor of Kentucky and a restriction of withdrawals was enforced. Withdrawals from checking accounts were restricted temporarily to five per cent and from savings, one per cent. In all other respects, the bank carried on its business in the usual way.

Extensive remodeling of the bank was undertaken again in 1952 and the present lobby and exterior were completed in early 1953. A new seven story main office building is now under construction adjacent to the present quarters in downtown Pikeville. This modern structure, which will house the main office of the bank and have 3½ floors for rental space, will open sometime in 1979. A modern public cafeteria will be located in the basement level of the building, and a Heliport will be constructed on the roof.

The first branch of The First National Bank of Pikeville was opened at South Williamson, Kentucky on August 1963. Since that time, four other new branches have opened for business. The Ferrell’s Creek Branch, near Elkhorn City, Coal Run Branch at Coal Run Village, Shelby Valley Branch at Robinson Creek, and the Big Creek Branch at Sidney. The First National Bank also operates an Installment Loan Department in the old Day-Night National Bank building located across the street from the main office.

We have enjoyed serving Pikeville, Pike County, and Eastern Kentucky, and watching them grow over the years. We hope this growth will continue and that we will be able to share in this progress.

\[PIKEVILLE, KY: March 10, 1897\]

\[BANK OF PIKEVILLE\]

\[Pay to the order of John W. Frye\]

\[For \$5.00]\n
\[Signature\]

Above is an actual reproduction of a check that was written on The Bank of Pikeville in 1897
BOWLING—THORNBURY

"Hear the mellow wedding bells—
golden bells,
What a world of Happiness their har-
mony foretells."
—Poe.

Beautiful and elaborate in every detail was the wedding of Mr. J. M. Bowling and Miss Daisy Thornbury at the Christian Church on last Wednesday evening (September 8, 1897). That chief of artistes, Mrs. Louisa Steele, had entire charge of arrangements, and to her skill and management is due the fact, that it was one of the grandest and most elaborate wed-
dings ever consumated in the valley. Every feature was carried out with the regularity of clock work. The church was most beautifully decorated with ferns, autumn leaves and a variety of pretty flowers, which were twisted most artistically into every conceivable shape and beauti-
Wedding March pealed forth from the organ, being as usual most beautifully rendered by that charming musician, Mrs. Hester Sowards.

In unison with the first strains of the march, there entered the ushers, Miss Gertie Williams and Miss Eddie Caudill, who looked exceedingly beautiful and graceful as they passed up the aisle and proceeded to a screen which they closed, disclosing to view two beautiful seraps in the persons of little Duke Hammet and little Miss Laura Weddington, also cupid with bow and quiver which was represented by little Everett Sowards.

Then came the most beautiful and impressive part of the program in the entrance of the juvenile members of groomsmen and maids who were led by little Miss Hester Francis and Master Trimble Stratton, Miss Georgie Dils and John Caudill, Miss Blanche Scott and James Pinson, Miss Octavia Cline and Vernon Connoly, and Miss May Scott and John Kendrick. The pretty little girls were dressed most tastefully and elegantly, and their hair which was taste-
fully arranged, was adorned with flowers. The little boys wore handsome and appropriate suits. The little boys proceeded up the right aisle and the little girls up the left where each couple in turn took up their positions, filling the space just up in front of that reserved for the wedding group.

The next feature was the grand march to the altar, led by Miss Annie Stratton and Mr. Sterling Kendrick who proceeded gracefully up the aisle, the lady to the left and the gentleman to the right. The lady took up a position to the left reserved for the bride and the gentleman to right of that reserved for the groom. They were followed in the same grace-
ful manner by each respective couple in the following order: Miss Mary Dils and Mr. Albert Johnson, Miss Lizzie Retherford and Mr. Andrew Auxier, Miss Oma Walker and Frank Moore, Miss Josie Ford and Mr. Durand Keel, Miss Dell Leslie and Mr. James Lawson, Miss Cosby Beavers and Mr. John Auxier, Miss Mousie Ford and Mr. Dan Syck, Miss Linda Hatcher and Mr. Ralph Hellier, Miss Bessie Ferrel and Mr. T. M. Riddle, Miss Kizzie Thornbury and Mr. J. I. Riddle.

The costumes of the young ladies were elegant and looked beautiful as they entered with such stately grace. The young gentlemen were most tastefully dressed and looked quite handsome and dignified.

The next feature of the program was the entrance of two little flower girls who pre-
ceed the bridal pair.
They were little Miss Fanny Marrs and Miss Mabel Bailey. They looked very lovely as they passed up the right and left aisles respectfully, strewing flowers in the path of the bridal pair. Then up the left aisle came the bride. She looked very beautiful, her dress was an exquisite creation of white albatross and imitation pearl trimming. Miss Bettie wore a dress just like the bride's and looked very beautiful and composed. Up the right aisle came the groom. He wore an elegant suit of Prince Albert and looked very dignified and handsome. He was leaning on the arm of Mr. J. E. Childress, a popular and talented young man who has taken up his residence at this place, and who performed the office of best man with much dignity and composure. The bride and groom met and took their positions at the altar where the ceremony, which was very impressive and nicely worded, was performed by Rev. C. Reynolds. After the ceremony ended, the bride and groom, arm in arm marched down the aisle, followed in the same manner by the groomsman and maids and proceeded to the home of the bride's mother, where they received the congratulations of friends.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Maty Thornbury, a highly respected resident of this place, while the groom is well known throughout the county, being at one time elected representative from this county, is one of the county's foremost teachers and a member of the board of examiners.

They have the best wishes of a host of friends who join the writer in wishing them much happiness, the wealth of a Croesus and the continuation of a love surpassing that of Romeo and Juliet.

Among those attending from a distance was Miss Cosby Beavers, a cultured and beautiful young lady of Grundy, Va., who made many friends while here. Also were Kate Hatcher and Floyd Hatcher of Grundy.

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Society ___________________
be subject to the ______ that ______
ladies and gentlemen every _______
and a better display of manners than _______
that presented by some of the people of the ________
town, Wednesday evening at the close of the marriage ceremony, was certainly expected.

In springing to their feet the moment the ceremony closed they spoiled the effect of the prettiest feature of the exercises, that of the filing out of the wedding procession, and especially of the little children who could not be seen by the better mannered persons who remained seated. _________ breach of manners was ________ snickering at a misspoken _________ of the minister, which was _________ ing in itself to provoke mirth.

To those people, who so _________ dulged, I beg leave to ask you for the sake of your good names and the feelings of those concerned in the proceedings, to exercise control over yourselves on future occasions.

Mrs. Louisa Steele

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30-54 Ramsey, George W. married Elizabeth Littel (?), Aug. 4; surety, Jackson Adkins.
30-56 Ratliff, William m. (Merica Weddington), bond date, Jan. 17; s., John F.
30-58 Gipson, John W., m. Sarah McGee, bd., June 5; s., James McGee.
30-60 Lain, Alfred m. Milly Owens, bd. June 13; s., James Owens.
30-63 Stratton, Henry m. Malindia Syck, bd., June 14; s. S. K. Damron.
30-64 Weddington, Thomas, 23, m. Elizabeth Scott, 26, bd., June 25; s., S. K. Damron.
30-66 Buskirk, Clinton V., 44, m. Caroline Rowe, 28, bd., June 27; no surety shown.
30-68 McCown, John, 45, 2nd marriage, m. Elizabeth Adkins, 35, 2nd marriage, June 30; s. Henry S. Keathly.
30-72 Ratliff, John, 22, 2nd mar. m. Mary J. Layn, 22, bd., July 23; s., Silas Ratliff.
30-74 Johnson, Cornelius, 30 2nd mar., m. Victory M. Williams, bd., July 10; s., James T. Williams.
30-76 Coleman, Daniel, 21, m. Mary Dotson,—, bd., July 16; s., Elexaus Coleman.
30-78 Huffman, Salomon, 65, 4th mar., m. Sarah Cavins, 35, 3rd mar., July 16; s., Lankford Moore.
30-80 Blankship, John W., 21, m. Clarinda Blankship, 21, July 24; s., Jackson Deskins.
30-82 Hall, Colbert, 21, m. Fanny Stumbo, 25, bd., July 24; s., Synise Hall.
30-84 Thacker, Marreth (?), 25, m. Nancy Thacker, 23, July 26; s., Harrison Thacker.
30-88 Hall, Daniel, 18, m. Marthex Slown, 21, Aug. 2, at Heney Kethly's; s., Matildia Hall.
30-90 Bevns, John W., 18, m. Sarah Phillops, 18, Aug. 19, at Thompson Phillips; s., A. T. Williamson.
30-96 Allen, Jacob, 25, m. Thursday McCown, 17, Aug. 16, at the Surety's, C. C. Weddington's.
30-100 McCown, Thomas, 28, m. Hulda J. Cumton, 20, Aug. 21, at the surety's, Lee Compton's.
30-102 Thacker, Timothoy, 22, m. Elizabeth Parsons, 19, Sept. 6, at Richard Parson's; s., Thomas Thacker.
30-104 Bently, William, 22, m. Mahaly Akers, 18, Sept. 7, at Andy Mitchel's; s., Thomas Hamelton.


Hayes, Samuel., M., 18, m. Malissa Newson, 19, Sept. 28, at Frederick Newson's; s., Jarvy Newson.

Adkins, Hiram, 18, m. Clarinda Adkins, 18, Sept. 26, at the surety's, Jessa Adkins.

Cockram, Robert M. S., 23, m. Amanda J. Collens, 19, Oct. 11, at the surety's, Andrew Collens.


McPherson, Burton, 25, m. Sarah Elizabeth Burgess, 16, Oct. 25 at the surety's John G. Burgis's.

Moor, Moses, 22, m. Hannah Ratliff, 23, Oct. 30, at Hanner Ratliff's; s., Wade H. Sanders.

Mullens, James, 18, m. Mary Potter, 18, Nov. 8 at James Johnson's; s., Richard Potter.

Farler, Ali, 21, m. Nancy J. Bevins, 19, Nov. 8, at Thomas Bevins; s. Mounter-vill Stafford.


Williamson, Jonah, 18, m. Sarah Canaday, 25, Nov. 15, at Jackson Canaday's; s., James M. Williamson.

Bevins, James M., 19, m. Gemima Stacy 24, Nov. 14, at the surety's, James T. Stacy's.

Hather, Meredeth, 20, m. Anna Ratliff, 21, Nov. 14, at the surety's, Richard Ratliff's.

Duty, Lenuel, 22, m. Vicy McCoy, 21, Nov. 22, at William McCoy's; s., R. M. Ferrell.


Daniels, William, 27, m. Mary McCoy, 17, Nov. 22, at Patty McCoy's; s., John Dotson.

Swiny, James, 17, m. Malindia Potter, 19, Sept. 20 at Richard Potter's; s., John Harkins and R. M. Ferrell.

Hayton, William, 23, m. Barbary A. Allen, 24, Sept. 19, at Jacob Allen's; s., C. C. Wedington.

Briant, Joseph, 23, m. Tabitha Flemings, 22 (21?), Oct. 11, at William Flem-ing's; s., Marchal B. Mullens.

Sowards, James M., 29, m. Anna Reynolds, 22, Nov. 4, at John H. Reynolds; s., William M. Scott.

Holly, James, 26, m. Paga J. Justice, 15, Nov. 24, at the surety's, Fleming Justice's.

Etter, John H., 26, m. Elizabeth Maynard, 23, Nov. 26, at George W. Gilbert's; s., James H. Lesley.

Cavens, George, 19, m. Oney Slown, 18, Nov. 24, at Milly Slown's; s., Harmon Blackburn.
Stevens, Irah R., 22, m. Mary E. Adkins, 18, Nov. 29, at the surety’s, Elish Adkins.
Blankship, John, 23, m. Marildia (Marrindia?) Bently, 19, Dec. 1, at Marrindia Bently’s; s., Valentine Akers.
McCown, James, 22, m. Mary E. Branham, 16, Dec. 6, at David Branham’s; s., Alfred Branham.
Bently, Elisha, 22, m. Usly Newsom, 22, Dec. 5, at Patsy Newsom’s; s., James McCown.
Cecil, Colbert, 54, m. Catharin Ratliff, 36, Dec. 11, at Elizabeth Ratliff’s; s., O. C. Bowles.
Newsom, Samuel, 24, m. Tamsy J. Ramsey, 20, Dec. 18, at Mary Ramsy’s; s., Spurlock Adkins.
Keel, Samuel, 39, 2nd mar., m. Elizabeth Owens, 21, Dec. 17, at Harrison Ford’s.
Keethly, Chrisispher C., 24, m. Margret Ball, 20, Dec. 19, at the surety’s, Greenvill Ball’s.
Thacker, William, 45, 2nd mar., m. Lotty Conaway, 29, Dec. 23 at Morgain Slown’s; s., Joab Slone.
Lesley, Sparrell B. 21, m. Hellen Williamson, 20, Dec. 26, at Franklin Williamson’s; s., Phamer Lesley.
Varney, Lewis J., 23, m. Samantha Maynard, 18, Dec. 27, at Andrew Varne’s; s., Andrew Retherford.

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Smallwood, John, 24, m. Silvany Little, 18, Jan. 3, at William Little’s.
Maynard, Ranson, 16, m. Elizabeth Helvey, 16, Jan. 5, at Heney Helms; surety, David Maynard.
Blevins, James P., 22, m. Mary J. Ratliff, 19, Jan. 9, at Richard Ratliff’s; s., Harper Phillip.
Hall, Mitchal, 21, m. Olley Ratliff, 22, 2nd. mar., Jan. 10, at Rebecca Moor’s; s., Nathan Ratliff.
Walters, John E., 21, m. Lausa A. Hurt, 16, Jan. 9 at William Walters; s., Zach Walters.
Thacker, Harrison, 19, m. Mary Ratliff, 20, Jan. 10, at Silas Ratliff’s; s., Nathaniel Blackbern.
Irack, John, 21, m. Lucindia J. Rogers, 21, Jan. 10, at Andrew Akers; s., R. M. Ferrell.
Denton, James, 61, 4th mar. m. Sarah B. Lesley, 45, 3rd mar., Jan. 15, at the bride’s; s., Joseph K. Auxier.
Ratliff, Samuel, 25, m. Huldia Francescaw, 27, 2nd mar., Jan. 18, at Jermah Orsborn; s., Mosis Moor.

Daniels, Lewis, 22, m. Deily Stacey, 17, Jan. 31, at William Blankship; s., Richard Daniels.

Leedy, Randolph, 35, 2nd mar. m. Anna Mimms, 26, Feb. 12, at Abraham Leedy's; s., R. M. Ferrell.

Swiny, James, 59, 2nd mar. m. Rebecca Moore, 39, 2nd mar. Feb. 2, at Alexander Ratliff's; s., Abe C. Ferrell.

Adkins, Joseph, 27, 2nd mar. m. Jane Vance, 19, Feb. 7, at Sarah Vance's; s., Bartlett Belcher.

Nichells, Christopher G., 21, m. Sintha Hassell, 22, Feb. 7, at Rebecca Powless; s., William McCoy.

Francis, Andrew, 30, 2nd mar. m. Malinda Blackburn, 35, 2nd mar., Feb. 5, at the bride's; s., Elijah Francis.


Ferrell, Richard, Jr., 28, m. Nancy J. Ball, 26, 2nd mar., Feb. 15, at Ephraim Hatfield's; s., William Ferrell.

Deal, John W., 22, m. Nancey Ramey, 18, Feb. 14, at Mosis Ramey's s., R. M. Ferrell.

Sparks, Reubin, 22, m. Liddy Gipson, 21, Feb. 14, at John Layn's; s., R. M. Ferrell.

Blankship, John 21, m. Margaret Dickenson, 21, Feb. 19, at Henry Whitt's; s., Andrew Collens.


Newson, David, 27, m. Dicey Robards, 21, Feb. 19, at James Johnson's; s., Daniel Robard.

Moore, Solomon, 20, m. Tabitha Anderson, 19, Feb. 21, at Haner Powell's; s., Shaderich Anderson.

Fields, Elisha, 30, m. Nancey Varney, 17, Mar. 7, at Frances Varney's; s., Elijah Williamson.

Harrison, Daniel C., 20, m. Rebecca Bevins, 17, Feb. 24, at James Bevins'; s., George T. Harrison.


Hopkins, James C. 22, m. Sindesta Coleman, 20, Mar. 20, at Daniel Coleman's; s., Daniel Coleman.

Slown, Paytaina, 21, m. Parthena E. Gilbert, 16, Mar. 18, at Fleming Justice's; s., Mitchal Slown.

Rowe, James, 20, m. Mary J. Cox, 19, Mar. 21, at Dixson Cox's; s., Alexander Childers.

Kinney, William, Jr., 26, m. Rebecca Hall, 16, Mar. 21, at the May Gap; s., Squire Hall.

Ball, Wesley, 30, m. Celey Smith, 23, Mar. 24, at Stephen Trout's; s., Abslam Smith.

Williamson, Hamman, 28, m. Caroline Maynard, 22, Mar. 21, at surety's, Freeman Williamson's, bond signed Hamin Williamson.
Flemings, Preston, 20, m. Arty Mullens, 18, Mar. 28, at James Johnson's; s., William Vanover.

Hess, Henery, 33, m. Juleyann Smith, 18, Mar. 28, at Stephen Trout's; s., Martin Smith.

Whitaker, John, 21, m. Jane Vanover, 22, Mar. 25, at Clerk's office in Pikavill; s., R. M. Ferrell.

Clevenger, Plesant, 20, m. Malvina Bartley, 15, April 6, at surety's, John A. Bartley's.

Miller, Jacob P., 22, m. Louisey McCoy, 18, April 3, at surety's, Randolph McCoy's.

Lockhart, David, 20, m. Barbary E. Williamson, 22, April 11, at H. Williamson's; s., William Wedington (Williamson?).

Hackney, Andrew J., 17, m. Lausey E. Thornsbery, 18, April 18, at surety's, John Thornsbery's.

Laney (Loney?), William, 23, m. Menty Damron, 22, April 20, at Spurlock Damon's s., John Blair, bond signed William Luni.


Justice, Hutsan, 23, m. Rachel Robsison, 30, May 8, at Jackson Robsison's; s., L. B. Sword.

White, James, 21, m. Surridia Sword, 19, May 12, at the surety's, Frances Sword's.

Nunery, Thomas, 22, m. Martha Blankship, 22, May 16, at Nancy Blankship's; s., Stephen Nunery.

Lesley, Amos P. 21, m. Feeby Reynolds, 18, May 23, at William M. Reynolds; s., James H. Lesley.

Lockhart, William T., 19, m. Lauseia M. Huffman, 17, May 20, at Albert Huffman's; s., R. M. Ferrell.


Linsey, John A. 27, m. Mary J. Robsion, 17, June 14, at the surety's, Joseph Thacker's, bond signed J. A. Lindsey.

Gipson, William, 26, m. Elizabeth Rhoton, 26, June 29, at Jessa Ball's, William Rhoton.

Blackburn, William, 17, m. Charlotty Williamson, 19, July 7, at George Pinson's in Pike Co.; James Williamson.

Bartley, George, 17, m. Pricey Patter, 20, July 11, at John Potter's; s., Jessa Bartley, bond states "Bentley" but signed by Bartley.

Walters, Thomas, 25, m. Elizabeth A. Smith, 25, July 9, at the groom's; s., Lewis G. Runyons.


Thacker, Apperson, 24, m. Susan Parsons, 17, July 20, at Richard Parsons; s., Ferrell Thacker.
Miller, Samuel H., 21, m. Libbie Robinson, 21, July 31, at Isaac Robinson's; s., Abe C. Ferrell.

Osborne, Cornelius, 37, 2nd mar. m. Mary A. Martin, 25, 2nd mar. m. Aug. 4, at William Hopkins in Pike County, Ky.; s., Hiram Osborne.

Mcown, Lindsy, 42, 3rd mar. m. Sarah Tackett, 35 2nd mar. Aug. 10, at the Indian Union Meeting House; s., Wesley Osburn, signed John W.

Maynard, William T., 21, m. Victory Williamson, 16, Aug. 11, at Jacob Smith's; s., John B. Williamson.

Farley, Allen, 21, m. Surrept Morrison, 25, Aug. 13, at the bride's; s., Nathaniel Taylor.

McCoy, Silvester, 23, m. Mary Francis Varney, 19, Aug. 15, at Adron Varney's; s., Abe C. Ferrell.

Layne, Maradath, 27, m. Susan Billerter, 27, Aug. 22, at William Blankship's; s., R. M. Ferrell.

Chatman, John, 20, m. Elizabeth Scott, 22, Aug. 22, at Jacob Blackbourn's; s., Hammon Gooslin.

Johnson, Andrew, J., 38, 2nd mar. m. Malindia Mcain, 21, Aug. 21, at the surety's. Joshua Swinny's.

Childers, Leander, 23, m. Mary Morrison, 28, Aug. 29, at Thomas Morrison's; s., John D. Maynard.

Roberds, John 23, 2nd mar. m. Faney Branham, 23, 2nd mar., Aug. 29, at John Damron's; s., Spurlock Damron, bond is "Fanney"

Allen, James J., 23, m. Elizabeth Wedington, 18, Sept. 3, at Sarah Wedington's; s., Henery Wedington.

Conaway, Thomas B., 19, m. Polley Bird, 20, Sept. 3, at Elish Bird's; s., George Goff.

Francescow, Evins, 29, m. Elizabeth, 27, Sept. 12, at Joseph Bevins; s., Osker Francescow.

Scott, John H., 17, m. Lausea Marrass, 19, Sept. 12. at Thomas Scott's; s., James M. Morrison, bond signed by John H. and James H. Scott.

Runyons, Mosis, 15, m. Eliza E. Bevins, 16, Sept. 15, at Jane Runyons; s., Adron Runyons.

Blackburn, John 40, 3rd mar. m. Elizabeth Whitt, 22, Sept. 15, at the surety's, William Whitt's.


Roop, David, 19, m., Mary Casaday, 20, Sept. 19, at the surety's, James Casaday's.

Tiller, Allen, 21, m. Nancey J. Jude, 22, Sept. 26, at Hiram Blankship's; s., Abadiar Blankship.

Tiller, Nash, 23, m. Elizabeth Blankship, 18, Sept. 26, at Hiram Blankship's; s., Obadia Blankship.

Gipson, James, 33, m. Milley Allen, 23, 2nd mar., Oct. 2, at Jessa Ball's; s., William Roten.

Mounts, James, 23, m. Nancey Trent, 25, 3rd mar., Oct. 10, at the surety's, Jacob Blankinship's.
Hamelton, Lenard, 26, m. Marthey Ray, 22, Oct. 11, at the surety’s Reubin Ray’s.

Francis, Allen, 22, m. Pollyann Havens, 19, Oct. 17, at Jessa Ball’s; s., William Rhotan.

Branham, Willson, 20, m. Rebecca Moor, 18, Oct. 16, at James Johnson’s; s., Elijah Gipson.

Ratliiff, James, 27, 3rd mar. m. Sarah A. Sanders, 22, Nov. 3, at the surety’s, J. B. Sanders’.

Hurt, Thurston D., 22, m. Sarah A. May, 18, Oct. 23, at the surety’s, Thomas P. May’s.

Briant, James, 25, 2nd mar. m. Matildia Sanders, 35, 3rd mar., Oct. 30, at the bride’s; s., Joseph Briant.

Justice, James H., 24, m. Sarah J. Bevins, 23, Nov. 4, at Mitchell Slown’s; s., John Bevins.

Hatfield, George, 23, m. Causby Blackbourn, 24, Oct. 13, at James Harfield’s; s., Abe C. Ferrell.

Clark, Lafyett, 30, m. Jain Vanover, 21, Nov. 21, at John Vanover’s; s., M. Hamelton.

Johnson, William, 55, 3rd mar. m. Rosey Fouts, 26, Nov. 17, at George Fouts; s., James Johnson.

Williams, Achillas, 25, m. Malindia Furguson, 26, Nov. 29, at Lewis Sowards’; s., Lewis Deskins.

Maynard, Decatur, 23, 2nd mar., m. Barbara E. Helvey, 19, Dec. 6, at Henery Helvey’s; s., Abe C. Ferrell.


Bevins, George M. D. 22, m. Sarah A. Taylor, 20, Dec. 15, at the surety’s, William A. Taylor’s.

Harris, Andrew J., 27, m. Meribah F. Price, 3(?)-4, Dec. 10, at Nancey Price’s; s., Tobias Wagner.

Cheldes, Alexander, 23, m. Elizabeth Johnson, 24, 2nd mar., Dec. 14, at John Dils, Jr’s; s., Colbert Ratliiff.

Frances, Margan, 19, m. Elizabeth Francescow, 18, Dec. 18, at George Pinson’s s., Osker Francescow.


Adkins, Winston, 35, m. Susan Ramey, 30, 2nd mar., Dec. 21, at the surety’s, Henery Adkins’s.

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Martain, Ruel, 18, m. Mary L. Johnson, 18, Jan. 2, at James Johnson’s; s., William Johnson.

Lowe, George W., 22, m. Milley Rethaford, 20, Jan. 2, at Milley Rethaford’s; s., Asa Varney.


Taylor, James, 29, m. Elizabeth Davis, 19, Jan. 23, at the surety's, John Davis.

Stump, James H. 26, 2nd mar., m. Mary E. Bolling, 16, Jan. 30, at the surety's, Henry Bolling's.

Williamson, Floyd E., 21, m. Victory A. Lesley, 19, Jan. 23, at Pharmer Lesley's; s., Lewis G. Runyon.


Williams, William J., 19, m. Lucenda F. Thornsbery, 17, Feb. 13, at John Thornsbery's; s., John Whitt.


Whitt, John H., 23, m. Ruthe A. Thornsbery, 24, Feb. 13, at John Thornsbery's; s., William J. Williams.


Elkins, Owens, 22, m. Margret Isham, 18, Feb. 20, at Edman Isham's; s., Elish McPeek.


Murphey, James H., 23, m. Larina Morgain, 20, Feb. 19, at the surety's, James Morgan's.

Pinson, Russell, 29, m. Elizabeth Mullens, 20, Feb. 23, at the surety's, A. J. Ratliff's.

Hogston, William J., 24, m. Virginia Bentley, 21, Feb. 27, at Lewis Jackson's; s., Miles Ramey.


Hall, Wilbran, 17, m. Anna Johnson, 18, bd. Mar. 16, in the court house; s., Stephen Orsborn.

Duty, George, 24, m. Sarah Hatfield, 21, Mar. 19, at John Hatfield's; s., James Hatfield.

Stafford, John F., 24, m. Perliney McCoy, 18, Mar. 19, at John Davis's; s., H. G. Davis.


Mullens, Hiram, 19, m. Charlottey Mullens, 26, 2nd mar., Mar. 26, at James McPeek's; s., James Mullens.

Hatfield, Lewis, 21, M. Surrildia May, 20, April 2, at Daniel May's; s., Marion Hatfield.
Bevins, James G. 18, m. Victory Phillops, 18, April 8, at Thompson Phillops' s., Joseph Bevins.

McCombs, Miles E., 27, m. Mary S. Matney, 17, April 12, at Alexander Matney's s., John M. Belcher.

Robinson, Samuel, 72, 3rd mar., m. Matildia Hopkins, 49, April 16, at Mitchell Slown's s., Thomas Pinson.

Ball, George, 29, m. Louisa Smith, 20, April 21, at the surety's, Abslam Smith.

Coleman, Mosis, 26, 2nd mar., m. Elizabeth Morgan, 24, April 20, at the surety's, James Morgan's.

Justice, Ambris, 23, m. Pricey Morgan, 17, April 20, at the surety's, James Morgan's.

Bartley, Jessa, 17, m. Polley Fields, 17, April 23, at Samuel Field's s., John A. Bartley.

May, William J., 20, m. Lucindia F. Williamson, 17, April 30, at James Williamson's s., George Pinson.


McCoy, Daniel, 22, m. Elizabeth Daniels, 18, May 12, at Rachel Daniel's s., Richard Daniels.

Thompson, John W., 21, m. Victory A. Nunery (?), 16, May 13, at the surety's, Mitchel Nunnery's.


Smith, Martin, 23, m. Polley Smith, 29, May 14, at the surety's, Aly Smith's s.

Hall, John, 21, m. Elizabeth Hammons, 23, May 14, at William Cook's s., Fleming Hall.

May, James M. 25, 2nd mar., m. Rebecca Blackbourn, 23, May 19, at the surety's, William J. May's.

Auxier, Andrew J., 22, m. Cynthia E. Scott, 20, May 27, at John Scott's s., Franklin Williamson.

Williamson, Benjaman, 18, m. Parlee Taylor, 18, May 31, at the surety's, William A. Taylor's.

White, Samuel, 19, m. Elizabeth Johnson, 17, June 7, at Isaac Johnson's s., Abe C. Ferrell.

Slone, Simeion, 23, m. Dorcas Casebolt, 21, June 8, at James Haley's (Herley's) s., Mitchell Slone.

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Kelley, Benjaman F., 40, 3rd mar. m. Rhoda M. Stump, 20, June 10, at George Stump's s., Abe C. Ferrell.


Damron, James, 45, m. Saryan Caudell, 21, July 2, at Richard Damron's s., Wilson Damron.

Scott, Henry C., 22, m. Elizabeth Pinson, 19, July 5, at John Pinson's s., Silas W. Ratliff.

Rains, Chrisper, 30, 2nd mar., m. Nancy Justice, 24, July 9, at the surety's Payton Justice's.
Branham, Richard, 21, m. Elizabeth Maggard, 18, July 10, at James Johnson’s; s., Joseph T. Moor.

Charles, George W., 20, m. Elizabeth Chadwill, 20, at Luvery (? Chadwell’s; s., John Charles.

Smith, Rally, 20, m. Eunies Maynard, 24, July 24, at James Maynard’s; s., M. W. Maynard.

Coleman, Stephen, 33, 2nd mar., m. Rachel Coleman, 16, July 30, at the surety’s, James Coleman’s.

Charles, Feddrick, 22, m. Pricey Keen, 18, Aug. 6 at the surety’s, Hasper Keen’s.

Ellett, James W., 26, m. Frankey Reyndols, 22, Aug. 13, at the surety’s, Hamelton Reyndols’.

Keesee, Orson, 26, 2nd mar., m. Liddy M. Wade, 20, Aug. 16, at the church house on Big Creek; s., Hammon Gooslin.

Skeans, Johnathan, 50, 2nd mar., m. Polley Ashbey, 30, 2nd mar., at James Hackney’s; s., Thomas Hackney.


Varney, Asa H. 36, 2nd mar. m. Abisha Murphey, 21, Aug. 22, at Milley Rethoford; s., Abe C. Ferrell.

Belcher, James, 27, m. Fanney F. Hogston, 21, Aug. 17, at the surety’s, John Hogston’s.

Canaday, Grenvil, 30, m. Marletta Varney, 18, Aug. 27, at Franklin Varney’s; s., Jonah Williamson.

Cline, Perry A., 18, m. George L. C. Marthey Adkins, 19, Sept. 3, at the surety’s; Allen D. Adkins’.

Moor, Andrew, 25, m. Spicy Newsom, 22, Sept. 3, at the surety’s, Harrison Newsom’s.

McCoy, John, 29, m. Jane Cline, 24, 2nd mar., Sept. 24, at Marthey McCoy’s; s., Jacob Cline.

Robinson, George, 21, m. Elizabeth Adkins, 19, Sept. 17, at the surety’s, Winright Adkins’.

Warrick, John, 19, m. Emley McPeek, 18, Sept. 20, at James McPeek’s; s., William McPeek.

Dotson, George W., 45, 2nd mar., m. Marget Slone, 33, 2nd mar., Sept. 27, at William (?) Blankship’s; s., Lewis Sowards.

Adkins, Spurlock, 25, m. Mary J. Keel, 17, Sept. 20, at Samuel Keel’s; s., George Engling.


Chapman, Andrew J., 29, 2nd mar., m. Delila Frances, 24, Oct. 4, at the surety’s, James Deskins’.

Ratliff, George W., 20, m. Palinea E. Gipson, 21, Oct. 1, at Elijah Gipson’s; s., Colbert Ratliff.

Clevenger, John W., 23, m. Nancey E. Sauyers, 19, Oct. 8, at David Robinson’s; s., Plesant Clevenger.

Gipson, John. 23, m. Dicey Elswick, 17, Oct. 22, at Jacob Elswick’s; s., Plesant Bartley, Jr.
Bartley, Pleasant, 45, 3rd mar., m. Sarah Mullens, 23, 3rd mar., Nov. 5, at Pleasant Bartley's; s., Eliheu Bartley.

Johnson, Solomon, 28, m. Mary E. Robinson, 19, Nov. 9, at Samuel Robin-

son's; s., Abe C. Ferrell.

May, William J., 19, m. Vicy Blackbourn, 15, Nov. 12, at the surety's, John

Blackbourn's.

Robinson, Leaneandry, 21, m. Leaner Maynard, 21, Nov. 14, at Stephen

Maynard's; s., Aaron C. Lowe.

Coleman, John Jr., 19, m. Sealey Artripe, 18, Nov. 16, at Asman L. Pharmer's;

s., Daniel Coleman.

Hatfield, Joseph, 29, m. Arminta Coon, 23, Nov. 26, at John Hatfield's; s.,

James Hatfield. Bride's age sworn by William G. Hatfield.

Adkins, Winright Jr., 32, 2nd mar., m. Louisia Epling, 25, Nov. 26, at Winston

Adkins'; s., William W. Meade.

Marrs, Napoleon B., 24, m. Margrett Scott, 17, Nov. 26, at John Scott's; s.,

R. M. Ferrell.

Coleman, John W., 18, m. Sarah Ratliff, 17, Dec., 3, at John Ratliff's; s.,

David Coleman.

Collens, John 26, m. Mary Slone, 26, Dec. 9, at William Slone's; s., William

Stacey.

Ellis, Vel, 22, m. Leanther McCoy, 23, Dec. 10, at George Blackbourn's; s.,

Henderson Ellis.

May, James F., 21, m. Rhoda S. Adams, 21, Dec. 17, at Mosis Stone's; s.,

William W. Steel.

Pinson, Aaron, 24, m. Margret Davis, 18, Dec. 24, at John Davis'; s., George

Pinson.

Adkins, Nathaniel Jr., 24, 2nd mar., m. Malindia Slone, 22, 2nd mar., at Jacob

Slone's; s., Mitchel Slone.

Sycks, Volney, B., 21, m. Polley E. Mullens, 17, Dec. 29, at the surety's, James

Mullens'.

May, Mosis B., 23, m. Amy Williamson, 22, Dec. 31, at James Williamson's; s.,

Gilbert Blackbourn.

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Gross, Solomaon, 28, m. Sarah Jain Lam, 18, Jan. 6, at Thomas Ratliff's; s.,

Mois D. Stone.

Johns, John, 46, 2nd mar., m. Malindia Maynard, 21, Jan. 4, at William May-

nard's; s., John Collins.

Ray, Edward, 27, m. Liddia Sparks, 19, 2nd mar., Jan. 7, at the surety's, John

France's.

Deskins, James N. (W?), 27, m. Bethsaida Elkins, 18, Jan. 9, at the surety's,

Silas Clevenger's.

McCoy, John R., 22, m. Barbary Payten, 18, Jan. 10, at John Charles'; s.,

Harden Brown.

Vance, John, 24, m. Nancey Jain Orsbourn, 21, Jan. 12, at James Orsbourn's;

s., Kesander Kelley.

Kelley, Kasander, 21, m. Meraby McGee, 25, 2nd mar., Jan. 12, at James

Orsbourn's; s., John Vance.

Brewer, Samuel, 21, m. Mary Adkins, 26, Jan. 14, at Henery Russell's; s.,

Abe C. Ferrell.
Slone, Greenville, 19, m. Pricy Thacker, 21, Jan. 17, at William Justice's (Peyton's son); s., Flemon Justice.

Hatfield, Wallas, 21, m. Malvina Hatfield, 19, Jan. 21, at Stephen Trout's; s., Johnson Hatfield.

Riley, James, 22, m. Margrett Hamelton, 31, Jan. 19, at the surety's, Samuel Hamilton's.

Thacker, Milton, 36, m. Sarah Adkins, 21, Jan. 21, at William Adkins'; s., Jacob Slone.


Johnson, George W., 21, m. Eunice Stratton, 18, Jan. 31, at Hiram Stratton's; s., Alexander Stratton.

Varney, James, 20, m. Rutha Canaday, 17, Feb. 3, at the surety's, John Varney's.

Blankship, Henery, 21, m. Emley May, 18, Feb. 11, at the surety's, David May's.

Fauts, Squire, 19, m. Margret E. Hall, 18, Feb. 14, at George Fauts'; s., Wilson Branham.


Damran, John, 30, m. Malindia C. Cumpton, 20, Feb. 20, at the surety's, Lee Compton's.

Norman, Amanuel, T(J?), 16, m. Luvicy Hatfield, 28, Mar. 31, at Ginrel France's; s., William Norman.


Ferrill, Abe C., 34, M. Adie S. Watts, 24, Mar. 8, in Pikeville; s., William Weddington.

Cloud, Washington, 25, m. Aurelia Weddington, 18, Mar. 9, at William Weddington's; s., Abe C. Ferrell.

Smith, James J., 28, m. Elender Sword, 18, Mar. 10, at the Clerk's office; s., Richard Sword.


Williams (son?), Achillas, 25, m. Malindia Ferguson, 26, April 2, at James M. Thornsbery's; s., William N. Campbell.

Austin, Henderson, 45, 2nd mar., m. Polley May, 41, April 5, at the surety's, Jackson Deskins'.

Justice, Thomas, 23, m. Margret Austin, 20, April 15, at Robert Austin's; s., A. J. Hatcher.

McCoy, James, E., 24, m. Emley Smith, 17, April 11, at Henery Smith's; s., Daniel Scott.

Denton, Burtis R., 25, m. Mary F. May, 21, April 22, at the surety's, Thomas P. May's.

Brown, Jermiah, 43, 3rd mar., m. Farrinda Adkins, 23, 2nd mar., at H. Williamson's; s., R. M. Ferrell.

Justice, William C., 35, m. Susanah M. Chaney, 16, April 22, at the surety's, Thomas G. Chaney's.

Hatfield, Johnson, 30, m. Polley Scott, 22, May 20, at the surety's, Daniel Scott's.
6-142 Damron, James, 26, m. Mary Ford, 17, May 15, at William Smith’s; s., William Damron.
6-144 Justice, Alexander, 19, m. Selina W. Kindrick, 18, May 20, at the surety’s, Mitchell Slone’s.
6-148 Ratliff, Thompson, 40, 2nd mar., m. Elizabeth Ratliff, 23, 2nd mar., at Laneas Childers; s., James Ratliff.
6-150 Culbertson, James, K., 22, m. Sarah J. McKenney, 24, 2nd mar., May 25, at Clerk’s office; s., Gyra Mead.
6-152 White, Spencer, 20, m. Sarah Jane Baldwin, 18, June 1, at Mitchell Slone’s; s., James Baldwin.
6-154 Mullens, John, 19, m. America Sowards, 15, May 31, at James Johnson’s; s., John Pharmer.
6-156 McTheny, Daniel, 29, m. Clary Chaptman, 21, June 17, at Edward Chaptam; s., Abe C. Ferrell, John Scott and Thompson Coates.
6-158 Goff, James A. 15, m. Vicy Maynard, 16, June 6, at Sarah Maynard’s; s., William Goff.
6-160 Blair, William Thomas 21, 2nd mar., m. Mary Frances Robinson, 19, June 10, at William Weddington’s; s., John W. Gipson.
6-162 Weddington, Richard, 22, m. Mary Blackbourn, 18, June 17, at Russell Pinson’s; s., William F. Clark.
6-164 Ball, William B., 20, m. Marthay Ramey, 24, June 18, at Daniel Ramey’s; s., Jesse Ball.
6-166 Justice, Martin, 18, m. Sarah Ann Thacker, 22, June 17, at John Thacker’s; s., John Thacker and Abner Justice.
6-168 Howard, Harvy, 23, m. Rebecca E. Griffith, 17, June 24, at George Griffith’s; s., William R. Pinson.
6-170 Hensley, Samuel R., 34, 2nd mar., m. Nancy P. Rowe, 28, 2nd mar., at the surety’s. John Thornsby’s.
6-172 Coleman, Henderson, 23, m. Remethy Deskins, 26, 2nd mar., July 8, at Remethy Deskins’; s., Benjamin Taylor.
6-174 Thornsby, James M. Jr., 22, m. Polley Campbell, 21, July 2, at William Campbell’s; s., William Damron.
6-176 Sword, John M., 18, m. Virginia Robinson, 22, July 1, at Isaac Robinson’s; s., William W. Compton.
6-178 Wolford, Johnathan J., 19, m. Polley Luansey Baker, 17, July 9 at Andrew Wolford’s; s., Daniel Wolford.
6-180 Whitt, John H. 35, m. Elizabeth McCoy, 37, 3rd mar., July 11, at Randolph McCoy’s; s., Jacob Helvey.
6-182 Sturgell, James L. 25, m. Martha Levaney Keethley, 19, July 15, at the surety’s Simpkins Keathley’s.
6-186 Standley, Richard, 17, m. Margret Maynard, 18, July 22, at Christopher Maynard’s; s., William Standly.
6-188 Leedy, John, 26, m. Susan Heelvey (?), 23, July 20, at Heeney Heelvy’s; s., R. W. Lesly.
6-190 Adkins, Andrew, 47, m. Tabitha Reylndals, 40, 2nd mar., July 22, at Nancy Adkins’; s., Miles E. McCombs.
Sanders, James H. 22, m. Lucindia Casell, 20, July 29, at the surety’s, James Casell’s.

Dority, Daniel J., 24, m. Betty Prator, 18, July 29, at Danil Prator’s in Pike Co. s., T. J. Owens.

Roop, Samuel J., 23, m. Mary Romens, 19, Aug. 5, at the surety’s, Levi Romens’.


Bentley, Robert, 19, m. Chastattha (?) Blankship, 23, Aug. 12, at Robert Austans; s., Martha Bentley.

Hensley, Elijah Sr., 75, 4th mar., m. Mary McMillian, 45, 3rd mar., Aug. 8, at Alexander Parsley’s; s., George Pinson.

Justice, Richard, 27, m. Nancey Sword, 16, Aug. 9, at Heutsan Justice’s; s., John M. Sword.

Mounts, John, 24, m. Peggy Daniels, 22, Aug. 23, at Rachel Daniels’; s., John Dils, Jr.

Kelley, Hawkins, 21, m. Dicey Orsbourn, 18, Aug. 11, at James Orsbourn’s; s., John W. Belcher.

Bevins, Richard P., 24, m. Clarinda Keen, 22, Aug. 12, at Thomas Johnson’s.

Stewart, Rubin, 18, m. Mary Ramey, 21, Aug. 19, at John Potter’s; s., Lewis Jackson.

Blackbarn, Jermiah, 23, m. Mary Hatfield, 23, Sept. 23, at Ephram Hatfield’s; s., James Hatfield.

Thacker, Joel, 20, m. Elizabeth Adkins, 19, Sept. 19, at Mathew Coleman’s; s., Joab Slone.


Moore, James, 21, m. Marthey Branham, 18, Sept. 23, at Edward Branham’s; s., George Branham.

Smith, Mark, 19, m. Nancy J. Maynard, 19, Sept. 30, at Hammon Maynard’s; s., William R. Frances.

Mounts, John, 18, m. Jane Dotson, 16, Oct. 9, at Fedrick Wolford’s; s., Richard Daniels.

Blackborn, Andrew, 21, m. Margret Mounts, 16, Oct. 9, at the surety’s, Richard Daniels’.

Blankship, Harvey, 19, m. Margrett Tackett, 24, Oct. 9, at John W. Orsbourn’s; s., William Tackett.

Daniels, Samuel, 23, m. Lausea May, 18, Oct. 14, at Daniel May’s; s., Franklin Smith.


Tacket, Stephen, 20, m. Adaline Branham, 17, Oct. 28, at James Johnson’s; s., Hiram Tacket.


Johnson, William H. C., 20, m. Tamsey J. Cook, 21, Nov. 4, at William Cook’s; s., Alamander Orsborn.

Warran, Elijah K., 18, m. Zelph A. Nirman, 20, Nov. 5, at John W. Orsborn’s; s., Robert Hall.
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Coleman, Joseph, 22, m. Elizabeth Coleman, 20, Feb. 20, at Abraham Coleman's; s., George Goff.

Mims, Keenis F., 26, m. Cintha Ann Burgis, 17, Feb. 24, at the surety's, J. G. Burgis'.


McCoy, John R. 30, 2nd mar., m. Letty Elswick, 21, Mar. 3, at William Blankenship's; s., Benjamin McCoy.

Gillum, Winfield Scott, 17, m. Minty Care, 17, Mar. 3, at William s., Jesse Ball.

Hopkins, Mosas Sanford, 18, m. Nancy Adkins, 20, Mar. 3, at Lilbourn Kidrick's; s., Winrigh Adkins.

Rowe, Parris H., 20, m. Christenah A. Speers, 18, Mar. 10, at George W. Speer's s., J (I?). E. Gray.

Isack, William S., 22, m. Ame Ray 21, Mar. 18, at Linsey Ray's; s., John McCown.

Rowe, Michael G., 21, m. Elizabeth J. Irick, 20, Mar. 17 at William B. Isack (Irack?) 's; s., Colbert C. Weddington.

Scott, William T., 22, m. Nancey Stacey, 17, Mar. 22, at the surety's, James T. Stacey's.

Coleman, Curtis, 21, m. Nancy Dotson, 17, April 7, at the surety's, s., Jourden Dotson.

Canady, Robert, 23 m. Arminda Williamson, 21, April 12, at John Davis's; s., Jonah Williamson.

Wolford, Johnathan, 20, m. Vashti Smith, 20, April 12, at Johnathan Smith's; s., James M. Francis.

Samsen, L. (?) John, 21, m. Matildia Casebolt, 28, April 14, at the surety's, William Kinney's.

Wampler, William P., 24, m. Mary Banian, 25, April 21, at Jefferson Banian's; s., J. D. Wampler.

Smith, Daniel J., 17, m. Leah May, 22, April 21, at the surety's, Isaac Smith's.

Bishop, William, 18, m. Emeritha Slone, 18, April 21, at Jane Slone's; s., Columbus James.

Bartley, Andrew F., 17, m. Sarah E. Blankship, 22, April 22, at Renie Bartley's; s., James H. Bartley.

Francesco, Samuel, 23, m. Pheby Cusy, 17, May 1, at Henston Cusy's; s., H. H. Reed.

Mounts, Asbery, 21, m. Margrett Wolford, 18, May 3, at David Wolford's; s., Daniel Wolford.

Walker, John P., 23, m. Mary K. Boyd, 24, May 8, at the surety's, Cybay (CS) Boyd.

Bartley, Elijah, 23, m. Marinola Cassell, 23, May 12, at William Bartley's; s., J. B. Sanders.

Falaway, Samuel, 23, m. Ester Hatfield, 18, May 12, at Valentine Hatfield's; s., Richard Hatfield.

Smith, Noah, 20, m. Mary Dotson, 16, May 5 at Elijah Dotson's; s., Isaac Smith.

Jackson, Lewis, 30, 2nd mar., m. Elender Fields, 23, May 12, at the surety's, James M. Thornsbery.

Ferguson, John M. 25, m. Ann Ratliff, 19, May 7, at Pagey Ratliff's; s., H. Williamson.
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Jones, John, 20, m. Polly Perry, 18, Sept. 15, at Joseph Perry's; s., Preston Jones.


James, Columbus, 24, m. Rachel Overbey, 21, Sept. 18, at William Bishop's; s., A. T. Williamson.

Ratliff, Abraham, 52, 2nd mar., m. Lousea Rowe, 35, 2nd mar., Sept. 26, at Clerk's office; s., J. B. Sanders.

Gipson, James M., 29, 2nd mar., m. Almedia Bartley, 20, Sept. 29, at the surety's, J. B. Sanders'.

Marrs, James P., 26, m. Alice M. May, 16, Oct. 20, at Mary E. May's; s., C. Williamson.

Coleman, Harvey, E., 22, m. Lousea Venters, 16, Oct. 15, at Harrison Ratliff's; s., Joel Ratliff.

Pratar, P. M., 23, m. Matilda E. Adkins, 23, Oct. 20, at the surety's, A. D. Adkins'.

Hall, George W., 18, m. Elizabeth Tackett, 15, Oct. 20, at the surety's, Abel Tackett's.

Sword, Moses, 25, m. Polly Watson, 21, Oct. 27, at the surety's, Wm. Sword's.

Smith, Leonadus, 19, m. Mary Jane Smith, 19, Nov., at Jesse Smith's; s., Jacob Smith.

McCown, Heney, 23, 2nd mar., m. Elizabeth E. M. H. Kethly, 16, Nov. 11, at Symkins Kethly's; s., Andrew Akers.

May, William N., 22, m. Valara J. Steward, 17, Nov. 28, at the surety's, John Steward's.

Warrick (?), Calvin, 23, 2nd mar., m. Nancey Hayton, 21, Dec. 8, at Jacob Hayton's; s., Abe C. Ferrell.

Scott, Henery A., 26, m. Sarah A. M. Bevins, 21, Dec. 14, at the surety's Madison Bevins'.

Justice, Thomas Jr., 21, m. Polley May, 21, at Dec. 20, at Jessie May's; s., George W. May.

Jarrell, Martin, 35, 2nd mar., m. Judy Laney, 26, Dec. 21, at the Clerk's office; s., Joseph Laney.

Bentley, James, 21, m. Elisa Moor, 15, Dec. 24, at William Childer's; s., James Belcher.

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Blackben, John H. 27, 2nd mar., m. Marinda May 20, Jan. 5 at James M. May's; s., G. R. Blackburn.

Hackney, Ruel Preist, 2nd mar., m. Charity Smith, 28, Jan. 8, at Catharine Smith's; s., Samuel Smith.


Adkins, James H., 19, m. Elisa A. May, 18, Jan. 14, at Morgain May's; s., James Damron Sr.
Ratliff, Maron, 24, m. Mary Francescow (?), 18, Jan. 17, at George W. Francescow's; s., Henry Bolling.

Swinney, Jackson W., 19, m. Arminty Moor, 22, Jan. 20, at the surety's, Joshua Swenney's.

Sturgell, Simen, 23, m. Margret May, 21, Jan. 26, at John May's; s., William Smith.


Amick, Madison, 27, m. Frankey Reynolds, 21, Jan. 31, at the surety's, John H. Reynolds's.


Thorps, John A., 22, m. Matilda Jane Smith, 22, Feb. 19, at the surety's, Isaac Smith's.


Broun, Jacob, 23, m. Mary J. Stergill, 19, Mar. 5, at Levi Stergill's; s., Moses D. Damron.

Bentley, John, 21, m. Peggy Burks, 23, Mar. 8, at Nancy Burks'; s., Thomas Bentley.

Coleman, James H., 18, m. Arminda May, 15, Mar. 8, at David May's; s., Curtis Coleman.

Carter, William, 21, m. Sarah E. Griffey, 16, Mar. 12, at George W. Griffey's; s., Henry C. Scott.

Strutton, Alexander W., 30, m. Maryetta Weddington, 30, Mar. 26, at Jesse Ball's; s., Daniel W. Syck.

Tackett, Harvey Jr., 20, m. Mary Ann Bentley, 21, Mar. 16, at Hiram Orsbon's; s., Lenard Branham.

Prayer, William, 21, m. Sarah Estept, 17, Mar. 23, at William Blankship's; s., Daniel Prayer.

Hall, Winfield Scott, 18, m. Charity Ann Brewer, 19, Mar. 27, at John Sword's; s., William Sword.

Davis, Henry S., 22, m. Alafare McCoy, 22, Mar. 31, at the surety's John New's.

Taylor, George H., 20, 2nd mar., m. Sarah C. Stevens, 21, May 9, at Richard L. Fields; s., William H. Reynolds.

Newson, David, 18, m. Mary J. Tackett, 18, Mar. 30, at Hiram Anderson's; s., Hiram Tackett.

Childress, Fleming, Jr., 18, m. Vandalia Belcher, 17, Mar. 31, at Lowell (?), Childress's., Samuel Sawyers.

Newson, Jarvey, 30, 2nd mar., m. Druceller Orsbon, 18, April 2, at Conealous Orsbon's; s., John W. Osban.

Justice, Pleasant, 23, m. Victory Layne, 19, April 1, at the surety's, William Layne's.

Siliner, Eli, 19, m. Emley J. Adkins, 16, April 4, at Sarah Adkins'; s., Peter Absher (?).

Curry, James, 22, m. Sarah Jane Reed, 18, April 13, at G. H. Reed's; s., Benjamin F. Williamson.

Owens, John W., 29, m., Matilda Cecil, 18, April 15, at Daniel Owens; s., Joseph E. Ratliff.

Honemaker, George, 27 m. Winney E. Ratliff, 18, April 22, at the surety's, Fleman Ratliff.
Hayton, John W., 24, m. Catharine McGoven, 26, 2nd mar., May 18, at Joshua Adkin's; s., T. F. Ratliff.
Nunery, Thomas, 26, 2nd mar., m. Rebecca Maynard, 20, May 24, at the surety's, Edward Maynard.
Williamson, Julis C., 27, m. Zetty Butcher, 30, May 25, at John Smith's; s., Hammon Williamson.
Littel, William Jr., 20, m. Margrett Johnson, 33, June 3, at Pane (?) Johnson's; s., William Orsborn.
Dotson, Ransom, 22, m. Lueasa Jane Coleman, 16, June 8, at Daniel Coleman's; s., James M. Sowards.
Branham, Lenard, 24, m. Margrett Case, 20, June 8, at David Branham's; s., James M. Sowards.
Billetter, James D., 24, m. Frances E. Robinson, 20, June 26, at the surety's; Samuel Robinson's.
Syks, Noah, 17, m. Malissa C. May, 21, July 6, at Jesse May's; s., Jesse May and O. C. Bowles.
McCown, John W., 22, m. Elizabeth Damron, 21, July 10, at the Clerk's office; s., A. J. Hatcher.
France (?), James, 17, m. Delaney Salyers, 18, July 15, at the Clerk's office; s., William H. Sowards.
Sweliven (?), Hardin, 19, m. Martha Feilds, 18, Aug. 3, at Lewis Feild's; s., Columbus James.
Blankship, Ezekiel, 22, m. Sarah A. Dottson, 17, Aug. 9, at G. D. Dotson's; s., Lewis Pilleps.
Rethoford, Anderson, 17, m. Ester Hatfield, 17 (?), Aug. 31, at Ransom Hatfield's; s., Johnson Hatfield.
Scott, Epperson, 23, m. Jane Hatfield, 15, Sept. 7, the surety's, Anderson Hatfield's.
Osborne, Alamander, 20, m. Arminey Hall, 16, Aug. 30, at Sarah Hall's; s., Jerry Osbourn.
Ray, Henery, 24, m. Pricey Feilds, 24, Aug. 31, at Samuel Field's; s., James Feilds.
Cumpton, William M., 20, m. Louise McCown, 19, Sept. 7, at the surety's, Lee Cumpton's.
Epling, William Lenard, 22, m. Lisey Jane Rowe, 18, Sept. 11, at the surety's, James H. Epling's.
Williamson, James M., 26, m. Melvina Anderson, 17, Sept. 14, at Milly Anderson’s; s., Greenvill Charles.


Francescow, John, 35, 2nd mar., m. Sarah Smith, 30, 2nd mar., Sept. 24, at Jeremiah Stottridge’s; s., Benjamin Williamson.

Crigger, Harman, 19, m. Mary Williamson, 20, Oct. 5, at Mary Williamson’s; s., B. F. Williamson.


Stewart, John, 44, 2nd mar., m. Susan J. Ratliff, 25, Oct. 8, at Silas Ratliff’s; s., George G. Burgis.

Fletcher, Thomas J., 19, m. Melvina Maynard, 16, Oct. 20, at Cloey (?) Maynard’s; s., C. Fletcher.


Ramey, Joseph, 18, m. Carline Maynard, 17, Nov. 9, at Sarah Maynard’s; s., John Ramey.

Farley, John P. 21, m. Pricey L. Bevins, 21, Nov. 16, at Thomas Bevins’; s., Mountervill Stafford.

Thacker, Elisha Jr., 20, m. Piety Thacker, 34, Nov. 16, at Thomas Blackbon’s; s., Elisha Thacker Sr.

Burnet, Samuel G., 21, m. Sarah E. Yong, 20, Nov. 17, at the surety’s; Silas Clevenger’s.


England, Solomon, 22, m. Eliza Jane Frances, 23, Nov. 21, at the surety’s, Elijah France’s.

Rowe, William H. 24, m. Sarah C. Philliops, 18, Nov. 26, at J. B. Sanders’; s., Alexander Childers.

Runyons, Thomas, 42, 2nd mar., m. Polly Thacker 45, 2nd mar., Nov. 28, at Polly Thacker’s; s., Nathaniel Thacker Jr.

Descans, Munsey, 21, m. Marbery E. McGee, 16, Nov. 30, at the surety’s, William McGee’s.

Orsborn, Jeremiah Jr., 19, m. Margrett Mullens, 21, Dec. 1, at William Hall’s; s., Booker Orsborn.


Sword, John, 22, m. Rachell J. Rasneck, 23(4?), Dec. 11, at the surety’s, George Rasneck’s.

Francis, John C., 16, m. Polley Mounts, 17, Dec. 13, at Elijah Mounts, s., William Blankship.

Taylor, Calvin, 22, m. Parlee Smith, 19, Dec. 16, at James Smith’s; s., David Maynard.


Hackney, Alexander, 21, m. Mary M. Reynolds, 15, Dec. 21, at Andrew Adkins’s; s., William H. Reynolds.

May, James H., 21, m. Nancy Rethafford, 24, at Milly Rethafford's; s., Henry (?) May.

Williams, James M., 22, m. Mary Sparks, 23, Dec. 25, at E. Sparks'; s., Josiah Sparks.

Fields, James, 21, m. Emley Green, 21, Dec. 29, at J. B. Sanders'; s., J. E. Ratliff.


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Miller, John, 22, m. Elizabeth Hall, 21, Jan. 3, at William Hall, Esq.'s; s., Rety Robertts.

Williamson, Allen, 19, m. Harriett Taylor, 17, Jan. 4, at William A. Taylor's; s., James F. Clarke.

Robinson, David, 16, m. Spicy Casebolt, 17, Jan. 9 at George Robinson's; s., Thomas J. Sowards.

Fields, John, 17, m. Charity Swilaver (?), 17, Jan. 4, at Elizabeth Swilanon (?)'s; s., James Brown.

Blair, Meridith, 26, m. Tabitha A. Cox, 18, Jan. 4, at Charlotte Cox's; s., Lilburn (?) Cox.

McGuire, Thomas J., 22, m. Rosanah Steel, 23, Jan. 7, at John Steel's; s., Parris Steel.


Ray, Jeremia, 28, m. Mary Emley Ward, 24, Jan. 11, at James Ray's; s., G. W. Yong.

Mullens, John W., 30, m. Elizabeth Ratliff, 19, Jan. 18, at the surety's, Nathan Ratliff's;

Prater, Joseph, 24, m. Lucinda May, 17, Jan. 30, at David May's; s., Heney Blankship.


Smith, Henery, 22, m. Lydia M. Scott, 18, Feb. 1, at Daniel Scott's; s., A. J. Auxier.

Branham, John, 22, m. Usley Miller (Billerter?), 16, Feb. 8, at James Johnson's; s., Tabitha Billerter.


Cox, Lilbrain J., 22, m. Mary E. Goff, 19, March 7, at George Goff's; s., J. E. Ratliff.

Adkins, William J., 18, m. Martha J. Workman, 15, Feb. 29, at David Workman's; s., Elisha Adkins.
Harriss, John, 35, m. Mary Damron, 22, 2nd mar., Feb. 26, at William Damron's; s., Joshua McCoy's.

Pinson, Thomas B., 27, m. Louisea Matney, 18, March 5, at Alexander Matney's; s., Josiah Sparks.

Varney, James M., 17, m. Susanah Smith, 18, Mar. 3, at David Smith's; s., Levi Scalf.

Thacker, Nathaniel Jr., 21, m. Vicye Slone, 20, Mar. 5, at James Slone's; s., Mitchell Slone.

Coleman, Harvey E., 20, m. Sarah E. Damron, 16, Mar. 4, at Sarah Damron's; s., William Damron.

Ramey. A. C., 22, m. Anajaline Adkins, 18, Mar., 17, at James Johnson's; s., William R. Ramsey (Ramey?).

Mullens, Ambros, 20, m. Jane Mullens, 19, Mar. 19, at Debary Mullens'; s., Colbert C. Fletcher.

Blankship, Jacob, 23, m. Nancy Wolford, 15, April 4, at Fedrick Wolford's; s., John Wolford.

Church, Reubin, 40, 2nd mar., m. Emeline Allen, 33, 2nd mar., April 7, at G. D. Dotson's; s., D. B. Coleman.


Rupe, James C., 28, m. Celey Roman, 26, at the surety's, Levi Roman's.

Ramey, George W., 22, m. Elizabeth Looney, 17, April 21, at the surety's. John Looney's.

Huffman, Archabal, 45, 2nd mar., m. Juley Ann Mims, 35, April 17, at N. B. Marrs'; s., Thomas P. May.

Maynard, William, 17, m. Lucinda Smith, 18, April 25, at the surety's, George W. Smith.

Mullens, James, 18, m. Vicye Murphey, 23, April 25, at Judy Murphy's; s., James M. Scott.

Murphey, Richard, 24, m. Rebecca Prayer, 14, May 5, at William Prayer's; s., H. T. Davis.


Sycks, Levy, 28, m. Hanner J. Bartley, 13, May 9, at the surety's; John A. Bartley.


Justice, Abshir, 23, m. Abigal Coleman, 20, May 9, at the surety's; Stephen Coleman.


Looney, John, 43, 3rd mar., m. Elizabeth Jackson, 23, 2nd mar., May 19, at John Looney's; s., James M. Sowards.

Sansom, Antney B., 21, m. Polley Wolford, 21, May 23, at Kerzy Wolford's; s., Fedrick Wolford.


Swinney, Joshua, 22, m. Elizabeth Mitchell, 22, May 23, at Joshua Swiney's; s., Joshua Swiney, Sr.
Bartley, Bevin M., 18, m. Elmira Virginia Rowe, 18, May 28, at Alexander Rat-

liff's; s., John A. Bartley.

Ratliff, James T., 22, 2nd mar., m. Aretta Slone, 24, June 1, at the surety's,

John Ratliff's.

Greer, John, 19, m. Elizabeth Mullens, 17, June 6, at Smith Mullens'; s., Phil-
lip Greer.

Austin (?), Jesse F., 25, m. Malvina Saluers, 25, 2nd mar., June 22, at James

Coleman's; s., James M. Sowards.

Burks, Gilbert, 24, m. Darkis Mullens, 16, July 1, at John Mullens'; s., Booker

Osburn.

Sword, John, 75, 2nd mar., m. Margret Fife, 53, 2nd mar., July 24, in Clerk's

office; s., James M. Thornbey.

Tackitt, Tappley B., 22, m. Polenious Bentley, 19, July 27, at James Johnson's;

s., William (Wilburn?) Hall.

Scott, Andrew J., 30, 2nd mar., m. Dorcas O. Marrs, 18, July 30, at John

Marrs'; s., W. M. Conley.

Conoway, John R., 21, m. Marthey J. Thacker, 21, Aug. 6, at the surety's, Wil-

liam Thacker's.

Farley, Lewis, 21, m. Mary Hatfield, 21, Aug. 15, at Pheby Hatfield's; s., F.

Williamson.

May, David, 19, m. Martha Hatfield, 20, Aug. 11, at Jinna Runyons'; s., James

May.

Clark, Samuel, 34, m. Mary E. Elkins, 21, Aug. 15, at N. B. Marrs'; s., A. J. Hatcher.

Estep, William, 22, m. Mary A. Charles, 14, Aug. 22, at John Charles Jr.'s; s.,

William R. Dotson.

Blackburn, Allen H. 19, m. Teletha (?) Scaff, 18, Aug. 16, at Wilburn Black-

burn's; s., John M. Blankshy.

Elkins, Samuel J., 25, m. Marinda Maynard, 20, Aug. 22, at Chirstopher May-

nard's; s., C. Maynard.

Hall, John, 24, m. Malisa Hayes, 26, 2nd mar., Aug. 19, at John Brown's; s.,

Robert Hall.

Stephens, Thomas Jr., 22, m. Anna Ady Sanders, 22, Aug. 20, at Ira Stephen's;

s., Thomas Stephens Sr.

Marrs, Henry, 30, m. Elisa J. Johnson, 19, Aug., 22, at Harvey Damron's; s.,

A. J. Johnson.

Dotson, Daniel, J., 18, m. Rebecca Dotson, 22, Aug.30, at Mosses Coleman's;

s., James M. Sowards.

Runyans, Joseph A., 15, m. Columbia Hatfield, 14, Sept. 4, at Ransom Hat-

field's; s., Bazel Hatfield.

King, Harrison, 42, 2nd mar., m. Eviline Hinkel, 28, Sept. 1, at Harvey

Hinkel's; s., Thomas Harrison.

Anderson, James, 25, m. Mary Elender Justice, 18, Sept. 5, at Polley Justice's;

s., Tolbert R. Justice.

Adkins, Daniel Jr., 19, m. Polley Ann Prater, 17, Sept. 9, at the surety's, Wen-

right Adkins'.

Vanover, David, — , 2nd mar., m. Mary Vanover, — , 2nd mar., Sept. 13, at

David Vanover's; s., Alex Anderson.
Stanley, George W., 23, m. Lydia Vance, 18, Sept. 14, at Sarah Vance's; s., Abe C. Ferrell.


Scott, Anderson T., 21, m. Jane Bevins, 17, Sept. 15, at Mary Bevins'; s., William T. Scott.

Bevins, Hiram, 18, m. Nelley Blackburn 18, Sept. 26, at Jacob Blackburn's; s., James M. Bevins.

Chaney, John, 22, m. Martha Staton (Slater?), 24, Sept. 26, at William Staton's (?) ; s., John Charles and John Scott.


Slone, Flemeny, 20, m. Mary E. Runyas, 14, Oct. 17, at Arch Slone's; s., Thomas Runyon.

Reed, William H., 22, m. Anna Blackborn, 22, Oct. 26, at John Blackborn's; s., Jesse Gooslin.

Coleman, Henderson, 19, m. Mary Ratliff, 16, Oct. 31, at Osman (?), Phar-mer's; s., J. B. Sanders.

Bartley, James Harvey, 24, 2nd mar., m. Tabetha Denison, 41, 3rd mar., Nov. 4, at Clerk's office; s., James M. Sowards.

Alley, Paul K., 21, m. Malinda C. Reynolds, 25, Nov. 23, at Arch Reynolds'; s., Parris G. Steel.


Row, Arquilianos, 28, m. Armindy Bentley, 18, Dec. 29, at William Ramey's; s., James G. Bentley.


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Potter, Noah, 22, m. Mahuldah Francesco, 18, Jan. 1, at Richard Potter's; s., Ruben Stewart.

Stevens, William P. 23, m. Mary Crabtree, 24, Feb. 5, at the surety's, A. J. Steven's.

May, William A., 21, m. Cozbi Hackney, 18, Jan. 2, at William J. May's; s., William Hackney.

Hatfield, George, 16, m. Mary Elender Bevins, 13, Jan. 9, at Joseph Bevins'; s., Bazel Hatfield.

Wolford, Jourdain, 21, m. Sarah Wilson, 22, 2nd mar., Jan. 12, at Daniel Wolford's; s., John Wolford.
Steel, George, 21, m. Tabetha Gipson, 19, Jan. 16, at Elijah Gipson's; s., Arquillas Rowe.

7-346 Damron, James, Sr., —, 2nd mar., m. Elizabeth Nickels, 40, Jan. 30, at the surety's, William Sword's.

7-348 Childers, Walter, 24, m. Luesa Ratliff, 20, Jan. 15, at Riley Sanders'; s., William Ratliff.

7-350 Potter, William, 21, m. Elizabeth Green, 18, Feb. 6, at James Green's; s., Shanklin Shalyers.

7-352 Johnson, Winfield Scott, 18, m. Sarah Ann Flemons, 17, May 10, at Fredrick Flemons; s., William J. Johnson.

7-354 Gelaspia, John, 18, m. Sarah J. Ratliff, 18, Feb. 6, at the surety's, Winwright Adkins.

7-356 Akers, Robert A., 19, m. Malinda C. Charles, 17, Feb. 8, at the surety's, Simpkins Keathley.

7-358 Hopkins, John, 18, m. Hanah Osbourn, 17, Feb. 20, at Cornelious Osbourn's; s., Shurwood Osboun.

7-360 McCoy, James H., 22, m. Malissa Smith, 21, 2nd mar., Feb. 20, at Anderson Hatfield's; s., A. E. Adams.


7-364 Moor, Samuel, 17, m. Mary Elizabeth Maynard, 15, Feb. 23, at Jourdain Maynard's; s., Henery Newsom.

7-366 Varney, Adron, 20, m. Lousea E. Collins, 21, Feb. 23, at the surety's, Andrew Collens.

7-368 Johnson, Benjaman F., 19, m. Elizabeth Wright, 17, Feb. 23, at Harvey Johnson's; s., J. M. Waldeck.

7-370 Sturgell, John W., 26, m. Marrinda J. Sword, 23, Mar. 5, at Morris (Moses?) Sword's; s., K. Ph. Sword.

7-372 Reins, Jesse F., 21, m. Sarah Jane Coleman; 23, -2nd mar., Mar 9, at William Ratliff's; s., Jackson Ramey.


3-378 Looney, Joseph, 22, m. Elizabeth Ratliff, 16, Mar. 16, at the surety's, James Ratliff's.

7-380 Delany, Jesse, 30, m. Julia Sulamin, 25, Mar. 20, at El Coliman's; s., E. H. Bonn.

7-382 Orsbon, Jermiah, Jr., 24, m. Lousea Kell, 18, April 10, at the surety's, Samuel Keel's.

7-384 Miller, Henery, 20, m. Seley Mutter, 20, Mar. 27, at the John Mutter's; s., John Mutter Jr.

7-386 Sword, William Jr., 27, m. Margrett J. Brewer, 23, Mar. 28, at the surety's, William Sword, Sr.

7-388 Thornbery, William M., 19, m. Mary Yost, 19, April 3, at George Stump's; s., James M. Thornbery.

7-390 Keesee, Richard, 23, m. Frances Robinson, 21, April 17, at Samuel Robinson's; s., George Canaday.

7-392 Marrs, Samuel W., 34, m. Dulcina Kennedy, —, 2nd mar., Apr. 24, at the surety's, A. J. Speers'.

7-394 Johnson, Jephthah, 24, m. Nancey Burk, 17, May 4, at the surety's, Plesant Johnson's.
Chaney, Abel, 68, 3rd mar., m. Mary J. Chadwell, 26, May 10, at Abel Chaney’s; s., William S. Brown.
Indicut, James, 23, m. Ester Casaday, 20, May 19, at the surety’s, James Casaday’s.
Wolford, John, 22, m. Rebecca A. Dotson, 16, May 18, at the church house on Pappaw; s. Lewis Sowards.
Kinney, David, 24, m. Rosanna Hall, 17, May 24, at Harvey Tackett’s; s., William James Damron.
Hurley, Preston, 40, m. Betsey Blankinship, 25, May 24, at Preston Hurley’s; s., Fredrick Wofford.
Sanders, William, 43, 2nd mar., m. Liddy Margett (Martha?) Donly, 33, 2nd mar., May 26, at Liddy M. Donly’s; s., Franklin Williamson.
Blackburn, John L. (T?) ., 22, m. Mary E. J. Stratton, 17, May 26, at Susanah Stratton’s; s., Thomas Pinson.
Riley, John W., 24, m. Lucenda Rethaford, 20, June 15, at Milley Rethaford’s; s., Hammon Williamson.
Justice, Abner, 19, m. M. V. Stone, 20, July 10, at Sarah Blackburn’s; s., H. W. Blackburn.
Clark, Calvin, 44, m. Pricila A. Price, 37, July 17, at Nancy Price’s; s., A. J. Harris.
Orsborn, George W., 18, m. Zilphia Tackett, 18, July 24, at William Tackett’s; s., Mathue Caudell.
Hunt, John, 32, 2nd mar., m. Nancy Coleman, 20, Aug. 28, at Stephen Trout’s; s., John H. May.
Hatfield, Jacob, 26, m. Rebecca Crabtree, 16, Aug. 28, at Anderson Hatfield’s; s., F. M. Hatfield.
Craig, William, 21, m. Juley Ann Clay, 16, Aug. 29, at the surety’s, Mitchell Clay’s.
Damron, Ruben, 21, m. Polly Branham, 20, April 3, at James Johnson’s; s., John Branham.
Deskins, John W., 23, m. Mary L. Yost, 18, April 4, at the surety’s, Lewis Deskins’.
McCown, Keenis F., 19, m. Rebecca Mitchell. 15, May 5, at the surety’s, William McCown’s.
Sherman, William, 37, m. Jemima Alley, 21, June 11, at Benjaman Alley’s; s., Paul Alley.
Charles, John Jr., 19, m. Mary Keen, 23, June 26, at Green Charles’; s., Fedrick Charles.
Thacker, Levi, 19, m. Mary Thacker, 19, July 17, at Polly Runyons’; s., Elisha Thacker.
Justice, Thompson, 22, m. Causbay Harris, 25, July 31, at the surety’s, John
Justice’s.

Goff, Edward, 68, 2nd mar., m. Mary A. Brown, 40, July 29, at Edward T.
Goff’s; s., Abner J. Chaney.

Deskins, Jackson, 35, 2nd mar., m. Carline Yost, 26, Aug. 7, at John W. Des-
kins’; s., John William Deskins.

Huffman, Thomas, 22, m. Mary E. Moor, 21, Aug. 9, at Anderson Huffman’s;
s., John W. Taylor.

Runyons, Jacob, 20, m. Sarah Lowe, 19, Aug. 21, at James F. Low’s; s., Wil-
liam J. Runyons.

Robinson, Henery C. P., 20, m. Mary Lowe, 24, Aug. 21, at James A. Lowe’s;
s., Richard Keesee.

Rasnick, Alexander, 21, m. Mary Harriss, 20, Aug. 23, at Alexander Gipson’s;
s., Camriel Hall.

McGuire, Wesly C., 25, m. Viola Bolling, 17, Aug. 28, the surety’s, Heney
Bolling’s.

Damron, Solomon K., 23, m. Julina F. Coleman, 14, Aug. 25, at Sarah Dam-
ron’s; s., Peter Adkins.

Bartly, Revil, 20, m. Dulcena Feilds, 18, Aug. 26, at James Bartly’s; s., J. B.
Sanders.

Step, Maran, 21, m. Jane Lowe, 17, Aug. 28 at the surety’s, Lawyer T. Low’s.

Maynard, Allen Jr., 21, m. Catharine Hunt, 20, Aug. 31, at Thomas J. Hunt’s;
s., James W. Hensley.

Maynard, Allen Jr., 21, m. Catharine Hunt, 20, Aug. 31, at Thomas J. Hunt’s;
s., James W. Hensley.

Hensley, Asa, 22, m. Nancey Steel, 22, Sept. 4, at Stephen Trout’s; s., Adron
Runyons.

Craig, Andrew J., 17, m. Sarah Ramsey, 24, Sept. 11, at William M. Scott’s;
s., William H. Sowards.

May, George W., 18, m. Polley Rethaford, 21, Sept. 18, at Stephen Trout’s;
s., Andrew Rethaford.

Keith, C. B., 24, m. Martha A. Buckley, 17, Sept. 25, at W. W. Buckley’s; C.
M. Parson.

Clay, James, 22, m. Emley W. Spurlock, 30, Sept. 25, at James Johnson’s;
s., James L. Pope.

Damron, William James, 26, m. Mary D. May, 23, Sept. 25, at John May’s; s;
Richard W. Damron.

Sowards, William H., 25, m. Linchey Price, 17, Sept. 26, at the surety’s, Har-
rison Weddington’s.

Lewis, William, 21, m. Lousea Jane Allen, 18, Oct. 4, at Susan Allen’s; s.,
Robert Hurt.

Weddington, James M., 42, m. Margret Wright, 37, 2nd mar., Oct. 5, at Will-
liam Weddington’s; s., T. J. Owens.

Akers, Stephen, 48, 2nd mar., m. Marriba Bentley, 26, Oct. 9, at Hiram Os-
born’s; s., S. K. Damron.

Gipson, James M., 17, m. Marthay Laney, 23, 3rd mar., Oct. 9, at the surety’s
Wesley Gipson’s.

Adkins, Elisha, 18, m. Martha A. Thacker, 21, Oct. 16, at William S. Brown’s;
s., Nathaniel Blackburn.

Thacker, Richard L., 21, m. Lousey Thacker, 21, Oct. 15, at the Clerk’s office;
s., Thomas Thacker.
Gipson, William H., 21, m. Lausea Swinney, 16, Oct. 30, at Jarnway Swinney's; s., Wesly Gipson.


Blair, Newton, 20, m. Malviney Jane Robinson, 21, Nov. 13, at the surety's, Samuel Robinson Sr.'s.


Hatfield, John, 19, m. Jane Rethaford, 18, Nov. 20, s. John Rethaford's; s., Henry Varney.

Hatfield, Alben, 26, m. Parlie Carline Varney, 26, Nov. 20, at Andrew Varney's; s., Henry Varney.

Cecil, Richard T., 40, m. Mary Lesley, 35, 2nd mar., Nov. 18, at Mary Lesley's; s., Jesse H. Bush.

Farley, Lewis, 22, m. Polley A. Stump, 20, Nov. 26, at George Stump's; s., James H. Stump.

Rowe, Solomon, 21, m. Nancy J. Adkins, 18, Nov. 27, at Margrett Adkins'; s., Vincent J. Kelly.

Slator, Thomas, 21, m. Rebecca E. Alley, 15, Dec. 4, at Peter H. Alley's; s., John Chaney.

Crockran, Nathan, 26, m. Sarah Varney, —, Dec. 7, at John Varney's; s., James M. Sowards.


Miller, James M., 23, m. Mary E. Yates, 18, Dec. 10, at the surety's, Richard Yates'.

Burriss, Layfayett, 20, m. Margery Smith, 15, Dec. 21, at David Smith's; s., George W. Burriss.

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Staton, Joseph, 19, m. Matilda Scott, 20, Jan. 1, at Henderson Scott's; s., George W. Pinson.

Hatfield, Joseph, 51, 2nd mar., m. Darcas, Chaney, 42, 2nd mar., Jan. 12, at Darcus Chaney's; s., Albin Hatfield.


Smith, Jacob, 22, m. Rachel Hinkel, 18, Jan. 15, at Harvey Hinkel's; s., Mark, Smith.

McCoy, Harrison, J. 21, m. Matilda J. Robnet, 18, Jan. 16, at William Blankinship's; s., William H. McCoy.

Belcher, Jourdain, 22, m. Dulcena Rowe, 17, Jan. 18, at Alexander Ratliff's; s., B. M. Bartley.

Mead, Moses, 21, m. Elizabeth Smith, 20, Jan. 22, at Charles Smith's; s., William Meed.

Slone, James, 58, 2nd mar., m. Jane Slone, 23, Jan. 22, at Mch Slone's; s., Nathaniel Coleman.


Abshir, B. D., 21, m. Matilda Frances, 27, 2nd mar., Jan. 29, at Henry C. Sowards; s., James Frances.

Maynard, James, 20, m. Elizabeth Keese, 24, Feb. 5, at Mary Keese's; s., Edward Maynard.


Harriss, Harvy, 24, m. Juley Nicewander, 22, Feb. 12, at the surety's, James Polly's.

Alley, John P. 18, m. Mary Slator, 26, Feb. 19, at William Slator's; s., John Chaney.


Adkins, Wesley, 15, m. Darkes Eniline Robinson, 24, Feb. 26, at Samuel Robinson's; s., Winright Adkins.

Duty, Thomas, 23, m. Nancey Thompson, 18, Feb. 26, at Albert Thompson's; s., John R. McCoy.

Kerr, Joseph, C., 18, m. Frankey Ramey, 15, Feb. 28, at John Ramey's; s., Joseph Elswick.

Tackett, William, 17, m. Mary J. Casebolt, 15, Mar. 5, at Johnathan Casebolt's; s., William R. Ramsey. (?)

Dena (?), Isaac, 21, m. Sarah Maynard, 24, Mar. 6, at Mosses Maynard's; s., Thomas Jefferson Maynard.

Cox, Robert, 30, m. Elen Tilley, 24, Mar. 12, at William Blankenship's; s., Henry S. Carter.

Cumpton, John A., 20, m. Mary Brewer, 18, Mar. 12, at William Sword's; s., William Brewer.

Collens, William H., 25, m. Mary C. Blackburn, 22, Mar. 19, at Hisikiah Scalff's; s., Allen N (H?). Blackburn.

Griffee, George, 35, 2nd mar., m. Matilda J. Francescow, 18, Mar. 19, at George Griffee's; s., George Francescow.

Blackburn, George W., 24, m. Adiline Meed, 18, Mar. 21, at the surety's, William Meed's.

Johnson, David, 22, m. Hulday Tackett, 16, Mar. 24, at James Tackett's; s., George W. Osbourn.

Slaas, Noah F. M. C., 26, m. Ruthey Moor, 22, Mar. 23, at Clerk's office; s., Lewis Fields.

Williamson, James H., 19, m. Isabeler Goff, 17, Mar. 29, at William Goff's; s., Daniel Harrison.

Charles, Greenvill Jr., 17, m. Nancy Harrison, 19, Mar. 25, at Greenvill Charles Sr.'s; s., Daniel Harrison.

Sowards, George C., 20, m. Dianah Mullens, 17, April 2, at Spencer Mullens'; s., Wesley Sowards.

Bevins, John, 27, 2nd mar., m. Juley M. Kindrick, 19, Mar. 31, at the surety's, Mitchel Stone's.

Smith, James M., 24, m. Arminda Charles, 17, April 12, at the surety's, John Charles'.

Ratliff, Reubin, 21, m. Nancey F. (?), Gipson, 17, April 9, at the surety's, Riley Swinney's.

Thacker, John W., 24, 2nd mar., m. Emma Chadwell, 22, April 11 at Abel Chaney's; s., Wash Britton.
Castell, Bud, 19, m. Susanna Cantrel, 18, April 23, at Isaac Cantrel's; s., James W. Sanders.

Kinder, William, 20, m. Sarah Coleman, 18, April 26, at Mosses Coleman's; s., James G. Ratliff.


Burris, George W., 25, m. Hanner smith, 17, April 30, at George W. Smith's; s., George Pinson.

Rife, William, 20, m. Manervy Bentley, 20, May 2, at Jerry Osborn's; s., Smith Mullens.


McCoy, Henderson, 22, m. Lausea Allen, 21, May 14, at Allen McCoy's; s., Jacob Blackburn.

Isan, Alexander, 20, m. Carline Bentley, 17, May 10, John V. Bentley's; s., Edman Isan.

Prater, George, 21, m. Judy Layne, 18, May 17, at William Blankinship's; s., Daniel Prater.


Daniels, Samuel, 26, 2nd mar., m. Elizabeth Adkins, 25, May 26, at Winston Adkins'; s., J. B. Sanders.

Damron, John, Jr., 24, 2nd mar., m. Malvina France, 21, 2nd mar., June 11, at Jasper Case's; s., Elisha Branham.

Sword, Lucus B., 16, m. Malinda J. Ford, 15, June 11, at the surety's; William Sword's.

Ramsey, Hamman, 22, m. Mary Fouts, 19, June 13, at Spurlock Adkins'; s., Jacob Mounts.

Morris, Jacob P. B., 18, m. Mary J. Charles, 20, June 18, at John Charles'; s., C. M. Parsons.

Lambert, James M., 22, m. Elizabeth Damron, 17, June 20, at Wilson Damron's s., Archabald Huffman.

Adkins, George M., 21, 2nd mar., m. Burth Cudey, 19, 2nd mar., July 3, at the surety's, Jacob Sanders.

Thompson, McFarlin, 21, m. Martha Step, 18, July 2, at John Step's; s., Marion Stepp.


Coleman, Audy, 26, m. Jane Moor, 27, July 4, at Wade Lenams; s., Thos P. Marrs.

Blackburn, James C., 19, m. Marneney (?), E. Kindrick, 17, July 7, at the surety's, Harman W. Blackburn's.

Honaker, James W., 23, m. Parlee Maynard, 19, July 14, at the surety's, Allen Maynard's.

Stump, Charles A., 18, m. Eada Smith, 14, July 16, at Isaac Smith's; s., George W. Stump.


Thompson, Henderson, 24, m. Polley Canes, 23, July 30, at the surety's, James France's.
8-177 Tackett, Maran, 17, m. Anna Johnson, 18, Aug. 13, at Plesant Johnson's; s., K. F. Caudel.
8-179 Ford, William J., 21, m. Rebecca Sword, 15, Aug. 20, at William Sword's; s., Harrison Ford, Jr., and M. C. W. Sowards.
8-181 Hager, Arch B., 21, Pheby May, 18, Aug. 27, at David May's; s., L. G. Stump.
8-185 Varney, Lewis, 20, m. Lucinda May, 16, Sept. 10, at the surety's, Harvey May's.
8-187 Moor, Jackson, 21, m. Mary Cantrill, 18, Sept. 10, at Rubin Cantrals s., William Moor.
8-189 Tackett, Richard, 17, m. Mary Tackett, 16, Sept. 17, at William Tackett's; s., Wilburn Hall.
8-191 Marrs, John W., 25, m. Mary J. Damron, 18, Sept. 16, at the surety's, Harvey G. Damron's.
8-193 Scott, Emery M., 21, m. Martha J. Hatfield, 28, Oct. 1, at Stephen Trout's; s., William T. Scott.
8-197 Deskins, Jackson, 34, 3rd mar., m. Cynthia Angaline Williamson, 20, Oct. 13, at the surety's, Lewis Deskins'.
8-199 Mounts, Jacob, R., 22, m. Isadory Williams, 16, Oct. 15, at Achillas Williams'; s., A. J. Hatther.
8-201 Collens, Martin, 20, m. Vickey Varney, 15, Oct. 28, at H. Williamson's; s., Andrew Collens.
8-205 Johnson, James K., 21, m. Lucey J. Martin, 16, Nov. 1, at Anna Martin's; s., William Johnson.
8-207 Belcher, Enoch, 18, m. Lausea C. Belcher, 23, Nov. 12, at John Ratliff's; s., C. M. Parsons.
8-209 Slone, Jefferson, 20, m. Lausea Griffey, 21, Nov. 19, at Wesley Greffey's; s., Abraham Taylor.
8-213 Davis, Robert, F. S., 16, m. Sarah A. B. McCoy, 28, Nov. 26, at Anderson Hatfields; s., Thompson Hatfield.
8-215 Adkins, Riley, 24 m, Mandy Malvina McCown, 27, Nov. 26, at the surety's, William McCown's.
8-217 Thacker, Nathaniel, 21, m. Marysanine Murphey, 16, Nov. 25, at Mary A. Murphey's; s., William Ratliff.
8-219 Tackett, Hancford, 22, m. Elizabeth Jones, 18, Dec. 10, at Nathaniel Jones'; s., William V. Ray.
8-221 Hensley, John C., 19, m. Polly Blackburn, 19, Dec. 16, at Stephen Trut's; s., Thomas Johnson.
8-225 Clevenger, Lewis, 18, m. Nancey Kenedy, 17, Dec. 25, at James Polley's; s., William Moor.
Ford, Thomas, J., 22, m. Nancy M. May, 19, Dec., 31, at the surety's, Thomas P. May's.

Trout, Moses M., 20, m. Salley Taylor, 14, Dec. 29, at George Pinson's; s., Lewis Runyon.

Fife, Edward A., 23, m. Leanah A. Ball, 20, Dec. 31, at the surety's, Jesse Ball's.

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Sparks, Josiah, 28, m. Emma Deskins, 21, Jan. 1, at Lewis Deskins'; s., Richard Syck.


Robinson, John, 21, 2nd mar., m. Elizabeth Fuller, 23, Jan. 7, at the surety's, Bartley Belcher's.

Sword, John R., 20, m. Mary E. Robinson, 20, Jan. 7, at L (T?) B. Sword's; s., Frances M. Sword.

Sword, John W., 30, m. Lizzie Britton, 19, Jan. 7, at Wash Britton's; s., H. Ford, Sr.

Adkins, John, 60, 2nd mar., m. Delila Coleman, 33, Jan. 10, at Abraham Coleman's; s., David Coleman.

Chaney, Thomas G., 17, m. Manda G. Adkins, 16, Jan. 17, at the surety's, Mitchell Slone's.

Robinson, William Samuel, 23, m. Nancey Eveline Whicker, 14, Jan. 21, at James Rasnick's; s., William T. Lockard.

Irack, Joseph, 29, m. Thursey Allen, 26, 2nd mar., Jan. 22, at the surety's, Andrew Akers Sr's.


Bartley, Thomas, 20, m. Elizabeth Belcher, 26, Jan. 26, at the surety's, John A. Bartley's.

Akers, John, 21, m. Elizabeth E. Cross, 20, Jan. 25, at Lewis Cross's; s., James W. Akers.

Maynard, Thomas J., 20, m. Nancy Moor, 17, Jan. 28, at Lankford Moor's; s., Yong Maynard.

Riley, Thomas, 32 2nd mar., m. Rebecca J. Mitchell, 16, Jan. 29, at Samul Hamilton's; s., Leitty Mitchell and James Riley.

Robinson, James P., 18, m. Josephen Cox, 16, Feb. 4, at the surety's, John Cox's.


Elkins, William, 22, m. Elizabeth Branham, 18, Feb. 8, at Jeremiah Osburn's; s., Pery A. Cline.

Steel, William M., 17, m. Victora Ratliff, 20, Feb. 8, at S. W. Ratliff's; s., H. A. Gibson.


Smith, Thomas B., 20, m. Nancey Jane May, 16, Feb. 21, at the surety's, William J. May's.


Williamson, Benjamin F., 20, m. Esther J. Bevins, 24, Feb. 24, at Looney Bevins'; s., Floyd E. Williamson.


Compton, Thomas, 20, m. Allas McCown, 18, Feb. 24, at William F. Compton's; s., Linsey McCown.

Tackett, Mathey, 16, m. Elvira Martin, 14, Mar. 10, at Cornealiaus Osburn's; s., W. M. Connolly.

Blair, Jasper, 21, m. Victory Hopkins, 17, Mar. 7, at the surety's, John Hopkins.

Osburn, Squire, 36, 2nd ma. m. Polley A. Hopkins, 29, Mar. 12, at John May's; s., R. M. Ferrell.

Casey, Richard, 28, m. Mary Jane Bradford, 19, Mar. 12, at Andrew Adkins' s., William Reynolds.

Ratliff, James, 22, m. Mary E. Thacker, 17, Mar. 14, at John Conoway's; s., William S. Brown.

Davis, John, 22, m. Rebecca Ratliff, 15, Mar. 18, at the surety's, Azandras Taylor's.

Maynard, Moses, Jr., 18, m. Pricey Goff, 22, Mar. 17, at John Goff's; s., Allen Maynard.

May, Jacob S., 17, m. Matilda Smith, 18, Mar. 20, at James Smith's; s., James-May.

Scalf, William, 25, m. Elisabeth Scott, 24, April 1, at Barnabus Scott's; s., Calve Clark.

Adkins, John W., 19, M. Lucenda Sanders, 17, Mar. 25, at the surety's, Jacob Sanders'.

McCoy, Floyd, 23, m. Mary Rethaford, —, Mar. 25, s., Mountervell Stafford. (some information not given.)

Plymal, Isaac W., 23, m. Elizabeth Tackett, 17, Mar. 25, at H. W. Blackburn's; s., H. W. Plymal.

McCoy, Jacob, 21, m. Elizabeth Vance, 18, April 8, at James Vance's; s., P. A. Cline.

Ramey, Richard, E., 23, m. Amada J. Phipps, 26, April 6, at the surety's, Berry Ramey's.

Campbell, Thomas B., 24, m. Thursey Maynard, 24, April 8, at Allen Maynard's s., Peter Absher and Thomas B. Campbell.

Slone, James, 59, 3rd mar., m. Polly Ann Chaney, 20, April 10, at Clerk's office; s., James A. Justice.

Runyans, Dexter, S., 33, 2nd mar., m. Sarah J. Philleps, 23, April 10, at the surety's, Casuel Phillips'.

Johnson, Andrew S., 19, m. Lajisa Tackett, 16, April 12, at Simpkins Kethly's s., Linsy McCoy.

Murphey, Alexander, 27, m. Polley Rethaford, 17, April 15, at John Rethaford's; s., Peter Adkins.

May, Samuel P., 20, m. Mahaley J. Thacker, 17, April 18, at George Standley's; s., B. F. Williamson.

Parson, Richard C., 22, m. Sarah M. Thacker, 21, April 14, at Clerk's office; s., Thomas Thacker.

Prater, Benjamin, 22, m. Paulina Blankinship, 22 (?), April 16, at Polly Blankinship's; s., Benjamann McCoy.

Taylor, David, 45, 2nd mar., m. Lucinda Taylor, 21, April 24, at the surety's; Samuel Taylor's.

Ratliff, Richard, 24, m. Zerilda J. Hopkins, 18, May 20, at the surety's, Columbus Hopkins'.

Potter, Richard, Sr. —. 2nd mar., m. Mary Wallis, 22, May 15, at Richard Potter Sr.'s; s., Thomas R. Wallis.

West, John T., 20, m. America C. May, 19, May 15, at James May's; s., Greenville D. West.

Silven, Harden, 21, 2nd mar., m. Alyan Abshir, 16, May 15, at the surety's, Peter Abshire's.

McCoy, Harriso'n, 20, m. Sarah E. McLane, 19, May 21, at Asa P. McCoy's; s., John S. Collinsworth.

King, John H., 18, m. Mary Francescow, 18, May 25, at George Francescow's; s., Lawyer T. Lowe.

Hall, Fleman, 36, 2nd mar., m. Mary Mullens, 29, May 31, at Mary Mullens'; s., Jeremiah Osborn.

Osburn, William J., 21, m. Tabetha A. Sword, 14, June 3 at the surety's, William Sword's.


Ratliff, William D., 26, m. Margrett Stratton, 22, June 18, at Harry H. Stratton's; s., R. M. Ferrell.

Farley, Thompson, F., 19, m. America C. Lowe, 21, July 2, at the surety's, Lewis G. Farley's.

Francescow, Henery, 18, m. Luanna Griffee, 14, July 1, at William Carter's; s., Heney R. Blackburn.

York, James M. 27, m. Agusta Dils, 26, July 17, at John Dils; Jr.'s; s., Crit Cecil.

Howell, Stephen, 45, 2nd mar., m. Frances Tibbs, 50, 3rd mar., July 20, at William Sword's; s., James M. Sowards.


Fraley, John W., 30, m. Nancy Jane Taylor, 34, July 29, at George Fraley's; s., Annrew Canady.


May, Leonidus, M., 20, m. Polley Smith, 16, July 31, at the surety's, James Smith's.

Smith, Alford, 23, m. Easter May, 15, July 31, at the surety's, James M. May's.

Phillops, John, 15, m. Jane Litteral, 17, Aug. 5, at Jesse Phillops'; s., Harrison Phillops.

Reynolds, George W., 17, m. Mary A. Helvey, 15, Aug. 7, at William M. Helvey's; s., William Layne.
Thacker, Thomas, 15, m. Sarah Justice, 19, Aug. 12, at Abner Justice’s; s., John Thacker.
McCoy, Larken H., 17, m. Mary E. Coleman, 18, at Pricey Coleman’s; s., Daniel Wolford.
Damron, Wright, 33, m. Arreely Hopkins, 18, Aug. 16, at William Damron’s; s., M. D. Damron.
Howell, Squire, 19, m. Mary J. Osburn, 18, Aug. 17, at George Osburn’s; s., Harvey G. Anderson.
Dotson, David, 18, m. Deliah Hurley, 16, Aug. 26, at Ruthey Hurley’s; s., Elijah Dotson.
Hinkel, James, 23, m. Sarah J. Hess, 18, Sept. 2, at the surety’s, Jacob Hess’s.
Pinson, Robert, 23, m. Lucinda Jane Bolling, 12, Sept. 1, at Bazell Hatfield’s; s., John King.
Hall, Manuel, 19, m. Salena E. Osbourn, 19, Sept. 8, at Shadrick Osbourn’s; s., Alamander Orsbon.
Parsons, Henery, 19, m. Mary Griffeth, 19, Sept. 9, at Thomas Clevenger’s; s., Silas Clevenger.
McCoy, Asa, 21, m. Nancy Hatfield, 17, Sept. 23, at Anderson Hatfield’s; s., Urriaah McCoy.
Tackett, King Solmon, 18, m. Rhoda Tackett, 17, Sept. 23, at James Tackett’s; s., James Anderson.
Martin, Meredith, 23, m. Mary Jane Sanders, 20, Sept. 23, at Wade H. Sanders; s., William Johnson.
Adkins, A. J., 45, 2nd mar., m. Mary Louisa Greer, 17, Sept. 23, at the surety’s James J. Greer’s.
Blankinship, John M., 28, m. Luinda Romen, 30, Oct. 7, at the surety’s, Levi Romens’.
Ray, John, 21, m. Malinda Casebolt, 17, Sept. 29, at Matilda Casebolt’s; s., Hiram Casebolt.
Thornbury, William M., 21, m. Pricy Phillips, 17, Oct. 18, at Harrison Feild’s; s., James M. Thornbury.
Hamilton, Elbert, 21, m. Jemima Hall, 17, Oct. 19, at Jemima Hall’s; s., Robert Hall.
Powell, William H., 22, m. Mary J. Buckley, 17, Oct. 21, at W. W. Buckley’s; s., James G. Ratcliffe.
Cecil, Crit, 28, m. Rissa Ford, 17, Oct. 21, at Harrison Ford’s; s. T. F. Ratliff.
Stacey, Isaac, 21, m. Sarah Maynard, 17, Nov. 3, at Charthy (? Maynard's; s., Thomas J. Fletcher.
Smith, Jacob, Jr., 18, m. Harrett Williams, 16, Nov. 4, at Eli Williams'; s., Jeremiah Osborn.
Johnson, William, 28, 2nd mar., m. Mary J. S. A. N. E. Smallwood, 25, Nov. 8 at the surety's, E. R. Smallwood's.
Varney, Alexander, 34, m. Pricey A. Bevins, 24, Nov. 18, at the surety's, Madison Bevins'.
Sanders, Isaac, 22, m. Sabra Gipson, 15, Nov. 16, at William Ratliff's; s., Wesley Puckett.
Thacker, Jefferson, 25, m. Mary Slone, 23, Nov. 18, at Mitchell Slone's; s., Janes M. Sowards.
Maynard, Moses, 59, 2nd mar., m. Kate Ferrell, 34, 3rd mar., Nov. 18, at Kate Ferrell's; s., R. M. Ferrell.
Goosling, Richard, 21, m. Polly Smith, 18, Nov. 25, at Heney Smith's; s., Barnabus Gousling.
Smith, John W., 16, m. Victory Riley, 18, Dec. 9, at the surety's Isaac Fletcher's.
May, Daniel R., 18, m. Rachel Adkins, 24, Dec. 8, at Winston Adkins'; s., Samuel Daniels.
Owens, John F., 18, m. Frankey J. Ramey, 17, Dec. 25, at Moses Ramey's; s., William Ramey.
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