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THOMAS & CYNTHIA ANN BIBB

THE HISTORY OF A SOLIDER AND HIS WIFE FROM THE WAR OF 1812

Information taken from page 158 of the Kentucky Genealogist, Widows' pension and War records of 1812. Data supplied by Mrs. Willa Dean Noffsinger, Rt. 4, Central City, Ky., 42330.

BIBB, THOMAS - CYNTHIA ANN: WC 18667; BLWT. 38014-40-50 and 93431-120-55.

Private Captain Poindexter's Company, Virginia Militia. Enlisted March 30, 1814; discharged July 14, 1814. Residence of solidier: 1851 - 1855 Muhlenberg County, Ky. Residence of widow 1878 Muhlenberg County (P.O. South Carrollton) Ky. Maiden name of widow; Cynthia Ann Sharer. Marriage; August 15, 1831, Butler County, Ky. Death of soldier: January 22, 1868 in Muhlenberg County, Ky. Death of widow: October 25, 1884.

On April 22, 1878 Cynthia Ann Bibb, aged 73, a resident of Muhlenberg Co., Ky., being duly sworn, states that she is the widow of Thomas Bibb who served from March 30 to July 14 1814 in the War of 1812 Under Capt. Poindexter's Company for 118 days. He received Bounty Land. That she was married under the name of Cynthia Ann Sherrer (Sharer) in Butler County and that her husban died June 22, 1868 and that she had not remarried.

Cynthia Ann states that her husban removed from Virginia many years ago, married her in Butler County, moved to Christian County and from there to Muhlenberg; that he came to Kentucky about 39 years ago. He lived six or seven miles East of Greenville until the time before his death he moved about four miles northwest of Greenville.

John S. Miller testifies that Mrs. Cynthia Ann Bibb lives sometimes with her son, G. M. Bibb, and sometimes with her son-in-law, James W. McDonald; that she has remained the widow of Thomas Bibb ever sence his death.

Thomas Bibb and Miss Cynthia Sharer this 15th August 1831 married by Robert Daugherty. T. J. Bunch, Clerk of County Court of Butler County, Kentucky, certifies that the Foregoing is a true copy of the marriage certificate of the marriage of Thomas Bibb and Cythia Sharer as appears by the records in his Office. 28, Oct. 1878.

Postmaster certifies that widow died October 25, 1884.

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THE WILL OF SAMUEL RUSSELL
1835

Taken from Will Book No. 3, Page 16, Muhlenberg County Ky. Copy supplied by Mr. Gayle R. Carver of Greenville, Ky.

In the name of God, Amen--I, Samuel Russell of the Town of Greenville and Commonwealth of Kentucky being advanced in age, weak in body, but in my proper mind and memory, have concluded to Regulate and settle my worldly concerns as far as I can by making this my last will and Testament -- In the first place my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid, and to accomplish that end and save the sacrifice of property I constitute and appoint my son Robert S. Russell and my son in law Lewis R. Richards with full power and authority to sell and dispose of any of

my estate whether real or personal as they may think most advisable to effect that object and to make title or titles thereto -- and should either of them decline to act I appoint my friend Alney McLean to act in the place of the one so declining.

After the payment of my debts I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy one third of the remainder of my estate during life, and also to dispose of in any manner she may think proper -- Having heretofore given to my son Hendley C. Russell more than I shall be able to give my son Robert, I therefore leave him one dollar -- and whereas I have previously given to my daughters Jane J. Browning and Tabitha A. Crumbaugh as much or more than I shall be able to give to either of my other daughters, I therefore give them one dollar each-- My will and desire is after the payments of debts and my beloved wife has her third set apart to her, that all the remainder of my estate whether real or personal be equally divided among my four youngest children to wit Robert, Polly, Kitty and Eliza, to have and to hold to them and their heirs forever -- I appoint my son Robert S. Russell, Lewis R. Richard and The Hon'ble Alney McLean executors of this my last will and Testament, revoking all other wills and declaring this to be my last will and Testament -- In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of September, 1835.
Samuel Russell (seal)

Witnesses Present
Isaac Bard
Ch. F. Wing

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GREENVILLE TAVERN KEEPERS

The following information was written by Mr. Gayle R. Carver and appeared in the Greenville leader on January 8, 1937 and January 15, 1937. Submitted by Mr. Gayle R. Carver of Greenville, Ky. Continued from Volume 1, No. 1, December 1978.

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This week it will be necessary for me to put two or three taverns and tavern keepers into one account, for I am unable to get much material on any of them as yet.

The first of these is Thomas Irvin, Jr. He was granted his license at the July Court, 1815. His Securities were George Young, William Young, Jr., and John Garvin.

This man never owned any land in the town of Greenville, so it is impossible for me even to guess where his tavern was located. He must have rented property from someone in town during his short (or long) stay here. There is only one record of an application by him for a tavern license. He owned a great amount of land out in the county, most of it in the northern part, along Sandy Creek, Isaacs Creek, Nelson Creek, etc.

There are many references in court records to a Thomas Irvin; however, most of them have "Sr." instead of "Jr." following. It may be that all refer to the same person - probably they do - but I shall use only those which are definitely "Jr." Rothert's history mentions a Thomas Irvin twice, but neither as "Sr." or "Jr." He states that Irvin arrived at Lewisburg (now known as Kincheloe's Bluff), About 1797 and helped to open up the Nelson Creek section. He leads us to believe that Irvin was a stonecutter.

In the July and October, 1932, issues of "The Register of Kentucky Historical Society," were published the marriage records appearing in Muhlenberg County marriage book one. These records have several in which Thomas Irvin was the man who performed the marriage ceremony. This leads me to believe that he must also have been a Minister. In one instance the parties wedded were John Morgan and Jane Irvin; I wonder if this was a daughter of Thomas.

About four months after he received his tavern license, Irvin was paid \$5.50 for keeping the county stray-pen and hanging a gate (was this gate on the Stray-pen?)

The principal positions held by Irvin, as indicated by court records, were as commissioner to help in settling up estates. It is surprising the number of times he was appointed on such commissions. It would be impossible to enumerate all of them.

In 1822 Thomas Irvin, Jr., gave the land on which Mt. Zion church was built. It may be that he is buried in that community, or in the cemetery at the Nelson Creek Baptist church. I should like to know if anyone ever finds his grave. This is all I know of Irvin.

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The next tavern owner may have been a Dr. Jekell and Mr. Hyde as far as court records are concerned. William Lewis was granted a tavern license November 2, 1818. His securities were Edmund Watkins and Edward Matthews. That is the only record I have found concerning him. However in October 1819, a license was granted to James Lewis to keep a tavern. His securities were Edmund Wathins and Hutson Martin. I am inclined to think that william and James Lewis were one and the same pweson. This James Lewis owned property on the east side of Main street, somewhere north of the First National Bank. I can't say definitely where, because all deeds to this property are most confusing. I have no other records concerning either of these two persons.

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The next tavern-keeper was a doctor also -- Robert Davidson McLean. According to my notes he came to this county about 1807, for in October of that year he was appointed, with william Campbell, John Eaves and Jeremiah Langley, as trustee of Greenville.

He was born in April, 1783, in the old fort at Harrodsburg, and died in eastern Kentucky, May 10, 1875. His body was returned to Greenville for burial in the old cemetery. He was a son of Ephraim and Eliza (Davidson) McLean. From Harrodsburg his parents moved to Davudson county, Tenn., where they remained about 14 years. They then came to the Logan-Todd district of Kentucky.

Dr. McLean was again a Trustee in 1810; then for the next eight years seems not to have done anything of a public nature - anything requiring preserving by the clerk. He reappeared in the records April 6, 1818, when he had his stockmark registered. This reads: "... a split in the left ear and under half crop in the right ear..." A few months later he made his application for tavern license. This was on december 7, 1818, and Charles F. Wing was his security. He renewed his license Feb. 1824, with Robert Robertson, his security; in December, 1830, and Edmund Eades, his security: in March, 1832, John S. Eaves and Edmund Eades, his security. In this last renewal the statement is made that the tavern license cost him ten dollars.

At the November, 1824, term of court the members of the court recommended Dr. McLean and John Rothrock "as proper persons one of them to be commissioned as a Justice of the peace for the town of Greenville in place of John McCord who has resigned." Dr. Mclean received the appointment in a commission dated Nov. 10, 1824.

My last note concerning his official life is dated June, 1832. He was appointed a patroller in the bounds of Captain Solmon's company of the militia. Appointed with him were, James Rothrock, as captain; Nathan R. Black and Lewis Watkins.

Mr. Martin says: "Dr. McLean was a fine physician and was the chief and principal doctor in the county for many years." He must have used his own medicine, for it is said that until 1860 he never had a day of sickness or a pain in his body. He was as straight as an Indian when he was 77 years old. Dr. McLean has several

descendants living in various parts of the country.

I cannot say definitely where Dr. McLean had his tavern, but it was probably just south of the Sinclair Service Station. He owned two lots on that side of Main Street -- numbers 31 and 33. Rothert, on page 126 of his history, says that Dr. McLean's office was on Main Street, just north of Isaac Bard's home. Bard's home stood on what is now known as Hale's corner. This would make his tavern and office at the same place or very close together. However, McLean owned several other lots in town: Nos. 50 and 56 were on Cherry Street between Main Cross and Hopkinsville Streets; 51 was where Duncan's Cafe, Levinson's, Lewis' and, perhaps, the Fairway Stores now are. He owned the northern half of lot No. 4, once owned by our old friend Presley Pritchett and, in Northern Greenville, he owned a lot about where the so-called "government houses" are located---opposite the present home of the Fraziers.

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This week, pending further investigations on other matters, I am going to retrace my steps to a man whom we have already studied in a sketch published November 27. The man: presley Pritchett.

At the time that article was written, I thought I had all there was to be found about him. Recently, while looking for material for future sketches, I have found quite a bit more that is of general interest.

In my article concerning Pritchett, I made the statement that he moved from Greenville in or about 1814. That was true, but he seems to have moved back almost immediately, for he was here again in 1816. I now have notes concerning him up to 1818.

You may recall that Pritchett was appointed county jailor in April, 1813, and served until October, 1814. The first of my new notes concerning him shows that he was re-appointed jailor at the January 8, 1816, term of court. His securities were John Pritchett, John S. Harvey, Hutson Martin, and Edmund Watkins, and his bond was fixed at one thousand dollars. At the same term of court he was, on his own motion, appointed constable for the county, with the same securities and bond.

A few months after the two just-named appointments, on May 13, Pritchett and John Morgan were both made deputies of William Garrard, sheriff of the county.

Occasionally I run across evidences of carelessness on the part of the first county clerk or his deputies. Such an incident now comes to hand. The will of Martin Hulet is recorded in one of the order books instead of a will book. From this we learn that Presley Pritchett married Patsey Hulet, a daughter of Martin and Jane Hulet. Hulet (the name is also spelled Hewlet and Hughlet) died between May 1 and May 13, 1816. Patsy Pritchett is listed, in my note, as "one of the Heirs of said Descendant" (Martin Hulet); I did not copy the will, so I do not know the names of his other children.

In 1816 a negro slave was sentenced to be hanged. Pritchett was paid \$18.20 for furnishing tim (the condemned man) with something--the records do not show what it was. Later he was paid \$1.00 for guarding him as he was taken to the gallows. At the same time he received \$6.00 for keeping the courthouse. A year later, at the November 1817, term he received \$12.68 for feeding a prisoner and keeping the courthouse for twelve months.

Pritchett was frequently in court both as plaintiff and defendant in so-called cases of debt. I have a note which shows that he was plaintiff and William Stem-

bridge was defendant in one case. This was dismissed because of lack of prosecution, and Pritchett had to pay costs.

And now we come to the most interesting item of all. I shall report most of it word for word and with no punctuation. It is a mortgage and is dated September 17, 1812. It is particularly interesting because it concerns the building which he undoubtedly used as a tavern, and because it shows that there was a brick manufacturer here as early as that.

"....The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above named Benjamin Coffman hath this day lent to Presley Pritchett fifty dollars and also delivers to said Pritchett four thousand burnt brick at the brick yard near Greenville between this and the first day of November next for which the said Presley Pritchett agrees to finish the house built by him on Lot No. 4 in Greenville agreeably to the obligation of William Wright to said Pritchett and also to build a brick chimney to the said house between this and the first day of May next and also to build on said lot a good kitchen with a chimney to the same convenient to said building between this and the first day of May as aforesaid upon which day the said Presley Pritchett gives said Coffman peaceable possession and continues him in possession from the said Month of May until the twenty fifth day of December following and to give said Coffman peaceable possession in the month of May Eighteen hundred and fourteen of said houses and Lott and continue him in possession of same untill the Twenty-fifth day of December following and shall also pay to the said Coffman fifty dollars on or before the twenty fifth day of December 1813 being the amount of money borrowed or advanced to said Pritchett now if the said Pritchett shall well and truly comply with the several conditions of this bond then this within obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Presley Pritchett (Seal)

Teste

Chas. F. Wing"

Presley Pritchett seems to have been a son of John Pritchett, Sr., and had at least two brothers, John Jr., and Charles Pritchett.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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THE WILL OF EDWARD RUMSEY
1861

Taken from Will Book No. 3, Page 234-235, Muhlenberg County Ky. Copy supplied by Mr. Gayle R. Carver of Greenville, Ky.

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I, Edward Rumsey of Greenville being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this instrument of writing my last will and Testament.

I will and desire that all my just debts be paid as speedily as possible and to this end I wish applied all debts due me and the proceeds of the sale of my town lots, not the residence of the negroes. And of all such personal property as my wife may not desire to retain. And also the proceeds of the work or hire of my slaves, except so far as may be necessary for my wifes comfortable support. Amongst my debts I recognize and desire to be paid a balance of from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred dollars yet due to Edward R. Elliott, for house Rent and hire of Sam, as soon as the same can be conveniently discharged -- I wish also the sum of one thousand dollars be paid to Edward R. Weir Senr. to be by him applied in such manner as he shale chose, to the support of my sister Sally Rumsey. Payment of these two last sums will wait the convenience of my wife. I had long cherished the intention to emancipate my slaves, but the laws of the state and obstacles on the score of humanity

Slave

of an insuperable kind have caused a change in my determination. Their services will be required for a long time to pay debts, incurred in no small degree in their raising and support. Their parents are growing old, and could not bear transplantation - there are and probably will continue to be helpless children--outside marriage connexions exist and will increase--these and other considerations have changed my intentions.

I will and bequeath to my wife Jane M. Rumsey all my slaves and their increase during her natural life - provided however that if my said wife should marry again then and in that event, I will that such part or portion of my slaves as will constitute a fair dower interest and no more, shall be assigned her for life and her ownership in the remainder shall cease. I make this provision from no objection to my wife marrying again, should she so desire, but because I wish to guard as far as possible against all my slaves falling under the control of a stranger. All such of my other estate, except slaves as my wife may wish to retain I will to her absolutely and forever.

After the expiration of the aforesaid life estate of my wife I give and bequeath to my Grand Nephew Charles F. Wing, Jr. all my slaves then in existence, and in the contingency of my wife's widowhood ceasing, then the portion of my slaves together as far as possible and their earnings to insure the benefit of my said nephew Charles. In the event of my nephew the said Charles' death before he reaches the full age of twenty one years, then and in that event, I will and bequeath all my said slaves and their increase to his brothers and sisters the children of my niece the late Emily Wing formerly Emily Weir. I wish my wife, so far as her income will justify to take charge of the education and care of our said nephew Charles.

I have many near and dear beloved relations to whom I would gladly make some bequests but I have no estate for such purpose except slaves and most of my kindred want no more of the peculiar institution. And besides I wish to keep them together as far as possible I pray - that into whomsoever's hands they may pass, they will be humanly and justly treated -- and that God in his own good time will pave the way for their freedom under such circumstances as will make freedom a blessing.

I hereby appoint my dear wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand and seal this the 4th day of March 1861.

Edward Rumsey (Seal)

Witnesses
M. C. Hay
J. Short

END

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THE FAMILY BIBLE
OF
CHARLES WATKINS

The following bible records are in the possession of Willa Dean Noffsinger
Rt. 4, Central City Ky., 42330

BIRTHS:

Charles Watkins was born 21st Nov. 1815

Rebecca Coleman was born 11th April 1820

Charles B. Noffsinger was born ___ of August, 1866

Ephram A. Noffsinger was born 23rd of September, 1868

Sarah A. Jane Watkins was born the 17th day of November, 1842

(WATKINS BIBLE CONT'D)

Rebecca S. Watkins was born the 1st day of July, 1845
Julia Ann America Watkins was born the 16th of June, 1849
Lewis E. Watkins was born 15th of March, 1851
Charlena Watkins was born the 23rd of April, 1853
Elizabeth Watkins was born the 28th of Nov., 1855
James Watkins was born 26th of July 1856 or 1857
John Watkins was born the 23rd of August, 1859
Beverly C. Watkins was born the 7th of November, 1860
George W. Watkins was born the 23th of October 1862

MARRIAGES:

Charles Watkins and his wife were married on the 5th of August, 1841 or 1851
L. E. Watkins and his wife were married on the 13th of January, 1876

DEATHS:

Beverly Watkins died April 22, 1863
George Watkins died March 2nd, 1864
Julia Ann America Watkins died December 25, 1870
Charles Watkins died December 1st, 1876
Beverly Charlena Reed died November 13th, 1882
R. M. Watkins died April 1, 1887
Beverly Charlena Watkins Reed and Charles Watkins are buried in Old Bethel Cem.
in Muhlenberg County Ky.

THE FAMILY BIBLE
OF
JAMES WILLIAM WATKINS

The following bible records are in the possession of Willa Dean Noffsinger
Rt. 4, Central City Ky., 42330. Birth records came from family bible and other inf.
came from other sources.

BIRTHS:

James William Watkins, July 26, 1856
Lucy Ann Green Watkins, March 13, 1863
Rebecca M. Coleman, April 11th, 1820
Susan Ollie Watkins, Jan 29, 1883
Wm. Daniel Tudor, September 24, 1873
Infant boy of J.W. and Lucy Watkins, born and died October 9, 1884
" Dau. " " " " " " " " " July 15, 1887
" " " " " " " " " " " January 8, 1892
" Boy " " " " " " " " " " January 12, 1895
Bertha Elizabeth Watkins, July 6, 1888
Isaac J. Watkins, March 3, 1890
James Rufus, May 15, 1893

MARRIAGES:

James William Watkins and Lucy Ann Green were married on July 31, 1880
Susan Ollie Watkins and Wm. Daniel Tudor were married on April 5, 1898
Bertha Elizabeth Watkins married John W. Baker on (no date given)
Isaac J. Watkins married Hazel Sheets (no date given)
James Rufus married Lucile James on _____ 1921
James Rufus married Lavern Golf on Sept. 3, 1958
(Editors Note: The above James Rufus could Have been James Rufus Watkins but
the material did not say.)

(J.W. WATKINS BIBLE CONT)

DEATHS:

James W. Watkins, September 18, 1896
Lucy Ann Green Watkins, _____ 13, 1896
Rebecca M. Coleman, April 1, 1881
Susan Ollie Watkins, Feb. 2, 1970
Wm. Daniel Tudor, January 11, 1956
Bertha Elizabeth Watkins, January 16, 1935
Isaac J. Watkins, December 1937
James Rufus, January 1, 1977

Rebecca M. Coleman and Bertha Elizabeth Watkins are buried in Old Bethel Cemetery in Muhlenberg County. Wm. Daniel Tudor and wife Susan Ollie Watkins are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Central City Ky.

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The following Family bibles were turned in by Mr. Gayle R. Carver. They are now in his possession. Mr. Carver copied these records sometime between 1932-33.

THE FAMILY BIBLE
OF
FRANCES MARION RICHARDSON

MARRIAGES:

Frances Marion Richardson and Clara Bell Edmonds were married June 17, 1890, Edwardsville, Madison Co., Ill.
Mary Artemesia Richardson was married to David Hurshel Knight, April 25, 1911
Frances Belle Richardson was married to David Wayne Roll on Jan. 29, 1921

BIRTHS:

Clara Belle Edmonds was born on June 2, 1871 in Boone County, Arkansas
Mary Artemesia Richardson was born April 10, 1891, in Greenville Ky.
Frances Belle Richardson was born Jan. 23, 1894, in Edwardsville, Ill.
Lile Edmonds Richardson, born Jan. 31, 1904 lived four months

THE FAMILY BIBLE
OF
WM. L. RICHARDSON FAMILY

MARRIAGES:

Wm. L. Richardson and Martha Jane McDonald were married _____
Wm. L. Richardson and Sullie A. Lambruth were married Jan 1, 1880
Mary elefel Richardson and Melvin McDonald were married _____
Carrie Lambruth Richardson and George Burney were married _____

BIRTHS:

Wm. L. Richardson was born Dec. 18, 1843
Martha Jane McDonald was born _____
Francis Marion Richardson was born May 30, 1866
Sullie A. Lambruth was born Dec. 3, 1848
Mary elefel Richardson was born Feb. 3, 1883
Carrie Lumbruth Richardson was born Aug. 21, 1884

THE FAMILY BIBLE
OF
EDWARD RUMSEY

MARRIAGES:

On the (5th) day of January, 1831 (1832?) Edward rumsey, of Greenville, Ky. married Jane M. Wing, of Greenville, Ky. Rev. Isaac Bard Officiating.

(EDWARD RUMSEY BIBLE CON'T)

BIRTHS:

Ann Rumsey was born on the 9th of Nov., 1832
Edward Rumsey was born on the 1st of July 1835

DEATHS:

Ann Rumsey departed this life on the 30th of January 1838
Edward Rumsey departed this life Febuary the 12th, 1838
Hon. Edward Rumsey departed this life on the 6th of April, 1868
Jane M. Rumsey departed this life on the 15th of Oct. 1868

THE FAMILY BIBLE
OF
THOMAS H. REYNOLDS

MARRIAGES:

Thomas H. Reynolds, and Sarah A. Imbler was married Oct. 19th, 1861
James W. Oates and Mattie E. Reynolds were married December 3, 1884 at Mt. Pisgah in Greenville Ky. by Rev. G. B. McDonald
Arch Shelton and Ethel Belle Oates were married Sept. 26, 1912 at the C. P. church in Greenville Ky. by the Rev. O.A. Barbee.
Chas. Rudel Gorton and Anna Caroline Oates were married April 2, 1918 at Palm Beach, Fla.
John Edwin Wickliffe and Christine Imbler Oats were married Febuary 24, 1921 at home in Greenville Ky. by Rev. O.A. Barbee

BIRTHS:

Thomas H. Reynolds was born January 31, 1828
Sarah A. Reynolds was born August 22, 1841
Mattie E. Reynolds was born July 10, 1862
Thomas S. Atkinson was born March 4, 1865
William A. Imbler was born August 25, 1838
Samuel W. Imbler was born Nov. 25 1839
Francis M. Imbler was born Dec. 3rd, 1862
John F. Imbler was born Aug. 23, 1847
Jas. W. Oates was born December 9th, 1862
Mattie E. Oates was born July 10, 1862
Ethel Belle Oates was born Dec. 7, 1886
Anna Caroline Oates was born Aug. 26, 1892
James Reynolds Oates was born Oct. 5, 1899
Christine Imbler Oates was born Oct. 5, 1899
Arch Shelton was born Jan. 7, 1885
Martha Elizabeth Shelton was born Aug. 20, 1915
Clark Reynolds Shelton was born Aug. 5, 1917
Martha Louise Gorton was born June 25, 1919
Archibald Pembroke Shelton was born Jan 31, 1921
John Edwin Wickliffe was born Nov. 22, 1894
William Arrington Wickliffe was born Sept. 24, 1922

DEATHS:

Joseph C. Reynolds died January 13, 1868
Mary F. Reynolds died Aug. 31, 1868
Samuel W. Imbler died Feb. 19, 1862
William A. Imbler died Sept. 1 1862
Sarah A. Reynolds died Sept. 15, 1895
Thomas H. Reynolds died March 23, 1905
James Reynolds Oates died Oct. 21, 1908

THE FAMILY BIBLE
OF
HENRY A. READ

Henry A. Read was born Jan 14, 1794
Ann T. Smith was born Oct. 18, 1803
Henry A. Read and Ann T. Smith were married Sept. 2, 1828

THEIR CHILDREN:

George Henry Read was born June 18, 1830
Edward Smith Read was born July 16, 1832
Mary Ann Read was born Apr. 1, 1834
Benjamin Philips Read was born Dec. 10, 1835
James Washington Read was born Apr. 6, 1837
Eliza Virginia Read was born Nov. 11, 1839

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John Moorman and Mary A. Read were married Sept, 9, 1856 (9?)
John Moorman was born Dec. 15, 1818 (Mary's Husban)
H. Read Moorman was born June 24, 1857

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Benjamin P. Read and Mary F. Kemey were married Nov. 8, 1859

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Jno. G. Barkley and Eliza V. Read were married Dec. 14, 1859

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Mildred Ann Crawford was born Dec. 1, 1810
Mildred Ann Crawford was married to John Clarkson on March 6, 1828
Mildred Ann Crawford (Clarkson) and Elisha Adams were married Oct. 19, 1830
Henry A. Read and Mildred Ann Adams were married Jan. 19, 1849

THEIR CHILDREN:

Henry E. Read was born Sept. 5, 1862
Mary B. Read was born Apr. 10, 1863
Estell Willeamina Read was born Feb. 15, 1865

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Handy (who?) was born Apr. 28, 1847

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Ann T. Read, wife of Henry A. Read, departed this life Mar. 20, 1841 in the 38th year of her age.
Henry A. Read departed this life March 29, 1856 in the 63rd year of his age at his residence in Davies Co., Ky.
Mary A. Moorman, wife of John Moorman departed this life Dec. 10, 1864
John Clarkson departed this life Dec. 1, 1828
Elisha Adams departed this life Jan. 14, 1842
Mary F. Read, wife of Ben P. Read, departed this life Feb. 25, 1865 and in the 25th year of her age

THE FAMILY BIBLE
OF
JONATHAN SHORT

MARRIAGES:

Jon. Short and Lucy Wing were married Nov. 2nd, 1846
Lewis Rena and May Short were married Nov. 8th, 1870
Charles Wing Short and Sue Reno were married Oct. 1871
Samuel J. Landes and Lucy W. Short were married June 19th, 1876
Isaac J. Kahn and Minnie Short were married May 23rd, 1883

(Jonathan Short Bible Con't)

BIRTHS:

Jane Mary Short was born 5th Feb. 1848
Charles Wing Short, born June 24th, 1850
Lucy Short, born 13th Aug, 1852
Minnie Short, born July 22nd, 1856
Ann Campbell Short, born Sept. 9th, 1862

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DEATHS:

Jonathan Short died Aug. 27th, 1882

THE FAMILY BIBLE
OF
CHARLES FOX WING

MARRIAGES:

Charles Fox Wing and Nancy S. Campbell was married on the 10th day of Dec.
1806
Barton W. Stone and Eliza Campbell was married on the 2nd day of July, 1801
Alney McLean and Tabitha Campbell was married on the 16th day of November, 1805
Edward Rumsey and Jane . Wing were married on the 5th day of Jan., 1832
Samuel . Wing and Emily . Weir were married on the 2nd day of Sept., 1838

BIRTHS:

Charles Fox Wing was born on the 15th day of Jan., 1780
Nancy Steel Wing, his wife, was born the 13th March, 1787
Ann Rumsey was born on the 7th of November, 1832
Ernest R. Wing was born on the 13th of Sept. 1853
Charles F. Wing was born the 15th of Nov. 1854
Albert Wing was born on the 24th of Feb. 1860
William H. C. Wing was born on the 28th of Sept., 1807
Jane Marihew Wing was born the 20th day of August, 1804
Samuel Morrison Wing was born on the 5th or 6th of June, 1812
in the afternoon
Alney O. McLean Wing born Sept. 10th, 1814
Cynthia Ann Campbell Wing was born 3rd of October, 1819
Tabitha Caroline Russell Wing was born 16th March, 1817
Lucy Roberts Wing was born 16th June, 1822
Mary M. Wing was born 9th of April, 1825
Lucilia Wing was born April 19th, 1828
Charles Fox Wing Stephens was born 24th February, 1799

BIRTHS OF SLAVES:

Lena was born 14th day of March, 1797
Malinda Was born 21st of October, 1804
Tarlton was born the 8th of March 1813
Emily was born the 28th of November, 1815
Henry was born the 8th of November, 1819
John was born 27th of July, 1822
Laurinda was born the 17th of April, 1824
Thornton was born the 17th of May, 1825
Moses was born the 25th of May, 1827
Henrietta was born the 24th of March, 1862
Robert was born 20th of March, 1862

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Emily was born 30th of April, 1864

George was born the 24th of Jan(?) Feb., 1838

DEATHS:

William Campbell, father of Nancy S. Wing died 19th November, 1800

Tabitha Campbell, his wife, died the 26th of July, 1806

Eliza Stone, wife of Barton W. Stone and daughter of Wm. and Tabitha Campbell, departed this life on the 30th of May, 1810, aged 26 years and 7 months

Jane L. Campbell, daughter of Wm. and Tabitha Campbell departed this life 15th of May, 1814, aged 21 years and 4 months

Alney O. McLean Wing died 17th July, 1815

Jane Wing, mother of Charles F. Wing died on the 31st. day of October, 1809

Barnabas Wing, Jr. died the 4th of October, 1815, aged 84 years

Sam'l R. Campbell departed this life 18th of July, 1821, aged 32 years, 6 months

William Campbell, his son, died the 29th of June, 1821 aged 5 months and 1 day

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TOWN ESTABLISHED IN 1799

This is a reprint of an article that appeared in the Greenville leader Friday March 5, 1937. It was written and supplied to us by Mr. Gayle R. Carver, Greenville Ky.

About 1795 a group of pioneers built a few houses and perhaps a stockade on what is now the Luzerne highway. They called it Caney Station, and it was about one and one-half miles northwest of the courthouse. In 1798 they found themselves living in a new county which had no towns, no county-seat and very few inhabitants. one of the pioneers, William Campbell, decided he wanted the county seat on his military land grant, so he offered fifty acres to the newly formed court to be used for the town. His offer was accepted, and in 1799 the court house was begun.

In December, 1799, the first court held in Greenville was conducted at the home of Samuel Russell. His home was undoubtedly the first building in the town to be completed. It stood approximately where Andrew's Variety store now is. The courthouse was occupied early in 1800.

Greenville was surveyed by Alney McLean. It was a very small town, having only 56 lots. It extended from about the Methodist church on the north to Hopkinsville street on the south; the eastern boundary was Mill street; the western was Cherry street. There were two main streets and eight alleys. Several of the alleys are named in honor of the first trustees of Greenville. The trustees were Samuel Russell, Alney McLean, Henry Rhoads, Charles Fox Wing, William Bradford and John Dennis.

The first courthouse was of logs, 26 feet long, 18 feet wide and 17 feet high. The roof was of shingles put on with pegs, with the exception of the outside row which was fastened with nails. The cracks of the house had shaved boards on the inside and daubed-in on the outside. According to published accounts the second courthouse was built in 1907. Recent discoveries practically prove that there have been four courthouses, the second one being built between 1813 and 1816, instead of, as had heretofore been accepted, in 1835. The size is unknown, but is known to have been of brick and plastered on the inside.

Of the various religious denominations in Greenville today, the Presbyterians were the first to organize a congregation and build a church. The first prayer meeting was in 1804. The first church was erected about 1825 near the old grave-

yard. Prior to 1825 the courthouse and seminary had been used for worship. The Methodists were the second to organize here, but no date can be given. All of their early church buildings were on the corner of Mill and East Main Cross street. The Cumberland Presbyterians were organized August 28, 1847, and the Baptists in 1869. The last denomination to be organized here was the Christian church, it being started in the early years of 1900. The Presbyterians have had two church buildings; the Methodist are said to have had five; the Cumberlands, two; the Baptist, two; and the Christians, two, their last having at one time been occupied by the Methodists.

Greenville has had four buildings devoted at one time or another solely to the banking business. The first one was on the corner now occupied by Williams and Wells Drug Store. It was used by the Greenville Bank, in 1818-18, the bank being operated under a law passed by the state legislature January 26, 1818. In 1819 the county court was authorized to dispose of a piece of the public property on the northwest corner of the courthouse lot. It was bought by the Bank of Greenville, the second such business house in the town. They erected a two-story building there which stood until about 1890. In the 1890's the building now used by the Greenville Coal Company was constructed for use by the First National Bank. In the first years of the present century this bank was moved to its present location. The fourth banking house was known as the Muhlenberg Savings Bank and did business in the old Reno Hotel and later where cotton's book store now is. The last bank organized in Greenville was the Farmer's State Bank, which, as all of you will remember, was located where the relief offices now are.

The first cemetery used by the people of Greenville was at Caney Station. This was used intermittently until about 1868. It was on what is now the T.T. Kennedy farm. After Greenville had started, the court provided for a graveyard. It was located just west of the then bounds of the town. Today, we say it is on the west side of Cherry street, about 100 feet north of the negro Baptist church. To make it more definite, we might say it is under the homes of Guybert Jenkins, D. O. Kimmel and Paul Henson. That burying ground was undoubtedly abandoned shortly after the Presbyterians began their cemetery near their church. Today we call the Presbyterian cemetery the "Old Graveyard." The present Evergreen cemetery, on the eastern limits of town was begun about 1890.

Greenville had seventeen different postmasters. Of these, three have served at more than one time. Others have served more than one term. In the order in which they were appointed they are: Samuel Russell, Parmenas Redman, James Weir, John Lee Mason, T. R. Matthews, Francis B. Hancock, Green B. Eades, Joseph G. Ellison, Edward Weir, Mrs. George Hay, Harriet R. Weir, Hohn T. Reynolds, John L. Miller, D. U. Poole, R.E. Wallace, Lois Belcher and Mrs. Otha Curd.

Greenville has been the home of a number of persons, who for one reason or another, should be accorded honor. Probably the most outstanding is Ephriam M. Brank, whose actions at the battle of New Orleans, in 1815, have won for him a permanent place in the history of the state and nation. Ann Marshall, sister of Chief Justice John Marshall, is buried in the Cherry street graveyard. While she may not have been particularly important herself, still she should be honored by our people because of her close relationship to the great jurist. She was once the wife of Joseph Hamilton Daviess but it was as the wife of Dr. Thomas Pollard that she was known to the citizens of this place.

Greenville is not without honor in the field of literature. Two brothers

are her first widely known writers. They were Edward Rumsey Weir, whose magazine stories in the 1830's were widely read, and James Weir, author of three or four books. Of James Weir's four works, at least three are known to have been translated and published in Germany. Another, "Simon Kenton," was published in London, England. The most widely known of his work was "Lonz Powers." Within more recent years Harry Dean, Hugh Lewis, Clarence Hays and Mary Evelyn Eaves Aaron have won places for themselves as writers.

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The Muhlenberg County Genealogical Society cordially invites anyone who is interested in Muhlenberg County to become a member. Dues are \$5.00 per year per person. Families may join for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional member in the family. There will only be one quarterly sent out to each family.

The Muhlenberg County Heritage is published quarterly by the Muhlenberg County Genealogical Society. Volume one of the Heritage will include 5 issues because the Society was formed in September 1978.

It is the intention of our Society to preserve the history of our county and its people. Items of interest include old church records, family bibles, diaries, letters, war records, ect... If anyone knows the names and locations of persons buried in unmarked graves in the Kincheloe Bluff Cemetery down by the Green River, outside Central City Ky. please contact the Editor, Artie Doss, P.O. Box 521, Central City Ky. 42330 or phone 754-1829 or 754-3750.

Each member of the Society will be allowed one free query per year. If any one would like to become a member we met the first thursday of each month at the Central City Public Library in Central City Ky. at 7 p.m. Just drop in and become one of us.

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