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THE REIGN OF THE REGULATORS

A Review of the Lawless Pioneer Days in Old Muhlenberg

We first wish to add that our county is unfortunate in not having a written history other than the official records. The history of the many incidents and occurrences that took place in our county during its early years, only exist in tradition. If some person had written a history forty or fifty years ago, they could have secured facts from pioneers then living, and such a history would have been supplemented by other writers in after years, which would have constituted a valuable book of information and interest to all that now live in the county; and we have wondered why some one did not feel interested enough to reduce the traditions of the county to writing before much of its details were lost from the memories of the rising generations. It seems that each generation of the county has looked ahead to things anticipated and they lost sight of the occurrences of the past, forgetting the acts and deeds of ancestors by looking forward to posterity. Many families have no genealogy and lineage of their ancestors, and scarcely know the names of their grandfathers.

Now, in our comment on the history of the reign of the Regulators we shall only make a brief reference and an outline sketch of their procedure as we have understood them and shall not attempt to give a general and complete detail of their work, such would now be impossible as the Regulators have long since passed away and there has been no written history of their acts and deeds left to posterity, and we shall have to depend entirely upon the traditional statements which have become more or less conflicting and dimmed by years.

However, we shall state that the Regulators were the sons of pioneers of the county and were of the best families. We knew many of them, and they were people of moral worth and standing and above reproach, some of them belonging to the various churches. They were organized during the 1830s and were active during the 40s and even into the 50s. The first settlers of the county were generally honest, industrious, law abiding and respectable people; but there were some emigrants that came into the county that did not prove to be good citizens, their conduct and behavior arousing the suspicion of the better class of people. During the days of the Regulators the manner and custom of living was different from now, the county at that time being under the administration of the old constitution and it was during the days of slavery, when runaway negroes were frequently caught and looked after; unruly negroes were often whipped severely for disobedience and bad conduct. There was a regular patrol system kept up in all the towns in the county; the negroes were frequently caught and whipped by the patrolers. Nine o'clock at night was the hour set for all the colored people to be indoors, at home or place of abode, and if caught out after nine o'clock without a written pass from the owner of those that had them employed they were whipped. During the Regulator's period on the waters of Pond River and the border line of three counties, Muhlenberg, Christian and Todd, there were large sections of forest lands and the most extensive farmers, as a general thing had an abundance of stock, horses, cattle and hogs, many which lived considerably on the range, and often wandered some distance off, some of such stock were often lost and sometimes never missed. Now, it seemed that in this Pond river section in the south of Muhlenberg and north of Christian and Todd were emigrants and persons that grew up that would capture some of the stock that ranged at large and would convert them to their own use; often without defection for awhile but they finally became bolder and aroused suspicion of honest people, and by vigilant watch it was ascertained that there were clustered in and near the border line of each county and were engaged in all kinds of misdemeanors, stealing, gambling and even murder. The leaders of these gangs, who cooperated with each other, were shrewd men and they so manipulated their rascality so as to evade much detection; however, it finally became apparent that crime was being committed by those under suspicion. The leaders of the depredations perpetrated were put under watch, and it was ascertained that the Pennington brothers and Hyde brothers, of Christian county, the Shepherd brothers and others, of Todd county and Tom Anderson and others of Muhlenberg. The leaders of these different bands confederated together in crime and violation of Law. Under such state of affairs and conditions the Regulators were organized, with such men as Strother Jones, John Jones, John Hancock, James Hancock, William Hancock, Esquire Taggart, James Rice and Moses Rice and many other good men as leaders. It was then determined to rid the county of all bad characters and to free the community of these under suspicion.

Tom Anderson was considered the leader of the Muhlenberg band of outlaws. He, as a man of above ordinary intelligence, a fine manipulator, a man of some means and owner of some negroes, at times. He owned several tracts of land on Pond river and on a good farm on Long Creek in the neighborhood of where the Lead church now is, and did a good deal of trading and speculating on stock and other things. He kept a lot of families as tenants, who were under his command and members of his clan. These men were not above suspicion.

On one occasion a prospector by the name of Crow, who had some money was induced to stay with a confederate of Anderson's and he was slyly robbed. Another prospector, looking for a location in the county, was induced to visit the home of Anderson and he was never seen afterwards. These, and other acts upon the part of Anderson and his confederates, gave the Regulators sufficient grounds to proceed against them. Anderson's clan was the first to appear on the Regulator's docket for trial. The Regulators were determined to break up the Anderson nest. They caught Anderson and some of his confederates and whipped them severely. A young man by the name of Sherrod was killed in attempting to shoot the Regulators. All of Anderson's houses were burned as was much of the fencing on his homestead. Anderson was driven from the county in the latter part of 1830. He returned afterwards to look after some business, but did not long remain.

After the Anderson gang was routed there were some parties who left this county and went to Arkansas. They were under suspicion until after they had gone, then it was believed that they were implicated with Anderson as his confederates.

The Anderson gang consisted of such men as Isam Shurfield, Ransom Hodge, Ben Tolert and others, all of whom were driven from the county.

The Shepherds of Todd county were the next on the docket. The Shepherds were a rough, low class of people. Some were whipped and others killed. The Regulators went to the home of John Shepherd, near the Narrows, in Todd county, to make some arrests, and in the undertaking Jack Shepherd, a son, was shot, and John Shepherd was killed by Bill Welborne, who struck Shepherd on the head with his gun. The remaining members of the family and their confederates were driven away.

The next on docket were the Hydes of Christian. The leaders of this gang were Abe and Jesse Hyde who were large, rough, robust men of backwoods type.

They were said to be expert counterfeiters and negro thieves. They would induce negroes to run off and then capture them and take them south and sell them. The Hydes, together with their confederates, were well whipped and driven off. Abe Hyde went to Missouri and joined the Mormons and Jesse Hyde died in Illinois some years later.

The next on docket were the Penningtons and their confederates. The Penningtons, Lonz and Mote, were more polished and had better raising than the Shepherds or the Hydes. They were both intelligent men, but their intelligence ran the wrong way. They were accused of being guilty of all sorts of crimes and of inducing others to follow after their footsteps. They had confederates in other states who cooperated with them in their villainy.

Lonz Pennington was accused of murder, was tried, convicted and hanged in Hopkinsville, in 1845. Mote Pennington was at that time severely whipped by the Regulators, together with some confederates, chief among who was Frank Cisney who was accused of being a confederate of Lonz Pennington in the murder of Davis. He was arrested and placed in the Hopkinsville jail from which he was taken by the Regulators, but through carelessness of those who had him in charge he was allowed to escape. He fled to Michigan where he reformed and made a respectable citizen.

After this next was broken up, peace for a while seemed to reign. But several years afterwards Mote Pennington returned to Muhlenberg County and while staying with his son-in-law, Cage Drake, who lived on part of the Anderson homestead, J. Rice had stolen from him a fine, gray mare. They traced her to the Ohio river and there lost the trail. Suspicion at once rested on Mote Pennington as being instrumental in having Rice's mare stolen and taken to Indiana where Pennington formerly lived. The Regulators were again aroused and arrested Pennington at his son-in-law's. He was taken to Rice's residence where a counsel was held and it was agreed to take Pennington to Hopkins county, near his old home and there whip him. Pennington was notified of their determination and they allowed him to select the parties to do the whipping. Pennington chose John Goad, a nephew of his by marriage, and John Wilkins, a cousin of Goad, and it was said that when the whipping took place, that Goad whipped light and Wilkins hard. Pennington was then ordered to leave the county and remain away, which he did and never returned to his family who remained in Hopkins county. We can remember this occurrence well, although we were but a boy. It took place in the spring of 1862.

Shortly after this occurrence there was a young man, a stranger, who came to Paradise on Green River, during the excitement and boom that was being made on Aldrie near by. The young man's history would make a basis for an interesting romance full of pathos. He was about eighteen years of age, a wandering, homeless, penniless boy in the world of chance, a delicate youth with light hair and blue eyes. His face indicated intelligence and good raising. Unfortunately for him while stopping at Paradise a few days, his poverty induced him to take that which was not his own. He broke open a store one morning before day and selected a few articles which he intended to sell to bear his expence on his way South. He was caught by the night watch as he was leaving the store and taken in charge. At daylight a counsel was held by the citizens, and it was agreed that the young man should be whipped. Early that morning he was taken to a grove near at hand and two men were selected to do the whipping. It is said that they whipped him until his back was cut all to pieces and he fainted. They then ordered him to leave. He took the road leading to Greenville and was followed that far by two men, where they stopped. The young man moved on towards Hopkinsville. We well remember of seeing him and had sympathy for him, believing him to be unfortunate. He looked melancholy and disconsolate as he trudged along with his fearfully lacerated back. No one would then have thought that twenty-five years after this occurred that this young man would be a leading merchant in a southern city. We mention this occurrence simply to show the spirit of the people in our county at that period. This act was not that of the Regulators.

The last whipping by what was called the Regulators, occurred in the latter part of 1850. In the early fifty's there came a man from Tennessee and settled about four and one-half miles west of Greenville. He was a large man, weighing about 225 pounds, portly and a fine looking man. He was a man of good sense and claimed to be of Portuguese origin, a descendant of a renowned Portuguese man who came to this country during the 18th century and invested in some lands, but on his return home was lost in shipwreck at sea. His daughter married in this county and the Tennessean claimed to be a descendant of her. The Tennessean remained west of Greenville a few years and then removed six miles north of Greenville, where he, in connection with others, engaged in some base, immoral conduct, so much so that Regulators were organized to take the matter in hand. They proceeded against the Tennessean and his confederates. They got wind of the determination of the Regulators and commenced dodging around. One day the Tennessean slipped into Greenville and stopped at the Greenville hotel. He was followed by Regulators, and as they were coming down the street the Tennessean stepped out on the pavement in front of the hotel, and seeing the Regulators coming, he made ready for a fight. He was brave as a lion. The Regulators being armed with shot guns closed up on him and a regular pitched battle ensued. The Tennessean fought until badly wounded in his right arm and then surrendered.

At the time of the battle there were two old citizens sitting on the pavement and leaning back against the hotel, deeply engaged in a red-liquor snooze. They were unable to save themselves by flight. When the balls began to rattle on the weather boarding above their heads, they tumbled over on the pavement. One of them had sufficient consciousness of the situation to call out aloud: "Gentlemen, please elevate the muzzle of your guns." The Tennessean was taken out north of Greenville and there together with his confederates, severely whipped, and they were ordered to leave the county, which they did.

This act, we think, closes the Regulators' reign in this county. There were some acts and proceedings of the Regulators which never were made public. It was said that they sometimes dealt wrongfully with some innocent parties, and they were censured by some as violators of the law. Edward R. Weir, Sr., was the attorney for the Regulators and we have heard him state that he was often put to his wits and greatly troubled to keep some of the

Regulators from the penalty of the law, but, as public sentiment and sympathy was, generally, in favor of the Regulators, he was enabled to get them clear, but if such conduct was now performed by them it would be considered a violation of the law and against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth, and all persons who might now engage in such conduct would be punished.

I may have made some errors in this article, yet it is as I have understood.

GREENBRIER SCHOOL 1908-1909

Parent or Guardian	Names of Children	Date of Birth
J.D. McPherson	William E. Mc	24 SE 1891
	Martha M. "	6 JA 1895
	Ethel C. "	18 AP 1898
J.P. Dixon	Cobie Dixon	20 AU 1892
	Joseph C. Dixon	6 JE 1896
Henry Mayes	Edna Mayes	17 DE 1891
	Kitty "	6 FE 1894
J.L. Mitchel	Clauda Mitchel	2 SE 1899
	Nunie "	19 DE 1901
J.C. Wells	Lige Wells	31 AU 189-
	B.F. "	27 JA 1895
	Cordely "	12 JL 1897
Bob Jenkins	Maucie Jenkins	26 SE 1890
	Corbett "	14 DE 1893
T.J. Strader	James F. Strader	9 SE 1889
	Lula M. "	12 SE 1892
	Willie Cook	20 SE 1889
A.T. Wells	Ruby T. Wells	10 MR 1900
	Guage "	26 NO 1901
D.M. Walker	Dora Walker	8 AP 1890
	Bessie "	17 OC 1896
	Minnie "	28 MR 1892
	Irene "	8 AU 1899
E.L. Long	Doy Long	20 DE 1900
V.E. Jones	Canlie B. Jones	20 DE 1899
	Clyde L. "	17 FE 1901
J.E. Jones	Bobbie H. Jones	6 DE 1893
	Oscar H. "	4 AP 1895
	Sherra "	5 OC 1896
	Girlie "	11 DE 1900
	Ethel Boggess	25 OC 1899
A.T. Shutt	Earl Shutt	14 OC 1890
	Euva "	6 DE 1891
	Rosa "	11 JL 1896
	Amy "	11 MR 1898
J.E. Groves	Eva F. Groves	5 AU 1896
	Maude B. "	15 AU 1897
	Willie C. "	14 AP 1899
	Bessie M. "	17 DE 1900
	Minda B. Sweney	2 MR 1889
F.J. Sweney	Herman C. Sisney	6 SE 1889
	H.W. Sisney	17 JA 1891
	H.T. "	2 JL 1893
	Georgia M. "	19 SE 1896
	Alth F. "	9 MY 1898
Mrs. Liza Underwood	Lois Underwood	1 SE 1893
	Revo Settle	15 AU 1898
Tom Settle	Herbert Robertson	31 OC 1895
	Allis "	16 AP 1898
Bob Wells	--- E. Wells	30 JL 1888
	Bob Shelton	22 AU 1890
W.W. Shelton	Guy "	26 DE 1892
	Carry G. "	24 NO 1894
	Teuly Strader	11 JE 1899
Z.W. Strader	Maude F. Winn	11 DE 1897
	Berthee "	12 FE 1901
H.A. Winn	Earl U. Gregory	12 AU 1889
	Eurie "	26 JL 1891
	Ruth "	9 JL 1896
	Johnie "	30 OC 1898
George Gregory	Gladys Shutt	11 MY 1893
	Clifford "	13 JL 1896
	Ocus "	8 MY 1900
N.A. Shutt	Rosa F. Sweney	27 DE 1891
	Maua Mayes	20 JE 1902
C.F. Sweney	Orfa Mayes	29 JA 1902
N.V. Mayes		
S.A. Mayes		

 NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 1993!!!!!!
 We have enjoyed having each of you as members for the last year. We are looking forward to a good association in 1993.....

HILLSIDE SCHOOL 1908-1909

Parents or Guardian	Names of Children	Date of Birth	
Peter Elschide	Emmett Elschide	13 JA 1902	
	Andy Elschide	28 OC 1894	
	Fred Elschide	21 JA 1890	
George Peavler	Willie Ball	8 AP 1902	
	Ervin Pevler	26 AU 1897	
	Hershel Pevler	6 FE 18--	
Mrs. L. Good	Elna Pevler	30 AU 1901	
	Lettie May Good	31 MR 1899	
John Pittman	Willie Good	25 SE 1901	
	Kathran Pittman	19 AU 1891	
Eric Culbertson	Minnie Culbertson	13 AU 1894	
	Loy Culbertson	1 OC 1896	
	Mary Culbertson	23 FE 1899	
	Gobble Culbertson	5 MY 1901	
	Florence South	14 MR 1898	
Robert South	Andrew South	14 DE 1900	
Sid Carlton	Bell Carlton	6 SE 1893	
Oscar Majors	Tom Majors	22 MY 1898	
	Charles Majors	27 SE 1900	
David Parker	Chas Parker	9 JA 1897	
	Wm. Parker	16 NO 1898	
Dora Macaroy	Jessie Parker	26 SE 1901	
	Thermon Macaroy	25 DE 1889	
	Mary Macaroy	27 MY 1892	
	Herbert Macaroy	29 SE 1894	
	Re---- Ball	5 MR 189-	
Margret Ball	Nealy Elschide	22 SE 188-	
Wm. Elschide	Geneva Elen Vincent	30 SE 1901	
Matt Vincent	Ethel Lee	30 NO 1896	
Thomas Lee	Mary E. Macaroy	1 JA 1891	
Thomas Macaroy	Mertle Macaroy	18 FE 1892	
	Dovey Macaroy	21 JL 1893	
	Adda Macaroy	18 AP 1893	
	Pdda Macaroy	17 MY 1897	
	Virgal Macaroy	13 JE 1900	
	S.B. Jarvis	Fanny Jarvis	1 JL 1893
	Ernest Bryan	Alonso Bryan	12 OC 1888
		Verner Bryan	3 FE 189-
		Girlie Bryan	26 JE 1897
		Mary Bryan	23 JE 1901
Shelby Underwood		26 FE 1890	
Chas. Underwood	Deala Underwood	28 AP 189-	
	Flora Underwood	16 OC 1897	
	Nettie Underwood	16 NO 189-	
	Laura Underwood	18 NO 1--	
	Laure Randolph	30 MY 1890	
J.R. Randolph	Ben Randolph	27 MR 1892	
Monro Latham	Leslie Latham	30 OC 1900	
Virgie Gary	Aaron Thomas Gary	3 MR 1900	
John H. Dibble	Lena Dibble	12 AU 1896	
Palace B. Covington	Jennie Covington	9 SE 1892	
	Ruth "	8 AU 189-	
	Hoburt "	16 SE 1899	
	George "	9 NO 1901	
	Alice Josey	10 MY 1897	
Charles Josey	Gertrude Sorrells	31 DE 1894	
	Belle "	24 JL 1895	
	James "	8 OC 1898	
	Truman "	9 MY 1900	
	Jessie "	8 JE 1902	
Thomas Sorrells	Herbert Miller	20 AU 1899	
	Loretta "	7 MR 1901	
Monroe Miller	Walter Josey	22 AP 1892	
James Josey	Clyde "	17 DE 1895	
	Hershell "	13 MY 1900	
	Estelle "	2 JA 1902	
	Rosa Vincent	16 MY 1896	
	Willie Philpot	12 AP 1889	
Sarah E. Philpot	Mary "	9 JE 1902	
	James "	27 MY 1894	
	Robert Brown	10 DE 1894	
Robt. B. Brown	Clyde "	16 MY 1898	
	Clara M. "	16 JE 1900	
	Lura E. Stirnsman	4 SE 1895	
	Willie G. "	20 MR 1897	
L. Andrew Stirnsman	Jennie Tyldsley	25 JL 1890	
Wm. Tyldley	Ruth "	10 FE 1893	
	Margarett "	15 AU 1899	
	Herbert Driver	14 FE 1894	
Wm. R. Driver	Langron Hays	19 MY 1899	
Roland Hays	John "	22 MR 1902	
	Myrtle Sworthard	16 JL 1900	
James Sworthard	Willie Littlefields	26 AU 1900	
Monroe Littlefields	Nina Philipps	24 JA 1896	
Henry Philipps			

Continued HILLSIDE SCHOOL

Parent or Guardian	Names of Children	Date of Birth
Roland Hays	Langron Hays	19 MY 1899
	John "	22 MR 1902
James Sworthard	Myrtle Sworthard	16 JL 1900
Monroe Littlefields	Willie Littlefields	26 AU 1900
Henry Philipps	Nina Philipps	24 JA 1896
T.M. Brown	Lawrence Brown	26 JL 1894
	Nannie "	25 SE 1896
	Gertrude "	30 DE 1898
Will Russell	Shelby Russell	29 MY 1901
	Norah "	29 AU 1895
	Nettie "	5 DE 1894
James Monarch	Josie Monarch	25 JA 1897
Lee Tinsley	James Tinsley	28 JA 1890
	Lula "	20 AU 1894
Lizzie Millsap	Lula Millsap	6 JE 1892
Ivy Millsap	Maud Millsap	28 SE 1891
M.C. Ennis	Rosa L. Ennis	5 JA 1891
	Marry "	26 SE 1890
	James "	19 SE 1893
	Katie "	21 AU 1897
Sam Gregory	Gussie Gregory	5 FE 1902
James Pendley	Willie J. Pendley	2 JE 1897
	Mary "	17 MR 1902
Riley Stanley	Edward Stanley	10 SE 1900
Aus H. Dunning	Oliver Dunning	13 AU 1899
John Tooley	Cordie Tooley	4 FE 1889
	Elbert "	6 OC 1892
John Garrett	Lula Garrett	6 AP 1890
	Eugene "	17 AP 1893
	Lucy E. "	3 JE 1896
	Riley S. "	11 MY 1899
	Cornelia "	28 MY 1902
J.F. Duning	Edward L. Duning	2 MY 18--
A.H. "	Esel "	21 FE 1894
Wm. Tate	Viola Tate	18 FE 1902
Mary Edwards	Chester Edwards	4 FE 18--
	Arthur "	25 JA 1894
	Nancy E. "	4 FE 1896
	Ben "	18 JL 1897
Wm. Newton	Myrtle Newton	2 MR 1896
	Fander "	16 OC 1898
	Clareiee "	4 OC 1902
Wm. Stanley	Myrtle Stanley	21 SE 1895
	Ella M. "	11 MR 1898
	Sel--- "	28 SE 1900
J.T. McGregor	Eddie McGregor	22 DE 1892
W.N. Head	Hugh Head	25 AU 1891
	Hassie "	30 MY 1893
	Starling "	15 SE 1897
	Fleedy "	10 MY 1901
Richard Stewart	Bert Stewart	16 SE 1892
	Bland "	23 JE 1896
Ben Underwood	Cordie Underwood	18 JE 1889

MYERS CHAPEL SCHOOL District #61 1908-1909

Parent or Guardian	Names of Children	Date of Birth	
W.A. Blackwell	Elmer Blackwell	21 JL 1894	Penrod
	Iris Blackwell	10 JE 189-	
	Mary Blackwell	7 JE 18--	
	John Blackwell	- SE 1898	
Bobe Warman	Laura Warman	11 DE 18-7	Dunmor
James Hughs	Ethal Hughs	17 DE 1888	Penrod
Telid Gillock	Buth Gillock	21 OC 1891	Penrod
Nettie Baker	Winnie Baker	18 MY 1891	Penrod
	Della Baker	11 MR 1893	
Charls Tucker	Orby Tucker	29 MY 1901	Penrod
W.H. Mallory	Harden Mallory	25 JA 1893	Penrod
	Elias Mallory	11 FE 1896	
A.B. Goodall	Liza Goodall	22 SE 1892	Penrod
	Adie Goodall	22 OC 1894	
	Modie Goodall	20 NO 1896	
	Abmoselus Goodall	9 NO 1899	
W.F. Cox	Verah Cox	20 JA 1898	Penrod
	Willie Cox	18 JL 1900	
P.S. Mohon	Milton Mohon	17 JA 188-	Penrod
	Berth Mohon	19 OC 1896	
Callie Mallory	Esta Mallory	13 OC 1891	Penrod

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

Sherman of Muhlenberg
State of Kentucky ss: In the *Eastern*
Middleburg Court
of *Muhlenberg County*

I *Henry Whitfield*, aged *35* years,
occupation *Coal Miner* do declare on oath
affirm that my personal
description is: Color *white*, complexion *light*, height *5 feet 5 1/2* inches,
weight *140* pounds, color of hair *dark brown*, color of eyes *blue*
other visible distinctive marks *scar on left eye*
.....; I was born in *Lancashire England*
..... on the *4* day of *February*, anno
Domini *1874*; I now reside at *Middleburg Kentucky*
I emigrated to the United States of America from *Liverpool Eng.*
on the vessel * *San Carolina*; my last
foreign residence was *Lancashire England*

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to *King George V*
King of Great Britain & Ireland of which I am now a ~~subject~~ subject; I
arrived at the port of *New York* in the
State *New York*
Territory of *New York* on or about the *9th* day
District *September*, anno Domini *1908*; I am not an anarchist; I am not a
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
SO HELP ME GOD.

Henry Whitfield
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *4*
day of *April*, anno Domini 19*13*

[SEAL.]

C. S. Curren
Clerk of the *Middleburg* Court.

By *A. P. Curren, D.* Clerk.

*If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.

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ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

County of Muhlenberg }
State of Kentucky } ss: In the Muhlenberg Circuit Court
of Muhlenberg County Ky.

I, Andrew Obad, aged 44 years,
Coal Mines occupation, do declare on oath that my personal
description is: Color white, complexion fair, height 5 feet 8 inches,
weight 160 pounds, color of hair ~~blue~~ brown, color of eyes gray,
other visible distinctive marks *Scar on right hand*;
I was born in Austria, on the 17 day of November, anno
Domini 1868; I now reside at *Brandenburg, Kentucky (Anderson)*
I emigrated to the United States of America from *Prussia (Berlin)*
on the vessel * *Norddamp*; my last
foreign residence was *Lehrhus Austria*

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to *Francis Joseph*
Emperor of Austria, of which I am now a citizen subject; I
arrived at the port of *New York*, in the
State of *New York* on or about the 17 day
of *June*, anno Domini 1905. I am not an anarchist; I am not a
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
SO HELP ME GOD.

Andy Obad
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, anno Domini 1912

[SEAL.]

Ed Lewis
Clerk of the Muhlenberg Circuit Court.

By _____, Clerk.

*If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.

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ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

County of Muhlenberg } ss: In the Muhlenberg Circuit Court
 State of Kentucky } of Muhlenberg County
 I, Frank Michelich, aged 22 years,
 occupation Coal Miner do declare on oath affirm that my personal
 description is: Color white, complexion light, height 5 feet 6 inches,
 weight 140 pounds, color of hair light brown, color of eyes gray
 other visible distinctive marks none
 ; I was born in Morava Austria
 on the 14 day of April, anno
 Domini 1890; I now reside at Boulder Kentucky
 I emigrated to the United States of America from Rosardame
 on the vessel* Nordham; my last
 foreign residence was Karlsruhe Austria
 It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
 prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Francis Joseph
Emperor of Austria, of which I am now a ~~citizen~~ subject; I
 arrived at the port of New York, in the
 State New York Territory of New York District of New York on or about the 30 day
 of Oct, anno Domini 1907; I am not an anarchist; I am not a
 polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
 to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
 SO HELP ME GOD.

Frank Michelich
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to affirmed before me this 11th
day of May, anno Domini 1912

[SEAL.]

Leslie
Clerk of the Circuit Court.

By _____ Clerk.

*If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.

MUHLENBERG COUNTY PIONEERS : WHERE THEY CAME FROM

The 1850 census of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky provides valuable insight into the origins of many of its settlers. Although many early pioneers were deceased by 1850, we can gather the birthplace of its citizens during its early growth period. This analysis gives the number and percentage of people born in each state or country under three headings: Age 59 or older (born before Kentucky became a state), Heads of households (male and female), and All citizens. No distinction is made between races.

Part two lists the occupations recorded by the census taker. When no occupation is given for a female spouse we have placed her under "Domestic", which was a common expression used at the time for a homemaker.

STATE or COUNTRY	AGE 59 or OLDER		HEADS of HOUSEHOLDS		ALL CITIZENS	
Kentucky	28	10.00 %	1,635	59.30 %	6,576	79.55 %
Tennessee	6	2.14 %	246	8.92 %	535	6.47 %
Virginia	105	37.50 %	362	13.13 %	466	5.63 %
North Carolina	82	29.29 %	323	11.72 %	393	4.75 %
South Carolina	11	3.93 %	39	1.41 %	41	.50 %
Pennsylvania	18	6.43 %	41	1.49 %	49	.59 %
Maryland	18	6.43 %	28	1.02 %	32	.39 %
Georgia	3	1.07 %	11	.40 %	11	.13 %
Ohio	0	.00 %	15	.54 %	25	.30 %
Missouri	0	.00 %	1	.04 %	10	.12 %
Alabama	0	.00 %	4	.15 %	11	.13 %
Arkansas	0	.00 %	0	.00 %	4	.05 %
Connecticut	1	.36 %	2	.07 %	2	.02 %
Indiana	0	.00 %	3	.11 %	3	.04 %
New Jersey	2	.71 %	2	.07 %	2	.02 %
Massachusetts	1	.36 %	2	.07 %	2	.02 %
Vermont	0	.00 %	1	.04 %	1	.01 %
Illinois	0	.00 %	4	.15 %	27	.33 %
New York	3	1.07 %	5	.18 %	5	.06 %
Iowa	0	.00 %	6	.22 %	20	.24 %
New Hampshire	0	.00 %	3	.11 %	3	.04 %
Mississippi	0	.00 %	4	.15 %	7	.08 %
Europe	0	.00 %	2	.07 %	2	.02 %
Ireland	2	.71 %	12	.44 %	28	.34 %
Scotland	0	.00 %	1	.04 %	1	.01 %
England	0	.00 %	3	.11 %	3	.04 %
Germany	0	.00 %	4	.15 %	9	.11 %
TOTAL	280	100.00 %	2,757	100.00 %	8,266	100.00 %

The average size family in 1850 was 5.70 people per household. There were 4,010 females and 4,256 males enumerated. Of the 8,266 people living the county at the time 6,576 were born in Kentucky.

OCCUPATIONS

Apprentice - 2	Engineer - 1	Milling - 1	Stonemason - 5
Blacksmith - 23	Farmer - 1,359	Millwright - 3	Student - 9
Bricklayer - 4	Farm Laborer - 2	Miner - 2	Tailor - 11
Cabinet Maker - 5	Ferryman - 1	Minister - 6	Tanner - 5
Carpenter - 45	Gentleman - 1	Painter - 1	Tavern Keeper - 5
Chair Maker - 1	Gunsmith - 2	Physician - 13	Tinner - 1
Civil Engineer - 1	Hatter - 1	Pilot - 1	Tobacconist - 2
Clerk - 8	Laborer - 88	Plasterer - 2	Trader - 3
Collier - 2	Lawyer - 9	Saddler - 7	Wagon Maker - 11
Constable - 2	Lockeeper - 1	School Teacher - 17	Wheelwright - 6
Cooper - 3	Magistrate - 1	Shoemaker - 11	Wool Carder - 1
Corder/Carder - 1	Merchant - 24	Silversmith - 1	TOTAL 2,920
Deputy Sheriff - 1	Mercantile Clerk - 2	Slaymaker - 1	
Domestic - 1,197	Miller - 7	Stonecutter - 1	

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1876 26 Jan.	**Daniel W. Jernigan, res: Muhl., age: , 1st m Farm R.T. Jernigan (Arteria), res: Muhl., age: 22, 1st m	Ky. Tn. Tn. Ky. Tn. Tn.
1876 23 Dec.	**Joseph J. Frazier, res: Muhl., age: 25, 1st m Farm Lucy Allison, res: Muhl., age: 25, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 20 Feb.	*Peter Elschride, res: Louisville, age: 21, 1st m Farm Nancy E. Wilcox, res: Muhl., age: 17, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 2 Mar.	**John Tooley, res: Muhl., age: 21, 1st m Farmer Mary E. Doss, res: Muhl., age: 18, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Tn. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 — Apr.	**Franquilla Fortney, res: Muhl., age: 24, 1st m Farm Annie Eades, res: Muhl., age: 24, 1st m	Ky. Pa. Va. Ky. Ky. Tn.
1876 7 Feb.	*Robert A. Dennis, res: Muhl., age: 22, 1st m Farmer Mittie E. McCown, res: Muhl., age: 18 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 3 Aug.	**William Cassady, res: Muhl., age: 30, 1st m Stone Mason Bettie Fentress, res: Muhl., age: 22,	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 25 Jan.	*Lewis Tappan, res: Muhl., age: 22, 1st m painter Julia Johnson, res: Ohio Co., age: 20, 1st m	N.J. N.J. N.J. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 5 Oct.	**James G. House, res: Al., age: 22, 1st, clerk Lula Jones, res: Muhl., age: 20, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 14 Nov.	**E.S. Younts, res: Muhl., age: 33, 1st m merchant Mary B. Love, res: Muhl., age: 22,	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 23 Sept	**William T. Morgan, res: Muhl., age: __, 1st, Marshall, Ky. Mollie E. Arnold, res: Muhl., age: 23, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 — Oct.	*John Robinson, res: Muhl., age: 30, 1st m farmer Josephine Elliott, res: Muhl., age: 30,	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 18 Nov.	*Frank L. Metzker, res: Muhl., age: 18, farmer L.W. Allen, res: Muhl., age: __ 1st,	Va. Va. Va. Ky. Tn. Tn.
1876 7 Oct.	James Ford, res: Muhl., age: 24, 1st m farmer Lula Davis, res: Muhl., age: 19, 1st m	Ky. N.C. N.C. Ky. Tn. Ky.
1876 7 Dec.	W.W. Davis, res: Muhl., age: 48, 2nd, farmer Martha A. Riley, res: Muhl., age: 28, 2nd m	Tn. N.C. N.C. Ky. Va. Ky.
1876 18 Dec.	Robert W. Robinson, res: Muhl., age: 18, 1st m farm Cordelia E. Underwood, res: Muhl., age: 14, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Il. Ky. Ky.
1876 15 June	**N.W. Tannahill, res: Missouri age: 52, 1st m farm Nannie E. Cundiff, res: Muhl., age: 26, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 10 Oct.	**Robert H. Langley, res: Muhl., age: 24, 1st m farm Bekkie A. Paxton, res: Muhl., age: 18, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Va. Ky.
1876 4 Apr.	**John F. Tooley, res: Muhl., age: 46, 2nd m farmer Arbina Chappell, res: Muhl., age: 14, 1st m	Ky. N.C. Va. Ky. N.C. Ky.
1876 18 Apr.	*F.M. Mercer, res: Muhl., age: 18, 1st m Ellen Latham, res: Muhl., age: 19, 1st m	Ky. Ga. N.C. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 10 Feb.	**J.J. Lovell, res: Muhl., age: 21, 1st m farmer Ruth Pittman, res: Muhl., age: 19, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 14 Dec.	**Bradly C. Pittman, res: Muhl., age: 20, 1st m farm Anna E. Eades, res: Muhl., age: 19, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 — Aug.	*Mark Myers, res: Muhl., age: 48, 3rd m farmer Amanda Wing, res: Muhl., age: 47, 2nd,	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 24 Dec.	**Frances Brothers, res: Muhl., age: 27, 2nd, farm Sarah L. Lovell, res: Muhl., age: 25, 1st m	Tn. Tn. Tn. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 12 Jan.	**James M. Corley, res: Muhl., age: 23, 1st m farm Louisa Dukes, res: Muhl., age: 27, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 — Dec.	**John M. Corley, res: Muhl., age: 21, 1st m farmer Alicia Dukes, res: Muhl., age: 20, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 — Sept.	**Charles Allen, res: Muhl., age: 17, 1st m farmer Mary Lee, res: Muhl., age: 23, 1st m	Ky. Tn. Tn. Ky. N.C. N.C.
1876 26 Mar.	**B.F. Johnston, res: Muhl., age: 19, 1st m farmer Mary F. Eades, res: Muhl., age: 20, 1st m	Ky. Pa. Va. Ky. Ky. Ky.

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1876 6 Dec	**H.H. Hotslin (Hoblin), res: Muhl., age: 27, 1st m Sallie P. Drake, res: Muhl., age: 27, 1st m Hoolin in 1880 Muhl. Co. Census	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 Mar.	**C.Y. Martin, res: Muhl., age: 25, 1st m farmer Sue M. Rice, res: Muhl., age: 20, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 13 Apr.	**M.M. Rice, res: Muhl., age: 60, 2nd m. farmer Ruth A. Drake, res: Muhl., age: 60 1st m.	Ky. Va. Va. Ky. N.C. N.C.
1876 28 Dec.	**W.M. Cook, res: Muhl., age: 27, 1st m farmer Mary J. Walker, res: Muhl., age: 18, 1st m	Ky. N.C. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 17 June	**J.N. Hodge, res: Muhl., age: 21, 1st m farmer Julis A. Welborne, res: Muhl., age: 15, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 7 Dec.	**Russell Segars, res: Muhl., age: 26, 1st m farmer Alsa A. Edwards, res: Muhl., age: 33, 1st m	Ky. N.Y. Ky. Ky. Va. Ky.
1876 10 Oct.	**Zilman Hunt, res: Muhl., age: 22, 1st m farmer Mary Wood, res: Muhl., age: 10, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 1 Sept.	**William Baggett, (Bagwell), res: Butler, age: 20, 1st m Eliza Arnold, res: Muhl., age: 19, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 16 Dec.	**J.W. Matherly, res: Muhl., age: 20, 1st m farmer Linia C. Welborne, res: Muhl., age: 21, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 Nov.	**E.J. Hughes, res: Muhl., age: 22, 1st m Farmer Udora N. Oudas (Andas), res: Muhl., age: 16, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Va. Ky.
1876 16 Nov.	**Pleasant D. Bromley, res: Muhl., age: 28, 1st m Farm Margaret Hughes, res: Muhl., age: 34, 1st m	Tn. Tn. Tn. Ky. Tn. Ky.
1876 16 Apr.	**Jerry Jenkins, res: Logan Co., age: 25, 1st m farm Mary J. Oudas (Audas), res: Muhl., age: 18, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. N.C. Tn.
1876 16 Nov.	**Henry Hunt, res: Muhl., age: 27, 2nd m farmer Mary Day, res: Muhl., age: 23, 1st m	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn. Ky.
1876** 9 Mar.	Thomas T. Hunt of Muhl. 20 1st, Farmer Susan Day of Muhl. 24 2nd.	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876** 5 Apr.	W.S. Pearson of Muhl. 26 1st. Farmer Beatrice McPherson of Muhl. 17 1st	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 13 July	** R.H. Pearson of Muhl. 19 1st Merchant Mary F. Cisney of Muhl. 18 1st.	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. NC.
1876 27 Nov.	** Thomas F. Burge, of Muhl. 24 2nd. Farmer Rebecca J. Smith of Muhl. 19 1st	TN. Tn. Tn. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 Mar.	** W. E. Cooksey of Muhl. 22, 1st Farmer Nannie Ratliffe of Muhl. 20, 2nd	Ky. Mich Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 May	** Elijah J. McPherson of Todd Co. 35 2nd Farmer Florence Moore (Shutt in book) of Muhl 28 2nd	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 19 Oct.	** James H. Handricks of Muhl. 21, 1st. Farmer Harriett E. Sanford of Muhl. 15, 1st	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 Dec.	** Andrew J. Latham, of Logan Co. 20 1st. Farmer Mary J. * of Muhl. 18, 1st	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn. Tn.
	(* Townsend in book)	
1876 20 Oct.	* Peyton Bass of Muhl. 21 1st. Farmer Anna Bass of Muhl. 18, 1st	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 8 Oct.	** James Drake of Muhl. 22, 1st Farmer Lora King + of Muhl. 21, 1st (+ was Laura in book- also date way off)	Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn. Tn. Tn.
1876 4 Apr.	** Francis Dukes of Muhl. 20 1st Farmer Susan T. Owen of Muhl. 20 1st	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 2 Mar.	** Jno S. Tooley of Muhl. 21 1st Farmer Mary E. Doss of Muhl. 19 1st	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 12 Oct.	** Charles Bevan of Muhl. 62 2nd armer Elizabeth Drake of Muhl. 44 2nd	Ky. Md. Md. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1876 31 Dec.	** Thomas Mansfield of Muhl. 49 3rd Farmer Mary S. J. Gates of Muhl. 35 3rd	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn. Va.
1876 2 Sep.	** Jno Shelton, of Muhl. 23 1st Farmer D.A. Mansfield (Georgia in book) Muhl. 20 1st	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.

*not in marriage book

** varies in info.

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QUERIES

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WILKINS MARTIN CAMPBELL

Seeking info on the birthplace (27 AU 1803) and parents of the Rev. Mr. Samuel M. WILKINS, who married Eliza Jane WILKINS (b. 1831) daughter of William H. MARTIN and Jane CAMPBELL, on 4 AU 1827 at Old Liberty Church, Muhlenberg County KY. (Printed here as it was received)
Jean Navarre, 2609 Fairgreen Ave., Arcadia, CA. 91006

EADES HANCOCK NOFFSINGER BRILES

Seeking info on the Thomas Jackson EADES (b. 25 JL 1848 Muhl. Co. KY d. 5 OC 1923 KY) & wife Mary Ellen NOFFSINGER (b. 18 NO 1855 d. 28 SE 1879 KY) Parents are Nathaniel EADES (b. 22 SE 1816 d. 6 JE 1874) & wife Elizabeth HANCOCK (b. 18 FE 1823 d. 7 MR 1908). William Absalom NOFFSINGER & wife Catherine BRILES.
Mary A. Eades, 36 Meadowdale Dr., Stuarts Draft, VA. 24477

BROOKS

Seek ancestry of Nancy Jane BROOKS (b. 1826 d. 1904 Muhl. Co. KY) married 22 FE 1851 Butler Co. KY to John B. SMITH resided Muhl. Co. KY, children: Margaret Elizabeth (STUART), Mary Frances (STUART), William, George, James Henry, Luella Belle, Harriett (HIGHTOWER) (SMITH).
Nancy Warner, 4110 Jonathon, Dearborn, MI. 48126

TIPTON GREEN

Seek info on Reuben TIPTON (b. 1816 TN d. NO 1879 Muhl. Co. KY) married 1846 Wilson Co. TN to Mary GREEN, census 1850 Logan Co. KY, 1860-1880 Muhl. Co. KY, children: Caroline (THOMPSON), Malinda (PATTON)- by Mary GREEN, William, James, John, Sarah (Ella)(WEEKS) (WHERRY), Richard, Marion.
Nancy Warner, 4110 Jonathon, Dearborn, MI. 48126

ARMSTRONG

Seek info on John ARMSTRONG (b. 1760) lived in NC was in Muhl. Co. KY before 1799 (d. 1816) will probated in Muhl. Co. KY, wife Mary, children: James, Matthew, John, George, Peggy (SMITH), Elizabeth (SMITH), JANE (WRIGHT), Mary (BILLINGS).
Nancy Warner, 4110 Jonathon, Dearborn, MI. 48126

SHELTON TERRY FLEMING

Looking for info on the family of Cuthbert SHELTON b.c/a 1770, possibly TN. d.c/a 1834 in Muhl. Co. KY. Probably s/o Ralph SHELTON b.c/a 1739 d. after 1798. Cuthbert SHELTON married Sarah Leak TERRY. Two children: Lydia & Hall. Lydia married David L. FLEMING in Knoxville, TN. 1 SE 1812 d. c/a 1821 in Muhl. Co. KY.
Wallis T. Fleming, 5950 West Missouri Ave., Space No. 8, Glendale, AZ. 85301

BOOK REVIEW

The Muhlenberg County Genealogical Society has recently received a new publication (1991) of the Library of Congress. It should prove of much help to our researchers.

Bearing the title "Genealogies Cataloged By The Library of Congress Since 1986", it supplements a four-volume, privately issued series, three of which are locally available.

The volume is divided into three sections, the first of which (pp. 1-744) lists the books cataloged since 1986 and added to the Library's holdings. Each page lists about fifteen titles and the listings are alphabetically by family name, The first book being for the Aaronson family. The last entry is for the Zytphen family. Many of the books are written in languages other than English.

The center section of the book is headed "Established Forms of Family Names", and occupies pages 745-1121. This shows how many names are grouped together under one name in the library's card catalog. As an example, BANDY also includes "Bauaux", "Bandeua", "Bandoin" and "Bundy". Many of these cross-references represent very helpful suggestions.

Finally, the third section (pages 1123-1349) could prove to be the most helpful part to the many people who have limited access to the Library of Congress. It is headed "Genealogies Converted to Microfilm" and it is our understanding that many, if not all, of the works on microfilm are available on Inter-Library Loan, and, in some cases, may be purchased.

We are delighted to add this volume to the shelves.

NEW BOOK AVAILABLE

A MATHERLY/MATHERLEE family history, spanning the family's lives in Warren, Butler, Muhlenberg and Logan Counties, has been written by Bobby Anderson, a MATHERLY descendant.

The history is bound in a 34-page volume, complete with many family pictures, and is available, postpaid for \$10.00 as long as the current supply lasts.

Orders may be made to: Bobby Anderson, 7965 Ridgewood Road, Goodlettsville, TN. 37072.