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KENTUCKY'S BLOODIEST BANDITS
by Otto Rothert

The story of the Harpes, two bloody outlaws of pioneer times in Kentucky, is more than that of mere highwaymen. They were arch-criminals, apparently loving murder for its own sake.

Any account of the barbarities they committed in Kentucky and Tennessee would be looked upon as wild fiction if the statements therein were not verified by court records and contemporary newspaper notices, or carefully checked with early writers.

It should be borne in mind that the exploits of outlaws in pioneer times greatly affected settlement of the new country. Dread of highwaymen brought peaceful frontiersmen together and thus built up communities and helped to hasten the establishment of law and order.

The atrocities of the two Harpes - Big Harpe and Little Harpe - at the close of the Eighteenth Century have rarely been equaled in the annals of crime. Their motives were clouded in such mystery, and their outrages were so heartless, that Collins, the Kentucky historian, referred to them as "the most brutal monsters of the human race."

TWO YEARS OF MURDER. Their joint career as murderers covered a period of only two years, but it was terrible while it lasted. At that time, 1789-1799, Kentucky and Tennessee were sparsely settled. The then-called West was well-nigh a wilderness. Among its pioneer population were men who, as fugitives from justice, had deliberately sought safety away from the Eastern States. The Ohio and Mississippi Rivers were infested with pirates; the early rivermen themselves were a rough and violent type. Isolation led the well-meaning to be generous and confiding to those whom they had tested; but to a great degree might was right, and strangers looked askance at each other and prepared for the worst. Yet such a rude and hardy people as this was gripped with horror at the unmeaning and unprovoked atrocities of the Harpes.

It is difficult in these days of well-ordered government to realize the mysterious terror and excitement that began near Knoxville in 1798 and swept through the wilderness to the borders of the Mississippi and across the Ohio into Illinois, as some sudden, creeping fire breaks out in the underbrush, and grows steadily in intensity and rage until it sweeps forests before it. The Harpes were believed to be brothers. They were natives of North Carolina. Micajah, known as Big Harpe, was born about 1768, and Wiley, known as Little Harpe, was born about 1770. Their father was said to have been a Tory soldier.

TWO MEN, THREE WIVES. The Tories who, after the Revolution, still sympathized with the King of England and continued to live in the "old settlements" were, in most sections, ostracized by their neighbors. It was to this ostracized class that the parents of the Harpes belonged; and thus it was in an environment of hatred that the two sons grew up.

About 1795 the young Harpes left North Carolina for Tennessee, accompanied by Susan Roberts and Betsy Roberts. Big Harpe claimed both women as his wives. Shortly after their arrival near Knoxville, Little Harpe married Sallie Rice, daughter of a preacher.

From cheating and trickery at horse racing the two men drifted to horse and hog stealing. Their downright criminality soon asserted itself when they set fire to houses and barns. After having been arrested several times - escaping each time before being placed in jail - they decided to leave East Tennessee. Before going they killed a man named Johnson. They ripped open his body, filled it with stones and threw it into the Holstein River. Despite this caution the stones became loosened. The corpse rose to the surface and was discovered a few days later. This killing of Johnson seems to have been their first murder. It was followed by many others, but the true number will never be known. Travelers vanished and left no trace, but the Harpes moved with great celerity.

BROKE JAIL AT DANVILLE. We next hear of them and their women on the Wilderness Road in Kentucky. Three more victims were on their list by the time they arrived at the tavern of John Farris near Crab Orchard. No one of the tavern suspected who the new arrivals were. There they met Stephen Langford of Virginia who had come alone. Langford decided it would be safer to travel with companions through the wilderness than to go unaccompanied. A few days later - December 14, 1798 - men driving cattle over the road leading to the Farris tavern accidentally discovered the body of a man concealed behind a log. It was identified as that of Langford. Suspicion fell on the Harpes. They were pursued and captured, and placed in the Stanford jail. On January 4, 1799, the two men and their women appeared before the judges of the Lincoln County Court of Quarter Sessions. They were held for murder, and their case was transferred to the Danville District Court.

The next day a strong guard took the prisoners to Danville, ten miles away, to await trial in April. On March 16 both Big Harpe and Little Harpe escaped, leaving their three women and three jail-born infants behind.

The jailer evidently had felt there was some likelihood that his charges would escape, for his account shows he bought, on January 20, 1799, "Two horse locks to chain the men's feet to the ground, 12 shillings, and one bolt, 3 shillings"; on February 13, "One lock for front jail door, 18 shillings," and on February 27, "Three pounds of nails for the use of jail, 6 shillings."

How the Harpes escaped is not known; the jailer's expense account shows a charge of 12 shillings for "Mending the wall of the jail where the prisoners escaped."

Such was the state of affairs when, on April 15, the trial of the women began. Five days were devoted to hearing evidence, and the trial ended in the acquittal of the women. They declared that, above all things, they desired to return to Knoxville and there start life anew. It was believed that they had obtained a happy release from their barbarous masters, and therefore a collection of clothes and money was taken among the citizens of Danville, and an old mare given, to help them on their way to Tennessee.

TWENTY THE FIRST YEAR. The jailer accompanied the three mothers to the edge of town to point out the road that led to Knoxville. It was learned later, however that they had

traveled less than thirty miles when they changed their course, drifted down Green and Ohio Rivers to Diamond Island and Cave-in-Rock, and a few months thereafter rejoined their husbands near Henderson.

Immediately after their escape the two Harpes resumed their work. On April 22, 1799, the Governor of Kentucky issued a proclamation offering a reward for the capture of either or both. Reports of killings in Kentucky were followed by others from Southern Illinois, then from East Tennessee, then again from Kentucky. Among their victims was one of their own children. Declaring that Little Harpe's crying infant would some day be the means of pursuers detecting their presence, Big Harpe slung the baby by the heels against a tree and literally burst its head into pieces. During the first year of their unrestrained ferocity they had committed at least twenty murders. The whole of Kentucky and Tennessee had become terrorized by the possibility of the appearance of the Harpes at any hour in any locality.

The people of the lower Green River country, like settlers elsewhere, were on the lookout for them. In the early part of August, 1799, two suspicious newcomers were discovered prowling around some of the backwoods settlements in Southern Henderson County. These strangers might be the Harpes. No one knew. The fact that no woman had been seen with them led watchers to conclude that these were not the widely sought murderers.

INQUIRED ABOUT THEMSELVES. One day the Harpes left Henderson County and started toward the hiding place of their women and children - twenty or more miles away. They rode good horses and were well armed and fairly well dressed.

That evening they arrived at the home of James Tompkins, in what is now Webster County. They represented themselves as Methodist preachers. Their equipment aroused no suspicion, for the country was almost an unbroken wilderness, and preachers, as well as most other pioneers, often traveled well armed. Tompkins invited them to supper, and Big Harpe, to ward off suspicion, said a long grace at table. After supper they bade their host farewell, saying they had an engagement elsewhere.

Late that night, August 20, they reached the house of Moses Stegall - about five miles east of what later became the town of Dixon. Stegall was only absent, but his wife and their only child, a boy of 4 months, were at home and, a few before, had admitted Maj. William Love, a surveyor, who had come to see Stegall on business. Mrs. Stegall, expressing an opinion that her husband would return that night, invited him to remain. He had climbed up a ladder outside the house to the loft above and was in bed when the new arrivals entered the cabin. He came down and met the two men. In the conversation that followed the murderers themselves inquired about the Harpes and, among other things, stated that according to rumor the two outlaws were then prowling around in the neighborhood.

KILLED BECAUSE OF SNORES. Mrs. Stegall, having only the one spare bed in the loft, was obliged to assign it to the three men. After Major Love had fallen asleep, one of the Harpes took an ax which he always carried in his belt and, with a single blow, dashed out the brains of the sleeping man. The two villains then went down to Mrs. Stegall's room. She, knowing nothing to the contrary, presumed Major Love was still asleep. Reprimanding her for assigning them to a bed with a man whose snoring kept them awake, they murdered her and her baby. Leaving the three bodies in the house, they set it afire.

The next morning five men returning from a salt lick found the Stegall house a smoldering ruin. Surroundings indicated that the crime was still unknown in the neighborhood. The men proceeded to the home of Squire Silas McBee to notify him of their discovery. While they were discussing the subject with Squire McBee, Moses Stegall rode up and for the first time heard what had happened to his family.

Then began the hunt for the Harpes. Mounted and equipped, and provisioned for a few days, Squire McBee's troop of seven men started on their expedition against the murderers. They followed the trail until night. Early the next morning they detected the Harpes standing on a distant hillside. Big Harpe was holding his horse; Little Harpe had no horse. The pursuers at once started for the hill. In the meantime Big Harpe mounted and darted off in one direction, Little Harpe ran in another - and both were out of sight. In their efforts to find traces of the Harpes the pursuers discovered the Harpe camp. They found no one there except Little Harpe's woman.

HEAD PLACED IN TREE. A few miles farther on, Big Harpe and his two women were seen on a ridge a short distance ahead. Realizing his danger he put spurs to his horse and dashed off alone, leaving his women behind. They made no attempt to follow him, but calmly awaited their captors, two of whom took them in charge.

The other men continued the chase. Each fired a shot at the fleeing outlaw, who again and again brandished his tomahawk in savage defiance. The wild ride continued through dense woods and over narrow trails for a few miles until the fugitive, slaking his pace, was overtaken. He had been mortally wounded by one of the shots. As he lay stretched upon the ground, he asked for water. A shoe was pulled off his foot and water was brought. Moses Stegall now stepped forward. While reciting to Big Harpe how brutally he had murdered his wife and child, Stegall drew a knife, declaring he would cut off his enemy's head. Then he pointed a gun at Harpe's face. The dying outlaw, conscious of the threat, jerked his head from side to side, hoping to dodge the threatened bullet. "Very well," said Stegall, "I will not shoot you in the head, for I want to save it as a trophy." Then, aiming at his heart, he shot him in the left side. And Big Harpe died without another struggle or groan.

\$1,000 REWARD, DEAD OR ALIVE. With the knife he had so coldly exhibited, Stegall cut off the outlaw's head. He placed it in one end of a bag, in the other end of which was a corresponding weight of provisions. The bag was slung across a horse, and the captors and their three captured women started on their return - some thirty-five miles - leaving the headless corpse to the wolves of Muhlenberg County. The head was taken to the crossroads near where the Harpes had committed their last crime. It was there placed in the fork of a tree as a warning to others. The spot ever since has been known as Harpe's Head, and the old road, now a modern highway, still bears the name of Harpe's Head Road.

The captors, leaving the outlaw's head conspicuously displayed in the tree, rode on to Henderson, some twenty miles farther, and placed the three women in jail. The prisoners were tried on September 4, 1799, before the Court of Quarter Sessions. They were found guilty of "being parties in the murder" and accordingly were ordered sent to Russellville to appear, in October, before the Logan District Court. That court found them not guilty. After their release Little Harpe's wife returned to Tennessee; Big Harpe's women and two children continued to live in Logan County for many years.

Big Harpe was dead, and the women had again been spared through public sympathy. Little Harpe had vanished into the wilderness. No one knew where, how or when he might reappear. All feared his return. It was not until five years later that they learned he had gone South and, under another name, joined Samuel Mason, the outlaw.

Samuel Mason stands out in pioneer history of the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys as a

highway robber and river pirate. He had been a useful Revolutionary soldier. The Harpes killed men, women and children to gratify a lust for murder. Mason took to robbery solely for the purpose of getting money. He was one of the shrewdest and most resourceful robbers; nevertheless he was trapped by the younger Harpe.

About two years after Little Harpe made his last flight from Kentucky - after his brother had been killed - he joined Mason's band under the name of John Setton. Mason evidently did not recognize Setton as Little Harpe.

Mason's robberies had become so frequent and so serious on the Mississippi River and the Natchez Trace that in 1802 the Governor of Mississippi offered a reward of \$1,000 for the leader, dead or alive. In January, 1803, Mason and his band, including Little Harpe, who was still unrecognized under an alias, were captured near New Madrid, MO. After a preliminary trial before the Spanish authorities, the prisoners made their escape.

RECOGNIZED BY HOSTESS. Soldiers and civilians again became man-hunters. One day two men appeared in Greenville, Miss. (near Natchez), bringing with them the head of Samuel Mason, and claimed the reward. The head was identified as that of Mason by a number of persons. The two heroes appeared before the judge to receive an order for the payment of the reward. They gave their names as John Setton and James May.

As the judge was in the act of making out a certificate, a traveler stepped into the courtroom and requested the arrest of the two men. At the tavern he had repaired to the stable to see his horse attended to, and there had seen the horses of the two men who had arrived just before him. He recognized the horses - principally because each had a peculiar blaze in the face - as belonging to persons who had robbed him and killed one of his companions on the Natchez Trace some two months before. And going into the Court House, he identified the two men.

This declaration indicated that the two men had committed at least one murder and robbery, and they were therefore held under arrest. No one knew May or the man who called himself Setton. But suspicion was aroused that Setton was actually Harpe. A Notice was put up at the Natchez landing stating that it was believed Little Harpe had been captured, and persons having any knowledge of his identity were requested to come to the Greenville jail and view the prisoner. One Kentucky boatman who seen him in the Danville jail recognized him at once. Another asserted, "If he is Little Harpe he has a mole on his neck and two toes grown together on one foot." A Tennessean declared, "If he is Little Harpe he has a scar under his left nipple where I cut him in a difficulty we had in Knoxville." An examination showed every one of these identifying marks.

Escape was now the only hope for Harpe and May. They did break jail, but were recaptured. On January 13, 1804, they were tried, found guilty of robbery and sentenced to death; and on February 8 were hanged in what has been known ever since as Gallows Field.

HEADS ON POLES, SKELETONS DUG UP. No attempt had been made to lynch the two condemned outlaws, but the lynch spirit evidently raged, for after their legal execution on Gallows Field their heads were placed on poles, one a short distance to the north and the other a short distance to the west of Old Greenville on the Natchez Trace.

The two headless bodies were buried together in one grave near the Old Trace. As time rolled in the narrow Trace widened, as roads frequently do, and wore deeper into the slight elevation over which it led. Finally this widened and deepening process reached the fleshless bones in the solitary grave, and the two skeletons, protruding piece by piece from the road bank, were dragged out by dogs and beasts. Thus the last vestige of Little Harpe disappeared on the very highway upon which he had committed many crimes.

The terrorizing influences of the names of the Harpes gradually vanished from the South and the West, but the deeds of these outlaws and the horror they aroused have passed into the history of pioneer life.

Details of the careers of the Harpes and Masons are given by Otto Rothert in his book, "The Outlaw of Cave-in-Rock." This synopsis was read to The Filson Club of which he is secretary.

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Muhlenberg County KY. Marriages

1878 10 May	Thomas M. Groves, of Muhl. 18 1st H.A. Groves, of Muhl. 29 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 20 May	Oren Vincent, of Muhl. 23 1st Sallie Vincent, of Muhl. 19 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 3 June	N.M. Mann, Of Muhl. 24 1st J.P. Stobaugh, of Muhl. 28 1st	Farmer	Ky. Va. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 19 June	J.B. Ryan, of Muhl. 39 1st J.D. Bowling, of Muhl. 33 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 23 June	Jacob Wilcox, of Muhl. 26 1st L.N. Gish, of Muhl. 17 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 4 July	Jacob Bruce, of Muhl. 20 1st Mollie Hopkins, of Muhl. 19 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 4 July	Henry Coleman, of Muhl. 24 1st J.E. Randolph, of Muhl. 17 1st	Farmer,	Ky.Ger. Ky. Ky. Tn. Ky.
1878 15 July	J.D. Brown, of Muhl. 19 1st N.B. Harris, of Muhl. 19 1st	Farmer	Ky. Va. Ky. Ky. Tn. Ky.
1878 18 July	T.M. Robertson, of Muhl. 30 2nd Mollie Stinson, of Muhl. 17 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn.
1878 18 July	Isaac Rust, of Muhl. 32 1st Fanny Tyson, of Muhl. 16 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Mo. Ky. Ky. Ky.

1878 25 July	N.S. Fentress, of Muhl. 30 1st Pocahontas Woodward, of Muhl 17 1st	Marble cutter	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 8 Aug.	J.P. Lawton, of Muhl. 44 2nd Elyce Clark, of Muhl. 43 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 13 Aug.	Lewis T. Martin, of Mo. 39 2nd Jennie Jackson, of Muhl. 39 (or 19) 2nd	Merchant	Mo. Ga. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 — Aug.	John T. Bibb, of Muhl. 38 2nd E.J. Clark, of Muhl. 24 1st	Farmer	Ky. Va. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 — Aug.	Arthur McErtton, of Muhl. 28 1st Maggie Cohen, of Muhl. 17 1st	Miner	Ir. Ir. Ir. Ky. Ir. Ir.
1878 4 Sep.	Samuel Gossett, of Muhl. 25 1st Mary T. Bradley, of Muhl. 16 1st	Farmer	Ky. Va. Va. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 17 Sep.	J.W. Stearsman, of Muhl. 22 1st Debora Gish, of Muhl. 30 2nd	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Il. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 26 Sep.	James J. Wilson, of Muhl. 23 1st Mattie Morgan, of Muhl. 16 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Il. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 7 Jan.	W.A. Wilson, of Muhl. 21 1st T. (or F) Coffman, of Muhl. 20 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Mo. Ky.
1878 5 Jan.	S.P. Wilkins, of Muhl. 21 1st M.A. Jones, of Muhl. 18 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. NC. Ky.
1878 29 Jan.	M.B. Powell, of Muhl. 35 2nd Fannie Simpson, of Muhl. 22 1st	Blacksmith	Tn. Tn. Tn. Ky. Va. Ky.
1878 18 Dec.	J.C. Edwards, of Logan Co. 21 1st Bell Martin, of Muhl. 18 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 2 Apr.	R.L. Eades, of Muhl. 37 1st L.A. Hendricks, of Muhl. 26 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. NC. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 30 Oct.	James Wood, of Christian Co. 22 1st M. J. Frazier, of Muhl. 16 1st	Farmer	Ky. Va. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 9 Sep.	Thomas R. Kincheloe, of Muhl. 22 1st Fornier (or Fannie) James, of Muhl. 18 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 25 Apr.	William Mason of Muhl. 23 1st Catherine Moore, of Muhl. 20 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 9 Nov.	L.H. Smith, of Muhl. 32 2nd Mary Coombs, of Muhl. 17 1st	Engineer	En. En. En. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 26 Sep.	Daniel Fitzgibbon, of Muhl. 28 1st Lucinda Gordon, of Muhl. 17 1st	Carpenter	En. Ir. Ir. In. En. Ky.
1878 11 Mar.	William Smith, of Muhl. 25 1st Sallie Buckley, of Muhl. 22 1st	Railroader	Oh. Oh. Oh. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 23 May	I.C. Withers, of Muhl. 29 1st Kate Arnold, of Muhl. 24 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. — — —
1878 17 Feb.	Joseph Tooley, of Muhl. 23 1st Nancy Hasting, of Muhl. 18 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn. Tn. Tn.
1878 — Mar.	James Tooley, of Muhl. 21 1st S.M. Whanger, of Muhl. 25 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Va. Va.
1878 4 Dec.	Granville Foster, of Muhl. 24 1st Adeline Dovey, of Muhl. 19 1st	Miner	Ky. Ky. Ky. En. En. En.
1878 11 June	John Carter, of Muhl. 20 1st Mary Doss, of Muhl Co. 29 2nd	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 26 Oct.	G. Medcalf, of Muhl. 22 1st Oplulia Coffman, of Muhl. 19 1st	Miner	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 23 Jan.	Peter Nofsinger, of Muhl. 35 2nd M. K. Edwards, of Muhl. 23 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 23 Sep.	William McNeal, of Muhl. 26 1st Rachel Snodgrass, of Muhl. 21 1st	Miner	Sc. Sc. Sc. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 2 Mar.	Finley Fentress, of Muhl. 28 1st Maggie Lamb, of Muhl. 20 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. NC. NC.
1878 16 July	John Richey, of Muhl. 25 1st Kate Gish, of Muhl. 16 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 14 Nov.	B.L. Eades, of Muhl. 24 1st Viola Nofsinger, of Muhl. 19 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Il.

1878 4 Sep.	Samuel Gossett, of Muhl. 26 1st Mollie Bradley, of Muhl. 16 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 14 Sep.	Rufus Batsel, of Muhl. 25 1st Jennie Moorman, of Muhl. 19 1st	RR Agt.	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 ___ Oct.	John Hopkins, of Muhl. 20 1st Malinda Altic, of Muhl. 17 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Oh. Ky. Ky.
1878 7 Feb.	John Scott, of Muhl. 29 1st Vidory Johnson, of Muhl. 26 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Oh. Ky. Ky.
1878 3 Apr.	Richard Eades, of Muhl. 35 1st Lenora Hendricks, of Muhl. 26 1st (maybe Ohio Co.)	Farmer	Ky. Va. Ky. Oh. Ky. Va.
1878 15 Dec.	T.B. Merrall, of Muhl. 21 1st M.E. Vincent, of Muhl. 20 1st (maybe Ohio Co.)	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Oh. Ky. Va.
1878 3 Oct.	W.H. Whitaker, of Muhl. 63 3rd Isebel King, of Muhl. 48 2nd	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Va. Va.
1878 ___ Dec.	James Wherry, of Muhl. 21 1st Sarah A. Weeks, of Muhl. 21 2nd	Farmer	Tn. Tn. Tn. Ky. Tn. Tn.
1878 ___ Dec.	John Garrett, of Muhl. 28 2nd Manda Latham, of Muhl. 28 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 31 Dec.	John W. Casebier, of Muhl. 32 1st Nancy E. Holeman, of Muhl. 20 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 31 Dec.	M. Casebier, of Muhl. 30 1st Alice E. Roberson, of Muhl. 19 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn.
1878 ___ Aug.	William Y. Clardy, of Muhl. 19 1st Emma Dukes, of Muhl. 17 1st	Farmer	Tn. Ky. Va. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 13 Jan.	John P. Coursey, of Muhl. 21 1st Lizzie Dockins, of Muhl. 19 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn.
1878 31 Jan.	B.T. Mansfield, of Muhl. 25 1st Martha J. Stewart, of Muhl. 23 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. NC. Ky. Tn. Ky.
1878 17 Oct.	William B. Cessna, of Muhl. 18 1st Sarah McCubbin, of Muhl. 19 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn. Ky.
1878 24 Dec.	Zack F. Carver, of Muhl. 28 1st Bettie E. _____, of Muhl. 20 1st	Farmer	Tn. Tn. Tn. Tn. Ky. KY.
1878 10 Aug.	William England, of Muhl. 20 1st Elisabeth Dill, of Muhl. 20 1st	Farmer	Ky. Va. Va. SC. Tn. Tn.
1878 ___ July	William N. Draper, of Muhl. 65 2nd Harriett Key, of Muhl. 45 2nd	Farmer	Fa. Tn. Ky. SC. Tn. Tn.
1878 13 Feb.	John W. Ricketts, of Muhl. 38 1st M.R. Caselberry, 21 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Tn. Ky. Ky.
1878 13 Apr.	Wing Barnard (colored), of Muhl. 23 1st G.R. Hroads, of Muhl. 23 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 31 Sep.	James Steel, of Muhl. 18 1st Mary T. Martin, of Muhl. 17 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Tn. Tn. Ky. Ky.
1878 10 Oct.	Luther F. McPherson, of Muhl. 20 1st Nancy J. Harper, of Muhl. 24 2nd	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Va. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 19 Dec.	David Penrod, of Muhl. 25 1st Sarah A. Hunt, of Muhl. 24 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 18 Apr.	M.S. Weeks, of Muhl. 25 1st Julia A. Roberson, Of Muhl. 16 1st	Farmer	NC. NC. NC. Ky. Tn. Tn.
1878 2 Sep.	A.A. Crittenden, of Muhl. 25 1st Florence B. Cornett, of Muhl. 19 1st (m. in Tn.)	Farmer	___ Ky. Ky. Ky. Va. Ky.
1878 19 Oct.	Sylvester Latham, of Muhl. 20 1st Margaret E. Martin, of Todd Co. 18 1st	Farmer	___ Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 15 Jan.	W.T. Shutt, of Muhl. 20 Mary Shelton, of Todd Co. 19 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 17 Feb.	John Wells, of Muhl. 27 Mary Drake, of Muhl. 20 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.
1878 26 Dec.	W.S. Parham, of Muhl. 23 Laura C. Suttles, of Muhl. 26 1st	Farmer	Ky. Tn. Tn. Ky. Ky. Va.
1878 10 Oct.	Richard Craig, of Muhl. 19 Barbara A. Harris, of Muhl. 20 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky. Ky.

1878 ___ Oct.	A.M. Crittenden, of Muhl. 20 ___ F.B. Cornett, of Muhl. 19 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Va. Ky. Va. Tn.
1878 9 Oct.	John T. Craig, of Muhl. 407(blotted) J.F. Gant, of Muhl. 18 1st		Ky. ___ Ky. Ky. Tn. Ky.
1878 20 Nov.	Thomas Reynolds, of Muhl. 24 ___ Martha Bradley, of Muhl. 17 1st (m. in G_____ton ?)	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Ky. ___ Tn. Tn.
1877 17 Oct.	Daniel D. Gates, of Muhl. 34 1st Nancy S. Patton, of Todd, 26 1st	Farmer	Ky. Ky. Tn. Ky. Va. Ky.

*****THE END*****

GISH SCHOOL 1908-1909

Parent or Guardian	Names of Children	Date of Birth
Frank P. Browning	Lillie D. Browning	5 FE 1889
	Ruthie C. "	29 MR 1893
N.A. Moore	Marthie S. Moore	24 NO 189-
	Jessie F. "	1 JA 1893
	Florie A. "	7 JA 1895
	Luthur W. "	5 AU 1898
John A. Philipps	Bishop N. Philipps	6 AU 1896
	Posie J. "	24 JL 1898
J.D. Gish	Marvin J. Gish	5 SE 1901
Johnathan Whitmer	Quiller Whitmer	19 DE 1889
	Viola "	13 AP 1892
	Feland O. "	19 OC 1894
	William T. "	25 SE 1896
	Leslie H. "	26 NO 1898
	Vernie L. Brooks	15 MY 1900
F.M. Miller	Lenora Miller	10 JE 1890
	Ada D. "	3 AU 1894
J. Wes Gish	Howard M. "	9 MR 1899
	Eva G. Gish	24 AP 1899
Joseph Harper	Charles Jarvis	26 MR 1894
	Lenora Harper	21 OC 1893
	Ethel "	1 AP 1896
N.C. Harper	Joda "	8 JA 1899
	Eckls "	9 AP 1901
	Susan Harper	12 MR 1893
	Very A. "	15 JE 1895
	Ezra F. "	5 AU 1897
G.B. Humphrey	Cordie V. "	13 OC 1899
	Noah E. "	4 MY 1898
	Benjamin H. Humphrey	9 OC 1888
	Mable V. "	21 MY 1891
	James D. "	15 FE 1894
	Miller C. "	15 OC 1896
F.E. Nofsinger	Namoa G. "	14 FE 1899
	Marvin A. "	19 FE 1902
	Augustus Nofsinger	13 JL 1889
	Susan M. "	10 OC 1891
A.J. McCandless	Bradford S. "	16 MY 1893
	Guy P. "	14 SE 1895
	Luthur McCandless	20 MR 1889
Mrs. Suda Gatton	Otha W. "	27 JL 1890
	Jessie R. "	10 FE 1892
	Elgan "	11 JL 1899
	Eva Gatton	24 DE 1891
T.B. Merrell	Nat "	24 JL 189-
	Ella B. Merrell	25 SE 188-
	Thomas "	22 AP 1892
H.F. Wiggins	Samuel "	25 AP 1896
	Mary L. "	20 MR 1899
	Bulah Wiggins	23 OC 1894
R.G. Garrett	Ethel "	22 JL 1896
H.M. Gossett	John D. Scott	16 MY 1892
	James F. Gossett	18 JL 1889
W.J. Gish	Hubert M. "	21 JA 1892
	Joseph G. "	13 NO 1893
	Henry O. "	15 DE 1895
	Samuel C. "	23 JA 1898
	Willie M. "	31 OC 1899
	Virgil G. Gish	1 OC 1898
Mrs. Lue C. Grundy	Ellis "	17 AU 1900
	Alma Grundy	14 AU 1894

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Parent or Guardian	Names of Children	Date on Birth
N.B. & Annie Tarrant	Jas. Tarrant	10 JL 1889
	Egbert "	15 SE 1891
	Vera "	28 SE 1895
	Myrtle "	14 FE 1900
Jno. & Delila Harelson	Lizzie Harelson	6 SE 18--
	Ruthie Tarrant	5 MY 18--
Wm. & Lula Tarrant	Willie "	11 MY 1896
	Audobon "	12 SE 1900
Will & Ollie Woodruff	McKey Woodruff	14 OC 1895
	Thos. "	8 FE 1901
J.T. Pentacost	Bessie Pentacost	15 JA 1893
	Jessie Mae "	4 FE 1895
Thos. & Minnie McLevain	Clara M. McLevain	6 DE 1900
Henry & Lida Downy	Nora Downey	9 NO 1900
	Orville "	3 MY 1902
Leslie Todd	Delmer Todd	29 JL 1900
	Nicholas Maddox	17 FE 1900
Ed. & Ella Maddox	Eva Hunt	15 OC 1889
	Will "	29 SE 1891
E.M. & Kate Hunt	Albert "	24 OC 1893
	John "	26 JL 1895
Jas. & Manda Hill	Perry "	6 JA 1897
	Bessie Hill	30 JL 1891
Albert & Mattie McCracklin	Murl McCracklin	29 NO 1891
	Marvin "	16 NO 1893
Jas. & Fannie Dixon	Ruby Dixon	18 JA 1896
	Roy "	28 SE 1898
Dave Swan	Artie "	8 AU 1900
	Lee Swan	1 NO 1890
Sterling Arnold	Eva Arnold	29 AP 1892
	Della Prichit	18 MY 1889
L.L. Prichit	Jno. Stokes	3 MY 1889
	Minnie "	7 MR 1894
W.L. Stokes	Lonzo "	8 JE 1900
	Melvin Bethel	8 MR 1894
Jno. & Ella Bethel	Arthur "	22 FE 1896
	Georgia "	9 JL 1898
Thos. Stewart	Ottie "	16 FE 1900
	Clara Stewart	24 FE 1892
Eddie "	Eddie "	18 MY 1895
	Dewey "	27 JA 1898
J.C. Hite	Sam Hite	30 OC 1889
	Lee Howell	19 SE 1899
G.Y. & Matilda Johnston	Mary Johnston	14 NO 1892
	Wm. H. "	13 NO 1895
Arthur Huddleston	Hiram L. "	31 OC 1897
	Susan "	3 FE 1900
Robt. & Mollie Vincent	Minnie Meadows	30 AU 1889
	Lonzo Vincent	18 NO 1901
Elisha & Julia Browning	Shelby Browning	18 MY 1901
	Rosella Whitson	3 DE 1898
Chas. Whitson	Lucy Martin	16 OC 1889
	Barnum Cornelius	15 MY 1892
A.J. & Lucy Martin	Walter Vinson	29 JA 1892
	Ora "	20 AU 1895
M.L. Cornelius	Mamie "	30 AU 1899
	Elmer "	6 JE 1900
Dave & Mildred Vinson	Carrie Boggess	11 FE 1890
	Falls Woodruff	9 JA 1890
Jesse Boggess	Lucas "	19 SE 1892
	Richard "	25 JA 1895
A.J. Woodruff	Walter Browning	14 OC 1890
	B.L. Maxwell	18 AU 1892
A.J. Browning	Delia Lock	10 OC 18--
	Brinton "	17 JA 1---
J.W. Maxwell	Cecil Fox	2 OC 19--
	Willie Hogan	20 SE 1900
Will Lock	Beula Lacy	22 SE 1889
	Earl Whobrey	16 AU 1891
Chas. & Clara Fox	Arthur "	29 DE 1893
	Jno. "	15 JL 1897
Bob & Martha Hogan	Susie Smith	2 MY 1890
	Rosa Creek	1900
Paul Lacy	Bertha Edgar	17 NO 1893
	Clifford "	9 JL 1895
J.P. & Ida Whobrey	Rosa "	2 AP 1902
	Walter Westerfield	20 AP 1902
Lee Smith	Pearl Cornelius	22 NO 1897
	Gracie "	25 JE 1900
Willie & Josie Creek	Herman Hopkins	15 AP 1891
	Mary Spinks	4 MY 1891
Geo. Edgar	Corbit "	29 OC 1893
	Blanchie "	21 MR 1895
W.D. & Nelia Westerfield	Arthur "	6 JE 1899
	V.P. & Media Cornelius	
J.D. & Vianna Spinks		

Continued GRAHAM SCHOOL

Parent or Guardian	Names of Children	Date of Birth
Wash Downey	Earl Sisk	14 SE 1893
Henry & Ellen Gatlin	Georgia Gatlin	3 SE 1896
	Jewell "	10 MY 1898
	Thos. Mabrey	15 SE 1889
	Albert Duncan	22 SE 1889
Nannie Fox	Clara Fox	15 AP 1901
Elmer Lovell	Raymond Lovell	7 NO 1900
L.T. & Ida Miller	Jessie Miller	5 MY 1899
	Price "	17 NO 1900
Will & Lula Ragon	Naoma Ragon	10 FE 1902
Bob & Stella Vincent	Evertt Vincent	17 AP 1902
C.M. Kaphart	Eddie Kaphart	3 JL 1890
Joe Lock, Sr.	Sidney Keath	10 JE 1894
	Mary Ann Lock	29 DE 1897
J.C. & Minnie Wakeland	Essie Wakeland	2 MR 1894
	Granville "	26 AP 1896
	Beatrice "	16 JL 1890
Joe Shaw	Lena Shaw	10 AP 1902
H. Saddler	Walter Saddler	15 OC 1897
	Ada Saddler	6 AU 1899
	Murtie "	15 JE 1902
Nick & Maud Rose	Oda Rose	15 AP 1900
Arch & Maggie Pollock	Annie B. Pollock	8 SE 1893
	Harry "	19 AP 1896
	Arch " Jr.	14 NO 1898
	Edward "	15 NO 1901
Jno. P. & Lela Mosely	Annie B. Mosly	13 SE 1895
	G.R. Mosely	6 AP 1897
	G.W. "	10 MY 1899
	Mabel "	6 MY 1902
Maggie Reed	Effie Reed	15 NO 189-
Jno. & M.E. Hogan	Henry Hogan	30 SE 18--
	Jas. "	18 NO 189-
	Frank "	4 SE 1896
	Anthony "	18 SE 1898
	Clarence "	19 SE 1900
G.J. & L.E. Campbell	Maggie B. Campbell	4 JE 1890
R.W. & Annie Hooper	Lizzie Hooper	27 JE 1889
	Polly "	7 JE 1891
	Wallace "	9 AP 1896
J.P. & Lizzie Hawes	Lena Hawes	27 AU 1891
	Rosco "	1 DE 1899
	Roy "	25 OC 1901
A. & Charlotte Forester	Armstrong Forester, Jr.	14 JE 1896
	Charlotte "	5 DE 1894
	Ralph "	22 JA 1900
Nicholas Swan	Rachel Swan	3 NO 1889
	Annie "	16 DE 1891
	Willie "	31 AU 1892
	Harry "	28 JA 1896
E.P. & Josie Richardson	Jennie Richardson	21 JA 1894
	Annie "	26 DE 1896
	Ellen "	20 MR 1902
West & Cmlie Bethel	Ora Bethel	12 OC 1896
	Oma "	5 AP 1899
	Willie "	21 FE 1901
Chas. & Ethel Wilkeson	Chas. Wilkeson	20 MR 1889
	Ethel "	10 JL 1890
G.E. & A.R. Todd	Garnette Todd	15 DE 1891
	Ashley "	18 JA 1896
	Willie "	4 MY 1891
	Farry "	11 OC 1900
F.E. & M.A. Vinson	R.D. Vinson	27 AU 1891
	Cecil "	27 AU 1891
	Thomas "	24 SE 1893
Jno. & N.Y. Vinson	Fay Vinson	22 JA 1896
	Hazel "	23 AP 1898
	Jno. E. " Jr.	28 SE 1901
Will & Lula Ragon	Goldene Ragon	20 JL 1899
	Willie Ragon	16 AP 1900
Chas. & Fanny Jennings	Corbit Jennings	30 JL 189-
E.M. & Ella Duncan	Olga J. Duncan	18 MR 1899
G.W. & Sallie Vaughen	Glennie Vaughen	30 MR 1889
	Lawrence "	31 JL 1898
	Lillie May "	13 MR 1899
Jno. & M. Woodruff	Gabe Woodruff	20 SE 1889
	Corbet "	1 MR 1900
	Barney Keeling	16 AU 1892
U.S. & Ella Brown	Rufus Brown	16 JA 1892
	Bettie "	11 AP 1895
	Lucian "	22 MR 1899
	Alvis "	6 JA 1900
Thos. & Laura Majors	Willie Majors	28 NO 1892
	Lizzie "	21 AU 1894
	Arthur "	29 AU 1896
	Elmer "	15 JL 1899

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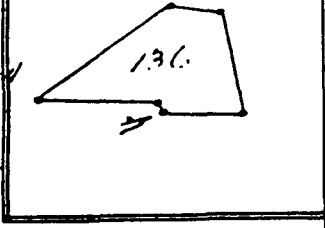
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James Willis
Joshua Elkins CC

John McDonald D.S.
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State of Kentucky, Muhlenberg County.
Pursuant to a County Court Certificate
No. 522 I have admeasured and laid
out to Joshua Elkins, Junr. one hundred
and thirty six acres of land on
the waters of Pond River, Caney Creek
Beginning on a white oak and
Dogwood running south 100 poles to a stake
by land located for William. Thence with the
line of said land N78 E. 140 poles to a beech
thence N36 W. 180 poles to a white oak and
Beech. Thence S1 W. 136. poles to Joshua
Elkins Sr. corner of his original survey. Thence
with a line of said survey S70 W 16 poles to
the beginning, and hath such firm as the
above plot represents, Surveyed the 6th day
of November 1805

James Willis
Joshua Elkins } CC

John McDonald D.S.
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State of Kentucky, Muhlenberg County.
 Pursuant to a County Court Certificate No. 237. I have
 admeasured and laid out with Joshua Elkins, Sr. one hundred and
 seventy two acres of land on Caney a branch of Pond River,
 beginning on a Sugar Tree running S28 W36 poles to a Spanish
 Oak, then S10 W200 poles to a Sugar Tree and White Oak, then S80
 E92 poles to a White Oak and Dogwood, thence N63 E100 poles to a
 White Oak and Sugar Tree, then S35 E10 poles to a White Oak and
 --- wood, then N78 E60 poles to a stake Joshua Elkins, Jr.
 corner, then N100 poles to a White Oak and Dogwood, Joshua
 Elkins, Jr. beginning corner, then with Joshua Elkins former
 survey S70 W164 poles to an Ash and Sugar Tree corner of said
 survey, thence N20 W148 poles to the beginning and hath such
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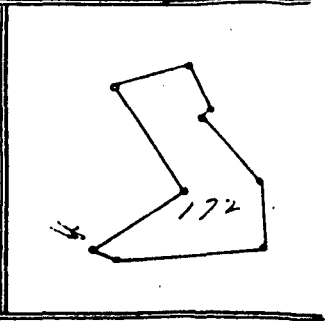
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 Thomas Price CC

John McDonald D.S.
 Alney McLean S.M.C.

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 Muhlenberg County KY.

State of Kentucky, Muhlenberg County.
 Pursuant to a County Court Certificate
 No. 237. I have admeasured and
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 Sr. one hundred and seventy two
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 of Pond River beginning on a
 Sugar Tree running S28 W36 poles to a Spanish
 Oak then S10 W200 poles to a Sugar Tree
 and White Oak then S80 E92 poles to
 a White Oak and dogwood stake N63
 E100 poles to a White Oak and sugar
 tree then S35 E10 poles to a White Oak and
 Iron Wood then N78 E60 poles to a stake
 Joshua Elkins Jr. corner then N100 poles



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to a white oak and dogwood Joshua Elkins Jr.
 beginning corner. then with Joshua Elkins former
 survey S70 W164 poles to an Ash and Sugar Tree
 corner of said survey, then N20 W148 poles to
 the beginning, and hath such firm as the
 abin plot represents surveyed 6th November 1805
 William Grable
 Thomas Price (CC)
 John McDonald D.S.
 Alney McLean S.M.C.

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Muhlenberg County Sct. Surveyed 27th February 1807 for Micogah Wells, 300 acres of land by virtue of a County Court Certificate No. 632. On Long Creek, beginning at Sugar Tree, Hickory Beech, Rice Bullock's Military Line, running thence S45 West 260 poles to two Sugar Trees and White Oak, thence S10 E76 poles to Black Walnut and Hickory, John McKinnies line, thence with the same N60 E56 poles to White Oak to said McKinnies corner, thence with the same S30 E200 poles to a Sugar Tree, thence N30 East 78 poles to a White Oak thence N8 E74 poles to Hickory and Sugar Tree, thence N40 E60 poles to three White Oaks on said Bullock's Military Line, thence with the same N21 W220 poles to the beginning.

Micajah Wells
Sam Casey CC

J.J. Rughs D.L.M.C.
Alney McLean S.M.C.

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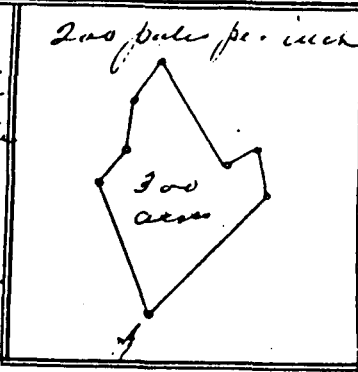
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Muhlenberg County KY

Muhlenberg County Sct
 Surveyed 27th February 1807 for Micogah
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 of a County Court Certificate No. 632
 On Long Creek beginning at
 Sugar Tree Hickory Beech Rice
 Bullock's Military Line. Running
 thence S45 West 260 poles to
 two Sugar Trees and White Oak thence
 N60 E76 poles to Black Walnut and Hickory,
 John McKinnies line thence with the
 same N60 E56 poles to White Oak to said
 McKinnies corner. Thence with the same
 S30 E200 poles to a Sugar Tree thence
 N30 East 78 poles to a White Oak thence
 N8 E74 poles to Hickory and Sugar Tree
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 on said Bullock's Military Line. Thence with
 the same N21 W220 poles to the beginning.

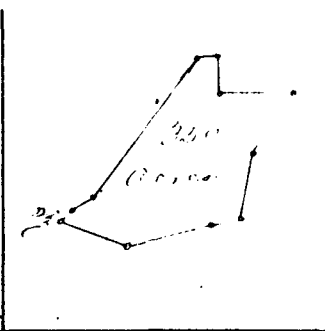
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 Sam Casey CC Alney McLean S.M.C.



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Surveyed for Frederick Unsel 350 acres of
land, by virtue of certificate from
the County Court of Muhlenberg County,
and being on the east side of Pond
Creek and bounded as follows
Beginning at two white oaks John
B. Smith's corner, running N 20 W
35 poles to a beech and sugar
Henry Unsel's corner, thence with his
line S 45 W and past his corner 293
poles to three white oaks and sugar
tree on Sever's line, thence N 5 E
with the said line 33 poles to two
white oaks on Jackson's line, thence
with the same S 85 E 60 poles to the
corner a hickory and black oak, thence
N 5 E with the said line 120 poles to
a white oak and sugar tree, thence
S 47 E 122 poles to two white oaks,
thence S 6 E 32 poles to John B. Smith's
corner two white oaks, thence the
same course continued with the said
line 140 poles to William Smith's
corner, thence S 25 W with Smith's
line 120 poles to a stone, thence
N 28 W 36 poles to the beginning.



Surveyed for Frederick Unsel, 350 acres of land, by virtue of a Certificate from the County Court of Muhlenberg, lying and being on the east side of Pond Creek and bounded as follows, Beginning at two white oaks John B. Smith's corner, running N 20 W 35 poles to a beech and poplar Henry Unsel's corner, thence with his line S 45 W and past his corner 293 poles to three white oaks and sugar tree on Sever's line, thence N 5 E with the said line 33 poles to two white oaks on Jackson's line, thence with the same S 85 E 60 poles to the corner a hickory and black oak, thence N 5 E with the said line 120 poles to a white oak and sugar tree, thence S 47 E 122 poles to two white oaks, thence S 6 E 32 poles to John B. Smith's corner two white oaks, thence the same course continued with the said line 140 poles to William Smith's corner, thence S 25 W with Smith's line 120 poles to a stone, thence N 28 W 36 poles to the beginning.

January the 23rd 1803
Henry Unsell
James Unsell

Alney McLean, S.M.C.

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DEVINE GRACE

SAMUEL DEVINE (DEVINEY) appears in the 1840 census. Does anyone have any information on him? Is he the brother of NANCY, wife of HENRY GRACE AND JANE, wife of GREENBERRY GRACE? J.D. Trabue, 5720 N. Belt W., Ste. 34-118, Belleville, IL. 62223.

SISK RISTEN/WRISTEN DAVIS SKIDMORE

Seek death date, burial place of LEONA SISK, b. 1816, Madisonville, Hopkins Co. KY, m. to ELIJAH RISTEN/WRISTEN, 1832 by Rev. TIMOTHY SISK, Flat Creek Baptist Church, Morton's Gap. In 1850 Muhlenberg Co. KY census, LEONA was listed with ELIJAH and 8 children. Eighth child, RUFUS WRISTEN, born May 1850; may have died then. ELIJAH remarried Nov. 1850 to NANCY SISK DAVIS, then MARY SKIDMORE. So LEONA must have died between May and Nov. 1850. Would like to know which SISK family LEONA was from. Sophie Fisher, 5423 S. Dyewood Dr., Flint, MI. 48532-3328.

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