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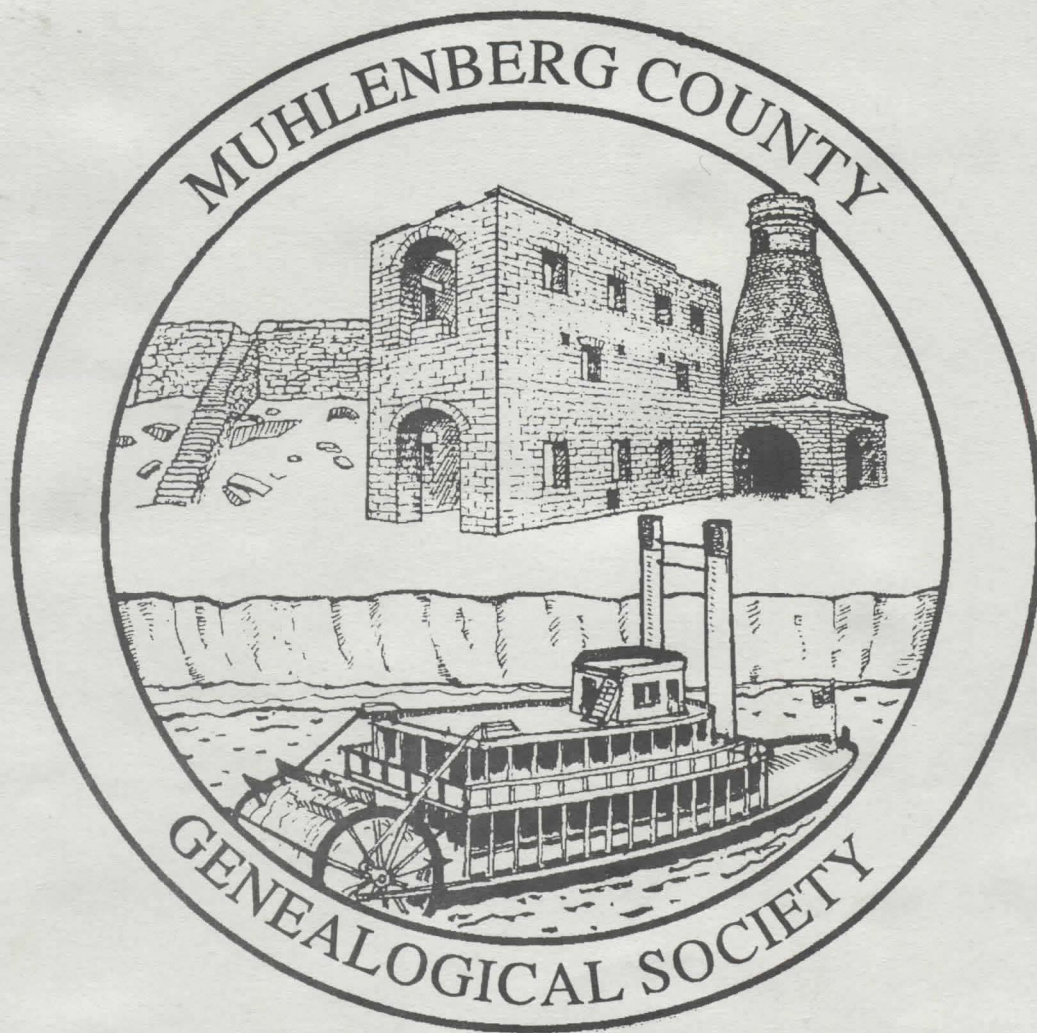
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CENTRAL CITY

It grew up around a horse mill beginning in 1870.

Few know or would believe that the town was once named for a small, one-horse-power mill not unlike the old fashioned sorghum mills of today.

The forerunner of Central City began about 1870 on a farm which was owned by John **STROUD** and included two farms which were owned by Charles S. **MOREHEAD** and Joseph **SETTLE**. The village grew up around the business of **MOREHEAD**'s horse mill. The old mill, having served the people well, disappeared about 1872.

Horse mills in those days were small grist mills that operated in locations where there was no water power available. Normally it takes a fall (head) of ten feet or more of water to power a mill. These mills worked much as a sorghum mill of today, with the horse or whatever animal was used, traveling around in a circle and pulling a large pole that was attached to a shaft that drove the mill. The mills were of small capacity and there were a number of them scattered around the county. A by-product of these mills was the threshing of wheat and other small grains that were sometimes carried out by placing proportionate bundles of the grain down where the animal walked and allowing it to be trampled (threshed). It was a poor system compared to methods used now, but had to suffice, in some instances, then. This was in the days before railroad (1871).

"An act to establish and incorporate the town of Stroud City" was approved by the state legislature on April 19, 1873. Legislative acts regarding the regulation of the new town were passed March 17, 1876 and April 24, 1880. By a law approved February 11, 1882, the town name was changed to Central City.

It is interesting to note that when the first post office was approved for the village on August 7, 1871, it was given the name of Owensboro Junction. George G. **SHAVER** was the first postmaster. On August 21, 1872, Willis **KITTINGER** became the second postmaster. Then, seven years later, on July 15, 1879, John W. **HUDSON** was appointed postmaster. On February 24, 1880, Joseph **ALCORN** became the postmaster and the name was changed to Stroud City. On April 10, 1882, the name was changed again to Central City.

It should be pointed out that in the course of history in Muhlenberg County, of the dozens of post offices that have come and gone, it often occurred that the town name used by the residents and the name given to the post office were different. Penrod, Belton, and Rosewood are examples. In each case, however, the difference was eventually resolved, giving the post office and the town the same name.

By 1876, there were a few houses along the Greenville and South Carrollton road as it was called then. It was a dirt road and until about 1888, the principal business part of Central City was along the road, then known as Water Street.

A new hotel, the Sandusky House, was opened in 1878. It was run by Captain William H.H. SANDUSKY and was, for more than 25 years one of the best known hotels along the line of the Illinois Central Railroad.

The Owensboro and Russellville (later L&N) Railroad was completed from Owensboro to Central City in 1872 and the final leg from Central City to Russellville was finished ten years later in 1882. The fact that the Elizabethtown and Paducah (later the IC) Railroad had been completed in 1870 and the two lines crossed in Central City, made the village a center of trade and travel, and gave the location a bright future.

It is believed that the name, "Owensboro Junction" was tacked on as the first section of the O&R line was completed from Owensboro to the town. It was sometimes a practice of the railroad companies to name the depot whatever they chose—as in the case of Luzerne (after someone objected to the first name "Welling") and Belton.

The first station of the IC at Central City was a boxcar located where the two lines crossed. Later, in 1910, a joint depot, serving both railroads was built in the southwest corner where the rails intersected.

On December 17, 1885, Joseph H. SHORT became the postmaster. The first newspaper published in Central City was the ARGUS, founded by R.Y. THOMAS, Jr. in 1884. During the same year Thomas Coleman DUPONT bought the plant and established the Central City REPUBLICAN, which continued until 1909. Its last three editors were John LAWTON, Z.D. KING and E.E. RENO. In 1889 the Central City HERALD was started by R.Y. THOMAS, Jr. and after changing hands a number of times, was discontinued about 1894.

The first Catholic church in Central City was built in 1886 by the Reverend M.F. MELODY, then stationed at Leitchfield. His title was priest-in-charge.

On March 15, 1889 William E. FOWLER became the sixth postmaster of the village. Moses R. GLENN was selected as the next postmaster on March 24, 1893.

The first elections for town mayor was held in 1892 and Dr. J.L. MCDOWELL defeated Thomas Coleman duPONT in what has been called the most important election ever held in the town or this county. After losing the race, duPONT left the county and later became head of the giant DUPONT company at Wilmington, Delaware. Some felt his departure was a great loss to this area.

The first city government was set up in 1893, when MCDOWELL took office and consisted of a mayor, six councilmen, secretary, police judge, city attorney and marshal.

During 1895, E.E. RENO and W.R. BARRETT began publishing the Central City SUN.

On June 9, 1897, Jesse K. FREEMAN became the postmaster of the village.

By 1898, the town population was about 1,500 and the place

was showing good promise of becoming a considerable manufacturing point.

Several important industries were located in town by that time, notably **HIRAM** Blow & Company, stave works; the **J.T. JARVIS** and Sons brick works; **T.Q. FORTNEY**, planing mill; the Central Coal and Iron Company; two grist mills; a marble shop; sawmill; a saddlery and a blacksmith shop. In 1898, there was a free school system with two school building, six churches, and three hotels, the Paxton, Commercial, and the Railroad, plus a boarding house run by Mrs. **NOFSINGER**.

The Central City Deposit Bank was doing a good business and the town had three physicians: Drs. **J.L.** and **J.W. MCDOWELL** and Dr. **M.P. CREEL**.

The water system had been built with the water supply coming from Gren River, twomiles away. A new pumping station was built at the river, from which water was transferred to the city reservoir (on Reservoir Hill) and hence to the town and its industries.

The **HIRAM** Blow & Company wood industries (which had moved there in 1896) was very important to the Central City area. The company made tight barrell staves of which there was a capacity of twenty thousand staves per day. Whiskey, oil, tierce (all sizes), pork and syrup barrel staves were made there. The company had a specialty of a superior grade of white oak barrel staves.

The offices of the Central Coal & Iron Company was located on lower Broad Street. Banner **COLEMAN** was president, and **R.R. HATHAWAY**, vice-president, **S. COLEMAN**, secretary and Hywel **DAVIS** general manager. The company was the largest producer of coal in Green River Valley in 1900. The firm had helped to found Central City and next to the railroads, was the town's most important industry.

The first mine in Central City had been the John **HENRY** Mine. It was located at the end of West Third Street. Next was the **GALENA** Mine which was just out of town on KY 70 (later acquired by Central Coal & Iron) and the Central Coal & Iron Company's operation, situated on the hill behind where **SMITH** Brothers Supply is now located.

The **GALENA** Mine was allowed to work prisoners, who were brought from Eddyville for that purpose.

There was, in the early days of this century, a cigar factory in town where the cigars were rolled by hand, which was the custom in those days. **ROSE** and **EL LUPIS** were the brand names produced.

There were two brick kilns in town about that time, one on Ninth Street and one on Park Street. It had been said that most of the brick for the downtown building came from the Ninth Street brickyard.

Around 1904 or 1905 a tomato canning factory was started in Central City. It was located east of the Fairmont Cemetery and was short lived due to the lack of confidence of the people in the sanitary conditions of the plant. It went out of business and left no trace of ever having been there.

Central City has been the largest town in Muhlenberg County

and starting in 1903 it was the place in the county where the sales of intoxicants were permitted.

In 1900, E.E. **RENO** and Dr. M.P. **CREEL** began the Muhlenberg County NEWS, which was published until 1905, when the Central City REPUBLICAN was re-established and bought their plant.

The Muhlenberg ARGUS was launched September 20, 1906, with Leo **FENTRESS** as editor. He served in that capacity for a few years. In November, 1912, that weekly was changed to the Twice-a-week ARGUS.

The Farmers and Miners ADVOCATE, published in Central City by James D. **WOOD** for several years, was discontinued in 1908. The Muhlenberg BAPTIST, edited by the Reverend F.M. **JONES**, was also printed in Central City from 1906-1908.

The year was 1906 and it will be remembered as the year of the San Francisco earthquake and fire. At the time, Kentucky had only 119 counties. McCreary County hadn't been formed yet and Central City, by that name, was only 24 years old.

J.C.W. **BECKHAM** was governor of the commonwealth and on Feb. 22, of that year, John M. **VICK** was appointed the twelfth postmaster of the village now called Central City. **VICK** stayed on the job until June 20, 1910, when Jess K. **FREEMAN**, Jr. took over the postmastership.

FREEMAN was secretary of the Commerical Club at the time and it was a forerunner of the chamber of commerce that followed.

By 1907, the Owensboro and Russellville branch of the L&N Railroad started running excursions out of Central City to Owensboro. These sellout trips were the popular thing to do on the weekend.

It was about this time that T.Q. **FORTNEY**, a planing mill operator, installed an electrical power generation plant to produce and sell electricity to the residents of the town.

The mayor of Central City then was W.D. **MCELHINNEY**, who served from 1906 to 1910.

The doctors of the town then were: Dr. J.P. **WALTON**, Dr. Floyd K. **FOLEY**, Dr. J.T. **WOODSON**, Dr. Sept **TAYLOR**, Dr. M.P. **CREEL**, Dr. Clarence **WOODBURN**, Dr. **TYLSDLEY**, Dr. **BOHANNON**, Dr. Jo **FERGUSON**, and Dr. Brank **SLATON**.

On August 15, 1914, Moses F. **MOORE** was appointed postmaster and held the job for 10 years and until relieved by John P. **LAWTON** on January 17, 1924.

The police chiefs (they were called town marshalls in the beginning) were; J.R. **WOOTEN**, 1894 to 1902; J.L. **JENKINS**, 1902; J.D. **LANGLEY**, Bryant **WILCOX**, T.L. **ROLL**, Jesse E. **FLETCHER**, Jess Hugh **WILLIAMS**, J.R. **WOOTEN**, 1920; N.J. **CROWE**, John **MAGANN**, 1926; Forrest **BIBB**, J.C. **SMITH** (killed in September 1931); U.H. **GISH**, C.P. **SHANN**, John **MAGANN**, O.K. **DILLINGHAM**, R.B. **KENNEDY**, Charles **WILLIAMS**, Tom **GOSSETT**, Homer **DUKES**, Jay **DUKES**, Paul **MCKNIGHT**, J. Mitchell **STEELE**, Jim Bob **WILSON**, 1961-1971; and Keith **NUNNLEY**. Present policemen (1984) are Charles **FIELDS**, Billy **FIELDS**, George **DREA**, John T. **SCOTT**, Scott **ANDERSON** and Charles **SHINGLEDECKER**.

The police judges of Central City have been: R.L. **HENDRICKS**, 1894; B.F. **CREEK**, 1896; R.L. **HENDERSON**, 1902; R.B. **BULBERSON**, 1900; D.T. **HILL**, H.E. **COCHE**, 1920; John T. **MAY**, J.P. **LAWTON**, Fulton **YOUNG**, H.E. **COCHE**, 1942 (Judge **COCHE** died in office); C.E. **SHADOWEN** served

out Judge **COCHE**'s term; **H.S. MILLARD** and **Jean CAMPBELL**, 1958 to 1978. The police judges were abolished when the new court system took effect. Now these cases go before the district judge.

The mayors and their year of election are: **Dr. J.L.MCDOWELL** 1894; **Dr. M.P.CREEL**, 1898; **Dr.W.R.MCDOWELL**, 1902; **W.D. MCELHINNEY**, 1907; **Dr. J.T. WOODBURN**, 1911; **C.W. WELLS**, 1915; **Dr.W.R.MCDOWELL**, 1918; **Ed FROST**, (mayor pro-term), 1921; **Lonnie JACKSON**, 1922; **R.L. BENNETT**, 1925; **Dr. J.L. MCDOWELL**, 1926; **C.W.WELLS**, 1930; **Freeman HERSCHBERG**, 1934; **E.C. MASON**, 1938; **S.O. SEARS**, 1940; **S.O. SEARS**, 1944; **Charles WINKLER**, 1946; **Albert HARDING**, 1950; **S.H. GREEN**, 1954; **H.S. MADDOX**, 1956; **L.B.MCCANDLESS**, 1958; **R.H. WHEELDON**, 1962; **James HAYES**, 1966; **C.G.BASTIN**, 1968; **C.G.BASTIN**, 1972; **C.G.BASTIN**, 1976; **Donald GARRETT**, 1978; **John A. LILE**, 1980; **John A. LILE**, 1982-1984.

The last regular Illinois Central passenger train left Central City on January 30, 1957. This was a great blow to the townspeople as the train had been running since the line was completed in 1870, a period of more then 87 years. Then the real shock came in 1960, when the roundhouse was torn down. That shop, more than anything else, had made Central City a railroad town.

After **John P. LAWTON**, **George L. WALLACE** was the next postmaster and he took office on May 24, 1932. In March, 1937, **John Leo FENTRESS, Sr.** became the postmaster. Then, fifteen years later on May 28, 1952, **William S. JENKINS** inherited the job. He was followed by **John Ralph LAWTON**, on December 8, 1953.

Eleven years later, on December 30, 1964 **Gayle LAKE** was appointed postmaster. Less than three years later, on May 8, 1967, **William S. JENKINS** became postmaster again. In 1974 **Kelly KANE** and **Harry SHAVER** served briefly, then on June 6, 1975, **E.F. OBRYAN** took over the postmastership. He was followed by **Robert G. CLAYPOOL**, who became postmaster on August 25, 1979. Finally, on July 10, 1981, **Olan REVELETTE** became the town's twenty-fourth postmaster. He is there in 1984.

Strolling in Central City, one misses the former stores of **Jonas RUBENSTEIN**, **Dave COHEN**, **Buddy BECKER**, **Ed HARVEY**, the **GISH Brothers**, **WALLACE's Harry STORER**, **Sherman FERGUSON**, **Tommy VILLINES** and other business leaders including: **Carroll ELLIS**, **Eugene ADKINS**, **Albert HARDING**, **Mrs. Adrain MCCREE**, **Colonel Carl A. REIS**, **J. Bryant LAWTON**, **S.C.** and **Pat GISH**, **Crandell BASTIN** and **Griff HEAD**.

Today, Central City has an estimated 5,500 people and some think the town has a future in coal (there's still deep coal) and oil, that some feel lies in the northern part of the county. As towns go Central City is young at 102 years. One old timer called it a "durable and resilient" place "that will always be here."

DUES

Membership dues for 1995 are to be paid in January. If you have not already paid your dues then do so soon. Thank You.

This article was taken from the Times-Argus paper, It appeared on August 6,1973 the Centennial Edition.

Dr. J.L.MCDOWELL was the first mayor of city.

Dr. J.L. MCDOWELL was born in Newmarket,Tn. on Feb.13,1860. His parents came through the Cumberland Gap in covered wagons when he was ten months old. The family settled in Kentucky, five miles from Hartford in Ohio County. He attended the common schools there and went on to graduate from the University of Louisville.

In 1886 he took his degree of doctor of medicine from Vanderbilt University in Nashville,Tn. and moved to Central City to practice medicine. At that time the town was still known as Morehead's Horse Mill, even though the name had been officially changed to Stroud City. Dr. Jim, as he was affectionately known, married Anna FRISZ, known as "Miss Anne." This same Mrs. MCDOWELL, was the first woman in Central City to hold a job. Before her marriage, she was employed as a cashier at the Central City Coal and Iron Co. for the salary of \$10.00 a month. In those days the job of cashier required the use of a device for getting change that worked on a strand of wire. A cup was attached to the wire that would run up to the office with the bill and return with the change in much the same manner as the vacuum devices presently used in modern stores.

Dr. MCDOWELL became the town's first mayor in 1892, when he defeated T. Coleman DUPONT for the office. He served a second term starting in 1926, during which term the present city building was completed. This second term lasted only two years, at which time the unexpired term of Lonnie JACKSON was finally up, and a new election was held.

Dr. MCDOWELL was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. He died in 1938, leaving his wife and three children: Bill,Bizz and Imelda.

In his 78 years, Dr. MCDOWELL saw Central City grow from a small village into a regular town. The population of the county when he arrived in 1890 was 15,000. At his death in 1938, the population was nearly 40,000.

Dr. Milton P. CREEL was second mayor of city.

Dr. Milton P. CREEL, one of the leading physicians of Muhl. CO., was born October 8,1851 near Atlanta,Ga. He is the eldest of nine children born to Newton and Treacy J.(BALLINGER)CREEL, natives of Fayette and Troup counties,Georgis, respectively, of French and English origin.

Dr.CREEL was reared on a farm and received a limited education. He did not attend school after nine years of age on account of the war.(Civil War).

At 16 he worked in the railway shops of Selma,Ala. for

three years, then in a baker shop two years, then in the drug business for about three or four years at Warrior, Ala. He then engaged in peddling for five years in Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi. In 1880 he attended lectures at Louisville Medical College and graduated in the spring of 1883. He located in Central City, where he has since been successfully engaged. In 1877 he took charge of an engine for Central Coal and Iron Co. for one year.

He was married on Dec. 21, 1875 to Martha C. **PRINCE** of Calhoun County, Ala. Dr. **CREEL** had born to him three children: Charles H. Daisy J. and William B.

The doctor is a member of the F&AM and K of P.

Dr. **CREEL** was the town's second mayor, serving from 1898 to 1902. The doctor, a great lover of animals, always kept a menagerie around the house. His home stood on the lot now occupied by **WATKINS** Burger Whip and had a large pond off to the side. **DENNIS** Market sits on the old pond bed.

Dr. W.R. **MCDOWELL**, mayor 1902-1906

Dr. W.R. **MCDOWELL** was born July 31, 1852 in Jefferson Co. Tn. and is the eldest of eight boys and three girls born to Mahlon P. and Harriet (**TALLY**) **MCDOWELL**, also natives of Jefferson Co. TN.

Dr. **MCDOWELL** was reared on a farm, attended the common school and lived with his father until the age of 24. He moved with his father to Ohio County, Ky in 1860. In 1878 Dr. **MCDOWELL** engaged in the drug business at McHenry with his brother. In November of the same year he moved his stock to Central City, where he has since been engaged; a part of the time he sold goods through the county. In the meantime he studied medicine, attended the Medical College at Nashville, Tn. in 1879-1880 and graduated in the spring of 1883 from the Louisville Medical College. He has been engaged since in Central City in the practice of his profession, meeting much success. He has also an interest in a drug store.

He was married Dec. 2, 1883 to Bettie **CLAGETT** of Grayson County, Ky., a daughter of Thomas and Jane (**DEWELS**) **CLAGETT**.

Dr. **MCDOWELL** was known by all as "Dr. Bill." His brother, Dr. J.L. **MCDOWELL**, who was Central City first mayor, was known as "Dr. Jim." Both men were well loved by the community.

Dr. Bill was mayor from 1902 to 1906. He served another short term as mayor pro tem in 1917. A member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, he died in 1928.

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BROWDER

A vigorous coal mining town

Browder has had its share of good times, bad times, and sad times.

"The village is withered and weathered but will always be there on account of the hardy folks who live there." The speaker was Ben TOPMILLER, SR., mayor of Greenville and former resident of Browder, which he is describing.

The first person to settle in what was later to become the Browder community, was Henry RHOADS, who named the county after his commanding officer in the Revolutionary War, General John Peter Gabriel MUHLENBERG.

RHOADS built a house of sturdy yellow poplar near Browder in 1795, which (a part of) is still standing, making it the oldest existing house in Muhlenberg County. RHOADS died in 1814.

The site at that time was a part of Logan County.

In 1798, a few years after settling in the area, Henry RHOADS became a member of the State Legislature and on December 14, of that year an act was passed creating a new county out of parts of Christian and Logan. It was Henry RHOADS who proposed and secured the name of Muhlenberg for this latest county.

Throughout the 19th century the Browder area was mostly farmland. In the early 1880's the Owensboro and Russellville Railroad, later a part of the L & N system, was built. Coal mines were opened along the main tract and William A. WICKLIFFE, a Greenville banker and lawyer, began operations at the Browder mine in 1903. The town was built and a post office established on June 5, 1905. James Ed REYNOLDS was selected as the first postmaster.

REYNOLDS died in early October, 1908, and John D. LONGEST became the town's second postmaster on October 31, 1908.

The mine had changed hands that February 1, 1910, when an explosion deep underground killed 34 miners. The Elk Valley Coal Company had taken possession of the mine at the time but eventually sold it back to the WICKLIFFE family (who retained it until it was closed in 1952).

In those days Browder was a close-knit, one-company town that depended almost entirely on the Owensboro and Russellville Railroad for most of its supplies, outgoing coal, general freight and passenger transportation. Mail for the Rochester, Ennis and

Beech Creek was also picked up at Browder.

About that time two more passenger trains daily, were added to the O and R line, bringing the number of daily trains to four. It was a real break for shoppers and visitors who wished to go to Owensboro and Russellville. They could leave for either town in the morning and return in the afternoon.

On February 1, 1910, at about 11:30 in the morning the explosion that rocked Browder mine, was ruled to be a result of the igniting of methane gas that had accumulated in a portion of the mine that had not been worked for sometime. A crew of men had been put to work clearing out debris in the part of the operations with a view of the resumption of mining there.

All the men in that section, the west side, were either killed or badly burned, while about 60 men who were at work on the east portion all escaped without injury. Approximately 100 men were working that day.

After examining ten witnesses, a Muhlenberg County coroner's jury failed to learn the cause of the explosion and ruled: "Cause of the explosion not known." A state mine official later said it was caused by a powder keg being set off. It still ranks as one of the state's worst mine disasters ever.

On March 26, 1910, Henry Y. **CUNDIFF** became the third postmaster and that fall the job changed hands again when John T. **JONES** took over the position on October 1, 1910.

Then for his second time on the job and the town's fifth postmaster, John D. **LONGEST** took the office on September 4, 1914.

Again the town got a new postmaster on February 19, 1918, with George L. **LOVELL** on that job. He was the sixth postmaster and a little more than a year later, John D. **LONGEST** became postmaster for the third time, on June 6, 1919. This was the town's seventh postmaster.

The eighth postmaster for Browder was David U. **POOLE**, who took over on October 4, 1923. **POOLE** held the position for ten years until May 19, 1933, when William B. **WICKLIFFE** assumed the job. Under **WICKLIFFE**, Herbra **MARTIN** took over the duties of the office.

Finally Mrs J.B. (Tina Mae) **KIRTLEY** became the eleventh postmaster that same year and she remain in that office for the next 34 years until she retired on October 1, 1976.

Browder was a company town. Practically all homes and the company store were company owned and operated. Life changed little in style through the years. Browder had its fair share of characters, some were tolerated and few were feared. After a killing there in 1921, the town was fortunate to acquire a former county sheriff and a county deputy as residents and peace keepers. The town was made up, for the most part, of young men who worked hard and played hard and who sometimes played too hard.

As in all coal towns there were good times and bad times - times when coal sales were way down, resulting in little work. The Great Depression of the 1930's was a very low period for coal miners and the boom of World War II, when coal was required in great quantities for the war effort, was the best times when as many as 500 men worked at the mines.

Then, as if the community hadn't already had enough trouble in its 40-year history, a black funnel-shaped cloud and tornadic winds swept through Browder on the evening of March 15, 1942. *Ten Browder people lost their lives and 16 were injured in the sudden storm that lasted only seconds. All five members of the Lloyd FLEMING family were lost—husband, wife and three daughters.

Said one older resident at the time, "Browder has had enough tragedy in the past 40 years for a town ten times our size." He, of course, was speaking the truth.

Today, 1984, not much is left of the old Browder. The mining company buildings are all gone now except for some concrete foundations. The company store, poolroom and the railroad depot are long gone, along with a number of the shotgun houses and the lively voices that made them a living thing.

Some of the old family names of those who lived in Browder a generation and a half ago included: ALDRIDGE, ARNDELL, ARNOLD, ATCHISON, AUSTIN, AVERY, BAGGETT, BALINT, BALL, BAUGH, BARNETT, BARBEE, BECK, BELCHER, BOOTH, BROWN, BREWER, BURDEN, BEASLEY, BURKE, CATHER, CARTWRIGHT, CARROLL, CHUMLEY, CLARK, CRAFTON, COTTRELL, CRICK, CUMMINGS.

DAVIS, DAY, DEARMOND, DEVINE, DICKERSON, DOWNING, DOOM, DOOLIN, DULIN, DUKES, DURALL, DUVALL, DWYER, EADES, ELMORE, ESTES, EPLEY, ENGLER, EVITTS, FLEMING, FRAIZER, FINCH, FERRIS, FERGUSON, FULKERSON, FORGY, GAMBLIN, GRAHAM, GIBSON, GODSON, GIVENS, GREGORY, HAWKINS, HARRIS, HARDISON, HAFLEY, HANCOCK, HILL, HINES, HOCKER, HOLLAND, HOPE, HEDGEPATH, HUNT, JACKSON, JENKINS, JERNIGAN, JOHNSON, KELLY, KENNEDY, KUHN, KING, KIRBY KNIGHT, KIRTLEY, LATHAM, LESLIE, LEAR, LILE, LIVINGSTONE, LEWIS, LONGEST, MCCLEARN, MCELWAIN, MCGINLEY, MCNEILLY, MCKINNEY, MCCOY, MCKEE, MARTIN, MAHAN, MASSIE, MANN, MAYES, MEFFORD, MILLER, MOREHEAD, MORRIS.

NEAL, OLLER, O'NEAL, ORANGE, PARROTT, PAXTON, PELLOW, PLUMMER, POGUE, POOLE, POWELL, PUTNAM, PRICE, RADFORD, RANDOLPH, REED, REYNOLDS, REVELETT, RHOADS, RHODES, ROBERTS, ROCK, SAMPSON, SIMMS, SIMMONS, SHEPERD SHELTON, SMITH, SPARKS, STANLEY, STEELE, STEWART, STEVENS, STUART, SULLIVAN, SUMNER, SUTTON, SWYHEART, STEED, TAYLOR, TABB, TEAGUE, TERRY, THOMAS, TINSLEY, THOMPSON, TIPTON, TOPMILLER, TRAVIS, TUCKER, TURNER, VANLANDINGHAM, VAUGHT, WALKER, WALSH, WELLS, WHITNEY, WICKLIFFE, WILKERSON, WILSON, WINT, WIMBLEY, WOOD, WOODSON, AND YOUNG.

A few ranch style homes have been built on the old company store sites and some improvements have been made. Even the L&N railroad tracks that served as the town's main business and social artery have been taken up.

Today the Browder residents are made up of transient young miners who work in other communities and commute and coal min pensioners, who refuse to let the village die.

A former resident of the coal town, who grew up there said recently, "There is enough rich material of the stuff that life is made of to write a shelf of books on old Browder." Having known many of the people and the town's history, we would agree.

*Taken from the Greenville Leader March 19, 1942:

Tornado at Browder Kills 10 persons Monday:

Mr and Mrs Floyd FLEMING, daughters Joe Nell, 6; Sue, 9; Roberta, 8.

Mrs Don VANLANDINGHAM about 45, and her son Carlos.

Jo Ann BAGGETT, age 13, daughter of Clifford BAGGETT.

Ronald BAGGETT, eight months old, son of Edgar BAGGETT.

R.W. DEROYSTER, age 72, of Paradise.

Mr. Don KOON died a few hours later at hospital

The following was copied from the original Coroner's Inquest of the Browder Mine explosion that took place on Feb.1,1910. The inquest took place on Feb.3,1910 a Thursday. This was copied by Mary Emma Lovell.

BROWDER MINE EXPLOSION

Killed on Feb.1,1910 was Matt ALLEN, Ray BENNETT, Raymond BROWNING (B), Estill BROWNING (B), Will BERRY (B), Terry CASH (B), Estill CORNETT, Eugene CORNETT, John DUFFY (B), George DUFFY (B), Levy DURALL (B), Mack ENGLISH, Dudley EPSON, Alex HUGHES, (B), Obie JONES (B), Will JONES (B), Warner JOHNSON (B), Peter KELLY, Matthew LLOYD, Ben LESLIE, Ray MARTIN (B), Ezro MAYFIELD (B), Henry MASON (B), Will RENO (B), J.A. RICHARDSON, Hilas SPROLE (B), Columbus SPROLE (B), Alex SWEAT (B), Bud SMITH (B), J.R. THOMAS, Alex WILLIAMS, Jim WILLIAMS, Will WHITAKER.

Some of the witnesses: Tillman JORDON, Harry ANTHONY, John MURPHY, Harrison BORAH, Len SMITH, Floyd JERNIGAN, W.W. BRIDGES, E. REYNOLDS, Ellis REYNOLDS, Ellis REYNOLDS, J.E. PRICE, A.F. MCPHERSON.

This next list is of miners that was working in the mines the day of the explosion and was seen alive by the witnesses. Bill MILLER, Charley HALL, Ellis REYNOLDS, Tom BIRCH, Floyd AVERY, Lon EDWARDS, James STEEL, Pete KELLY, Ezro LLOYD, Walker JONES, John MURPHY, Amos ENGLISH, J.B. HOUSE, Tillman JORDON, Harrison BORAH, Harry ANTHONY, Lucien CORNETT, Len SMITH, W.A. WICKLIFFE, Frank LEE, Andrew HOGG, Mr. DAVIS, Evan DAVIS, Mr. AMBERCROMBY, Joe JAMES, George ESTIS, Walter JAMES, Vege GILLIAM, Ernest GILLIAM, Henry HALL, Sam BROWNING, Sam OATES, Harry BROWNING, Reuben ARNOLD, Phil LESLIE, Lou MOHON.

They following notice was sent to us by the Kentucky Historical Society. They need your help.

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The following death records first appeared in Vol.3 No.4 of "The Heritage" they had been copied in January,1934 from papers found in file boxes in the office of the Muhlenberg County Court Clerk. When printed in vol.3 they gave names and death dates,since they have turned up again we have copied them over with more information.They have been copied by Mary Emma Lovell, Katherine Jones and Laquita Arvin. They cause of death could not have been made possible with out the help of Dr. William R. McGhee a very special thanks goes out to him.

TEMPLETON,Josephine,(w) (f) Date of Death: Nov.20,1909 Cause of Death:Angina,Place of Death: Greenville,Ky.
EADES,Will (mrs) (w) (f) Date of Death: Nov 13,1909 Cause of Death:Albuminunis Place of Death: Muhlenberg County,Ky.
COLEMAN,Q.B. (w)(m) attorney Date of Death: March 6,1909 Cause of Death: abscess of liver Place of Death: Greenville,Ky.
LOVELL,Claud (w) (m) Date of Death: March 6,1909 Cause of Death Pneumonia Parent: George **LOVELL**.
SADDLER,Forrest(Mrs): (w) (f) Date of Death:April 22,1909 Cause of Death: ascites Place of Death: Muhlenberg County,Ky.
LOVELL,-----(w)(f) Born: Hopkins Co. Ky. Date of Death:May 16,1909,Cause of Death: meningitis,Parent: Lee **LOVELL**, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County,Ky.
BOBBITT,Geo.M.(w) (m) Date of Death: Nov. 22,1909,Place of Birth: Todd Co. Ky. Cause of Death: Nephritis,Place of Death: Greenville,Ky.
HAYES,Clarence B.(w) (m) Painter, Date of Death: Feb.10,1908, Cause of Death: TB Place of Death:Greenville,Ky Parent:I.H.**HAYES**
TOWNES,Mary,(w) (f) housekeeper,Age:70 Place of Birth:Va. widow,Date of Death: July 20,1908,Cause of Death:dysentery, Place of Death: Greenville,Ky
SUMMER,Wood,(w) (f) age:16 schoolgirl Date of Death:Aug.1,1908 Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever, Place of Death: Greenville,Ky Parents: Mr and Mrs Thomas **SUMMER**.
REYNOLDS,J.E. (w) (m) age 47 Coal operator Date of Death:Oct 9,1908 Cause of Death: Abscess trouble,Place of Death:Greenville Ky.Parents: J.T. and Louisa **REYNOLDS**.
OATES,J.Reynolds (w) (m) age 18,schoolboy,Date of Death:Oct 21,1908,Cause of Death: Scalded,Parents: J.M. and Mattie **OATES**. Place of Death:Greenville,Ky.
MARTIN,J.R. (w) (m) age: 63,Tobacco ?,Date of Death:Dec.3,1908, Cause of Death: Pneumonia,Place of Death: Greenville,Ky,Parent: Chris and Sarah **MARTIN** states that Chris was born in Hopkins County,Ky.
ELCHIDE,Pete Jr. (w) (m) age 18,coal miner,Date ofDeath:Dec.7, 1908,Cause of Death: Killed in Mines,Place of Death: Hillside, Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Pete **ELCHIDE**.
PATECH(?),Sarah,(w) (f) age 70, Date of Death: Dec.23,1908, Cause of Death: Senility,Place of Death: Muhlenberg County,Ky.
RETFERFORD,Mrs.Maggie: (w) (f) age 44,Date of Death: May 15.1909 Cause of Death: Pulmonary Tuberculosis, widow,washer woman,Place of Death: Drakesboro,Ky.
DRISCOLLBaby, (w) (f) Date of Death: Nov. 3,1909, Cause of Death: Stillborn , Place of Death: Drakesboro,Ky,Parents:

Van and Emma **DRISCOLL**.

WEEDMAN, Baby (w)(f) age 3 years, Date of Death: Jan. 20, 1907, Cause of Death: Whooping Cough, Place of Death: Luzerne Parents: Jim and Della **WEEDMAN**, Jim was born in Ohio County, Ky.

DEPOYSTER, Hulda, (w)(f) widow, age: 75 Date of Death: Feb. 12, 1907 Cause of Death: Old Age, Place of Death: Depoy, Ky.

STANLEY, Barney (Mrs), (w)(f) age: 50 Date of Death: Feb. 15, 1907, Cause of Death: Chronic Gastroenteritis, Place of Death: Depoy.

HENDRIX, Lois (w)(f) age: 41, Date of Death: May 8, 1907, Cause of Death: Poison, Place of Death: Depoy, Ky.

MCCOWN, Baby, (w)(m) Age: 7mo. Date of Death: June 25, 1907, Cause of Death: Summer Complaint, Place of Death: Depoy, Ky. Parents: Bryant and Hala **MCCOWN**.

DAVIS, Ray (w)(m) Age: 8mo. Date of Death: June 28, 1907, Cause of Death: Summer Complaint, Place of Death: Depoy, Ky, Parents: Harry and Verda **DAVIS**.

LOSTTUTTER, Baby (w)(m) age: 1yr. Date of Death: Aug 30, 1907, Cause of Death: Organic Heart Lesions, Place of Death: Depoy, Ky. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Helm **LOSTTUTTER**.

BAKER, Roy (w)(m) Age: 10mo. Date of Death: Nov. 15, 1907, Cause of Death: Chronic Gastritis, Place of Death: Luzerne, Ky. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne **BAKER**.

HANCOCK, Lula (w)(f) age: 26, Date of Death: Nov. 29, 1907, Cause of Death: Acute Mania, Place of Death: Depoy, Ky. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jim **HANCOCK**.

MITCHELL, Bell: (w)(f) age: 30, Date of Death: Nov. 14, 1907, Cause of Death: N/A, Place of Death: Muhl. Co. KY, Parents: Mr and Mrs D.W. **JERNIGAN**. She was a housewife.

HOWARD, Richard: (w)(m) age: 22, Farmer, Date of Death: Jan. 29, 1908, Cause of Death: Measles and Pneumonia, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: E.B. and Mallie **HOWARD**, both parents were born in Caldwell Co. Ky.

MILLET, Julia (w)(f) age: 25 Date of Death: Feb. 16, 1908, Cause of Death: Measles and Child Bed Fever, Place of Death: Muhlenberg Co. Ky.

MILLET, Calvin, (w)(m) Age: 2 yr. Date of Death: Feb. 20, 1908, Cause of Death: Measles and Pneumonia, Place of Death: Muhlenberg Co. Ky, Parents: Shelton and Julia **MILLET**, Parents born in Christian Co, Ky.

MILLET, Baby, (w)(f) Age: 12 days, Date of Death: Feb. 22, 1908, Cause of Death: Measles and Pneumonia, Place of Death: Muhlenberg Co. Ky, Parents: Shelton and Julia **MILLET**.

COTTON, Ralph: (w)(m) Age: 2yrs. Date of Death: Oct. 28, 1908, Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever, Place of Death: Todd Co. Ky Parents: Charles and Gertrude Cotton.

WOOD, Willie: (w)(m) Age: 35, Farmer, Date of Death: Apr. 4, 1908, Cause of Death: Heart Failure, Place of Death: Muhlenberg Co. Ky. Parents: Ba-k and Sarah **WOOD**. Both born in Tn.

EVITTS, Mando, (w)(f) Age: 20, Date of Death: June 19, 1908, Cause of Death: Measles and Pneumonia, Place of Death: Muhlenberg Co. Ky Parents: John and Parthenia **MACENTOSH**.

EVITTS, Baby (w)(f) Age: 3 Mo. Date of Death: June 30, 1908, Cause of Death: Summer Complaint, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: Ugean and Mando **EVITTS**.

NEWTON, Bula, (w) Age:11 months, (f) Date of Death: May 19, 1907, Cause of Death: Stomach Trouble, Place of Death: McLean County, Ky. Parents: W. and Isabel **NEWTON**. Mother born in Tenn.

CRAIG, Anna M., (w) (f) Date of Death: Dec 13, 1906, Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: Richard and Iona **CRAIG**.

Not Named (w) Age: 3 days, (m) Date of Death: May 8, 1906, Cause of Death: Unknown, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: Claud and Ethel **MERCER**. Mother born in Tenn.

BENTON, Ethel, Age: 5 yrs, (f) Date of Death: Feb. 5, 1906, Cause of Death: Gas Galis, Born in Todd County, Ky. Place of Death: Madisonville, Ky. Parents: J.W. and Addie **BENTON**, Father born in Tenn.

MONARCH, Harry, Age: 4 yrs. (m) Date of Death: October 8, 1906, Cause of Death: Brain Fever, Born in Daviss County, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: James and Lulu **MONARCH**.

PARK, Sonnie, (col) Age: 14 yrs. (m) Date of Death: Dec. 24, 1906, Cause of Death: Alcoholic, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: Wash and Kitty **PARK**.

FORD, Fannie B., Age: 34 yrs. (f) Date of Death: Aug. 25, 1907, Cause of Death: Consumption, Place of Death: W.S. and Mack **JOHNSON**.

MUNDY, Biddie B., Age: 11 yrs. (f) Date of Death: Nov. 4, 1907 Cause of Death: Pneumonia, Place of Death: Todd County, Ky. Parents: J.T. and E.G. **MUNDY**.

WILLIAMS, Eva, Age: 17 yrs. (f) Date of Death: June 18, 1907, Cause of Death: Consumption, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: R.M. and Angela **WILLIAMS**. Parents born in Tenn.

BONNETT, Mary C., Age: 2 yrs., Date of Death: June 24, 1907, Cause of Death: Unknown, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: R.B. and Mary E. **BONNETT**.

STEWART, R.S., Age: 76 yrs., (f) Date of Death: Sept. 8, 1906, Cause of Death: Stomach Trouble, Place of Death: Mississippi, Parents: W.M. and Eliza **HADEN**, Parents born in Mississippi.

Not Named, Born and died Nov 1906, Cause of Death: Not Known, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parent: J.V. **THOMAS**.

WYATT, Mrs. Ed, (f) Date of Death: June 1907, Cause of Death: Tuberculosis, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky.

MCFADDEN, George, (col), Age: 22 (m) Date of Death: April 27, 1907, Cause of Death: Tuberculosis, Born in Todd County, Ky. Place of Death: Greenville, Ky. Parent: Hannah **MCFADDEN**.

RICE, W.W., Age: 70 yrs. Farmer, Date of Death: June 27, 1907, Cause of Death: Dysentery, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky.

MOHON, Age 5 yrs. (m) Date of Death: Oct. 30, 1908, Cause of Death: Burn, Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Sid **MOHON**.

PUTMAN, E.R., Age: 50 yrs., (m) Date of Death: July 30, 1908, Cause of Death: Tuberculosis, Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Miles **PUTMAN**.

HELTSLEY, Lois, Age: 10 yrs. (f) Date of Death: Sept. 7, 1908, Cause of Death: Fall from tree at residence, Place of Death; Hopkins County, Ky. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Sam **HELTSLEY**.

GORMER, Pete, Age: 30 yrs., (m) Date of Death: Nov. 21, 1908, Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever, Place of Death: Indiana.

ROARK: Mrs. M.J., Age: 75 yrs., (f) Date of Death: Oct, 30, 1908,

SKIPWORTH, Mary Jane, Age: 70 yrs. (f) Date of Death: May 29,1907, Cause of Death: Dysentery.

SETTLES, Mrs. Age: 62 yrs. (f) Housekeeper, Date of Death: Mar 23,1907, Cause of Death: Dropsey, Place of Death: Todd County Ky.

TRAVIS, Irean, Age: 2 yrs. (f) Date of Death: April 13,1907, Cause of Death: Pneumonia, Parents: Bud and Cordia **TRAVIS**.

MAYSE, Boy, Age: 10 yrs. Farming, Date of Death: April 14,1907, Cause of Death: Spinal Meningitis, Parent: **MAYSE**.

WINES, John Babe, Age: 12 days, (f) Date of Death: April 16,1907, Cause of Death: Jandice and Bleeding Navel, Parents: John and Emer **WINES**, Father born in Logan County, Ky.

SMITH, S.E. Age: 48 yrs, (f) Housekeeper, Date of Death: Oct 28,1907, Cause of Death: Tuberculosis, Parents: Johathon and Minnie **KEITH**.

GREENWOOD, Henry, Age: 83 yrs, (m) Date of Death: July 15,1907, Cause of Death: Brights Disease of Kidney, Place of Death: North Carolina.

CARVER, Hattie, Age: 20 yrs. (f) Housekeeper, Date of Death: Feb.18,1907, Cause of Death: Consumption, Parents: John and Mallhis **DUKES**.

CARVER, Florence, Age: 23 yrs. (f) Date of Death: Jan.14,1907, Cause of Death: Consumption, Parents: Lennal and Alcy **CARVER**.

LONEY, Age: 1 yrs, (f) Date of Death: Jan 12,1909, Cause of Death: Pneumonia, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Grant **LONEY**.

PAXTON, Age: 3½ months (m) Cause of Death: Pneumonia, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Guy **PAXTON**.

TRAYLOR, Heilman Age: 5 yrs. Date of Death: April 17,1909, Cause of Death: Obstruction of Bowels, Place of Death: Muhlenberg County, Ky. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Ed **TRAYLOR**.

UNDERWOOD, William, Age 54 yrs. Farmer, Date of Death: July 5,1909, Cause of Death: Carbuncle, Parent born in Tenn.

SCOTT, Belle, Age: 45 yrs. (f) Housekeeping, Date of Death: Aug. 1,1909, Cause of Death: Tuberculosis, Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Sam **MERCER**.

SOUTHARD, Mary Catherine, Age: 5 yrs. Date of Death: Sept. 1909, Cause of Death: Diphtheria, Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Volney **SOUTHARD**.

STONE, Kate, Age: 29 yrs. (f) Housewife, Date of Death: Jan.22,1909, Cause of Death: Tuberculosis, Parents: Jessie and Sarah **FOREHAND**, Parents born in North Carolina.

TYSON, Raymond, Age: 3 yrs. (m) Date of Death: Jan.28,1909 Parents: D.M. **TYSON** and Hiddy **HUNTER**.

COLEMAN, Brack, Age: 22 yrs, (m) Housekeeper, Date of Death: March 16,1909, Parents: B.F. and Mary **COLEMAN**, Mother born in Lyon County, Ky.

SPINKS, Tessie, Age: 2 yrs, (f) Cause of Death: Pneumonia, Parent: J.D. **SPINKS**.

SMITH, Mamie F. Age: 13 months (f) Date of Death: June 15 1909, Parents: Tom and Ida **SMITH**, Father born in McLean County, Ky. Mother born in Hopkinsville, Ky.

TATE, Orby, Age: 4 yrs, (m) Date of Death: Aug 27 ___ Cause of Death: Brain Troubles, Parents: William **TATE** and Maggie **CABELL**.

BOGESS, Clarrie, Age: 17 yrs. (f) Wife, Date of Death:

Oct.10,1909 Cause of Death:Cervical Hemorrhage,Born in Hancock County,Parents: James and Alice **HATFIELD**, Father born in Indiana and mother born in Hancock County.

MOORE,Keeber, Age: 6 (m) Date of Death: Dec 24,1909 Cause of Death: F___ Abcess, Place of Death: Hopkins County,Ky. Parents:W.L.**MOORE** and Eugene **PROWSE**, Father born in Hopkins County,Ky.

MOSS, Kathi, (col) (f) Date of Death: Sep 10,1909,Cause of Death: Brain Trouble,Parents: Chis **MOORE** AND Mrs.**MOSS**.Place of Death: Clarksville,Tenn.

LARNEL,Syntha, (col) Age: 22 yrs.(f) Wife, Date of Death: Sept.20,1909,Cause of Death: Tuberculosis, Parent: J.A.**SMITH**.

BETHELL,Della, Age:21 yrs. (f) Housewife, Date of Death: July 15,1908,Cause of Death: Acute Infection, Place of Death: Hopkins County,Ky. Parents: Tom and Carline J_____

TUDOR,R.D., Age: 85 yrs. (m) Farmer, Date of Death:July 31,1908, Cause of Death Heart(Hart)Trouble,

THOMASON,Paul, Age: 2 yrs (m) Date of Death: Oct.2,1908, Cause of Death:Coup, Parents: Arthur **THOMASON** and Birty **MICKLESON**,Place of Death: Hopkins County,Ky.

CRAIG,H.C., Age: 48yrs, (m) Farmer, Date of Death: Jan.10,1909,Cause of Death: T.B.

JONES, Ed, Age: 44 yrs. (m) Farmer, Date of Death: July 15,1909,Cause of Death: Diabetes.

HICKS,R.M., Age: 51 yrs (m) Farmer, Date of Death, Sept.19,1909, Cause of Death:Carcinoma.

Infant, Age: 8 weeks, (f) Date of Death: Nov.12,1909 Cause of Death: T.B. Parents: El **EARLE** and Ada **CRAIG**.

Infant, Age: 4 months (f) Date of Death: Sept 5,___ Cause of Death:Starvation, Parents: Taylor **WELLS** and Mary **HENDERSON**,Place of Death: Hopkins County,Ky.

HAWS,Margret, Age: 66 yrs.(f) Housekeeper,Date of Death: Jan.14,1908.

DAVIS,Tryman, Age: 5 yrs. (f) Date of Death: Feb.5,1908. Cause of Death: Hemorrhage of Brain, Parents:Dock and Sally **DAVIS**.

WILLIAMS, Andy, (col) Age: 85 yrs. (m) Farming,Date of Death: April 12,1908, Cause of Death: Heart(Hart) Failure.

JARVIS,Osie, Age: 3 yrs.(f) Date of Death: April 26.1908, Cause of Death: Brain Trouble, Parents: T.E. and Mandy **JARVIS**.

WILLIAMS, G.B. Age: 79yrs,(m) Farming, Date of Death: May 22,1908, Cause of Death: Heart(Hart) Failure.

CRAIG,H.S., Age: 27 yrs.(m) Mining, Date of Death: July 17 _____ Cause of Death: Leg grind of with machine. Parent: Sam and Vitula **CRAIG**.

VINCENT,Mollie, Age:27 yrs. (f) Housewife, Date of Death: June 19,1908, Cause of Death: C___ of Bowel, Parents: Jack and Mary **BROWNING**.

_____ Age 4 yrs.(f) Date of Death: Nov 4,1908, Cause of Death: Whooping Cough, Parent: J.A.**SHAW**.

CARNES,Wilbert, Age: 4 (m) Date of Death Nov5,_____,Cause of Death: Scarlet Fever, Parents: Alex and Olga **CARVER**,

LOCK,Jaurey, Age;36 yrs. (f) Housewife, Date of Death:Dec.17,1908, Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever, Parents: T.P.**BOGGESS** and Martha **CHATTOM**.

MALLORY, Russell, (w)(m), Age:4yrs. Date of Death:Nov.10,1906,
Cause of Death:Accident,Place of Death:Central City,Ky,Parents
E.P. and Josie **MALLORY**.

VINCENT,Baby:(w)(m) Date of Death:Aug 6,1907,Cause of Death:
Stillborn,Place of Death:Central City,Ky.Parents:A.H. and
May **VINCENT**.

ARMSTRONG,Baby:(w)(m) Date of Death:Nov.1907,Cause of Death:
Stillborn,Place of Death:Central City,Ky.Parents: Joe and Ada
ARMSTRONG.

CRANE,Ruth:(w)(f) Age:2 mo. Date of Death:Oct 1907,Cause of
Death: Throat Disease,Place of Death:Central City,Ky.Parents:
F. and Molly **CRANE**.

KIMBLY,Ellen: (b)(f) Age:44,Married,Date of Death:Sept.6,1907
Cause of Death:N/A,Place of Death: Central City,Ky.Parents:n/a

HOUSE,Lydia:(w)(f) Age:4mo. Date of Death:July 27,1907,Cause
of Death:Cholera Infection,Place of Death:Central City,Ky.
Parents: James and Pearl **HOUSE**.

DOBSON,Sadie:(w)(f) Age 2mo. Date of Death:June 5,1907,Cause
of Death:N/A Place of Death:Central City,Ky.Parents:Burton and
Mittie **DOBSON**.

MILLIGAN,Baby:(w)(m) Age:n/a Date of Death:Dec.8,1907,Place
of Death: Central City,Ky.Parents: Frank and Elua **MILLIGAN**
(**MULLIGAN**).

AYERS,Matilda:(B)(F) Age:78 Widowed,Housekeeper,Date of Death:
Nov.23,1909 Cause of Death: Senitily,Place of Birth:McLean Co.Ky.
Resident:Drakesboro,Ky.

JAMES,Sister:(mul.)(F):Age:3yrs. Date of Death:Aug.26,1909,Cause
of Death:Pueumonia and Complications,Place of Birth:Hopkins
Co.Ky. Place of Death:Drakesboro,Ky.Resident:Drakesboro,Ky.
Parents: Jas and Victoria **JAMES**,Birth Place of Father: Logan
Co. Ky, Birth Place of Mother: Tn.

JARVIS,Mandy:(w)(f) Age:53,Single: Date of Death: April 28,19??
Cause of Death: Heart Disease,Place of Birth:Depoy,Ky.Resident:
Graham,Ky.Place of Death:Graham,Ky.Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James
JARVIS,Birth Place of Father:Ky.,Birth Place of Mother:Ky.

JARVIS,Maudy:(w)(f) Age:38,married,housewife,Cause of Death:Heart
Disease,Place of Birth:Graham,Ky.Residence:Graham,Ky Place of
Death: Graham,Ky.,Parents: John and Mrs. **UNDERWOOD**.Birth Place
of Father: Ky,Birth Place of Mother:Ky.,Date of Death: June
22,19??.

LLOYD,Baby: (w)(f) Age: 2 mo. Date of Death: Aug.14,19??,Place
of Birth:Graham,Ky.,Place of Residence:Graham,Place of
Death:Graham,Ky.Parents: Ezra **LLOYD** and Maggie **MATHIS**, Birth
Place of Father:Ky.,Birth Place of Mother:Ky.

HAWKINS,Baby:(w)(m) Age: 7mos.Date of Death: Aug.25,19??,
Place of Birth: Graham,Ky.,Place of Residence:Graham,Ky.,Place
of Death: Graham,Ky.,Parents: Will **HAWKINS** and W. **FRANKLIN**.
Birth Place of Father:Ky.,Birth Place of Mother:Ky.

OATES,Bety:(B)(F) Age:57,Widowed,Housewife,Date of Death:Oct.1
19??.Cause of Death: Heart Disease,Place of Birth: Greenville,Ky.
Place of Residence: Graham,Place of Death:Graham,Ky.Parents:
Unknown.

TODD,Omer:(w)(m) Age 11 years,Single,School Boy, Date of Death:
Oct.1,19??,Cause of Death:Typhoid Fever,Place of Birth: Morton's

and M. **FLEMING**.

TOOLEY, Infant: (w) (m) Age: 5 hrs., Date of Death: April 10, 1909, Cause of Death: Respiration -----Setup, Place of Birth: Muhlenberg Co. KY., Parents: Mr. and Mrs. **TOOLEY**, Place of Birth Father: Muhlenberg Co. Ky., Place of Birth Mother: Muhlenberg Co. KY.

LATHAM, Infant: (w) (M) Age: 3 yrs. Date of Death: April 16, 1909, Cause of Death: n/a, Place of Birth: Muhlenberg Co. Ky, Place of Death: Muhlenberg Co. Ky., Parents: Mr. and Mrs. **LATHAM**, Birth Place of Father: Todd Co. Ky., Birth Place of Mother: Todd Co. Ky.

TRAVIS, ----: (W) (M) Age: 9 ?, Date of Death: May 12, 1909, Cause of Death: Bronchitis, Place of Birth: Muhlenberg Co. KY., Place of Death: Muhlenberg Co. Ky., Parents: Mr. and Mrs. **TRAVIS**, Both Parents Born: Muhlenberg Co. KY.

STRADER, Obedire: (W) (M) Age: 105 yrs., widow, farmer, Date of Death: Sept. 25, 1909, Cause of Death: Old age and Paralysis, Place of Birth: N.C., Place of Death: Muhlenberg Co. Ky.

CARVER, J.F.: (W) (M) Age: 67 yrs., widow, farmer, Date of Death: Nov. 25, 1909, Cause of Death: A----disease, Place of Birth: Muhl. Co. Ky., Place of Death: Muhl. Co. Ky., Parents: Lemanuel and M. **CARVER**, Both Parents Born: N.C.

BLACKLOCK, Lizzie: (W) (F), Age: 67 yrs., married, Date of Death: Sept. 23, 1908, Cause of Death: Dysentery, Place of Birth: South Carrollton, Ky., Place of Residence: Greenville, Ky., Place of Death: Greenville, Ky., Parents: Ed and Sarah **BLACKLOCK**, Both Parents Born: Ky.

COBB, Infant: (W) (F), Age: 4 days, Date of Death: June 1909, Place of Birth: Drakesboro, Ky, Place of Death: Drakesboro, Ky Parents: Victor **COBB** and Celia **DOOM**.

CAMPFIELD, Varlee: (W) (F), Age: 9 yrs., single, Date of Death: Sept. 30, 1909, Cause of Death: Acute Bright's Disease, Place of Birth: Huntsville, Ky., Place of Death: Drakesboro, Ky., Parent: Zeb **CAMPFIELD**, Birth Place of Parents: Unknown.

MATHIS, ?: (W) (M), Age: 69 yrs. married, farmer, Date of Death: March 3, 1909, Cause of Death: Pneumonia, Place of Death: Drakesboro, Ky. Parents: Unknown.

GILBERT, Gillie: (W) (F) Age: N/A, Married, housekeeper, Date of Death: Nov. 6, 1909, Cause of Death: T.B., Place of Birth: Logan Co. Ky., Place of Death: Drakesboro, Ky., Parents: Sam **RODGERS** and Mollie **WHITESCARVER**, She was the wife of W.H. **GILBERT**.

LATIMER, John: (W) (M) Age: 17 yrs. single, coal miner, Date of Death: Deac. 13, 1909, Place of Birth: Warren Co. Ky., Place of Death: Drakesboro, Ky., Name of Parent: John **LATIMER**.

WALLS, Infant: (W) (M), Age: 1 mo. Single, Date of Death: Oct. 30, 1909, Cause of Death: Membranous Croup, Place of Birth: Muhlenberg Co. Ky., Place of Death: Drakesboro, Ky., Parent: Lennis **WALLS**.

QUERIES

I am searching for the parents of Thomas **COMBS**, who died in Muhlenberg Co. Ky. 1806/7. His wife was Sarah **ANDERSON**. I am searching for her parents. I am also searching for the mother of Elizabeth **LOTT** who married Anderson **COMBS** in Muhlenberg Co. on 3 Mar. 1816. Her father was Bartholomew **LOTT** who died in

Muhlenberg Co. and left a will dated 6 May 1819. I will share information and will answer all correspondance. Andrew J.**TIDWELL** 54 Hampton Drive, Sequin,Texas 78155.

Seeking information about Hepsey (Hessie) **STEWART**. Born about 1813. Died May 8,1876. Muhlenberg Co. Census of 1850 list her with 7 children, Bayles 17, Green 15, William 13, Luro 12, Benjamin 8, Mary 3 and Barnett 2, all born in Ky. Believe her to be daughter of Barnett and Zilpha **STEWART**. Will exchange information and pay all coping and mailing cost.
Kenneth A. **RUSS**, 1106 North Main Street, Evansville,IN. 47711

Seeking information about Elizabeth (Lizzie) **MORGAN**. Born about 1837. Died about June 26,1879. Buried at Samuel B. **GREEN** Cemetery Married William H. **STEWART** Dec 24,1857, in Muhlenberg County Kentucky. Will exchange information and pay all coping and mailing cost. Kenneth A. **RUSS**, 1106 North Main St. Evansville,IN 47711.

Seeking information about Lena (Elma) **MILLER**. Born about 1871. Died after March 1896. Married William H. **STEWART**,Jr. on March 20,1888 at the home of Isaac **MILLER** in Muhlenberg County,Ky. The couple had 4 children, Emma, Susie, Wiley, Annie. Will exchange information and pay all coping and mailing cost.
Kenneth A. **RUSS**, 1106 North Main St. Evansville, IN. 47711.

Seeking information about Isaac J. **RUST** (son of James H.**RUST** and Mary Catherine **COFFMAN**) born about 1846, died about 1895. Also, Fannie **TYSON**, born about 1865, died 1897. Isaac J. **RUST** and Fannie **TYSON** were married July 18,1878 in Muhlenberg County. They had 6 children, James, Mary, Peter, William, Minnie and Birdie. The children are listed in the 1900 Muhlenberg County Census as Grandchildren living in the household of Isaac and Mary Catherine **COFFMAN**. Isaac **COFFMAN** was the second husband of Mary Catherine **RUST**. In this census all the children are listed with the surname **RUSS**. Will exchange information and pay all coping and mailing cost. Kenneth A. **RUSS**,1106 North Main St. Evansville,IN. 47711.

Would like to correspond with anyone researching family of Amos **JONES**, died about 1851. Married Barbara Henderson,unkown which marriage. He had several children- one was named Samuel Houston **JONES**, born April 15,1827 and died June 29,1906. Samuel first marriage was to Mary **MCCOLPHIN**, second marriage was to America **LINDSEY**. They lived in Todd or Christian Counties in Ky. Need information on parents,birthplace,etc. of Amos **JONES**. Contact Katherine **JONES**, 99 Roland Lane, Greenville,Ky 42345.

The following transcripts are taken from original mine employee cards from Graham and Luzerne mines for dates 1918-1956; Transcribed by Katherine Jones and Laquita Arvin Aug 1994. (Example of year/month worked 27/7--year 1927 months worked:7.)

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ANTLE, Sam	32/1 33/1 35/1 36/3 37/11 38/3 39/3	Luzerne
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ARGABRITE, D.	24/12 25/12 27/12 28/12 29/12	Graham
ARNETT, Alvis	24/3 25/3 26/12 27/3	Graham
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BAKER, Jas.	27/8 28/12 29/12 30/10 31/12 32/12	Luzerne
BANDY, Marvin	31/12 32/5	Luzerne
BIRDSONG, Jack	26/9 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/4	Luzerne
BIRDSONG, Kelly	28/9 29/11 30/5	Graham
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DEARMOND, Ora	34/2 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12	Luzerne
DEASON, J.W.	36/3 37/2	Graham
DEERING, A.L.	18/12 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12	Graham
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	30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9	
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DAVIS, Chas.	20/8 21/12 22/10 23/5	Luzerne
ELIOTT, J.A.	25/3	Luzerne
EUBANKS, Curba	18/12 19/12 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12	Luzerne
	24/3 25/9 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/12	
	30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9	
	36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/5 41/12	
EUBANKS Thomas	18/3 20/5 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 26/11	Luzerne
	27/12 28/12 29/3	
EVANS, Arthur	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/12	Graham
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EVANS, Jesse	24/3 25/11 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/12	Graham
	30/9	
FARMER, Rufus	24/3 25/2 26/12 27/7	Graham
FARMER, Willard	22/9 23/6 25/11 26/12	Luzerne
FERGUSON, C.	25/7 26/12 27/11 28/12 29/5 30/4	Luzerne
FERGUSON, Elmer	18/2 20/5 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3	Luzerne
	26/6 27/12 28/12 29/7 30/9	

FERGUSON, Link	18/8 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/7 23/12	Luzerne
	24/3 25/9 26/6	
GARRIS, Jess	18/9 19/12 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12	?
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GIBBS, Otha	24/1 25/12 26/2	Luzerne
GIBBONS, Cliff	23/4 24/3	Luzerne
GIBBONS, Everette	18/12 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12	Luzerne
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HAMILTON, Garfield	27/8 28/4	Graham
HAMMONDS, Chas.	21/5 22/12 23/12 24/3 26/9 27/12 28/3	Luzerne
HAMMONDS, M.	22/12 23/12 24/3 25/3 26/12 27/12 28/3	Luzerne
HANCOCK, Gordon James	37/2	Luzerne
HANCOCK, J. Will	18/12 22/7 23/12 24/3 25/10 26/12	Graham
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JAMES, J.C.	21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/3 26/12 27/12	Luzerne
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JAMESON, Geo.	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/12	Graham
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LARKINS, Carrol	22/6 23/8 25/2	Graham
LARKINS, Erwin	18/12 19/9 20/8 21/12 22/12 23/12	Graham
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LARKINS, Frank	36/2 37/11 38/5 39/4 40/12 41/6	Graham
LARKINS, Henry	35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12 39/3	Graham
LAPROD, Ernest	26/12 27/10 28/12 29/11 30/9	Luzerne
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MCINTOSH, K.	30/10	Luzerne
MCINTOSH, Thos.	18/12 19/12 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12	Luzerne
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MABORY, Willis	18/12 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12	Graham
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