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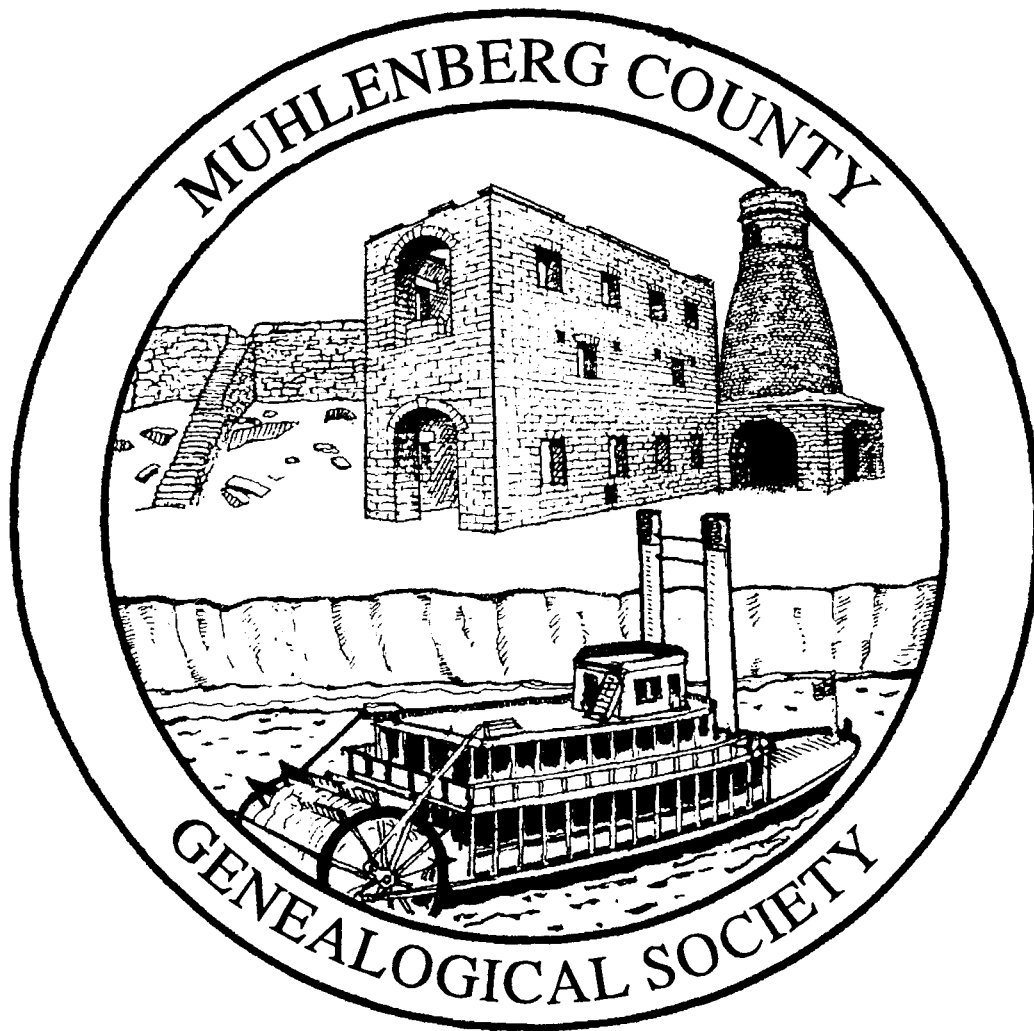
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POWDERLY

COAL MINING OPERATIONS STARTED THERE IN 1887

A majority of the coal miners of the past claimed reverence and respect for their union leaders, but none proved it like this Muhlenberg County village.

Powderly, like almost all the coal camps in this area, came about as the result of a "new opening" almost a hundred years ago. The Powderly operation began on March 17, 1887.

The Illinois Central Railroad had been completed through Greenville on July 4, 1871. It was the railroad that made coal mining profitable and communities like Powderly possible.

At that time a group of men commenced work near the IC Railroad, two miles north of Greenville. It was a novel enterprise: each shareholder put up \$25 and those who did not have the money, gave the sum in work. The site was known as the "IRWIN farm," and had been purchased for \$650.

John D. **LONGEST** was the first president of the coal company and some of the stockholders included: George **MILLER**, Francis, Theodore and Malochi **WITHERS**, Robert **WHINNIE**, William **SHRUM**, Al **SHRUM**, Dick **MERCER**, Oliver Perry **HILL**, John **TENNANT**, William **SUMMERS**, James **ROBERTS**, Jack **SPARGO** and Lewis **HUNTER**.

The village was named in honor of Terence Vincent **POWDERLY**, who was in the labor movement in the late 1800's and until shortly after the turn of the century. A machinist by trade, **POWDERLY** joined the Knights of Labor in 1874. He was instrumental thereafter in establishing labor bureaus and public arbitration systems in many states. He was born in Carbondale, Pennsylvania in 1849 and after a long active life died in 1924.

The village of Powderly is the only known coal community in America named for a labor leader.

A post office was opened in Powderly on January 14, 1888, one year after the opening of the mine was begun. William H. **SMITH** was appointed the first postmaster.

Unlike most other mining camps the first houses at Powderly were built and owned by the miners themselves instead of the

coal company. The community, being the cooperative settlement that it was, also furnished itself with a new school that was completed in 1890 and located on a hill in the village. The first teacher was Miss Bettie **PACE**.

The first Sunday School was organized about that time and met in the new school building.

In the very beginning, the **WEIRS, BRANSFORDS** and **FRAZIERS** owned the farm land that was later the village of Powderly. Frank **FRAZIER** of Greenville was born in a house that was located in what is now the Muhlenberg County Airport runway.

On April 29, 1890, John E. **SPARGO** was appointed postmaster of Powderly. This same "Jack" **SPARGO** had been one of the original stockholders in the mine at Powderly. It was called the CO-operative Coal Mine.

The company was bought by the Greenville Coal Company in 1890. After the firm changed hands, big changes were made. Nearly all of the former stockholders sold their homes as well as their interests in the operations and moved away, some to nearby towns and farms.

On June 6, 1893, John D. **LONGEST**, civic leader and former president of the coal company, was appointed postmaster.

Then, four years later, on July 7, 1897, Charles H. **HAMILTON** became the fourth postmaster.

In 1889, Frank **LONG**, from Bulter County, moved to Powderly. He set to work building a fine school system, organized a brass band for the young men (very popular in those days); he was also a leader in church work and in most other worthy causes that affected his community. The tireless **LONG** was in frail health and died on September 13, 1903. Some say he had done more in five years in Powderly than any other man up to that time. His death was a blow to the community. Powderly at that time consisted of 200 people.

On October 6, 1899, Hardin C. **FERRELL** took over the job as postmaster. He was followed by John C. **COPELAND**, who became postmaster on August 3, 1904.

On March 31, 1905, Peter S. **BETHEL** was appointed postmaster; then two years later David H. **KNIGHT** inherited the job on March 27, 1907. Clyde **WATERS** became Powderly's ninth postmaster on July 23, 1910.

By 1910, a new mine opening had been made and what was at that time modern mining methods and equipment were in place. New houses had been built and 500 people lived in the cillage. There was one independent store other than the company commissary. School was in session for only six months of the year then.

In 1909, the construction of a new Baptist church was started and was required three years to build.

On July 30, 1912, Ollie HELTSLEY took the job as the postmaster and then the next year, on November 14, 1913, Ida M. WALTERS was appointed postmaster. Then two years later, William T. HANCOCK became postmaster of the town on May 19, 1916. On March 7, 1918, Harry C. WILLIS was appointed postmaster and served longer than anyone in that job to that time. He continued in that office until February 23, 1937.

During the early teens the "possum hunters," a self-appointed vigilante group had assumed the power to punish certain selected citizens for supposed wrongs. They appeared at night, robed and wearing mask and carried out unlawful acts at will. Their leader as it turned out, was a younger man from Hillside, who led a number of members around the courthouse, threatening various individuals in the process.

One night soon after, in the fall of 1914, the leader, Henry ALLEN, was called out from his home, after dark and (as the story goes) taken to a mine powerhouse where he was exposed to a charge of electricity to "bring him to his senses." The shock rendered him unconscious and after it was determined that he was dead, the body was taken out on the roadside between Oakland and Woodson and hanged to an oak tree. The incident sent shock waves across the county and marked the end of the possum hunters in the region.

In 1934, the Powderly mine worked out and was closed down. The tipple was spared and served several more years for the use by the surface mining that followed.

The Old Powderly mines were in operations for 46 years, a longer period than most mines in Muhlenberg County.

Then on February 24, 1937, Lloyd W. HELTSLEY became the postmaster of Powderly and held the job until November 20, 1981, when Alma Mabel CESSNA became the sixteenth postmaster. She still serves in that office.

Some of the family names that have lived in Powderly during the past generations have included: ALVERSON, ADCKOCK, ALEXANDER, BROWN, BEASLEY, BOGGESS, BRADLEY, BIVINS, BRYAN, BOWLING, CESSNA, CARTER, CLEMONS, COBB, COOMBS, COSBY, CRICK, DOSS, DENNIS, DRAKE, DUKES, DURALL, EADES, EDWARDS, EVITTS, FLEMING, FRAZIER, GARRETT, GARY, GOSSETT, GUY, HELTSLEY, HANCOCK, HOLMES, HATFIELD, HAWKINS, HAYES, HIGHTOWER, HINTON, HOCKER, JACKSON, JARVIS, JERNIGAN, JONES, KNIGHT, LANGLEY, LARKINS, LEE, LONG, MCDOWELL, MADDOX, MORTON, MAJORS, MALONE, MELTON, MCELVAIN, MERCER, MITCHELL, MOORE, MOONINGHAM, MORRIS, NELSON, OGLESBY, OLDHAM, PATE, PARKS, PENDLEY, PENROD, PENTECOST, PERRY, POWELL, QUEISENBERRY, RAY, REEVES, RICE, RICHARDSON, ROBINSON, SMITH, SHAVER, SPEARS, SNODGRASS, SPARKS, STEELE, TUCKER, TYSON, VINCENT, WATERS, WALTON, WELLS, WEBB, WILLIS, WITHERS, AND YOKLEY.

The commissary personnel included Harry **WILLIS**, company store manager; Albert **SMITH**, head clerk, and clerks Eura **EADES**, James **RICHARDSON**, Hura **SPARKS** and Slaughter **HUNT**.

Company bookkeepers were T.Noel **HANCOCK** (who also kept books at Martwick, Browder and Crescent) and Miss Abie **WITHERS**.

Some old timers remember Herbert **MYERS**, the inside mine foreman and Eura **HELSLEY** as the outside foreman. Bill **ADCOCK**, Fred **JARVIS** (killed in a motor accident), and Shelly **JARVIS** were lieway foremen and Bud **MORTON** was a room boss.

Tom **WITHERS**, a former employee of the Greenville Coal Comapny (weigh boss), was a good influence on the town of Powderly. **WITHERS** served several times as a county magistrate on the fiscal court and two terms as a county school board member and as the first mayor of Powderly.

The **WITHERS** were a pioneer family that helped settle the community. The mines and all traces of coal mining are gone now, but the only town in the United States named for a union leader is now a residential community of note that would please the great labor leader were he alive today.

Powderly joins Beech Creek, Belton, Browder, Drakesboro, Bevier-Cleaton, Martwick, Nelson, Luzerne and Central City as a former mining centers. Except for these reports, few of the younger generations would believe that these communities were once thriving, vibrant industrial centers of happy people who worked hard and played hard.

One 90-year-old former miner who had spent 55 years underground said recently, "These coal camps may weaken but they never die, because the same spirit that once built them still holds them together and will continue to do so."

POWDERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT #65 1908-1909

PARENT OR GUARDIAN	NAME OF CHILDREN	DATE OF BIRTH
Mrs. J.W. CLINE	Joe BLAIN	29 JA 1894
J.G. FLEMING	Ethel FLEMING	28 FE 1899
	Eva "	30 JE 1902
J.T. WRIGHT	Ruby WRIGHT	16 NO 1900
Lon EPLEY	Otha EPLEY	10 JE 1890
	Nelson PRICE	3 MR ----
R.E. FRAIZER	Jimie FRAIZER	3 JE 18--
	Lewis "	19 MR 1899
	Frank "	12 FE 1902
Mrs. Mary BALL	Zeddie BALL	15 JL 1892
Dan UNDERWOOD	Carrie UNDERWOOD	10 JA 1890
Arch BALL	Jennie T. BALL	17 JA 1895
	Annie B. "	9 NO 1897
Arch BALL	Ola M. BALL	6 NO 1900

Monroe MILLER	Herbert MILLER	20 AU 1899
	Loretta "	7 MR 1901
James JOSEY	Walter JOSEY	22 AP 1892
	Clyde "	17 DE 1894
	Herschel "	13 MY 1899
	Estel "	2 AU 1901
H.O'NEAL	Bryan O'NEAL	30 MR 1897
Mrs. Sarah PHILPOTT	Mary PHILPOTT	9 JE 1892
	Jimmie "	27 MY 1894
	Willie "	16 AP 1889
W.M.LITTLEFIELD	Willie LITTLEFIELD	26 AU 1900
Elmore LEE	Lolie EDWARDS	13 MY 1897
A.O. SMITH	Ulysis W. SMITH	27 AU 1898
Rual PHILPOTT	Maccie PHILPOTT	14 DE 1890
Bradley SMITH	Lonie SMITH	4 JL 1891
John ABNER	Andrew HARPER	12 AP 1891
	David "	18 MY 1895
	Marshal ABNER	23 AU 1901
Pat DOUGHERTY	Andrew DOUGHERTY	27 SE 1889
	James "	17 JE 1892
	Marget "	30 MR 1895
	Kattie "	30 AU 1896
Mrs. Maggie SNODGRASS	Maud SNODGRASS	12 NO 1888
	John "	4 SE 1891
	Ada "	18 AU 1894
	Charles "	20 JA 1896
	Grace "	19 MY 1899
	Rachail "	23 NO 1901
Clayton WATERS	Era WATERS	12 OC 1897
W.M.SILVEY	Henry SILVEY	3 JA 1889
	Hughey "	24 FE 18--
	Bessie "	3 JL 1897
	Susie "	23 DE 1900
Davis QUISENBERRY	Henry QUISENBERRY	28 FE 18-7
	Lucien "	15 JL 1898
	Annie M. "	26 SE 1901
J.H. HELTSLEY	Herbert HELTSLEY	12 OC 1888
	Eura "	12 JL 1890
	Leonard "	28 DE 1892
	Dallas "	4 FE 1895
	Willie "	17 DE 1896
	Shelby "	27 DE 1898
	Ida M. "	22 AP 1901
Frank MURPHY	Verner MURPHY	21 JE 1891
	Emma "	22 OC 1893
	Alma "	17 JE 1898
T.L. SARLES	J.J.SARLES	30 DE 1896
	E.B. "	24 JL 1895
	James "	8 OC 1898
	Truman "	9 MY ----
Neola HARPER	Maud HARPER	5 OC 1890
Geo. NUTTING	Manie CURTICE	17 AP 1900
J.T.BALL	Geo.BALL	19 FE 18--

J.T. BALL	Emie BALL	16 MY 1891
	M.M. "	16 FE 1893
	Andy "	6 FE 1895
	Fredie "	23 SE 1900
M.S. PAYNE	Jessie PAYNE	21 MR 1897
	Robert "	24 JE 1899
W.J. THOMPSON	Roy THOMPSON	4 FE 1896
	Minnie "	2 OC 1897
	Roynon "	28 AU 1901
W.F. FOSTER	Ethel FOSTER	4 JE 1898
	Poll "	21 DE 1901
J.W. TRAYLER	May TRAYLER	14 SE 1894
	Geo. "	28 JL 1896
	Lebell "	4 JE 1899
	Laura "	1 AU 1901
E.S. JERNIGAN	Claud JERNIGAN	9 MR 1890
	Ethel "	6 JE 1899
C.L. TATE	Onie TATE	16 AP 1889
	Annie "	7 JE 1897
T.R. CLEMMONS	Della CLEMMONS	15 FE 1895
	Ella "	8 MR 1897
	Vernie "	15 MR 1901
E.B. EAVES	Minnie EAVES	5 AP 1888
	Thomas "	22 JE 1890
	R.B. "	22 MR 1892
	Nellie "	8 AP 1894
	M.A. "	20 MY 1896
	Geo. "	14 JE 1898
A. PERY	Oliver PERY	18 AU 1895
J.D. O'NEAL	Elsie O'NEAL	23 AP 1897
John O'NEAL	Ruth O'NEAL	17 MY 1899
J.N. CLEMMONS	S.E. CLEMMONS	28 DE 1889
W.M. FERRELL	Leslie FERRELL	3 AU 1896
	Myrtle "	1 AU 1898
	Marvin "	2 NO 1900
J.F. DUKES	Claud DUKES	2 FE 1893
H.F. WITHERS	Walter WITHERS	16 MY 1889
	Wa "	17 JE 189-
	Thomas "	9 AU 1893
	Edna "	12 FE 1896
J.D. LONGEST	Bessie LONGEST	5 MY 1885
	Lee "	27 DE 1892
	Laura "	26 DE 1895
	Grace "	12 MR 1898
M.W. KNIGHT	Hollis KNIGHT	19 DE 1888
	Floud "	21 JL 1892
W.H. TRAYLER	Will TRAYLER	2 JL 1895
J.P. BRADLEY	Harry BRADLEY	28 OC 18--
	Hobert "	15 JE 1897
M. MONARCH	Laura ENNES	10 DE 1897
	Dora CUTCKES	4 DE 1893
Edd COBB	Cecil COBB	20 JA 1901
H.E. ROSS	Illie ROSS	19 FE 1889
B.C. CESSNA	Ethel GLOVER	28 MR 1891

Edgar EAVES	Urie EAVES	12 FE 1902
Bridget SMITH	Hazel SMITH	
T.M. HELTSLEY	Clarence HELTSLEY	1 JA 1892
	Claud "	29 JL 1893
	Mamie "	20 OC 1897
J.W. MAULDIN	Eva MAULDIN	2 FE 1889
W.M. JAMESON	Rosie JAMESON	15 DE 1895
	Bessie "	15 AU 1897
Bob MITCHELL	Ben MITCHELL	21 MR 1890
	Henry "	25 SE 1896
Robert BURNEY	Oma BURNEY	26 AU 1888
G.W. MOONINGHAM	Annicc MOONINGHAM	4 DE 1900
James ROBERTSON	Cleatis ROBERTSON	19 MY 1899
H.C. MERCER	Beula MERCER	22 SE 1890
Ed DOSSB	Maizy DOSS	7 MR 1891
All Children ?	Lue HARPER	25 DE 1888
	Harry "	4 AP 1892
	Riley "	27 AP 1894
	Sallie "	3 MY 1896
Jack BRIDGES	Corbet BRIDGES	8 AP 1898
	Claud "	27 JL 1900
Mrs. Leona MCKENNIE	Exa MCKENNIE	23 DE 1893
R.B. KEYS	Lucy KEYS	5 FE 1891
	Addie "	18 MR 1892
	Lucian "	24 JA 1894
Lon BURDEN	Georgie BURDEN	12 SE 1899
P.S. BETHEL	Shellie BETHEL	28 JE 1892
	Lonie "	16 AU 1895
	Goldie "	1 JE 1899
	Roosevelt "	21 OC 1900
George MILLER	Elgan EDWARDS	28 JA 1894
E. MCMURTRY	Susie MCMURTRY	9 NO 1890
J.W. HANSBROUGH	Mamie HANSBROUGH	5 FE 1891
	Gabie "	28 JL 1894
	Millie "	6 JL 1899
C.M. STEEL	Mandie STEEL	1 MY 1901
J.W. BENTON	Amelia BENTON	29 SE 1901
B.M. MOORE	Icy MOORE	15 MR 1889
	Luther "	23 DE 1890
	Majer "	22 NO 1892
	Johnie "	29 JL 1894
	Niecy "	26 MR 1896
	Ethel "	3 DE 1899
	Paul "	7 OC 1901
Herbert MYERS	Edyth MYERS	12 AU 1900
W.J. MCMURTRY	Dora MCMURTRY	5 AP 1902
R.H. SAGE	Chester SAGE	11 AP 1890
	Annie "	27 AU 1894
	Mattie "	2 JE 1899
	Ralph "	11 SE 1901
J.W. MOONINGHAM	Hurbert MOONINGHAM	12 JE 1898
	Mary B. "	13 AU 1899
	Bertha "	27 OC 1900
	Minnie "	13 DE 1901

J.W. RICHARDSON	Ben RICHARDSON	14 OC 1888
C.W. ROBERDS	Dave ROBERDS	14 SE 1890
	James "	18 SE 1892
	Frank "	14 NO 1895
	Manda "	23 FE 1900
Chales DANIELS	Jimie DANIEL	8 AU 1898
	Stella "	15 OC 1900
Jim HACK	Everett HACK	13 DE 1893
	Eva "	25 NO 1895
	Loise "	14 JE 1899
	Susie "	16 JE 1902
E.N. DUNN	Minnie DUNN	13 MR 1896

 The following letter to the Editor appeared in the Greenville Leader April 13,1961.

ONE READER'S VERSION OF THE HENRY ALLEN CASE.

EDITOR--LEADER

I went to work for the Hillside Coal Company, J.W. LAM, Proprietor, in the fall of 1912, the mine being located at Hillside, Kentucky. My job was that of weighmaster and outside foreman and I moved with my family to what was known as New Hillside sometime in 1913, I think it was. I am not sure of my dates.

There appeared on the scene in the locality surrounding the several mines in that part of Muhlenberg County one organization known as the Opossum Hunters. They were small in number in the beginning and attracted little notice. but they increased in numbers rapidly and began to invade peoples homes in the night-time and forcibly take men from their homes and beat them unmercifully. They grew so bold that they casued a reign of terror in all of Muhlenberg County. About two hundred of them marched to the court house in Greenville one day carrying a large banner on which there was a picture of an opossum. Their number and their violence continued to increase and whippings were almost a nightly occurrence and by the spring of 1914 or 1915 they almost had the whole county in their power. The authorities were powerless to act because the victims of these outrages were afraid to talk for they were told that if they did, something much worse would happen to them. One man murdered by them and his remains lie buried in the East Union Cemetery at the Church of that name near Earls, Kentucky.

One day, in the summer of 1914, I think it was, we had one idle day at the Hillside Mine and I was building a fence in front of a house located across the railroad track from the Hillside Company store when a man by the name of DANIELS came by and told me that his son-in-law, Henry ALLEN, had come to his house the night before to spend the night and had gone to bed but someone called at his gate and he had gone out in his night clothes and had not returned.

Now, Henry **ALLEN** was allegedly the leader of the Opossum Hunters. He was a man about 40 years of age, a coal miner employed at the Woodson Mine, located about one-half mile from the Hillside mine. He was a small man of a very quiet manner and talked little but, according to rumors prevalent at the time, he was a sadistic fiend and took delight in helping to whip and torture other human beings.

Well, in about one hour after Mr. **DANIELS** had come by I was called to the company office to answer a phone call which was from my brother, Ernest, who worked for the old Greenville Record. He said that they had heard a rumor that a man had been found hanging from a tree near the Oakland Motor Road. Oakland was a mine in the vicinity. I told him that I would make inquiries and call him back. I went down to the store and was told that the body of Henry **ALLEN** had been found hanging to a sweet gum tree near the Oakland Motor Road and that the body had been taken down and carried to a house near the Woodson Mine and that the coroner and the sheriff were on the way.

I went at once to the said house and had a look at the body. I decided from my observation that the man had been dead when he was hanged because the neck was not broken, the eyes did not bulge and the tongue did not protrude from the mouth, but I said nothing. Meanwhile, the coroner arrived, together with the sheriff, who was Robert **WICKLIFFE**, and the County Attorney, Mr. Wade **GRAY**. The coroner impaneled a jury and after hearing what evidence there was, which was not much, the jury rendered a verdict that Henry **ALLEN** had met his death by being hanged by the neck until death by some person or persons unknown to the jury. Mr. **GRAY** made a short talk to the crowd in which he promised to do all in his power to apprehend and punish the persons guilty of committing this foul deed.

The death of **ALLEN** caused a wave of apprehension to sweep over the entire county. Everyone feared that the Opossum Hunters would do something terrible to avenge **ALLEN'S** death. A mass meeting was held at the court house in Greenville, which was attended by a large crowd of people. Speeches were made by several prominent men of the community as well as the district president and vice-president of the United Mine Workers of America. The last one was made by the minister who advised people to go home and clean up their premises, plant a garden and let the peace of God reign in their hearts. I think that his talk did more good than all the rest, be that as it may.

The feeling of terror and apprehension slowly quieted down and the Opossum Hunters disappeared forever and peace and quiet, law and order returned to Muhlenberg County. It took me more than five years to learn what happened to Henry **ALLEN** the night that he was kidnapped, but eventually I learned the facts from the lips of two members of the posse and here they are:

ACCORDING TO MY INFORMANTS:

This band, which was composed of some very outstanding men of the county, had been organized for some time and it worked very efficiently. It was decided to kidnap ALLEN and convey him to a secret spot and compel him to give them the names of all the members of his band of Opossum Hunters and where they lived, also if possible, the names of the men who started the organization in the county, but they had for an opportunity to pick him up. They did not want to kidnap him at his house because of two people would give the alarm at once and might cause them to fail to get him away. He was watched all the time except when he went on raids. When he went to spend the night with his father-in-law, the opportunity came, for Mr. DANIELS was old and of a timid nature and he was used to ALLEN going out at night and the kidnapers did not believe that he would give the alarm before morning and they were right.

So, about 9 p.m. that night they drove up to Mr. DANIELS' gate in a buggy drawn by a mule and called Henry by name. ALLEN, who had retired for the night, arose and slipped on his shoes, went out to the gate in his night clothes where he was seized and placed in the buggy which was driven to the tipple of the Woodson Mine, some one-half mile distance. There he was taken into the dynamo room, after which the doors were closed.

They then demanded him to give them the information mentioned above. They also told him that they had no desire to hurt him, but would do so if he refused to give the information, but he refused to tell them anything so they started the electric generator and gave him a light shock. It must have been painful for he ask them to turn it off, promising that he would tell them all that they wanted to know. But, when they turned off the current he again clammed up and refused to talk, so they turned the current on again, intending to give him another light shock. They had no intention of seriously harming him but unthought by them, the generator had continued to run and had built up the power to such extent that when they turned it on him again he was instantly killed. This was the very thing that they did not want, but now they realized that they had a dead man on their hands and the question was, what to do with him. It was decided to take him to a densely-wooded area near Oakland Motor Road and hang him to a tree, which they did.

So, my theory that ALLEN was dead when hanged to proved to be true. I have never divulged the names of the men who participated in this tragedy and have never written them down. I have all the names in my memory. The last survivor died about four years ago. The death of Henry ALLEN was an accident, possibly a criminal one, but as his death put an end to a reign of terror and brought law and order back to Muhlenberg County, I feel that in the main it was a good thing.

Elmer CORNETTE, Pueblo, Colorado

The following death notices appeared in the Jan.11,1894 issue of the Central City Republican.This was a Thursday issue.

W.H.FERGUSON

Last Sunday afternoon the remains of **W.H.FERGUSON** were laid to rest at the Bluff graveyard. The deceased was a policeman in this city the past eighteen months,and as a most faithful official will be long remembered by the people he so-faithfully served.

After a long illness he succumbed to consumption and died Sat. Peneeful,generous and fearless,he met death in the same spirit that he showed in all the relations of life and when the dark dew of death first awoke him from the bream of life he called to his father and told him he was ready to die. All honor to his memory,the gentle man,chivalric citizen. He was thrity-seven years old. He left a wife and three children,besides his father,brothers and sisters,with whom deep sorrow,a breaved community drop upon the mound ----- covers him with the tender tear of -----.

John BRADLEY

John **BRADLEY** the colored butcher of this place died at his home last Sunday. John was a sober,energetic darky and was well spoken of by the white and colored.

Mrs. W.H.BELL

Mrs. Margaret **BELL**,wife,of Rev.**W.H.BELL** of this place died at eleven o'clock at her home on Broad Street,this city of abcess of the lungs,after an illness of three months. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her death. She was forty-eight years of age and had lived a -----christain life. The remains will be interred in Fair Mount Cemetery this city at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

The following deaths appeared in the Jan.15,1926 issue of the Central City Argus. This was a Friday issue.

Fred Parker WRIGHT

On last Saturday morning at 4:45 o'clock,Fred Parker **WRIGHT**,for twenty-six years, General Manager of the Crescent Coal Company, and one of the most prominent coal operators in Western,Kentucky, died peacefully and with out pain in his home in the little mining camp of Bevier,where he had lived for more than a quater of a century. While Mr. **WRIGHT** was mature in years,his death came suddenly and was a great surprise and shock to his many friends as well as his faithful employees.

Mr. **WRIGHT** was born December 5,1851,in Winchester,Mass.,the only son of Levi Praker **WRIGHT** and Esther J.**WRIGHT**, who in their

declining years made their home with him at Bevier, both whom preceded him a number of years ago. At an early age Mr. **WRIGHT** accompanied his parents to Chili in South America, returning with them at the outbreak of hostilities in the war between the States, his father serving with distinction as an officer in the Union Army throughout the war. Mr. **WRIGHT'S** young manhood was divided between the cities of Chicago and Washington, where in 1879, he married Miss Lillian Duncan **MASSEY**, who with one son, Douglas M. **WRIGHT**, of Nashville, Tenn., survive him.

Before coming to Kentucky Mr. **WRIGHT** was engaged in construction work of the public nature, the most notable of which was a part of the reservoir system for New York and the coast defense of Long Island. Upon the purchase of the Memphis Coal Company properties by the Crescent Coal Company in the early part of the 1900, Mr. **WRIGHT** came to Bevier, and had managed the affairs of the company until the time of his death.

Almost a quarter of a century ago, the writer walked into the office of the Crescent Coal Company at Bevier, seeking employment and for the first time saw and became acquainted with Fred Parker **WRIGHT**. After our first meeting and for many years, it was my privilege and pleasure to meet him often and to have been associated with him in the work of solving industrial problems and I can say now, after he is gone, as I often said while he was alive, that I never known a man of a deeper sense of honor. Fred Parker **WRIGHT**, from the day he looked me squarely in the eye and said: "Young man, I like your appearance, I will give you employment and a trial," has been an inspiration to me. For more than a century he lived in a small, isolated mining camp, foregoing all the pleasures of social intercourse, intellectual companionship watching with the minutest care, every detail of his work as the general manager of a great business institution, and died, as his wish often expressed in life, with the "harness on."

Few men in Muhlenberg County knew him personally and intimately, but many will miss him. In this day of greed and selfishness, of industrial turmoil and strife, I believe that the greatest tribute that can be paid him is this: "His, employes loved and trusted him."

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The following transcripts are taken from original mine employee cards from Graham and Luzerne mines for dates 1918-1956. (Example of year/month worked 27/7--year 1927 months worked:7.)

NAME	YEAR AND MONTH WORKED	MINE
AUSTIN, Albert	25/10	Luzerne
AUSTIN, E.C.	25/3	Luzerne
AUSTIN, Geo.	22/6 23/12 24/3	Graham
AUSTIN, Jack	23/1 24/3 25/5	Luzerne
AUSTIN, T.B.	23/2 24/3 25/7	Luzerne
BEARD, H.L.	26/6 27/8 28/12	Graham
BEARD, Joe	27/6 28/8	Graham
BEARD, R.J.	18/12 19/11 20/9 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/3 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 40/12 41/12	Graham
BEECHAM, Harvey	27/12 28/10 29/8	Luzerne
BELL, Virgil	26/2 27/8 28/12 29/5 30/10 31/2	Luzerne
CHANEY, Gilbert	32/6 33/3 35/7 36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/12 41/1	Graham
CHANDLER, Geo.H.	25/6 26/9 27/7 28/12 29/12 30/12 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/12	Graham
COLEMAN, Robert L.	18/5 19/12 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/10 25/5 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/12 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/12 36/12	Graham
COSMACK, William	27/8 28/12 29/4	Luzerne
DIVINE, Hosea Dallas	37/1	Graham
DIVINE, Jesse C.	37/10 38/12 39/9 40/12 41/2	Graham
DIVINE, J.T.	37/1	Graham
DOBBINS, Raymond	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3	Graham
DOBBINS, Ross	22/8 23/12 24/3	Graham
DOOLIN, John	18/12 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/10 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3 37/9 38/12 39/3	Graham
EDWARDS, Jess	18/12 19/12 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/12 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 39/11 40/12 41/12	Luzerne
EDWARDS, Lum	25/12 26/12 27/12 28/11	Luzerne

NAME	YEAR AND MONTH WORKED	MINE
ELLIOTT, Chas.	18/12 19/12 20/11 21/12 22/12	Graham
	23/12 24/3 25/12 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 40/12 41/12	
	20/3 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/11	
ELLIS, J.T.	18/12 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/10	Graham
	24/3 25/11 26/12 27/12 28/12	
EVITTS, Jhn.D.	29/12 30/12 31/12 32/12 33/12	Luzerne
	34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/3	
	37/1	
	29/4	
	37/4 38/3	
	39/3 40/12 41/12	
EVITTS, Robert H.	20/10 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3	Luzerne
	25/11	
FOURTNEY, Costell	26/12 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/10	Graham
FRANKLIN, Roy Tyson	31/12	Luzerne
	32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3	
FRANKLIN, Roy Tyson	37/11 38/12 39/12 40/2 41/9	Graham
	18/3 19/3 20/10 21/12 22/12	
FULKERSON, Brank E.	23/12 24/3 25/10 26/4	Luzerne
	20/1 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3	
GARRETT, McK.	25/3 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/12	Graham
	30/10 31/3 32/10 33/12 34/12	
GIBBS, C.I.	35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12	Luzerne
	40/12 41/12	
GILL, Walter	26/9 27/12 28/12 29/2 30/10	Luzerne
	31/2 32/6 33/12 34/12 35/9	
GOFF, Wm.	36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/6	Graham
	41/12	
GOODALL, "Buck"	27/3 28/12 29/12 30/9 31/12	Luzerne
	32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9	
HARRIS, Henry	18/5 20/5 21/5 22/4 23/9 37/3	Luzerne
	38/3	
HARRIS, T.E.	23/7	Luzerne
HARRISON, M.	24/3 25/11 26/2	Luzerne
HARRISON, Tom	25/6	Luzerne
HATCHER, W.T.	20/9 21/8 22/11 23/10 24/6 25/2	Graham
	27/2 28/2 29/1 30/1 31/1	
JARVIS, J.M.	18/8 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12	Luzerne
	23/12 24/3	
JARVIS, Leo	40/1	Graham
JARVIS, Lonzo	30/2	Graham
JARVIS, M.	21/7 22/12 23/9 24/3	Luzerne
JARVIS, Marshall	18/10 19/11 20/6 23/8 24/4	Graham
KRUSELLA (?) Ernest	25/12 26/3	Luzerne
LATHAM, Henry	36/2 37/11 38/3	Luzerne
LATHAM, Leland	27/5 28/12 29/7 30/10 31/12	Graham
	32/12 33/12 34/1	
LATHAM, Marshall	26/3 27/8	Graham
LAWERENCE, B.M.	20/8 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3	Graham

Name	Year and Month Worked	Mine
LAWERENCE, B. M.	25/10 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/3	Graham
LAWERENCE, D.	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/11 24/3 25/9 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/1	Graham
MCDONALD, James	37/4 38/2	Luzerne
MCDONALD, J. C.	18/12 29/12 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3	Luzerne
MCDONALD, Paul	18/12 29/2 20/11 21/12 22/4 23/10 24/3 25/11 26/11 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 40/9 41/12	Luzerne
MCDONALD, J. Walt.	24/1 25/4 26/11 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/8 36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/4 41/11	Luzerne
MCDONALD, Taylor	42/8 43/12 44/12 45/12 46/11 47/11 48/12 50/11 51/12 52/12 53/12 Date of Birth:9-18-1906	Luzerne
MANUS, E. G.	28/4	Luzerne
MANUS, Jesse	18/6 19/4 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/12 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/4	Luzerne
MANUS, Robert	27/8 29/8	Luzerne
MANZY, Estes	25/6	Luzerne
MANZY, Rufus	25/10 26/5	Luzerne
NOFFSINGER, Everett	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/11 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/12 36/12 37/12 38/12 39/12 40/12 41/12	Graham
OLIVER, Dalton	24/3 25/7 26/12 27/9	Graham
OLIVER, E.	18/8 19/12 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/9 24/3 25/9 26/12 27/1	Graham
OLIVER, H. C.	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/1	Graham
OLIVER, Lewis	26/8 27/9 28/12	Graham
OLIVER, Sam	36/1	Graham
PENTECOST, Frank	18/12 19/12 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/5 25/12 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 40/3	Luzerne
PETTIS, Chilton B.	31/11 32/10 33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/6 After the last date on card the word dead is written in. His Date of Birth: 1-27-1905.	Luzerne
PERKINS, Morris	24/3 25/5 27/?	Luzerne
PEVELER, Ed.	18/1 19/12 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/12 25/8	Graham
PEVELER, Raymond Ted	37/4 38/3	Luzerne

NAME	YEAR AND MONTH WORKED	MINE
PEVELER, Martin L.	37/11 38/12 39/9 40/12 41/6	Graham
REYNOLDS, Ed.	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3	Graham
REYNOLDS, Leslie	25/9	Luzerne
REYNOLDS, Leslie	23/10 24/3 25/3 26/12 27/9 28/4 29/12	Graham
REYNOLDS, Wm.	21/2 22/12 23/12 24/3	Luzerne
RICKARD, Chas.	20/2 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/10 26/12 27/11 28/12 29/12 30/10 31/12 32/3	Graham
RICHARDSON, John E.	30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/12 41/9	Graham
SHANKS, Virgil	31/2 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12 40/4 41/10	Luzerne
SHANKS, Walton E.	30/3 31/12 32/12 33/1	Graham
SHANKS, Wendell	28/12 29/9 31/2 32/1	Graham
SHANNON, Lynn	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/3 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/2	Graham
TYSON, J.H.	35/1	Luzerne
TYSON, Marshall D.	18/12 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/10 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 40/12 41/7	Graham
TYSON, Martin Henry	39/3 40/12 41/2	Luzerne
TYSON, Martin	25/10 28/1 29/8 30/3 31/3 32/12 33/6 34/7 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/8	Luzerne
TYSON, Morton Wiley	35/4 36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/8 41/12	Luzerne
VINCENT, C.	27/9	Graham
VINCENT, Charles D.	39/3 40/12 41/12	Graham
VINCENT, Clell	21/8 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/12 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9 36/1 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/4 41/5	Luzerne
VINCENT, Clint	34/1	Luzerne
VINCENT, Claud	19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/10 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 40/12 41/5	Graham
WARE, Richard	25/11 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/4 30/10 31/12 32/3	Luzerne
WASH, Henry	18/12 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/11 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/9 30/7 31/12 32/1	Graham
WASHINGTON, Arthur S.	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 26/4 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12	Graham

NAME	YEAR AND MONTH WORKED	MINE
WASHINGTON, Arthur S.	34/12 35/3	GRAHAM
WASHINGTON, Ashley R.	18/12 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 26/4 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 40/12 41/12	GRAHAM
WASHINGTON, O.L.	18/6 19/1 20/8 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/10 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/11 39/12 40/12 41/12	GRAHAM

QUERIES

HILL

Seeking information on the parents of J.Thomas **HILL**; Born: Jan. 1, 1786, MD (?); Died: Oct. 10, 1832, Muhlenberg County, Ky; Married: About 1815, Nancy Noffsinger **COOK**. Contact: Bob **GOSSETT**, 3572 Ashmere Loop, Round Rock, TX. 78681-1004.

BARNARD/PIGMAN

Seeking info about William **BARNARD** and Sarah **PIGMAN** who married in Frederick County, Maryland in 1780. They came to Ohio County in 1797 or 1798. Goshen Church was built on land owned by William. William died in 1843 in Ohio County. Reverend Ignatius **PIGMAN** also came from Maryland to Ohio County, and founded Old Bethel Church. Would like to correspond with researchers of **BARNARD** and **PIGMAN** families. Contact: Gayle S. **SCHOLER**, 2103 Planatation Drive, Richmond, TX 77469.

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He is survived by a wife and six children and had been in the employ of the company for a number of years. He leaves a host of friends. Following the funeral services the body was interred at Forest Grove cemetery Tuesday.

Fonzo **DEARMAND**: Central City Argus, Feb. 19, 1926

Fonzo **DEARMAND**, the promising son of Mr. and Mrs. Ban **DEARMAND** of the Gus neighborhood was called by death the 11th after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. He had many friends in this place who sincerely mourn his loss.

The following was taken from A History of Muhlenberg County, by Otto Rothert. Chapter XXV

SOME OF MUHLENBERG'S CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS

Muhlenberg was represented in the Civil War by about one thousand soldiers. About 85 per cent of these were in the Federal army, about 15 per cent in the Confederate army. The following are brief biographies of a few of Muhlenberg's soldiers who lived in the county during all or the greater part of their lives.

General Don Carlos **BUELL**. For portrait see page 237.

John **COOMBS** was born January 13, 1840. He is a son of Asa **COOMBS**, who settled in Muhlenberg in 1848, near Rockport, Ohio County. He was a sergeant in Company H, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry (Federal) and served with that company during the greater part of the war. After its close he took up farming until he was elected jailer, when he moved to the county seat. He filled that office from 1882 to 1890. He continued to live in Greenville about ten years longer, filling in the meantime various town offices, after which he returned to his farm, where he remained until he retired from active life, when he again took up his residence in Greenville. He married Mary J., daughter of B.T. **CASEBIER**, who was an influential farmer in the eastern part of the county. Their only son is Joseph Edward **COOMBS**, a merchant of Greenville.

Captain Japha N. **DURALL** was born on a farm in the Bethel neighborhood, northwest of Greenville, March 19, 1844, and died on the same farm July 29, 1912. He was a corporal in Company H, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry (Federal). Some of the most largely attended soldiers' reunions held have taken place on his farm. He was a farmer during the greater part of his life, and also operated a sawmill for a number of years. His wife was America Jane **WOODBURN**, a sister of Dr. J.T. **WOODBURN**. Most of their children still live in the Bethel neighborhood, where they occupy good farms.

Francis M. **FINLEY**, a Federal soldier, and Thomas M. **FINLEY**, a Confederate soldier, were brothers, members of one of the dozen or more families in Muhlenberg that were represented in both armies. They were born in the Long Creek country on what is known as the **FINLEY** Farm, and were among the best-known farmers in that section of the county. They were the sons of William H. **FINLEY**, who settled in the southern part of the county about 1830, where he died in 1852. His wife was Cynthia **WAGNER**, daughter of a well-known local miller.

Francis Marion **FINLEY** was born April 15, 1833, enlisted in Company I, Forty-eighth Kentucky Infantry (Federal), in March, 1863, and remained with that company until it was mustered out of service in December, 1864. He married Susan S., daughter of John W. **SHELTON**, who lived near Old Liberty and was of one of the oldest families in the county. Francis M. **FINLEY** died March 14, 1908, on his farm

near Greenbriar Church, eleven miles south of Greenville.
Alexander Y. **FINLEY**, of the Pond Creek country, is his only son.

Thomas Monroe **FINLEY** was born June 17, 1835. He enlisted in 1862 in Company D, Second Kentucky Cavalry (Confederate), at Allensville Todd County, and served with that regiment until the close of the war, when he returned to his Long Creek farm, afterward removing to Greenville, where he now lives. His wife was Nancy A., daughter of J. Jackson **ROBERTSON**, who lived near the Buckner Stack. She died January 14, 1912. Mrs. Mollie C. (Charles M.) **SHUTT** is their only child.

Captain Jesse Knox **FREEMAN**, Sr., was born February 26, 1837, in Hancock County, where he spent his youth. In 1858 he married Kittie Ann **MASON**, of Breckinridge County, and shortly after removed to Bremen. He enlisted in the Eleventh Kentucky Infantry (Federal) on September 28, 1862, after the death of Captain Isaac W. **SKETO** at Shiloh, he became the captain of the company. For a time he acted as aide-de-camp to General William Soule **SMITH**, and at one time served as commander of the convalescent camp of Union soldiers at Louisville; he also acted as provost marshal of Bowling Green. He was mustered out of service with his regiment on December 18, 1864. Captain **FREEMAN** moved to Central City shortly after the place was founded, and has since been identified with that town. He was postmaster of Central City from 1897-1905. His son J. K. **FREEMAN**, Jr., is an attorney and at present the postmaster of Central City.

William S. **GRUNDY**. For portrait see page 230.

Judge S. P. **LOVE**, or, as he was more frequently called, Colonel S. P. **LOVE**, came to the county at the age of twenty-three, and after an active life here of more than a half a century died in Greenville on March 26, 1903. No Muhlenberg man was more highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens than was Colonel **LOVE**. I quote from the Greenville Record:

"Colonel Smoloff Pallas **LOVE** died at his home at 7:15 o'clock LAST Thursday morning, after an illness that confined him to his bed for several weeks. He was born May 10, 1826, in Lincoln County, and was reared in Garrard County. In 1846 he enlisted as a private in Captain **DONOVAN'S** command, being mustered into service at Mexico, Missouri, from which point he marched to Mexico, participating in numerous engagements during the Mexican War and being discharged from the service after the battle of Buena Vista. He had been appointed second lieutenant, but was never commissioned."

"In 1849 he came to this county, and on the 15th of July, 1850, was united in marriage by Rev. John N. **SHARP** to Miss Jane **MCCONNELL**, daughter of John Henry **MCCONNELL**, of this county. He was commissioned lieutenant-colonel in the Eleventh Kentucky Regiment of the Federal army, under Colonel P. B. **HAWKINS**, in August, 1861, and in May, 1863, was made Colonel of the regiment. He was con-

stantly with his command, and his bravery, fidelity and consideration for his men endeared every member strongly to him. He was in the engagement at Shiloh and Perryville and in all the skirmishes in pursuit of **BRAGG'S** army when it retreated from Kentucky. He also participated in the seige of Knoxville, in the campaign under General **BURNSIDE** in East Tennessee, and in all battles in which **SHERMAN'S** army was engaged on the march from Ringgold to Atlanta. He was discharged at Bowling Green, December 16, 1864."

"In 1866 Colonel Love moved with his family from South Carrollton to Greenville, and in the same year was elected judge of the county, whcih position he held for two terms. After the expiration of his offfical term he engaged in the practice of law, and was an active and successful advocate. For some years he had been a sufferer from a complication of diseases, and for the past few years had not been able to follow his profession.

"Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery Friday afternoon with full military honors, several hundred people being in attendance. Messrs. John A. **WILLIAMS**, W. C. **SHANNON**, Nathan **MCCLELLAND**, D. E. **RHOADS**, John **COOMBS** and Robert **CASEBIER** were pallbearers, and an escort of about forty men of his old command, and many other members of the G. A. R., aided in the ceremonies of last respect. Company F, Third Regiment Kentucky State Guard, under Captain R. C. **MCCRACKEN**, was in line and formed the firing squad, Bugler Clarence B. **HAYES** blowing taps that closed the service impressively."

"The widow survies, and the following children: Mrs. Dan **MOSELY**, Depoy; John G. **LOVE**, Central City; Mrs. Edward **YONTS** and Mrs. Annie R. **WHITE**, of Greenville; Mrs. H. F. **YOUNG**, Louisville; Mrs. George **GOSSETT**, Paducah; Mrs. J. W. **VOMBURG**, Russellville; Mrs. Henry **NUNAN**, Gurdon, Arkansas; Mrs. George A. **HILLEBERT**, Lehigh, Indian Territory. Their daughter Mrs. H. B. **BARKIS** died in 1884, and their son Lucien T. **LOVE** in 1896. Colonel **LOVE** united with the Presbyterian Church at this place in 1882. Rev. G. F. **BELL** conducted the service at the home, in which he was assisted by Rev. T. C. **PETERS**, of the Methodist Church."

The few reunions of the veterans of the Mexican War that have taken place in Muhlenberg were perposed and conducted by Colonel **LOVE**, who probably took more brotherly interest in the veterans of the Mexican and Civil wars than any other man in the county. He helped compile the history of the Eleventh Kentucky Infantry, published in "The Union Regiments of Kentucky" (1897).

Seven years after his death a poem written by Colonel **LOVE** was found among some of his personal papers. It was printed in the Greenville Record on July 14, 1910, by Orien L. **ROARK**, who in his comments says: "His comrades in this county will recognize in this personal appreciation of the soldier which always manifest in their brave and true commander, who shared with the rank and file all the dangers and privations, and was first

to give to the men the credit for the glories and fortunes of war."

Had Colonel **LOVE** published this poem during his life he probably would have dedicated it not only to the local veterans of the Civil War, but also to the Muhlenberg men in the Mexican War.

THE OLD SOLDIERS.
BY S.P. **LOVE**

Our ranks are growing thinner
 Every year,
And death is still a winner
 Every year,
Yet we still must stick together
Like the toughest kind of leather,
And in any kind of weather,
 Every year.

Our comrades have departed
 Every year,
And left us broken-hearted
 Every year,
But their spirits fondly greet us
And constantly entreat us
To come, that they may meet us,
 Every year.

Our steps are growing slower
 Every year,
Pale death is still a mower
 Every year,
Yet we faced him in the battle,
Amid the muskets' rattle,
And defied his final edict,
 Every year,

We are growing old and lonely
 Every year,
We have recollections only
 Every year,
That we bled for this great nation
On many a field and station
And with any kind of ration
 Every year.

Many people may forget us
 Every year,
And our enemies may fret us
 Every year,
But while onward we are drifting,
Our souls with hope are lifting
To heavenly scenes, still shifting,
 Every year,

In the May-time of the flowers
Every year,
We shall live in golden hours
Every year,
And our deeds be sung in story
Down the ages growing hoary-
With a blaze of living glory
Every year.

Colonel Robert M. **MARTIN**. For portrait see page 319.

Henry C. **MCCRACKEN** was born May 28, 1838, in Pulaski County, Tenn, and emigrated to Muhlenberg in 1856. He enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry (Federal), at Calhoun in 1861, and lost his right arm at the battle of Shiloh, April 7, 1862, shortly after which he was honorably discharged. In August, 1888, he was elected magistrate and served for two years. In 1896-97 he represented Muhlenberg in the Legislature. He was engaged in farming near Murphy's Lake until 1902, when he moved to Greenville. No man in the county has taken more interest in the local G.A.R. Post than Mr. **MCCRACKEN**. In 1866 he married Laura E. **GREEN**, daughter of William J. **GREEN**. Among their children are Captain Richard C. **MCCRACKEN**, contractor, and A. Elmer **MCCRACKEN**, jeweler, of Greenville.

Captain Isaac **MILLER** was born in Tennessee in 1810 and came to Muhlenberg about 1832. He lived on a farm west of Bremen the greater part of his life, and died in South Carrollton in 1887. He was captain of Company F, Third Kentucky Cavalry (Federal), until he was wounded at Mufreesboro, when he resigned and was succeeded by Captain Elisha **BAKER**, of Greenville. Captain **MILLER** was for many years connected with the old militia musters. He married Bettie **CRUMBAKER**, daughter of Jacob **CRUMBAKER**. Among their children were: William T. (who was jailer from 1897-1905); James, who was a member of Company F; Alfred and Simon **MILLER**; Mrs. Nancy (William) **SHORT**, Mrs. Maltie (Anderson) **MILLER**, Mrs. Mary (Wesley M. [son of N.B.] **LITTLE**, Mrs. Jennie (Jacob) **GISH**, and Mrs. Katie (Wm.G.) **WHITMER**-Mr. **WHITMER** also being a member of Company F. One of Captain **MILLER'S** brothers was James M., the father of John Simon **MILLER**, who was jailer of the county from 1874 to 1882 and Greenville's postmaster from 1898 to 1912.

Captain Joseph **MITCHELL** was born in North Carolina, December 14, 1809 and came to Muhlenberg from Tennessee in 1846. He served as a colonel at many of the old militia musters. In the fall of 1863 he organized Company I, Fortny-eighth Kentucky Mounted Infantry (Federal), of which he was made captain. He lived in the upper Pond Creek country and was one of the well-known farmers of the county. He died November 12, 1863. Among his children are Mrs. W.T. **MCWHIRTER** and Mrs. Saluda A. **PACE**, who was the second wife of Edward O. **PACE**. Judge Richard O. **PACE** is a son of Edward O. and Saluda A. **PACE**. Isaac **MITCHELL**, who was

killed in the battle of Sacramento, was Captain **MITCHELL'S** brother.

Joseph F. **RICHARDSON** was born in Logan County in 1840 and died at his home in Central City on April 26, 1912. He was buried in his Confederate uniform in Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in Company A, Ninth Kentucky Infantry (Confederate), one of the regiments belonging to what was later known as the Orphan Brigade. He received a wound during the first day's battle at Shiloh which necessitated the immediate amputation of his left arm. He moved to Muhlenberg in 1864 and taught school for a number of years. In 1874 he was elected county superintendent of schools. In 1885 he moved to Daviess County, and seven years later returned to Central City. In 1900 he served as doorkeeper of the State Senate. He represented Muhlenberg in the House of Representatives from January, 1910 to January, 1912. In January, 1912, he was chosen doorkeeper of the House of Representatives. In 1871 he married Jennie H. **MORGAN**. Mrs. S. A. **BURNS**, of Daviess County and Miss Lulu **RICHARDSON**, of Central City, are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. **RICHARDSON**. "Uncle Joe," as he was called by his many friends, young and old, was a unique character, and one of the most highly respected men in the county.

Lieutenant James Louis **ROARK**, son of John R. **ROARK** and grandson of pioneer William **ROARK**, was born in Muhlenberg County April 14, 1840, and died in Greenville on April 5, 1893. In 1861 he enlisted at Calhoun and was elected first lieutenant of Company K, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry (Federal), which office he held until his regiment was mustered out. On account of disabilities received in service he did not reenlist. He was in his day the best-known funeral director in the county. J. L. **ROARK** married Jennie E. **MORGAN**, daughter of Wm. K. **MORGAN**. Their children are: Orient L., Cecil E., and Charles **ROARK** of Greenville, and Doctor J. Louis **ROARK**, now of Seattle, Washington.

Captain Martin Jefferson **ROARK**, son of pioneer William **ROARK**, was born in Muhlenberg County June 26, 1833, and died in Greenville on October 22, 1908. He enlisted at Calhoun in 1861 and was elected captain of Company K, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry (Federal). He was severely wounded at Shiloh on April 7, 1862, and afterwards was honorably discharged. Shortly after his return home he was made deputy provost marshal of Greenville. While a young man Captain **ROARK** taught school in the county. In 1866-67 he represented Muhlenberg in the Legislature, after which he devoted his time to the practice of law and to the duties of the various county offices to which he was elected. Captain M. J. **ROARK** and his wife Nannie W. (**DAVIS**) **ROARK** were the parents of Professor R. N. **ROARK**.

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