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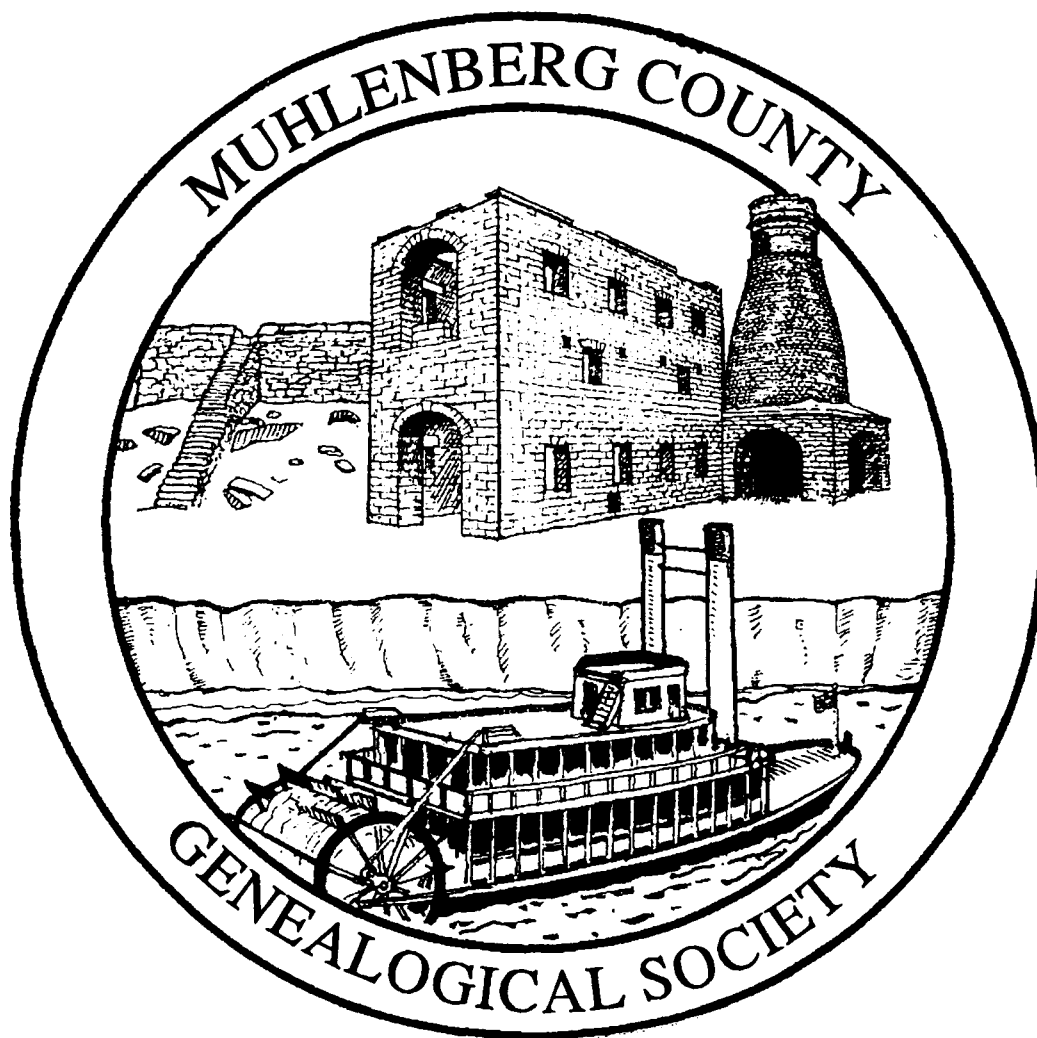


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MIHELIC, MILAM, MITCHELL, MOHON, MOORE, MORGAN, MORRIS, MURPHY, NEWMAN, OGLESBY, ORANGE, PAGE, PEARSON, PEAY, PENROD, PORTER, POGUE, PRICE, RAINWATER, RECTOR, REED, REEVES, REVELETTE, REVO, REYNOLDS, RICH, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, ROBERTSON, RUST, RUSSELL, SADDLER, SHELTON, SHEMWELL, SHUTT, SHINN, SIMS, SISK, SMITH, SORRELLS, STANLEY, STEELE, STILES, STEWART, STUART, STRADER, TABOR, TATUM, TAYLOR, THORNSBERRY, TINSLEY, TIPTON, TRAVIS, TUCKER, UNDERWOOD, VAUGHN, VICK, VINCENT, WAGONER, WASHBURNE, WATKINS, WELBORN, WELLS, WESTER, WETERFIELD, WHITAKER, WHITSON, WHITNEY, WILLIAMS, WILSON, WILLOUGHBY, WOOD, WOODALL, WOODRUFF, and WYATT.

Most towns have a central attraction that make them tick and in Beech Creek it was the coal mines and the business they created. It's gone now and although geologists know that there are eight veins of coal in the area, most of the easy mining has been accomplished, leaving an unsure future.

The railroad spur that helped move hundreds of thousands tons of coal has been removed. The town has reverted to small village status again and some think the creek may support fish and other stream life in the future.

The once thriving town has lost its vibrancy, but will always remain the hometown of many who have migrated to the four centers of the nation.

It is heartening and at the same time ironic that this town no longer digs coal, produced an outstanding man who became, perhaps its most famous alumnus, Wayne T. Ewing, presidents of the largest coal company (Peabody) in the world! He is Beech Creek's monument to coal.

And who knows, with all that coal in the ground, the technology may come along and allow Beech Creek to rise again.

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NOTICE!!!

There are always rumors in the world, but here's a note about one that needs some clarification. The collection of genealogical and local history materials which are a part of the Muhlenberg County Libraries will remain a part of the library. Some duplication has been eliminated, but nothing has been discarded that was not a duplication. When funding and sufficient personnel are available, the genealogical materials will be placed in a special room that is a part of the library. At the present time, space is at a premium, but the materials are still available for use in the library and not in any other location.

The following was taken from A History of Muhlenberg County, by Otto **ROTHERT**. Chapter XXV. This series was started in the last issue of "The Heritage" and will be completed in the issue.

#### SOME OF MUHLENBERG'S CIVIL WAS SOLDIERS

Captain Arthur N.**DAVIS**. For portrait see page 192.

Captain Washington Columbus **SHANNON** was born in Wilson County, Tennessee, October 4, 1838, and moved to Muhlenberg in 1854. On October 1, 1861, he enlisted at Calhoun as a private in Company K, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry (Federal), and after the battle of Shiloh became the first sergeant of his company, which place he held until July, 1863, when he was commissioned first lieutenant and served in that capacity until December, where upon the death of Captain C.H.**MARTIN** he succeeded to the captaincy. On December 16, 1864, his term of enlistment having expired, he mustered out at Bowling Green. He immediately reentered the army and was commissioned captain of Company K, Seventeenth Kentucky Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, since which time he has lived in the Pond River country. Captain **SHANNON** at various times has served the county as deputy assessor and deputy sheriff.

Lieutenant Euclid E.C.**SHULL** was born at Paradise, Oct. 29, 1842. He is a son of Peter **SHULL**, Jr., and a grandson of pioneer Peter **SHULL**. On Sept. 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-sixth Kentucky U.S.V.I. He filled a number of regimental positions. On Feb. 26, 1865, he became first lieutenant of Company G, U.S. Cavalry. He was mustered out of service Sept. 28, 1865, since which time he has conducted the hotel in Paradise. During his more active years he was extensively engaged in farming. Few people have visited Paradise within the past forty-five without having the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. **SHULL**.

William H. **SMITH** was born near Paradise, Sept. 30, 1841. He is a son of Leonard **SMITH** and a grandson of pioneer Aaron **SMITH**. He was a member of Company I, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry (Federal). His farm on the Green River below Airdrie is one of the best preserved of the old farms in the county. Few men living along the Green River are better known than "Billy" **SMITH**, as he is called by his many firends. One of his nearest neighbors was General **BUELL**, under whom he had fought during the first part of the Civil War and after whom his youngest son, Don Carlos R., is named. Mrs. Mary E. **HUMPHREY**, one of the most progressive women in the town of Paradise, is one of his daughters.

John L.G. **THOMPSON** was born in Clermont County, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1836, and moved to Muhlenberg in 1858. While visiting in Illinois he enlisted in Company G, Second Illinois Cavalry (Federal). After

the close of the Civil War he returned to Muhlenberg, and has ever since ranked among the best farmers in the county. His wife Anna **WOODBURN**, daughter of J.T. **WOODBURN**, Sr.

R.W. **WALLACE** was born near South Carrollton, Oct. 5, 1829, and died at Paradise on July 13, 1876. He was a son of Jared and Polly (**DEARING**) **WALLACE**. His grandfathers, Coulston **WALLACE** and Bayless **DEARING**, came to Muhlenberg about 1808. He was a Confederate soldier--a member of Company C, Ninth Kentucky Infantry. Although a cripple, he took part in a number of battles. He had a store in Paradise, and at the time of his death was one of the leading merchants in the town. In 1866 he married Mary E. **KIRTLEY**, daughter of Elias V. **KIRTLEY**. R.W. **WALLACE** and wife were the parents of Mrs. Gertrude W. (J.B.) **HOCKER** of Owensboro and R.E., J.E., and H.A. **WALLACE**, well-known Muhlenberg merchants.

R.T. **VINCENT**. For portrait see page 330.  
Colonel E.R. **WEIR**. For portrait see page 61.  
John K. **WICKLIFFE**. For portrait see page 256.  
J.L. **WILKINS**. For portrait see page 330.

Lieutenant Joseph Davis **YONTS** was born near Paradise, Oct. 25, 1841 and died in Greenville June 9, 1896. When the Eleventh Kentucky Infantry (Federal) was organizing he enlisted as a private in Company H, and after the battle of Shiloh became first lieutenant. Although he was wounded a number of times, he remained with his company until the close of the war. Immediately after the war he moved to Greenville, and for more than thirty years took an active interest in the business affairs of the town. In 1865 he became a clerk in the store of Edward R. **WEIR**, Sr., and continued in that work until the Greenville Grange Store was organized. He and Joseph G. **ELLISON** managed this cooperative store during the few years of its existence. In the latter part of the seventies he and his brother, Edward L. **YONTS**, began rehandling tobacco in Greenville until 1880, when they opened a drug store on the northeast corner of Main and Main Cross streets. A few years later he bought his brother's interest in this store, and remained in the drug business until the time of his death. Joseph D. **YONTS** was a son of Philip **YONTS** and his wife Adaline **DAVIS YONTS**. In 1872 he married Delia L. **KINGSLEY**, daughter of Edward **KINGSLEY** of Rochester and his wife Mary Susan **MEYERS**, daughter of David **MYERS** of Myers Chapel. Their only son is Morton K. **YONTS**, now of the Louisville bar.

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QUERY

I am searching for information on the parents and children of both Thomas **COMBS** and Sarah **ANDERSON** who were married in Nelson Co., KY Dec 1793. Thomas died in Muhlenberg Co., Ky 1806/7. The widow Sarah married James **WALKER** in 1809. She was given custody of the **COMBS** children by the court in 1810. The children: Anderson, Susannah, John, Thomas, David, Priscilla and Jonathan Pettit **COMBS**. Where did they go? Who were their spouses and children?

Sarah's mother was the widow Arabellah **ANDERSON**. Who was Sarah's father?

Anderson **COMBS** married Elizabeth **LOTT**, dau. of Bartholomew **LOTT**, in Muhlenberg Co., Ky 3 Mar 1816. What was the names of their children? What was the name of Elizabeth's mother? Who were Bartholomew **LOTT'S** parents and where was he born? I would like to contact descendants of Thomas **COMBS** and Sarah **ANDERSON**. I will exchange information and answer all correspondence. Contact: Andrew J. **TIDWELL**, 54 Hampton Drive, Sequin, Texas 78155.

Seeking information on the following people. I would like to hear from some of family members: George W. **GISH** and Mahala **TINKLE** (m) Mar.2,1848: John D. **COSBY** and Martha **TINKLE** (m) July 5,1850: James R. **CLARK** and Mary Ann **TINKLE** (m) Sept.24,1855: Richard **SHOCKLEY** and Ellen **TINKLE** (m) Feb.3,1856: J.T. **SHACKLE** and Maria **TINKLE** (m) Jan.4,1860: Wiley B. **TINKLE** and Willie S. **EAVES** (m) Jan.29,1866: John **DANNER** and Margaret **TINKLE** (m) Nov. 17,1875: Jacob **TINKLE** and Matilda **WILKINS** (m) Dec.14,1893: Joseph **TINKE** (**TINKLE**) and Catherine **CARNES** (**KARNE**) (m) Feb 26,1852: Benjamin **HINKLE** and Mary Smith (m) July 18,1839: Joseph **HINKLE** and Sally **RICH** (m) Sept 7,1848.

Also need help on Jacob **TINKLE** Born 1860 in Muhlenberg County. His father was William **TINKLE** and mother was Polly **CARNES** (**KARNE**) who came from ILL. Also, was Jacob **TINKLE** and Margaret **TINKLE**, (John Danner's wife) brother and sister? Please contact Dianna **TINKLE**, 114 Wickliffe Street, Greenville, Ky 42345. Phone (502) 338-2574 if you have any information on the family listed above.

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The Muhlenberg County Genealogical Soc. meets the first Thursday of the month. The meetings are held at the Harbin Memorial Library in Greenville, Ky. Please use the rear parking lot and entrance. The meeting is at 7:00 p.m. If you are in town we would like very much for you to visit with us. Members and their guests are always welcome.

The Muhlenberg County Genealogical Soc. is sponsoring, compiling and publishing a FAMILY HISTORY OF MUHLENBERG COUNTY, KY. Please send any questions about this book to: Muhlenberg County, Ky History Book, P.O. BOX 758, Greenville, Ky 42345. If you (or your direct ancestors) are now living in or have ever lived in Muhlenberg County, WE WANT TO INCLUDE YOUR FAMILY BIOGRAPHY! This family history of Muhlenberg County is for everyone. If you have any questions about the family history book please write to the address above or contact Carol **BROWN** (502) 338-3713. The placement of a 500 biography is free and if you wish to purchase a book the cost will be \$49.95 (KY residents add \$3.00 sales tax). This will be a limited edition book. Please add \$5.00 per book for postage if the book is to be mailed, also, add \$5.00 to emboss family name on the cover of the book.

The "Cornsilk" Militia of Kentucky: By G.Glenn Clift

1792-1811

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ,1799-1804

MUHLENBERG COUNTY REGIMENT

ADAMS, John, Jr. ....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
ARNOLD, Joseph, Jr.....	Ensign, 40th Regiment .....	MA	24,1802
BELL, Robert .....	Captain, 40th Regiment .....	MA	24,1802
BELL, William .....	Paymaster, 40th Regiment.....	FE	09,1801
BOGGUS, William.....	Captain, 40th Regiment.....	AP	05,1800
BRADFORD, William.....	Major, 1st Battalion, 40th Regiment.....	SE	30,1800
BRADLEY, John.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
CAMPBELL, William.....	Colonel, 40th Regiment.....	DE	15,1799
CANOY, Jacob.....	Cornet, 40th Regiment.....	MA	20,1800
CARGLE, John.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	MR	22,1803
CASIBIER, David.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	AP	05,1800
COFFER, Henry.....	Adjutant, 40th Regiment.....	FE	09,1801
CRAIG, Jacob.....	Ensign, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
CRAIG, Thomas.....	Ensign, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
DENNIS, John, Jr.....	Ensign, 40th Regiment.....	MR	22,1803
DOBYNS, John.....	Captain, 40th Regiment.....	MR	22,1803
GLENN, Robert.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	AU	15,1803
GRAVES, John Sanders...	Ensign, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
HAM, Matthew.....	Lieutenant of Cavalry, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
HAMM, Jacob.....	Lieutenant, L.H. (Light Horse) 40th Regiment.....	MA	20,1800
HYNES, William.....	Major, 1st Battalion, 40th Regiment.....	DE	16,1799
KEITH, Abner.....	Captain, 40th Regiment.....	AU	15,1803
KINCHALOE, Lewis.....	Major, 1st Battalion, 40th Regiment.....	DE	13,1799
KINCHALOE, Louis.....	Colonel, 40th Regiment.....	SE	30,1800
KINCHALOE, Stephen.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	SE	17,1800
LANGLEY, Jeremiah.....	Ensign, 40th Regiment.....	AP	07,1801
LANGLEY, Jeremiah.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	MR	22,1803
LITTLEPAGE, Eppes.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	AU	15,1803
LITTLEPAGE, Thomas.....	Ensign, 40th Regiment.....	MR	22,1803
MCCOMMON, William.....	Captain, 40th Regiment.....	SE	17,1800
MATTHEWS, Job.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	AU	15,1803
MORGAN, John.....	Adjutant, 40th Regiment.....	FE	15,1802
MORGAN, Willis.....	Captain, 40th Regiment.....	AU	15,1803
OYLER, Jonathan.....	Captain, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
PATTON, William.....	Captain, 40th Regiment.....	AU	15,1803
PENROD, Samuel.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	SE	17,1800
RANDAL, Robert.....	Ensign, 40th Regiment.....	SE	17,1800
RANDOLPH, Robert.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
RANDOLPH, Thomas.....	Captain, 40th Regiment.....	MR	22,1802
RENNO, Jesse.....	Captain, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
RENNO, Lewis.....	Ensign, 40th Regiment.....	MA	24,1802
RHOADS, Henry.....	Lieutenant, 40th Regiment.....	SE	17,1800

## CENTRAL POINT SCHOOL 1908-1909

Parent or Guardian	Name of Children	Date of Birth
W.M.REED	Helen B.Reed	25 FE 1901
	Ethel G. "	9 MR 1902
W.H.WILLIAMS	George T.Williams	29 DE 1894
	Charlie B. "	1 JA 1896
	Henry "	7 OC 1898
	Alfred "	3 SE 1900
John E.JARVIS	Jesse E.Jarvis	30 MR 1892
	William F. "	5 NO 1893
	Hettie L. "	7 OC 1898
	Charlie F. "	3 OC 1900
Roy CRAIG	Velma M. Craig	2 JE 1889
	Adlai S. "	26 NO 1892
	Annie P. "	21 DE 1893
	Sam L. "	29 SE 1895
	George T. "	27 JE 1897
	Duprey C. "	3 AP 1900
John S.FARTHING	Rufus Farthing	16 AU 1900
Roland RAY	Jennie Ray	25 AU 1899
W.R.HAYS	Clyde C.Hays	23 AP 1889
J.W.CORZINE	Julian Hays	30 MR 1890
	Mamie "	7 JA 1892
D.F.MERCER	Cleveland Mercer	21 NO 1892
	Lera "	20 NO 1898
Grant MCKINNEY	Murphy McKinney	15 JL 1901
J.F.DOSS	Irby Doss	16 FE 1893
J.H.WEST	Arvil West	18 JA 1894
	Ranel "	17 DE 1898
John S. HAYS	Edgar Hays	22 MR 1890
	Lonell "	25 MR 1894
	Lena "	27 FE 1892
	Ruby "	30 MY 1901
J.R.JOHNSTON	Raymond Johnston	23 AP 1894
Chas. HAYS	Pauline Hays	23 JE 1899
Walter ROBINSON	Sibyl Robinson	20 MR 1896
	Ula "	28 NO 1898
I.W.HUMPHREY	Nina LITTLEFIELD	9 JA 1899
A.J.REED	Mamie C.Reed	26 NO 1901
Date VINCENT	Freeland Vincent	25 NO 1898
	Farrie "	4 MR 1902
F.C.VINSON	Alma Vinson	26 AP 1892
	Ruby "	16 DE 1893
	Ethel "	10 SE 1894
	Effie "	29 MY 1900
S.T.PERKINS	Lora Perkins	2 AP 1901
	Walter "	18 DE 1888
	Bessie "	28 JE 1879
W.S.MAGENHEIMER	Annie May Magenheimer	21 OC 1901
A. POLLOCK	Annie Bell Pollock	8 SE 1893
	Harrie "	19 AP 1896



A.POLLOCK con't	Archie Pollock	14 NO 1898
	Edward "	15 NO 1901
W.P.FOX	Clara Fox	10 SE 1894
D.M.TYSON	Flossie Tyson	3 FE 1889
	Birchie "	16 MR 1891
	Ora "	11 JL 1894
	Kittie "	11 AU 1895
	Marshal "	8 MR 1898
J.T.TYSON	Bessie Tyson	4 OC 1899
J.J.DOWNEY	John Downey	27 MY 1889
	William "	13 DE 1890
G.B.TRAVERS	Nora E.Travers	19 AP 1900
	William C. "	19 MY 1902
Ed BLAKE	Grace Blake	1 NO 1895
	Sarah "	10 MR 1894
	Purse "	15 MY 1902
C.W.COLEMAN	Ruth Coleman	8 JA 1892
	Guy "	16 AP 1896
John M.HALL	Fannie Hall	10 JA 1889
	Luther "	20 JE 1891
	Lessie J. "	9 JE 1895
	Elsie "	7 NO 1897
Elmer ADKINS	Aubrey Adkins	4 FE 1901
John COBB	Wesley Cobb	16 AP 1901
James COBB	Alice Cobb	8 JE 1900
	Henry "	10 JE 1902
S.L.BUTLER	Alice L.Butler	28 JL 1893
	Mary "	8 FE 1896
	Carrie "	19 FE 1899
	James "	24 AU 1901
Hamilton THOMPSON	Minnie Thompson	21 JA 1896
John W. JARVIS	Maude Jarvis	12 AU 1889

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The following transcripts are taken from original mine employee cards for Graham and Luzerne mines for the dates 1918-1941.  
 (Example of year/month worked 27/7 = year:1927, Months: 7).

NAME	YEAR/MONTHS WORKED	MINE
ARNETT, E. B.	18/12 19/9 20/11 21/11 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/2 26/3	Graham
ARNETT, Chas.	20/1 21/12 22/12 23/12 24/3 25/2 26/12 27/12 28/12 29/8 30/3	Graham
ARNETT, Walter A.	18/11 19/9 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 34/4	Graham
ARGABRITE, D.	24/12 25/12 27/12 28/12 29/12	Graham
BENNETT, G. R.	26/12 27/12 28/12 29/12 30/11 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/12 41/12	Graham
BENNETT, W. P.	27/12 28/12 29/12 30/12 31/12 32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/12 41/12	Graham
DEBBY, John M. Jr	29/12 40/12	Luzerne

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BETHEL, Bob	24/10 25/12 27/12 28/12 29/5	Graham
BETHEL, Carl	23/1 24/3 25/3 27/12 28/10 29/4	Graham
CHANDLER, Norman	27/5	Graham
CHANDLER, William	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12	Graham
	23/12 24/3 26/8 27/12 28/4	
CAMPBELL, Clar.	22/7 23/12 24/3 25/6 26/11 27/12	Graham
	28/12 29/7	
CAMPBELL, George	18/6 22/9 23/12 24/4	Luzerne
CAREY, Shelley	27/7	Luzerne
DOOLIN, Rufus	25/1 26/12 27/3 29/2 30/5 31/2	Graham
	32/6 33/11 34/10 35/9 36/3 37/11	
	38/12 39/12 40/12 41/1	
DORRIS, Bob	32/6 33/12 34/12 35/7 36/3 37/3	Graham
	39/4 40/2	
DORRIS, Dock	18/12 19/10 20/12 21/12 22/12	Graham
	23/12 24/3 25/10 26/12 27/12	
	28/12 29/12 30/10 31/5	
DORRIS, H.P.	27/9	Graham
DORRIS, J.G.	28/7 29/8 30/2 32/2 33/12 34/12	Graham
	35/9 36/3 37/11 38/2 39/12 40/12	
	41/12	
EDWARDS, Chas.	18/1 19/9 20/11 21/12 22/12 23/8	Graham
	24/3	
EDWARDS, Harold	22/2 23/3 24/1	Graham
EDWARDS, Dud	24/4 25/12 26/12 27/12 28/9	Luzerne
EDWARDS, Chas.	18/12 19/12 20/10 21/12 22/12	Luzerne
	23/11 24/1 25/12 26/10 27/12	
	28/6	
EDGE, Harralson	24/12 25/12 26/12 27/12 28/12	Graham
	29/12 30/12 31/12 32/12 33/12	
	34/12 35/12 36/3	
EDGE & OATES, Doc.	32/12	Graham
EDGE, Boyce	22/7 23/12 24/3 25/10 26/12 27/12	Graham
	28/4	
FAIRCHILD, Newt.	18/12 19/12 20/12 21/12 22/12	Luzerne
	23/12 24/7 25/12 26/12 27/12	
FAIRCHILD, Orville	24/3 25/12 26/12 27/12 28/12	Luzerne
	29/12 30/10 21/12 32/12 33/12	
	34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12	
	39/12 40/12 41/12	
FAIRCHILD, Ray	37/4 38/3 39/1 40/1 41/11	Luzerne
FAIRCHILD, Wm.	32/2 33/1 34/7 35/9 36/3 37/11	Luzerne
	38/12 39/12 40/9 41/12	
FAITH, Chas. M	18/12 19/11 20/11 21/12 22/12	Graham
	23/12 24/5 25/12 26/12 27/12	
	28/12 29/12 30/9 31/12 32/12	
	33/12 34/9 35/9 36/3 37/11	
	38/12 39/12 40/12 41/12	
FAITH, James	27/12 28/12 29/5 32/7 33/12	Graham
	34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12	
	39/12 40/12 41/12	
GILL, James Wylie	Born: 9-12-1914: 42/11 43/12	Graham
	44/12 45/12 46/12 47/10 months	
	at Graham and 2 months at Luzerne	

GILL, James Wylie	48/12 29/12 50/11 51/12 52/12	Graham
con't	53/12	
GILL, J. Press	18/11 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12	Graham
	23/12 24/3 25/10 26/12 27/12	
	28/12 29/9 30/9 31/12 32/12	
	33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11	
	38/12 39/12 40/12 41/12	
GILL, Ira	18/5 19/9 20/12 21/12 22/12	Graham
	23/11 25/3 26/12 27/12 28/12	
	29/11 30/10 31/12 32/12 33/12	
	34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/12	
	39/12 40/12 41/9	
GILL, Frank	19/4 20/12 21/11 22/12 23/12	Graham
	24/3 25/5 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 42/12	
GOFF, W.S.	26/9 27/12 28/2 29/12 30/10	Luzerne
	31/2 32/6 33/12 34/12 35/9	
	36/3 37/11 38/12 39/12 40/6	
	41/12	
GOODALL, Valka D.	27/3 28/12 29/12 30/9 31/12	Graham
	32/12 33/12 34/12 35/9	
GOOTEE, Herbert	28/1 29/6 30/10 31/12 32/12	Luzerne
	33/12 34/12 35/5 36/3 37/3	
HELTSLEY, Omer	29/6	Luzerne
HELTSLEY, O.M.	24/10 25/3 26/12 27/5 28/12	Luzerne
	19/2	
HENDERSON, Gilbert	18/12 19/11 20/12 21/12 22/12	Luzerne
	23/12 24/3 25/12 26/12 27/10	
	28/12 29/12 30/10 31/12 32/12	
	33/12 34/12 35/9 36/3 37/11 38/3	
HENDERSON, Sam	18/12 19/12 20/12 21/12 22/12	Luzerne
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#### LIFE IN THE OLDEN DAYS

Practically every man and woman living "out in the county" had occasion, or at least a desire, "to go to town" one or more times during the year. Some went for business, some for pleasure, some for "business and pleasure combined." Many arranged to make their trips to town on county court days. In the olden times county court days were "big days" in Greenville, and are such even today. Then as now, of the number of people who went to Greenville on county court day only a few had court business to attend to. Some went to trade, some to meet friends and discuss business or social matters with them, some to "swap" horses, and some "to see what was going on."

Other meetings, besides those that took place in Greenville, around the mills and in the stores, offered the pioneers an opportunity to intermingle. Public speakings, militia musters, picnics on the Fourth of July, and after "the Battle of New Orleans" (January 8, 1815), the celebrations on the eighth of Jan, brought together many people from all parts of the county. House-raising, log-rolling, hog-killing, quiltings, wedding celebrations, harvesting, hunting, fishing, shooting-matches, frolics, dances, fiddlers' contest, and racing, also, served as a blender of the early settlers. However, churches and baptizing, camp-meeting and burials, brought them in closer and more intimate touch with each other than any other form of gathering.

Many of the first-comers were more interested in religion than in any other one subject. Their fathers and many other of the pioneers themselves were Revolutionary soldiers, and had fought for political and religious liberty. Liberty stood foremost among their thoughts and deeds. Thus the church established by the pioneers near Murphy's Lake was called by them New Liberty--now known as Old Liberty. They were willing to continue to devote their time and fortunes, and even to sacrifice life itself, for the liberty that had been won not many years before. A spirit of altruism prevailed in those days. The patriotic pioneer did not dream of the probability of an age of dollars--an age characterized by its selfish men who with little thought of honor or justice accumulate or try to accumulate a fortune, and look on the making of money as the only victory in life. When in 1812, and again fifty years later, volunteers were called for, men responded with a patriotic spirit and unselfish motive.

To the pioneer the Bible was a symbolic of political and religious liberty as was the Flag (see note). Those who could read were sure to read the Bible often. In the beginning, when as a rule farms were far apart and church -----.

Note: Mrs. James **DUVALL**, of Greenville, a great-granddaughter of pioneer Samuel **ALLISON**, has in her possession a Bible published in 1815 by M. **CAREY**, Philadelphia. It is a large, well-printed volume, bound in calf. It was published by subscription, and in it are given the names of the subscribers (about six hundred and fifty) then living in Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, and other sections of the West. The fact that these men subscribed for a Bible of this character indicated that they were men who appreciated good books and could afford to buy expensive volumes. Eighteen Muhlenberg men appear among the names of the subscribers to this Bible: "Samuel **ALLISON**, John **BONE**, William **CAMPBELL**, Hugh **CARTER**, B. **COFFMAN**, W. **CAMPBELL**, Abraham **DENNIS**, Samuel **DRAKE**, John **JANUARY**, I. **LANGLIS**, Job **MATTHEWS**, Solomon **RHODES**, D. H. **STEPHENS**, Thomas **SALISBURY**, James **WEIR**, Charles F. **WING**, Lewis **WEBB**, J. **ZIMMERMAN**."

Houses, in most locations, were impracticable, religious exercises were held in turn in the homes of pioneers. These services were conducted in English. In some homes there were no Bibles other than German-copies that had been brought by the German-American pioneers-nevertheless the services were conducted in English. Henry **RHODES**, it is said, frequently addressed audiences and read chapters after chapter from a German Bible, translating them into English with more grace and rapidity than some of his contemporaries who on other occasions read a Bible printed in English.

Hazel Creek Baptist Church was organized December 3, 1798, and was the first church organized in the county. This is not only the first but also the oldest church organization in Muhlenberg. Furthermore, it is the only church in the county of which a history has been published. In 1898 Professor William J. **JOHNSON**, who then lived near Wells, printed a seventy-page pamphlet entitled "History of Hazel Creek Baptist Church." This church, like many of the other early churches, became the mother of other organizations. Relative to the twelve churches originating from Hazel Creek, Professor **JOHNSON** says:

"In 1799, twelve members were authorized "to continue an arm at George **CLARKS**, on the west side of Pond Creek." which doubtless led to the formation of Nelson Creek church, June 10, 1803. June 1, 1805, eighteen members were dismissed from Hazel Creek to form Midway church, now Monticello. August 2, 1806, eighteen members were dismissed to form what is now Cave Spring, near Pond river, on the road from Greenville to Hopkinsville. Cypress church, McLean County, was formed from this church in 1808. Antioch, Todd County, was formed from this church, and also Whippoorwill church in the year 1819. May 6, 1820, the arm known as Hebron (now Mt. Vernon) was made a constituted body. In 1840, thirteen members from this church formed new Hebron church (Muhlenberg). Ebenezer was organized with twenty-six members from this church. January 3, 1851. Macedonia was formed from this church on November 22, 1856. New Hope church (Muhlenberg) was formed of material mostly from this church, in 1858; but

is now extinct. Sugar Grove was constituted with twenty-five members, mostly from this church, in January, 1873."

It may be well to add that the Hazel Creek congregation built its first house in 1800, its second in 1807, and its third in 1857, all of which were of logs. Its fourth (the present) building was erected in 1906.

Mount Olivet (three miles northeast of Central City) is probably the oldest Methodist church in Muhlenberg. Mount Zion (one mile east of Central City) is among the oldest Presbyterian organizations. Although Mount Zion was organized as early as about 1802, the congregation, it is said, did not erect its first house until about twenty years later. As a rule, the church houses built by the pioneers were union churches—that is, buildings erected jointly by two or more denominations, who conducted their services independently of one another. In Greenville, up to about 1825, the academy building served the purpose of a school and a union church. As far as I have been able to ascertain, the Presbyterians of Greenville were the first in that town to erect a building of their own. I tried to procure data relative to the early history of all the old churches in the county, but an investigation showed that in only a few cases had the old church records been preserved.

In religion, as well as in politics and business, the pioneers of Muhlenberg were always conservative. The "Great Revival" of the first part of the last century, that spasmodically stirred what was then called the West, did not throw many of the people of Muhlenberg into "jerks" and other mysterious "exercises." In Kentucky its effect was felt more in the southern and central sections of the State.

The "Great Revival" began in Logan County in 1799, under the ministry of John **MC GEE**, of the Methodist church, and his brother William **MC GEE**, of the Presbyterian, and soon spread over the state. Tradition says that the local men and women who had gone to Logan and Christian counties to attend these great camp-meetings were the only ones affected by the "exercises."

Reverend Barton W. **STONE** (who married Elizabeth **CAMPBELL**, daughter of Colonel William **CAMPBELL**) in his "Autobiography" published in 1844, says that while at Greenville in July, 1801, he heard of the wonderful things taking place at some of the revivals in other sections of Kentucky. He and his wife "hurried from Muhlenberg" immediately after they were married and went to Cane Ridge, Bourbon County, to see and study the extraordinary phenomena. His description of the "bodily agitations" is the best that has been written. Had any of these "exercises" taken place in Muhlenberg he in all probability would have stated the fact in his book.

Peter **CARTWRIGHT** in his "Autobiography," published in 1856, also gives an interesting account of these revivals, but refers to

Muhlenberg only once. Commenting on the widespread effect of one of his great camp-meetings held some time during the year 1812, while he was riding the "Christian circuit," so named after Christian County, he says (page 122): "From this meeting a revival spread almost through the entire country round, and great additions were made to the Methodist church. This circuit was large, embracing parts of Logan, Muhlenberg, Butler, Christian, and Caldwell counties in Kentucky and parts of Montgomery, Dixon and Stewart counties in Tennessee."

It is more probable that Peter **CARTWRIGHT** conducted a number of meetings in Muhlenberg. Tradition, however, tells of only one place where he did so-the Old Camp Ground, located north of Cleaton and near the Greenville and Seralvo Road. Tradition has it that he preached there not only once but often, and that all his meetings were well attended. One of Peter **CARTWRIGHT'S** personal friends and disciples of Muhlenberg was Reverend Silas **DRAKE**, one of the best known local Methodist preachers and circuit riders, and of whom the following characteristic incident is related:

Preacher **DRAKE** was opposed to the wearing of things that were more ornamental than useful, declaring that such apparel was indicative of pride, and that "ear bobs are the devil's stirrups." One day, while addressing a crowd at an arbor meeting, he observed a woman with large bows of ribbon on her bonnet. He called her by name, reproved her, and told her that such bows were of absolutely no use. She, without hesitating, retaliated by saying, "Neither are the buttons on your coat sleeves or on the back of your coat!" He immediately pulled off his coat, cut off the buttons referred to, and never afterward wore a coat with buttons sewed on the sleeves or back.

No matter whether affected permanently, temporarily, or not at all by the "Great Revival" or any other revivals, all of the early settlers exercised more or less influence over their contemporaries and descendants. However, it is an indisputable fact that many, if not most, of the good influences exerted by the early settlers were due directly or indirectly to the work of the women of the community. Written records as well as local traditions fail to give the women who lived in the olden days the credit they deserve for their moral and religious influence. They always showed courage on trying occasions. They were doctors of the times, and in some instances the sole-preservers of hard-earned homes and farms.

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Mary (Polly) **WILLIAMS** 1814 mar. Issac **STANLEY** 1816. Is John and Francis **WILLIAMS** her parents?

John **VINCENT** 1816-1865 and Pauline **GROVES** 1829-1927? They married 1849. Their youngest daughter is (Milda) Nilda **VINCENT (STANLEY)**, 1865-1937 married William H. **STANLEY** 1840-1913. I was looking for the parents and family line of each. **VINCENT** and **GROVES**, above.

Any information will be appreciated and I will try to answer anyone who responds to this inquiry. Write: Finis E. **STANLEY**, RR#3 Box 87B, Trafalgar, IN. 46181-9725.

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#### SLAVERY

The Black History of Muhlenberg County,Kentucky began about the year 1795 when Colonel and Mrs. William **CAMPBELL** and a few other pioneers brought slaves from a settlement near Lexington to Caney Station which was close to the present town of Greenville.

In the second national census Greenville's population was 26.The population of Muhlenberg County,as given by the census reports from 1800 to 1860 follows.

#### FREE

YEAR	WHITE	BLACKS	SLAVES	TOTAL
1800	1,313	5	125	1,443
1810	3,698	3	480	4,181
1820	4,302	2	675	4,979
1830	4,327	15	998	5,340
1840	5,755	13	1,196	6,964
1850	8,250	37	1,522	9,809
1860	9,101	40	1,584	10,725

Blacks were freedmen when the ninth national census was taken.How ever,it is interesting to note that there were 1,633 Blacks in the population of Muhlenberg County in 1870.

According to statistics released by the United States Department of Commerce,there were 1,194 black residents of Muhlenberg County in 1970,which shows that there are fewer Blacks in our County today than at any time since 1830.

Slaves are credited with making numerous significant contribution toward the settlement of the countryside of Muhlenberg County,Ky. This section was a vast wilderness intercepted by a few trails believed to have been made by Indians before the white man came.

These stalwarts were pioneers in clearing land,felling trees, hewing logs,burning refuse,building cabins,carrying water,and stalking game in the unbroken forests.

The unforunate and long-suffering victims of bondage led a mild life when compared with that of their counterparts who toiled endlessly in the tobacco fields of Virginia and the Carolinas, and in the cotton fields,sugar cane patches,and the rice paddies of the Deep South. Yet,Muhlenberg County masters regulated their slaves' lives and they were regarded as property,not persons.

Muhlenberg County pioneers were mostly small farmers and not wealthy planters,hence,most slave-holders owned from one to four slaves.

The few families owning several slaves lived in the Greenville area and in the Pond River country. Many people in the southern and eastern sections of the county did not own slaves. The slave population in Muhlenberg County ranged from one in five to one in seven of the whole population.

Stories have been told of the personnal devotion which sprang up between the masters' families and the slaves. Masters frequently "hired out" slaves by the year and sometimes were compelled to sell them. It was not uncommon for masters to consult the slave's choice of employer or new master. The "hiring out" and sale of slaves generally took place after New Year's Day at Greenville,where there was a general assembling of those wanting to hire or buy,and a regular market opened.

Administrators of estates would often sell from one slave to a whole black family to the highest bidder at the courthouse door. Selling prices ran from \$200 to \$1,500. Hiring prices were from \$50 to \$200 a year,according to the slave's worth.

Local traditions contain many instances of the slave's love for his old home. One of the last survivors of ante-bellum days was John OATES who lived in the Pond River country.He was born about 1845 and expressed that he wanted to die "among his white folks." His father belonged to pioneer Jesse OATES, and John,in turn,belong to Wyatt O.OATES,one of the sons of Jesse.

Numerous deeds of Emancipation are recorded in the Muhlenberg County Court Clerks Office in Greenville.

The Muhlenberg Countians who became abolitionists about 1841 included Thomas SALSURY,Edward RUMSEY,William L.GREEN,Edward R.WEIR,SR., and Edward ELLIOTT.

SALSURY died in 1848, and his will,dated May 30,1844,provided for the immediate liberation,after his death of his wife,of all his slaves who had reached the age of twenty-five,and for the later liberation of the others when they,too,had reached that age. A tract of land,three miles southeast of Greenville, was divided among the freed Blacks and the to-be-freed slaves.

Edward RUMSEY owned a complete block of South Main Street in

Greenville. At his death, because there were no heirs, he left half of the block facing Main Street to his slaves.

WEIR, GREEN, and ELLIOTT liberated all their slaves who were willing to accept freedom. These men defrayed the expenses of those former slaves who chose to go to Africa where efforts were being made to colonize black people in the Republic of Liberia.

Early in 1861 eleven Southern States decided to secede from the Union but in Missouri and Kentucky opinion was sharply divided, and these eventually sided with the North.

On April 12, 1861, at 4:30 A.M., the first gun of the Civil War was fired against Fort Sumter. This great war ended on the 9th of April, 1865, when General Robert E. LEE surrendered his army to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

On July 22, 1862, President LINCOLN had read a draft of the Emancipation Proclamation to his cabinet. The formal proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863. It did not free all slaves in the United States, but only those in states in rebellion "as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion."

The 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution ratified on December 6, 1865, freed the slaves within the states not covered by the Emancipation Proclamation. Thus, slaves in many parts of Kentucky were not notified of their freedom until early in 1866.

To the ex-slaves, freedom involved many realities. They could get married before a preacher, sign papers, attend church, and have two names. Some former slaves kept the last name of their late masters, but some decided to adopt the names of their natural fathers, if it was different from theirs.

Many of the newly freed men decided to stay with their former masters and work for them, while a few "went out on their own."

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The following is from a book by Robert M. IRELAND, titled LITTLE KINGDOMS, The Counties of Kentucky, 1850-1891.

#### RAILROAD BINGE

Opponents of public investment in railroads found many allies in their quest to repudiate bond issues which resulted from fraud and which financed failures. Naturally most county courts sought to avoid liability on bonds issued to pay for railroads which were never started or if started, never completed. Bondholders just as often contested repudiation in state and federal courts, and in almost every case judges held that the counties remained liable for their debts even though they were products of misrepresentation and failure of consideration. Some disputes reached the United States Supreme Courts which likewise upheld the liability of counties. Despite these judicial pronouncements, county resistance to payment continued; county courts, responding to writs of mandamus, levied special taxes to pay judgements on defaulted bonds and appointed tax collectors. Tax collectors either refused to accept the job or could not collect taxes from angry taxpayers, whereupon chagrined bondholders petitioned federal or state courts to appoint special tax collectors; but the Supreme Court ruled that such relief was beyond the powers of the judiciary. Possessed with judgements that were unenforceable, bondholders either lost their investments entirely or were forced to accept compromise settlements authorized by special legislation.

Muhlenberg County's railroad experience illustrates many of the frustrations of bonded indebtedness. In 1868 the county subscribed to \$400,000 of the stock of the Elizabethtown & Paducah Railroad Company and issued bonds in that amount to pay for the stock. In the midst of the depression of 1873 the railroad went bankrupt, and in the process of reorganization the county's stock interest was wiped out. Since the railroad had never actually delivered the stock certificates to the county and since only part of the track had been laid, residents of Muhlenberg County believed that they had been victims of a swindle. In 1874 outraged citizens organized the Independent Order of Taxpayers and elected a county judge committed to repudiation. In the same year the county court stopped paying interest on the bonds, thereby setting off a twenty-five-year fight between the county and the bondholders. (23)

In March 1878 the Muhlenberg County Court secured special legislation from the General Assembly authorizing the election of a funding board empowered to compromise the railroad debt. The board met almost monthly between June 1878 and December 1880, but accomplished little in the way of compromise. What few bonds it did issue in settlement of outstanding indebtedness were themselves repudiated. By August 1882 the board had fallen into such disrepute that the voters refused to participate in the election of new members, and the county court had to appoint replacements. Confronted with an ineffective funding board and

a defiant county court, bondholders commenced suing in state and federal circuit courts to compel payments on the bonds. Between 1888 and 1896 aggrieved bondholders obtained at least \$159,000 in judgements against the county, which was ordered by the courts to levy and collect taxes at a rate amounting to at least \$11.55 per \$100 of valuation. The county complied with court orders, levying special taxes to satisfy judgements and appointing tax collectors. But tax collectors refused to qualify or failed to collect, and the courts refused to appoint their own collectors on the grounds that tax collecting was exclusively a local function. One bond holder would not be stymied by the judicial impasse and hired a private army to enforce his judgement, but other plaintiffs went unsatisfied. Taxpayers succeeded in evading most special taxes, but suffered a deepening recession as settlers, entrepreneurs, and potential consumers avoided a county whose indebtedness by 1890 encompassed half of the assessed valuation of its property. Finally in 1898 Muhlenberg countians elected a county judge committed to settlement of the debt. Shortly thereafter, he secured a compromise of the outstanding bonds at twenty cents on the dollar, payable over a twenty-year period. By 1906 the county was paying off its new bonds in a timely fashion and residents were enjoying newfound prosperity.

Other counties suffered through experiences similar to Muhlenberg's. The defunct Cumberland and Ohio Railroad brought grief to several counties, including Marion. In 1873 residents organized into vigilante groups and forced the sheriff-elect to promise not to collect the railroad tax, a pledge that went unfulfilled as the county court somehow managed to collect taxes to pay off the railroad over the next twenty years. Green countians resisted more fiercely and effectively.irate taxpayers plunged the county into "a frightful state of disorder and anarchy," burning down a barn of the railroad tax collector and threatening to do the same to the house of his surety if he did not stop collecting taxes. Neighboring Taylor County, refusing to be taxed for payment of its railroad debt, offered its worthless stock in settlement of its obligations. Allen County justices escaped imprisonment for contempt of court when the Supreme Court ruled that the judiciary had no authority to appoint a reciever of county taxes which no countian would collect. Although some suggested that the state assume the counties' indebtedness, the General Assembly rejected such attempts. Most counties had compromised their indebtedness by 1900, although a few entered the twentieth century persisting in their devotion to repudiation.

A safe investment did not immunize counties from disputes with railroad companies over shareholders rights, taxation, and rights of way.

(23): Otto A. ROTHERT, A History of Muhlenberg County (Louisville, 1913), pp. 368-74.

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