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ON THE COVER

An angel sours, trumpeting the hope of resurrection on a broken tombstone at the McDaniel Cemetery in Barren County. The remainder of the stone is missing. This cemetery is in the progress of being restored through a grant from the State of Kentucky. See page 19 this issue for other tombstone art and its meaning.

IN THE MERRY DAYS OF MERRY OAKS

The following was provided by Margie Kinslow who was given it from the late J. B. Galloway.

At the Barren County Clerk's office, Deed Book R, page 334, there is an entry dated 22 March 1945, showing a transfer of property between Schuyler H. and Rebecca Murrell and Thomas S. and Elizabeth Denton to John White and Thomas Strange. It reads in part: "... a certain tract or parcel of land situated in Barren County on the road leading from Glasgow to Bowling Green, including the place called and known by the name of the "Merry Oaks", containing twenty two acres ..."

One of the oldest references to Merry Oaks is in a story written by Miss Virginia Snoddy, daughter of the above H. M. Snoddy, that appeared in a 1936 Glasgow Times. In this article, Miss Snoddy quoted an old-timer who quoted an "Aunt Betty", a "very old citizen of Merry Oaks who has long since passed to her reward."

Aunt Betty says, "I have spent all my life around Merry Oaks. I was born in 1810, and when I was a little girl, we lived about three miles from Merry Oaks. "Pap" would let me go with him to the store, the blacksmith shop, and the horse races. It was the races which really gave rise to the name. There was a good one mile track located on the rise above the spring. This track was kept in excellent condition, and there was a good racing stable operated by a man named Murrell. It is said that his horses were as good as could be found in the state. Two of them, "Copperbottom" and "Richards" were widely known and very popular.

"When the big races were run, people from far and wide would come, and all kinds of amusements were furnished the crowds. Ten pins, cards, dice, target practice, wrestling, shooting matches, and fist fights were among the many attractions. Home made whiskey and brandy were cheap and plentiful; therefore, under the shade of the many oaks, was gathered a very merry crowd. Do you now see a reason for the name, "Merry Oaks?"

Loretta Murrey reports that the Mt. Tabor Church shows in minutes of March, 1821: "Report having become general that Brother Armstead Hester has been guilty of racing and fighting. Brother Pinter was directed to invite his attendance on the Friday of the next meeting to answer for his conduct in this behalf." And in the June minutes: "The case of Bro. Armstead Hester resumed and he excluded for want of a satisfactory acknowledgement."

Aunt Betty continues, "The hotel was owned and operated by Charles Denton. In the merry days of Merry Oaks, its hotel was very famous for its comfort and good food and drink. It was so widely known and popular that Andrew Jackson on a trip from Nashville to Washington spent the night there instead of going to Bell's Hotel at Glasgow Junction."

Dr. N. P. Allen of Smiths Grove, writing under the name of Ripetoe in a copy of the Glasgow Times of 1904, tells of the William Denton tavern in the 1840's. Mr. Denton also had a blacksmith shop and a store-house. In the early 1850's, Dr. Allen saw at a big show in Merry Oaks a live giraffe – the only one he ever saw. He also wrote of a big horse race in 1853 or 54 between the Hiram Smith stables of Warren County and the Alanson Trigg stables of Barren County.

J. PATTERSON

MERRY OAKS, KENTUCKY

MERRY OAKS - RAILTON - ROCKY HILL ROAD

STORE

STORE

H.A. PAYNE

SCHOOL

M.E. CHURCH

V. JACKSON

HIGHWAY

CRON

GLASSBORO

MERRY OAKS CREEK

STABLES

NUMBERS SHOW SITES OF 1836
NAMES SHOW BUILDINGS OF 1936

- 1. MERRY OAKS INN
- 2. MERRY OAKS STORE
- 3. SPRING
- 4. BLACKSMITH SHOP
- 5. BARN - A.B.C. STABLES
- 6. BARBEQUE PIT
- 7. RACE TRACK (1 MILE)
- 8. STARTING POST
- 9. DENTON GRAND YARD
- 10. SNOW GROUNDS
- 11. W. HODGE RESIDENCE

Merry Oaks, continued:

Dr. Allen's article states: "Merry Oaks was headquarters for stockmen and furnished the sport of Charlie Denton's 'Merry Oaks' race track, where rich Southerners spent the summer, for the Denton Tavern, extensive in all its appointments, was famous for its room, table and service."

Vivian Rousseau, in her "Background of a Bank," quotes Dr. R. H. Grinstead writing in 1902 of famous horses from this area. He mentions the Hiram Smith-Alanson Trigg race at Merry Oaks. He also says that Henry Clay frequently visited the races at Merry Oaks. Dr. Grinstead wrote of several other fine race horses, including "Copperbottom" owned by James Murrell.

Franklin Gorin his "Times of Long Ago" says that Schuyler and James Murrell were among the first freighters in Barren County. He also says of James Murrell that he was "fond of and owner of fine horses."

A more recent native of Merry Oaks who made a name for herself was Mrs. Cordia Greer Petrie, creator of the numerous "Angeline" stories. She was born in Merry Oaks 12 February 1872, daughter of Newt and Sallie Settles Greer. Her mother was from Old Rocky Hill. The family moved to Louisville, and Cordia Greer graduated from Eminence College. In July 1894, she was married to Dr. H. G. Petrie of Fairview, KY. Dr. Petrie died in 1944, Mrs. Petrie in 1964, at age 92. Mrs. Petrie claimed that Angeline, her husband Lum, and son James Henry, lived in Barren County – and you can guess that was from Merry Oaks."

Additional information was provided by Mrs. Kinslow included the following: The race track on 31E South at Effie's Flea Market was known as Race Track Farm; Leo Greer grew up in this area. Going to Rocky Hill Station, past Merry Oaks, off on a road; the railroad track goes in from town and many years ago a huge hotel was up on a bank in front of the railroad track.

If any of our readers has any further information they would like to share on Merry Oaks, please contact the editor at: sgorin@glasgow-ky.com

ALEXANDER DAVIDSON

From a letter written by Laura Davidson Baird in 1901 for Mrs. Clinton Bybee.

"Our great grandfather Davidson was a native of Scotland, lineal descendant of an old Scotch Irish family.

"He emigrated from his native land in an early day, and located in Gloucester County, Virginia, before the days of the Revolution.

"From the date of grandfather's birth, where they became identified with the Pioneer settlers and developments of the State, he had two brothers, William and Phillip.

"I have no information concerning the rest of his father's family or of their demise. One of his brothers was apprenticed to a tailor. Grandfather was apprenticed to a blacksmith. He was born in 1744 in Gloucester County, Virginia, and subsequently was united in marriage to a Miss Bridges, and to them were born six sons and two daughters. Their names are recorded in the old family Bible, which was published one hundred and twenty years ago (1779).

Alexander Davidson continued:

"The names are first: James, John, Alexander, Hezekiah, William, and Elijah; sisters: Margaret and Anna, but the dates of their births are so torn and yellow with age, they cannot be deciphered. I regret this very much, but know of no other record among our Davidson relatives that I could refer to.

"Their neighbors were located far apart. Col. George Murrell, who emigrated from Virginia, was at one time Grandfather's nearest neighbor. He was the father of James, Scuyler, and Robert Murrell and his grandsons lived near Grandma's even during the days of my girlhood.

"There were no better citizens to be found anywhere than those primitive settlers. Ere long, the Everett's, Sanders's, Mayfield's and many others, too tedious to mention, settled not very far from Grandfather's farm.

"The neighbors were more devoted to each other then, than at the present time. Grandma told me that Grandfather's liberality knew no bounds.

"He never would let little Mill Boyd pass his home of evenings. Had him (and others) stay over night and after breakfast start then on their way home, which, perhaps, was several miles distant.

"Grandfather was a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention of the state of Kentucky. It must be remembered that Barren County, at that date, was yet a part of Warren County.

"With the aid of his sons and slaves that he brought from Virginia, soon a plantation was cleared. Everything, almost, in the way of clothing was made on the farm.

"Even the hides of the beeves (beef) killed for family provisions were tanned in large troughs down by the wide, flowing spring branch, for shoe leather, with sap bark. The hair, also, was utilized, mixed with cotton, carded, spun, and woven into blankets for the colored family.

"A blacksmith shop was built close by and Grandfather did his own smithing and some for others. On one occasion a widow lady sent her plows by her son, putting in some old castings in the wagon for Grandpa to use on her plow. It fretted Grandfather. He stepped to a briar patch near by and tossed the old pot lids as far as he could send them. I told Grandma I imagined that Grandfather's Scotch temper rose. The old lady that sent them perhaps knew no better than to suppose that a blacksmith could use any kind of iron in his shop. (She knew better, afterwards, I imagine.)

"Uncle Hezekiah, Grandfather's fourth son, was a splendid gunsmith and made many guns in those early days. Grandma had a table made by him when they first came to Kentucky. The walnut timber was just hewn. He had neither saw nor plane to work with. Some may think this incredible; nevertheless, it is true. I had it from the lips of dear Grandma.

"Uncle John Davidson went to visit a neighbor, who lived some distance across the creek from his home. [Note: someone has written in that John was a chain carrier for Edmund Rogers]. He wished to borrow an augur. At late bedtime he started home, had not gone very far before he found he was pursued by a panther which screamed. Uncle would turn and wave the augur to and fro at the panther and scream back at him as loud as possible, but still it followed on

Alexander Davidson continued:

until the creek was reached. Uncle crossed over on the footlog; I suppose in that way Uncle's life was saved for he did not have even a pocket knife with him to defend himself. He was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ellis, a sister of Grandmother, much younger than herself. She was quite a Doctress, using medical herbs, performed many cures, and was held in high esteem in the community in which she lived.

"Uncle John was captured by the Indians; I don't know how long he was held a prisoner, but in their travels he had to sit in a circle with the Indians around a large kettle and take mouthfuls about with the Indians, using a large iron paddle. (When he was at home, he was particular; would not use a spoon even that his wife had used.) I told Grandma it was a bitter dose, but better than starving.

"Cousin Mollie, I can not pen you all that I would wish to, but will write these incidents of most importance. If your children were small, they would enjoy much that I could tell them of the Indian language, but now something more important would be better. You must pardon my many errors, as well as the writing.

"Cousin Allen Davidson's grandson visited me, wants a copy; said he would have it published in The Times. [note: Glasgow Times]. I don't feel competent to write anything for publication. I told him I would write for him. I have borrowed the Baptist History of Kentucky from your Cousin Phina Fishback, and will gladly make a few quotations from the first volume.

"On page 384, Mt. Tabor Church is located on Beaver Creek some two miles west of Glasgow in Barren County; it was fathered by Alexander Davidson and was constituted of seven members by the assistance of the famous old pioneers, William Hickman and Carter Tarrant. November 5, 1798, Alexander Davidson was chosen pastor; John Murphy was elected clerk; and John Baugh was appointed to hold meetings in the absence of the pastor Alexander Davidson.

"He was the first preacher that settled between Green and Barren Rivers. He was active in gathering the first churches in that region was for a number of years pastor of Sinking Creek Church in Warren County, Kentucky. History also states (Page 386) that Grandfather must have been a man of considerable prominence, as he represented Warren County in the Constitutional Convention that formed the second Constitutional Convention of Kentucky.

"Well dear Cousin, my promise was long being fulfilled; bad health and many impediments prevented. I hope the perusal of what I have written will afford pleasure. I regret so much not having more of the early ministry of our beloved Grandfather. All the information from my dear Grandma and all obtained from her youngest sister's son, Cousin Carroll Johnson, of Hartville Tennessee, is treasured in my memory and shall be faithfully preserved for the benefit of our dear kindred.

"In the early days of the year eighteen hundred, grandfather visited Grandmother's father, Jacob Ellis, who resided fifty miles distant; and on Sunday a stand was erected in Shady Grove for Grandfather to preach. A large congregation assembled and grandfather's text was: "Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there?" It will be found in the book of Jeremiah, 8th chapter, and is a part of the 22nd verse. There were but few dry eyes in the congregation when preaching was over. How sad that this is the only text of Scripture we know that he used for a foundation for his sermons. I heard Grandma say that she went with him to preaching at Mt. Tabor on one occasion and in his sermon he quoted a passage from the Bible and some minister

Alexander Davidson continued:

corrected him, quoting it some other way. Grandpa said, "No, it is not," and went on as though he had not been interrupted at all with his discourse. I have no authentic knowledge of the date of his demise. Had I ever had the least idea of being called upon to write anything in memory of him, I could have gathered so much information from dear Grandma. It is strange that I never heard Aunt Holland mention anything concerning her father's ministry, but I never did. Several of Grandfather's sons by his first marriage came with him to Kentucky. Uncle William and Uncle Hezekiah both owned homes in the vicinity of Prewitt's Knob. I have been at both farms. I have a little nephew laid to rest at the former home of Uncle William Davidson by the side of one of his sons.

"In 1828, my father visited his widowed mother and his two brothers living near Prewitt's Knob. I don't know where Elijah Davidson lived, but he was a Baptist minister and frequently held services at Mt. Tabor Church. He was the youngest son by the first marriage. In after years, he moved to Oregon territory. He passed away while Aunt Holland was residing in California. She wrote me about all I ever knew after he left Kentucky. I infer he had a large family of sons and daughters, but they never knew their Kentucky kindred and never corresponded with any of them. I think all that spell their names as we do are Grandfather Davidson's descendants. By his first marriage, he had six sons and two daughters; and by his second marriage, eight sons and two daughters, making eighteen children.

"All united in marriage and reared families, but his two youngest sons, Allen and Albert.

"Uncle Jesse went to Mississippi after the death of his wife and son. We never heard from him anymore. Uncle Asa passed away in Missouri; Uncle Jacob Ellis Davidson in California. He had fifteen children. Uncle Isaac, in Kentucky, had fifteen children; several died in infancy. Uncle Benjamin had seven; A. S. Davidson, my father, had five; one passed away in infancy. I cannot remember them all.

"The purpose of the preceding pages of the manuscript is to give my Davidson relatives the little knowledge I am in possession of concerning our grandparents.

I am now the only living grandchild in the state, so far as I know. We have Davidson relatives in many of the different states. I have read much in the papers.

I doubt not but what we are distantly related to many that we read about. While we do not claim perfection, even naturally, for any of the name; yet I have never heard of one of the name stooping to littleness of character. They are honorable in character, high-minded, independent and trustworthy, as every citizen should be. I esteem a good character high above riches. It is something that wealth of this world cannot buy.

"In the pioneer days, many hardships had to be encountered. Grandma related to me many thrilling scenes she passed through in the days of her girlhood.

"I never tired listening and although I have passed my eightieth birthday, much that she related to me is still vivid in my memory. None but our dear relatives would care for their perusal, so unless requested to do so, I shall not commit them to paper.

Alexander Davidson continued:

“I notice, dear Cousin in the paper all that is published concerning the Davidson's; their ancestors came from Scotland and most generally emigrated either to Virginia or North Carolina. That convinces me that we are all one people. I wrote so late yesterday eve I see this morning I did not follow the lines; but I know you won't "view me with the critical eye, but lovingly pass my imperfection by." I will try to finish up this morning and redeem my promise of long ago. I am nervous at times and often my right arm pains me from the shoulder to the end of my fingers. I will try to finish now concerning Grandfather's descendants. His family by his first and second marriage, and I cannot but speak of the love and kindness that my dear Grandmother bestowed upon me; truly, can I say she was the only mother I ever knew, my own dear mother dying when I was but a babe. Her love and her affection was returned, I remember, as long as she lived. Doubtless, death to her was the gate of endless joy. If she had a fault, her loved ones would not see it.

“Aunt Holland, her widowed daughter, Cousin Joe Davidson, Mr. William Murrell and others were present during her illness with us much of the time, and many others that have long since passed to that bourne [sic] from whence no traveler returns. Oh, I can never forget how desolate I felt when Grandmother breathed her life away, to be doubly orphaned, indeed. She had no fear of death. She had been a member of the Baptist Church more than half a century. She told me she had never closed her eyes in sleep all these years without trying to thank the Lord for the salvation of her soul.

“The words came to her [this is referring to Aunt Holland], as if spoken in deep distress of mind, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and live." But is she dead? No! No! She lives, her happy spirit flies to Heaven above and there receives the long expected prize. She was laid to rest by the side of her loved husband who had passed to the bright beyond nearly forty years before. I have lived in the state of Kentucky since 1840 and I have passed the time often in much sadness; yet I feel that the goodness and mercy of God has followed me all the days of my unworthy life, even to the present moment.

“Many sad changes have taken place since I visited the home of my girlhood. The old homestead all gone; the family burial ground, I trust, has been reserved. There sweetly sleep until the Resurrection morn many of our loved ones. Our dear grandparents, Uncle Benjamin Davidson and beloved wife, together with many other loved ones, whom I cannot name. There sweet be their rest till He bids them arise to hail Him in triumph descending the skies.

“Often in the days of my girlhood, I have taken my knitting and set near the graves of my loved ones, under the foliage of the old apple trees.

“My days at Grandma's for months after my arrival from Trenton, Tennessee, were extremely melancholy. Shadowed by the death of my beloved father, separated from each of my sisters, little half-brother, step-mother, and my dear schoolmates, my whole life being spent in Trent, where I attended church and Sabbath school every Sunday. Oh, how lonely and desolate seemed the change -- not a white child on the farm. I was too young to know how to guide a horse, even had I have had the privilege. I shed many tears, unseen only by the God of the orphans and the broken-hearted. I loved my dear Grandmother; she was ever kind and so loving to me. And I lament my many faults.”

BARREN COUNTY LAND GRANTS

Continued from Fall 2005, Vol. 33, Issue 2: Names spelled as shown.

NAME	ACREAGE	BOOK	SURVEY DATE	LOCATION
McAdams James M	34	47	8-12-1856	None
McCall Benjamin	100	A	4-15-1816	None
McCall Benjamin	77	B	8-15-1816	None
McCall Benjamin G	77	M	8-15-1816	Still House Spring
McCall Benjamin J	23	C	12- 4-1816	None
McCauley Dennis	400	14	1- 4-1807	None
McClain James	200	12	6- 5-1799	Blue Sp Creek
McClure David	200	19	8-29-1799	Beaver Creek
McClure Thos	150	12	8-27-1799	Sinking Fk Warpost Lick
McCombs Hugh	200	13	1- 4-1807	None
McCombs Jno	200	21	8-31-1799	Cook & Sinking
McCombs John	200	U	11- 3-1825	Cooks & Sinking
McConnell Jno	200	10	8-27-1799	Skeggs Creek
McDaniel Asa B	200	17	5-24-1803	None
McDannell Mathew	3	F	2- 2-1818	None
McFarland Daniel	200	19	3-20-1805	Trace Creek
McFerran Wm R	400	L	8-10-1821	None
McFerron W R	144	2	12-28-1836	Nabol Creek
McGee Abel	87	B	1-25-1816	None
McGee Henry	220	1	9-20-1804	None
McGinnis David	40	B-2	9-20-1832	Dry Creek
McGinnis Robt	200	18	8-29-1799	Big R
McGinnis Wm	200	28	9- 6-1799	Big R
McGuire Alexander B	60	F	2- 9-1819	None
McInteer W H	4 1/2	20	8-19-1846	S Fk Little
McIntosh Angus	70	4	8-27-1804	None
McKay Alexander	150	1	8- 9-1799	None
McKay Wm	100	5	4-10-1805	None
McKay Wm	120	5	12-11-1806	None
Mckey Thos	164	21	6- 4-1807	None
McMahan Martin	200	26	8-28-1798	Skeggs Creek
McMillam Francis C	5	60	4- 6-1860	Beaver
McMurry Samuel	110	28	6-26-1849	None
McMurtry James	80	E	8-21-1818	E Fk Big R
McMurtry James	200	16	9-10-1806	E Fk Big R
McMurtry Wm	120	10	9-30-1807	S Fk Skeggs
McMurtry James	100	7	11-29-1807	E Fk Big R
McPherson Aaron	100	10	5-12-1807	E Fk Big R
McQue Alexander	150	B	12-14-1816	None
Means Thos	200	3	8- 4-1800	M Fk Big
Means Thos	200	6	3- 1-1807	Mill Creek
Mercer Forester	147	10	5-29-1806	Mill Creek
Mercer Howard	75	3	5-24-1806	Mill Creek
Merrett Stephen	40	7	4-15-1805	None
Merry Owen T	300	B	12- 7-1815	None
Merry Owen T	40	B	12- 6-1815	None

Land Grants continued:

Middleton Thos	100	6	1-30-1805	Peter Creek
Middleton Thos	200	13	8-28-1799	Peter Creek
Miles James Jr	800	9	6-30-1810	Beaver Creek
Miller Henry	24	B	3-20-1817	Beaver Creek
Miller Henry	75	B	11- 4-1816	Big E Fk
Miller Henry	100	--	10-16-1807	E Fk Big R
Miller James	80	6	11-24-1807	Fk Beaver Creek
Miller Richard & Eli	50	E	4-13-1818	E Fk Big
Minton Wm	200	3	7-24-1799	None
Mitchell James	290	A	12-28-1815	Spring Lick
Mitchell James	150	W	5-12-1826	E Fk Little R
Mitchell Jonas	400	15	1- 3-1810	None
Mitchell Samuel	400	19	9-27-1807	Big R
Monk Wm A	6	97	1-31-1878	Glovers Creek
Monroe Dr Jno	400	20	10-28-1805	None
Monroe George W	30	79	8- 3-1870	Green River
Monroe Jas	23	20	11-10-1846	None
Monroe Jno	88	9	10- 1-1807	Boyds Creek
Monroe Jno	400	11	5- 1-1805	Include Fk Nolin Road
Monroe Jno	400	15	5- 4-1805	None
Monroe Jno	400	16	10-10-1808	None
Monroe Jno	300	18	5-28-1812	None
Monroe Jno	200	19	5-21-1808	None
Monroe Jno	269	19	1- 1-1807	Big Blue Spring
Monroe Jno	400	20	4- 1-1806	E Fk Big R
Monroe Jno	100	21	17-30-1816	None
Monroe Jno	150	22	10-28-1815	None
Monroe Jno	200	22	7-17-1808	Peter Creek
Monroe Jno	90	22	4-22-1815	None
Monroe Jno	100	23	7-30-1816	None
Monroe Jno	200	23	9-19-1816	Bear Wallow Grove
Monroe Jno	118	23	9-16-1816	Mashack Creek
Monroe Jno	42	23	9-13-1816	Mashack Creek
Monroe Jno	400	23	5-18-1815	None
Monroe Jno	400	23	3-15-1807	None
Monroe John	150	A	7-13-1816	None
Monroe John	100	D	5- 7-1817	None
Monroe John	170	H	8-28-1820	None
Monroe John	24	H	6-13-1820	None
Monroe John	29	K	11-20-1821	None
Monroe Johnson	210	18	3-30-1805	None
Monroe Lucy	100	X	7- 1-1826	s__
Monroe M H	200	11	11-15-1843	None
Monroe Mathew	100	U	5- 8-1826	Green River
Monroe Mathew H	150	25	2-16-1848	None
Monroe Thomas B	90	B	7- 3-1817	Green River
Monroe Thomas B	215	B	7- 3-1817	None
Monroe Thomas B	180	B	7- 3-1817	Green River
Monroe Thomas B	105	B	7- 3-1817	Green River
Monroe Thomas B	210	D	4-28-1818	Hog Valley
Monroe Thomas B	50	D	4-29-1818	Green River

Land Grants continued:

Monroe Thomas B	134	D	4-29-1818	Green River
Monroe Thomas B	194	D	4-13-1818	None
Monroe Thomas B	80	D	4-29-1818	Green River
Monroe Thomas B	50	D	4-13-1818	Green River
Monroe Thomas B	100	D	4-28-1818	Green River
Monroe Thomas B	138	D	4-18-1818	Green River
Monroe Thomas B	70	D	4-29-1818	None
Monroe Thomas B	8	D	11- 6-1817	Mill Creek
Monroe Thomas B	18	D	11- 6-1817	Mill Creek
Monroe Thomas B	75	D	11- 5-1817	Mill Creek
Monroe Thomas B	45	D	11- 8-1817	Mill Creek
Monroe Thomas B	50	D	11- 7-1817	Fk Mill Creek
Monroe Thomas B	14	D	8-20-1817	None
Monroe Thomas B	190	E	8-22-1818	E Fk Big R
Monroe Thomas B	275	E	8-21-1818	Mashes Creek
Monroe Thomas B	80	E	8-21-1818	E Fk Big R
Monroe Thos B	50	B	6- 5-1817	Little ____
Monroe Thos B & Pleasant & Benj F	113	B	7-16-1817	Peters Creek
Monroe Wm	23	9	8-31-1842	None
Montgomery Hugh	200	13	1- 3-1807	None
Moore Isaac	50	N	5-20-1816	Skeggs Creek
Moore Isaac	200	27	9-13-1811	Rose Creek
Moore Joel	370	4	4-17-1804	Mill Creek
Moore John	50	F	4-23-1819	Line Creek
Moore Robt	250	16	1-17-1806	Green River
Moore Robt	200	22	1-17-1806	Green River
Moore William	40	F	12-28-1816	Line Creek
Moran Price P	10	47	9- 4-1856	Skeggs Creek
Morehead Turner	25	B	3-15-1816	Beaver Creek
Morehead Turner	40	B	3-15-1816	None
Morgan Andrew	2	81	5-29-1871	S Fk Beaver Cr
Morris James	75	C	2-19-1817	E Fk Big
Morris Richard	25	B	7- 5-1816	E Fk
Morris Richard	126	28	5-----1807	E Fk Big R
Morris Samuel	400	15	7-20-1802	Mill Creek
Morris Thos	70	3	7- 4-1800	Prewitts Knob
Morrison Jno O	200	24	8-28-1799	Falling Timber Cr
Morrison Jno O	85	28	8-13-1811	Boyds Creek
Morrison Slepto O	5	11	12-15-1843	Falling Timber
Morton W G	5	69	8-26-1865	---- Br
Moseley Jno	200	6	7- 8-1800	None
Mosely Jno	100	23	12-15-1815	Bear Wallow Grove
Mosely John	65	W	9-25-1826	Bear Wallow
Mosley Jno	200	15	1-16-1812	None
Mosley Jno	400	17	3-15-1814	None
Moss Fredrick Jr	150	25	6-24-1809	Meadow Lick
Moss Jno	200	12	8-27-1799	S Fk Burr Creek
Mouser George	100	I	2-22-1821	Little R
Movic George	150	A	11-22-1815	None
Mulkey John	50	P	4-21-1819	None
Mulkey Jonathan	90	D	12-27-1816	Sulphur Lick

Land Grants continued:

Mulkey Philip	76	23	3- 7-1808	Mill Creek
Munford Berry & Whitney	9 1/2	33	2-11-1850	None
Munford Richard J	32	6	11-26-1804	Green River
Murphy Jno	200	2	7-24-1799	None
Murphy Jno	200	7	7-26-1799	None
Murphy Jno	200	14	3-28-1812	None
Murphy Jno	130	17	7-15-1812	None
Murphy Jno Jr	200	24	7-30-1806	None
Murphy Jno Sr	200	8	7-10-1806	None
Murphy William	22	M	4-13-1823	None
Murphy Wm	200	7	7-26-1799	None
Murphy Wm	400	21	8-19-1809	None
Murrel Samuel	18	C-2	12- 4-1833	Swearingens Fk
Murrel Samuel	50	C-2	12- 5-1833	Swearingens Fk
Murrell Jas	33 1/2	11	2- 5-1844	Beaver Creek
Murrell Samuel	150	W	3-28-1828	Fk Creek
Murrell Samuel	22	X	12-15-1827	Peters Creek
Murrell Samuel	60	Y	3-25-1829	Sinking Creek
Murrell Samuel & Hezakiah P	200	24	8-27-1799	Skaggs Creek
Muschamp Wm	100	29	11- 8-1804	Lick Creek
Musick Thos	100	11	7-23-1800	Blue Sp Creek
Musicks Thos	100	9	8-27-1799	Beaver Creek
Musicks Thos	100	17	8-27-1799	Beaver Creek
Myers Davis & Letcher	550	26	7-24-1848	R
Myers Wm L	6	73	3-21-1868	Green River
Nance Allen	95	26	2-22-1848	R
Neagle Andrew	150	1	11-19-1836	Sinking Creek
Neagle E R	12 1/2	116	3-23-1892	None
Nell Dora	171	57	1-18-1858	E Fk Little Creek
Nelson John	65	B	7- 3-1816	Big
Nevel Jno	52	17	4- 8-1805	None
Nevil Jno	100	18	4- 8-1805	None
Nevil Jno	222	18	8-30-1814	None
Nevil Joseph	200	19	7-20-1799	Blue Spring Creek
Nevil Thos R	30	71	4- 2-1867	None
Nevill Carroll	7	12	6-17-1844	None
Nevill James Jr	100	20	6-29-1807	None
Nevill Jno	26	20	6-23-1815	None
Nevill jno Jr	117	16	11- 4-1845	Sinking Creek
Nevill John	50	40	8-18-1853	Sinking Creek
Nevill John Sr	19 1/2	16	11- 4-1845	Sinking Creek
Nevill Thos R	4	7	10-13-1840	None
Nevill Thos R	3	7	4-10-1840	None
Nevill Thos R	50	7	10-14-1840	None
Nevill Wm	60	45	4-10-1855	None
Neville Thos R	15	79	7-20-1870	None
New Athen Academy	660	16	10- 5-1807	None
New Athen Academy	523	16	9-10-1807	None
New Athen Academy	200	16	10-12-1807	None
New Athen Academy	317	16	10- 7-1807	None
New Athen Academy	300	16	10-10-1807	E Fk Big River
Newberry Levi	65	E-2	10-10-1831	None
Newberry Levi	135	A-2	10- 2-1831	Blue Spring Creek

Land Grants continued:

Newell James	200	12	8- 8-1799	Big R
Newell James	200	14	3-31-1800	None
Newell Thos R	25	42	4-10-1854	Green River
Newell Wilkins	200	2	7- 5-1799	Beaver Creek
Newell Wm	94	27	7-21-1823	Dry Fk Peter Creek
Newland Isaac	10	Y	12- 7-1829	s
Newlin Exekiel	200	7	7-24-1800	Sinks Beaver Creek
Newman William O	200	38	11-19-1852	None
Newman William O	197	38	11-20-1852	None
Newman William O	100	38	12-21-1852	None
Newman Wm O	200	38	11-19-1852	Sulphur Lick Creek
Newport Academy	100	14	11-19-1800	Skeggs Creek
Newport Academy	330	14	4-20-1801	Skeggs Creek
Newport Academy	170	14	5- 7-1801	Skeggs Creek
Newport Academy	900	15	12- 1-1800	S Fk Little
Newport Academy	500	15	12- 2-1800	Scaggs Creek
Nichol Jno	100	12	8-27-1799	Fallen Timber
Nicholls Jno	34	20	12-16-1846	Swanegans Fk
Nichols Abner	18	29	11- 3-1849	Boyds Creek
Nichols Leroy	11	62	8- 6-1859	None
Nichols Phillip M	27 1/2	29	11- 2-1849	Fallen Timber Creek
Nichols Thos	2	37	4-15-1852	Timber Creek
Nickols Jeremiah	100	B	8-12-1817	None
Noel John Sr	19	26	2-22-1848	Sinking Creek
None David	50	18	6-23-1813	E Fk Big River
Nowel Hugh	120	V	6- 8-1826	Scages Creek
Nuckler Andrew	79	X	7-14-1826	None
Nunally Willis B	12	43	11- 3-1854	Falling Timber
Nunn Wm	50	F	2- 5-1819	Little R
Nunn Wm	90	F	2- 6-1819	Marrowbone
Nunn Wm	407	F	6-29-1819	Fk Little R
Nunn Wm	140	F	2- 4-1819	Little R
Nunn Wm	25	F	- 9-1819	Little R

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Blood Runs In the Barrens. Updated, includes 45 murder cases in Barren Co 1817-1909. These also include murders that occurred in what is now Monroe Co up to 1820 and Metcalfe Co up to 1860. The most famous cases found in the files of the Circuit Court, newspapers and local history. Includes the Lawless-Musgrove murder, the hangings of Johnson Franklin and Robert Lincoln Brown (including a photo of the hanging), the murder of Mary Frank Stone (including the tale of the bloody handprint), the Sanderson murder, the Snow murder from Allen Co, a duel in the streets of Glasgow and many more. Taken from the Circuit Court records and newspaper accounts. Full name index, some illustrations, 280 pages. \$30.00. Price includes shipping & handling, KY residents please add 6% sales tax.

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MOST UNUSUAL STORIES FROM THE PAST

Barren County and surrounding counties have been often mentioned in the newspapers around the United States. The stories below show a different side to our history!

Special to the New York Times 12 July 1891 from the Louisville Courier-Journal 5 July 1891.

"Mind-Reading Mysteries. Curious Things Done By a Kentucky Boy. Blindfolded. He finds articles hidden and repeats correctly figures and words thought of by others.

"A new mind reader has been discovered at Glasgow, Ky., or rather discovered himself accidentally, not long since. He is Flavius Taylor, the son of Dr. F J Taylor, a Glasgow physician. His age is nineteen years, and some account of his doings has been sent to the Courier-Journal by Dr. P. C. Sutphin, another of Glasgow's physicians, who is familiar with the young man's case, and has made a study of mind reading as well as what is termed "muscle reading," by performers who claim to be guided by the thrills of the muscles of the subject. Dr. Sutphin gives some speculations at length on the alleged distinction between mind reading and muscle reading, and arrives at the conclusion that, though there may be trickery and imposture used by some people, there is such a thing as mind reading and no such thing as muscle reading. He quotes from Stuart Cumberland, an English mind reader, who claimed that he was guided by the muscles, and who, in a performance before the Khedive of Egypt, wrote a word thought of (the name of the Khedive's son, Abbas) on a piece of paper, in Arabic, a language of which he knew nothing and this without a moment's hesitation. Cumberland said this was muscle reading, but Dr. Sutphin details a similar test with young Taylor which he claims, shows the mind must bear its part in such a test as well as the muscles. He is willing to say that some things may be done by muscle reading, but that others cannot. Dr. Sutphin, in his account of young Taylor's performance, says:

"We may concede all that Mr. Cumberland says of muscle reading, may agree that all his feats were performed by it, yet when it is attempted to include all mind reading in this, then it will be found that this cannot be done. There of much of mind reading, indeed, that could not be explained, nor, in fact, be accomplished, by muscle reading. This is fully proved by a lately-developed mind reader here in the place in which I live - a young man, Flavius Taylor, nineteen years of age, son of Dr. F. J. Taylor, a prominent physician and Pension Medical Examiner. It is not improbable that in nearly every instance the gift of mind reading has been of accidental discovery on the part of the one possessing it, and thus it was accidentally made known to young Taylor. Several months ago an itinerant mind reader exhibited in this place, and young Taylor attended his performance. Returning home, he playfully remarked to a young man who had accompanied him that he thought he would make a good mind reader, and that if the other would blindfold him and hide something he would find it for him. To have a little amusement he was duly blindfolded and told to find a book that had been hidden in an adjacent room. He grasped the hand of the young man who had hidden the book, but was utterly surprised to find that not only the book, but also its place of concealment, were impressed on his mind. He readily took the young man to the place where the book was and handed it to him. After this there were more or less frequent tests of his powers in finding things thus, while all hidden articles were always promptly located by him. Intermingled with these tests were others, such as willing him to do certain things. Say, for instance, that it was willed for him to take a particular flower or a number of flowers in a vase in the room, and hand it to a certain young lady present; to remove the watch from the pocket of a certain gentleman; to go to a library and take out some particular volume in

Unusual Stories continued:

it, and turn to a certain page and paragraph or sentence in it, and so on of other requests of this sort.”

The following information was found in the "Green County Review" Ky, Fall of 1998 page 85.

Births

Edward Preston Bybee September 20th 1851
Mary Letitia Bybee July 14th 1853
John William Taylor April 6, 1855
Ida May Taylor August 20, 1857
James Luther Taylor Dec. 4, 1859
Henry McDonald Taylor Dec. 11, 1863
Nannie Taylor Feb. 23, 1866
F. J. Taylor Jr. Oct. 23, 1867
Horace L. Taylor Sept. 28, 1872
F. J. Taylor Sr. Oct. 7, 1829
Louisa J. Bottoms Jan. 13, 1831

Marriages

Edward Preston Bybee was married to Mary Letitia Taylor Oct. 25th, 1877 Thursday morning 7 1/2 o'clock.

F. J. Taylor and Louisa J. Bottoms married Nov. 26, 1851
J. L. Taylor and Connie Chandler March 6, 1884
B. E. Courts and Nannie Taylor Oct. 12, 1886
Alonzo W. King and Ida May Taylor Oct. 20, 1887
Horace Taylor and Ivy Smith Dec. 25, 1899
G. W. Thomas and Margaret Taylor May 23, 1907
Henry Taylor and Sarah Roundtree (no date given)
F. J. Taylor and Fannie Dora (no date given)

Deaths

Edward P. Bybee June 14, 1883
John William Taylor Oct. 22, 1859
Louisa J. Taylor May 22, 1905
F. J. Taylor Dec. 14, 1906
Mary Letitia Bybee May 15, 1927
Horace Lee Taylor August 27, 1949

The Edward Preston Bybee Family Bible was presented to the Green County Historical Society by Glover Station Antique and Collectibles, 121 South Public Square, Greensburg, Ky. The inscription on the flyleaf reads: Edward Preston Bybee Glasgow, Ky. Presented by Father, Bybee Xmas 1878. This large leather Bible with gold lettering is a beautiful example of printers art. it was printed by A. J. Holman & Co. no. 938 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA in 1878. A penciled notation at the top of the inside front cover indicates the Bible sold for the princely sum of \$6.50. The seller's mark is impressed on a flyleaf; Rogers and Snoddy - Druggists-Booksellers-Glasgow, Ky. (Submitted by TLuchetta@aol.com Tiffany Luchetta)

AN EXTRAORDINARY GIFT

New York Daily Times, 21 Aug 1854. From the St. Louis Post Dispatch Aug 12, 1854

"For some time past there has been a boy in our city who is gifted with almost incredible power of calculation in numbers. We do not know how or where he is lodged or fed, yet we see him almost daily walking the streets, and at short intervals we discover his posters at the principal public places, telling, in his own way, of his wonderful powers, and asking the assistance of the charitable. His cards are usually done up in alternate lines of red and blue ink, all the letters being in capitals.

"During the days of the late mobs two of his cards at the corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets, seemed to attract a good deal of attention, which, perhaps, was more the result of the excited state of the public mind, and its consequent appetite for novelty, than the strangeness of the boy's placards. At any rate, we give place in his advertisements just as we copied them from his posters:

"I have a great gift in knowing all sums mentally by my head. If any man will tell me what year and month he was born in, it is like a voice strikes my head to tell him what day in that he was born in. That is the only way that I can make myself acquainted with the persons. Now the place for to meet me at, is at the Court-House from 9 o'clock to 11 o'clock A.M., and from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock P.M. 25 cents. MEREDITH HOLLAND.

"Another of his cards reads as follows: "Now take notice, that I will give a true answer in any sum mentally by my head. I wish for the public to patronize me. I have had forty days' schooling. I cannot write a running hand. I was born with this natural gift of knowing what the amount of any sum was mentally by my head. I was born in Monroe County, Ky. I am not 19 years old, quite. I do not improve any at all in this gift. For I could tell as much in numbers when I was three years of age as I can now. I cannot explain it nother. Have hundreds of men tested it, indeed. I never saw any man that was a Christian that they would always give something to help me along. Now here is another subject on wickedness. No man can spell his first name without the five letters, A, L, N, R, S. But there are seven names that can be spelled without these five letters. All wicked hard-hearted men have to make use of more or less of those five letters. It is of hardness of heart causes all this to be. This will satisfy all who hears answers in knowing the results of sums mentally in my head. Twenty five cents is nothing to let me have, for I have an extraordinary gift.

"The boy, Meredith Holland, has rather a simple look - is most slovenly in appearance, and when engaged in any of his mental calculations, "mentally, in his head," he stops up both his ears with his thumbs, looks to the ground a moment, and then announces the result. He is rather a singular specimen."

No information has been located on this young man.

KEPT WIFE'S BODY IN CAVE

The Washington Post, Oct. 29, 1905.

"For ten Years Farmer Humphries Paid Daily Visits to Exhumed Remains.



Body in the Cave continued:

Glasgow (Ky.) Dispatch to New York Tribune.

“One of the most remarkable and grewsome [sic] cases that ever came to light in this section has developed with the death of Abijah Humphries. For ten years Humphries had been visiting twice each day, sometimes oftener, the body of his wife, which he had exhumed from its burial place and concealed in a cave on his farm.

“Following the funeral of his wife, Humphries went to the graveyard and exhumed the body. As he had always been considered more or less eccentric, nothing was at first thought of his frequent visits to a cave. Then a few intimate neighbors asked him the cause of his frequent pilgrimages to the isolated spot. He readily told them, but out of respect they kept the secret.”

Abijah does not appear on the 1900 Barren Co census nor in the funeral home records.

Hard-Boiled Egg Romance

The Washington Post, Feb. 25, 1906. From a Glasgow (Ky.) Dispatch.

“Name Scratched with a Pin Leads to an Engagement.

“A hard-boiled egg purchased from a street lunch man at Norfolk, Va., bearing the name and address of Miss Effie Lyons, of Bruce, near here, has resulted in the announcement that Miss Lyons is to become the bride of Barney Freidman.

“Before Mr. Freidman removed the shell from the egg he made a note of the name, and soon afterward wrote to Miss Lyons. A few days ago he arrived at the young woman’s home, and the announcement of the engagement followed.

“Miss Lyons is the daughter of a farmer who sells many eggs. She attends to sending the eggs to market. In a spirit of fun she scratched her name on an egg with a pin. The wedding will take place this week.”

On the 1900 Barren County KY Census, Rocky Hill District, page 196B, taken 26 June 1900 by Ferdinand D. Gray: House 374-375. James Lyon, head, white, male, born Nov 1847, 52 years old, married 29 years, born KY, father born VA, mother born KY, farming. Wife Margaret, white, female, born Nov 1841, age 58 years, eight children, six living, born KY, father born KY, mother born VA. Asher G, son, white, male, born Nov 1879, 20, single, farm laborer. Effie, daughter, white, female, born Aug 1883, 16 single.

REMARKABLE BLIND MAN

Cincinnati Enquirer, 11 Aug 1907. Glasgow (Ky.) Dispatch to the Enquirer.

“REMARKABLE BLIND MAN. Builds a Well-constructed Cottage, Doing All the Work Himself.

“Glasgow has one of the most remarkable men in the United States in the person of William Settle, who is totally blind.

Remarkable Blind Man continued:

"Settle, who is a graduate of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the blind, first came into public notice some ten years ago, when he made a proposition to the people of Glasgow that if they would present him with a lot he would build a home on it, doing the work himself. In order to assist an ambitious but unfortunate young man, a committee was organized and the money raised to purchase the lot. Settle selected a lot fronting 70 feet on Front street and running back 300 feet, and it was purchased for \$375. In building his cottage on this lot Settle cut the rafters, put down the floors, and, in fact, did all the carpenter work, but his chief delight was in the cabinet work, such as making and putting up banisters, windows, and doors. All of the joints are perfect, and the work he did shows good taste and bears no scars made by the misuse of his tools.

"By trade Settle is a broom-maker, and he has a large contract with a wholesale house here that uses his entire output and would gladly use more, as the brooms are far superior to the average ones. He of an inventive turn of mind and possesses much talent along that line. He is the inventory of a very valuable machine designed for fine cabinet and carpenter work.

"About three months ago a very impressive idea presented itself to Settle and has been successfully carried out, to the astonishment of his most intimate friends. From a thin board Mr. Settle carved three fancy letters and had them painted in silver bronze. He fastened the letters to a board 10 by 27 inches, with a background of black, bordered with gold bronze, making an attractive piece of work. He secured this to the end of a heavy steel bar six feet long and chose the midnight hour in which to go to the highest part of his metal roof, where he fastened it securely with iron rods. The braces were scientifically fastened to the roof and to the perpendicular bar, and the next morning the word "try" appeared above the house by the blind man. The neatness of the design and the inspiration it suggests has been a subject of much praiseworthy comment.

"Settle is a close student of the human voice, and is also a great lover of music. He can take any of the ordinary reed organs apart, even the complicated octave couplings, and he has never found any instrument too hard for him to repair. His success in life is attributed to self-reliance and to following his motto, "Try." He uses a typewriter for his correspondence, and in matter of speed and neatness his work compares favorably with that of the average person."

GIRL OF 11 TOO YOUNG TO WED

The Washington Post, Mar 19, 1916. Glasgow, Ky. March 18.

"Failing to obtain a license to marry 11-year-old Lillian Barnes, on account of her age, Leo Long, a native of Missouri, married the girl's mother, Mrs. Lina Barnes.

"Several days ago Long and the girl, accompanied by the mother, applied for a license to marry. The license was refused, as the girl was not old enough to wed, according to the laws of Kentucky." [Not found in Barren Co marriage records.]



DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Delayed birth certificates are now maintained by the Dept. of Vital Records in Frankfort. The microfilmed records that the KY Historical Society used to have were the denied/refused requests for delayed birth certificates. The Historical Society no longer has a micrographics department.



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CEMETERY PHOTOGRAPHY

Will take digital or 35mm photos of your ancestor's tombstones, old home places, or other items of interest. \$20.00, plus expenses. For details, contact M. P. Harrison, 1786 Capital Hill Church Rd, Fountain Run, KY 42133 or email hharrison@scrtc.com

FOUND! 170 NEW CEMETERIES & 5,000 UNRECORDED BURIALS!

I am nearing completion of an extensive update to the Barren County Cemetery book and am seeking information from anyone knowing of individuals buried in Barren County where the graves are unmarked or the stone is missing. This update will contain deaths from the earliest dates of Barren County, new burials 1993 until time of publication, biographical information, newspaper clippings of interest and all the 170 new cemeteries never recorded with over 5,000 burials in the new cemeteries and those not listed in the cemetery book. Information has been obtained from reading all the old newspapers, death certificates, funeral home records and information provided. If you have information, please contact M P Harrison at the address or email address above.

THOUSANDS OF NEW GLASGOW BURIALS

I am nearing completion of an update to the Barren Co Cemetery book covering Glasgow Municipal, Happy Valley Memorial Gardens, Cremations and Barren Countians buried out of county. Included will be deaths 1993 through date of publication, hundreds of older burials not recorded in the cemetery book and much additional information including parents' names, spouses' names, many causes of death, etc. when available. Information taken from the newspaper obituaries, funeral home records, death certificates and records of A. F. Crow and Son Funeral Home, Hatcher and Saddler Funeral Home and the records of Glasgow Municipal Cemetery. Also included will be corrections to the Barren County Cemetery book. If you know of any individual who lived in Barren County but was buried out of county or out of state, would you please contact Sandi Gorin at 205 Clements Ave., Glasgow KY 42141 or sgorin@glasgow-ky.com

Tracy Methodist Church Membership Register

This register is loaded with information! Starting in 1897 to approximately 1975, this is the list of members of the church originally known as Freeman's Chapel. Much information is included which includes: name, date joined and how, surname of spouse if married, dates and reasons for leaving, death dates on many, references to many who moved out of the area and where they moved. Major surnames shown include: Steenbergen, Carver, Harrison, Woodcock, Conner, Eaton, Bewley, Fike, Britt, Goodman, Mesker, Francis, Crumpton, Thomas, Thomerson, Brant, Minyard, Wood, Kingery, Payne, O'Conner, Smith, Matthews, Burgess, Jones, Hicks, Simmons, Martin, Berry, Bishop and hundreds of others. Cost is \$14.50, including shipping. Not indexed. Order from Annie Fife, 190 N. Combs Lane, Fountain Run, KY 42133 or for questions you may email scadan@scrtc.com.

TOMBSTONE DECORATIONS

As shown on the cover photograph, engravings on tombstones had special significance and perhaps meant more in older times than today. Some of these are shown below.

Angel - spirituality and they guard the tomb.
Angel, Flying or Trumpeting - Rebirth; Resurrection. (see cover photograph)
Arrow - man's mortality
Axe, knife and cleaver. A butcher
Barber Bowl (for bleeding) & Razor or individual's occupation.
Bible - found on Christian stones.
Bird or Bird Flying - Eternal life, Resurrection.
Broken column - the loss of the family head - decay.
Broken Ring -- family circle has been severed.
Butterfly - a short life
Candle being snuffed out - loss of life
Cherub - angelic and signify innocence.
Coffin - mortality
Crossed Swords - Military person of high rank.
Crown - the soul's achievement and the Glory of life after death.
Crown, Hammer & Anvil - was a smith
Cross - emblem of faith.

Tombstone inscriptions continued:

Dog – the deceased was a good master
Dove, Flying - Resurrection.
Farm utensils – occupation.
Flame, Light, Lamp or Torch: - Immortality of the Spirit, Resurrection.
Fruits – eternal plenty
Garland/Wreath - Symbol of saintliness and glory, Victory in death.
Grim Reaper - death
Hand, Pointing Up - Pathway to heaven.
Hands, Clasped - Farewells or the bond of marriage
Hands, Praying - Asking God for Eternal life.
Hands, Blessing - Blessing of those left behind.
Harp - Praise to the God.
Heart - Love. Affection of the living for the dead. Two joined hearts on a stone mark a marriage,
Heart (Sacred) - Usually found in Catholic cemeteries, the suffering of Christ for our sins.
Horns -- Resurrection
Hourglass – time runneth out.
Ivy - Immortality
Lamb – a child's marking, innocence
Laurel -- A symbol of worldly accomplishment and heroism.
Lily - The virgins' flower, symbol of innocence and purity.
Lion – The Lion watches eternally, courage
Loom - weaver
Morning glory – beginning of life
Oak, oak leaves, acorn – power, authority, victory
Open book – often occupation of a teacher.
Palm branch – victory and rejoicing
Poppy – eternal sleep
Rake and spade - gardener
Rod or Staff – comfort for the bereaved
Rooster – resurrection, awakening
Rose, full blown – died in the prime of life.
Rosemary – remembrance
Scales – a merchant or weighed in the balance
Scythe - An instrument of the harvest, death cuts us down.
Shoe tools – was a shoemaker
Skull and or Skull/ Crossed Bones - Death.
Star – death cannot overpower the Light of the Spirit
Stars and Stripes Around Eagle -- Eternal vigilance and liberty. Often seen on military markers.
Sun – light and warmth, life everlasting
Thistle – normally denotes one of Scottish heritage
Tree – life
Tree Truck – member of The Woodman of the World
Trumpeters – resurrection announcers
Urn – Immortality (Egyptians stored the deceased's vital organs in an urn
Wedge and level – was a mason
Weeping Willow – perpetual mourning and grief
Wheat or wheat sheaves – the divine harvest

Parks Paris 7 shots	18.00
Mary McDaniel 1 cow & Pigs	13.00
John McDaniel & Saml. P. Bowdry 1/2 Auger	1.00
Mary McDaniel 6 sheep	12.00
" " 12 can 28 lein	4.00
" " 1 P ^h shear & candle stick	.50
" " 1 chest	1.10
" " 6 shots	11.00
John McDaniel 1 cow & Pigs	8.12 1/2
Mrs. Poynter 1 cow & Pigs	4.00
Cornelius Seavey 5 Hogs	16.00
Rocky Armstrong 10 Hogs	10.75
Mary McDaniel 10 Hogs	14.00
1 cow & calf	25.75
	143.25 1/2
Brought forward	283.61 1/2
" "	565.98 3/4
Amount of sales	\$ 992.70 1/4

Received
 of the Personal
 Estate of
 McDaniel
 Dec 20
 \$ 992.70 1/4
 1870 July 21st
 Recd. of Libers 2nd
 folio 63 of 4th can

Mary McDaniel Administrator
 Saml. P. Bowdry Administrator

Estate Settlement of Jennings McDaniel Original Documents

Credits Prot over	\$ 1789.05 3/4
Debts Prot over	\$ 1349.03 1/2
To amount paid by Douglas & Terry	390.05 3/4
in notes	390.05 3/4

We do hereby allot to Mary M^d Daniel widow of James M^d Daniel Dec^d as her rights of dower the following property -
 purchased at Sale as per Sale bill

Rendered - \$ 685.08 1/2

One Negro woman named Patsy
 One Negro Boy named Philip
 Two lots of land N^o 8 & 8 as per field notes
 here with filed

The Division of the remain-
 ing part of the property stands as follows viz -
 Elizabeth Douglas one negro girl named Mariah and
 one lot of land N^o 6 as per field notes

Rutha Terry one negro girl named Rebecca
 and lot of land N^o 4 as per field notes

Floyd M^d Daniel one negro Boy named Robbint
 & one lot of land N^o 3 as per field notes

Mary M^d Daniel one negro girl named Liberty & one
 lot of land N^o 5 as per field notes

Harben M^d Daniel one Negro girl named Meana
 one lot of land N^o 4 as per field notes

John M^d Daniel one Negro Boy named Laurence &
 one lot of land N^o 1 as per field notes

here with filed April 15th 1826

{ Sell Bagby
 James Hall
 W. J. Garnett

Commissionary

In pursuance of an order of The Warren County Court granted at their October term 1823 we the under signed Commissioners have proceeded to settle with Samuel B Bowdrey Administrator with Mary McDaniel Administratrix of The Estate of Jennings McDaniel Dec'd

Samuel B Bowdrey

Dr

To amt Sale of personable estate

Exclusive of that part purchased and accounted for by Mary McDaniel and a horse purchased by Betsy McDaniel at \$75 & colls by Rutha at \$132.5
 Amount adv^{personals & colls} by Mary McDaniel --- \$265.06 1/4

To your note to the estate --- 183.88 1/2
 To Mr Millers note due McDaniel --- 138.01 1/2
 To amt Cash rec^d on open a/c --- 23.82 1/2
 To Cash rec^d from Bank --- 100.00
 To amt rec^d ^{received} for land sold --- 638.80
 \$ 1349.03 1/2

Credits			
By Vouchers N ^o 1		\$ 7.29 1/2	
" " 2		12.00	
" " 3		12.00	
" " 4		5.00	
" " 5		4.85	
" " 6		1.50	
" " 7		1.00	
" " 8		1.50	
" " 9		66.97 1/2	
" " 10		35.00	112.01 3/4
" " 11		8.04 1/2	
" " 12		11.20	
" " 13		20.00	
" " 14		3.75	
" " 15		25.12 1/2	103.12
" " 16		19.75	
" " 17		25.49 1/2	
" " 18		49.75	
" " 19		32.20	
" " 20		6.25	
			139.04 1/2
			348.58 1/2

Debts Brought forward

Credits Brought forward \$ 348.58 1/4

By vouchers No. 21		\$ 348.58 1/4
" " 22	-----	71.00
" " 23	-----	1.50
" " 24	-----	6.37 1/2
" " 25	-----	3.00
" " 26	-----	50.00
" " 27	-----	7.25
" " 28	-----	1.37 1/2
" " 29	-----	3.00
" " 30	-----	6.50
" " 31	-----	2.37 1/2 (15-0.00)
" " 32	-----	4.75
" " 33	-----	96.07
" " 34	-----	2.79
" " 35	-----	20.12 1/2
" " 36	-----	13.75
" " 37	-----	3.04
" " 38	-----	25.00
" " 39	-----	138.01 1/2 (167.86)
" " 40	-----	5.00
" " 41	-----	1.25
" " 42	-----	40.00
" " 43	-----	21.00
" " 44	-----	6.00
" " 45	-----	1.00 1/2
" " 46	-----	0.43 (21.21 1/4)
" " 47	-----	2.16
" " 48	-----	6.37
" " 49	-----	13.07 1/2
" " 50	-----	438.80
" " 51 3 papers	-----	61.81 1/4
" " 52 Bank vouchers	-----	57.87 1/2
" " 53 do do	-----	279.25
		859.78

Total

\$ 1739.09 1/4

Continued

Mary McDaniel's bag		\$ 4.50
Do " Sticks & Ladder		2.25
" " 1 Mattock & shoes		4.00
Thomson Perry 1 Yoke string		36.00
Mr. Tyler 1 Pied cow		13.00
Robert Freeman 1 Black cow & calf		20.00
Richard Cole 1 steer		4.25
Mary McDaniel 1 Pied cow		13.25
" " 1 " "		15.00
" " 2 Heifers		21.00
" " 1 Bay Horse		81.00
		2 14.25
Mary McDaniel & Sam. P. Bradley		
1 Wagon & Gear		132.00
Do 1 Log chain		7.75
Martha Lively 1 Sand mare		27.00
Audrey McDaniel 1 Colt		13.25
Elizabeth McDaniel 1 Horse		75.00
Mary McDaniel 1 Sand Horse		74.00
" " 1 2 Big & 1 small Wheel		4.25
" " 3 Bells		1.25
Widder Furniture		5.00
Joshua Malony 1 Bell		5 1/2
Marian Armstrong 1 Kettles		5 1/2
Sam. Malony 1 Case Bottles		4.37 1/2
Mary McDaniel 1 Chain Road		1.00
		\$ 565.95 3/4

Credits Brot over	\$ 1789.00
Debts Brot over	\$ 1349.03 1/2
To amount paid by Douglass & Levy	390.05 3/4
in notes	390.05 3/4

We do hereby state to Mary M^d Daniel Widow of
 Jennings M^d Daniel Dec^d as her right of dower
 the following property —
 purchase at Sale as per Sale bill

Rendered — \$685.00 1/2

One Negroe woman named patry
 One Negroe Boy named philip &
 Two lots of land N^o 8 & 8 as per field notes
 here with filed —

The Division of the remain-
 ing part of the property stands as follows viz —
 Elizabeth Douglass one negroe girl named Mariah and
 one lot of land N^o 6 as per field notes

Rebecca Levy one negroe girl named Rebecca
 and lot of land N^o 4 as per field notes

John M^d Daniel one negroe Boy named Robt
 & one lot of land N^o 3 as per field notes

Mary M^d Daniel one negroe girl named Selvy & one
 lot of land N^o 5 as per field notes

William M^d Daniel one negroe girl named Maria
 & one lot of land N^o 7 as per field notes

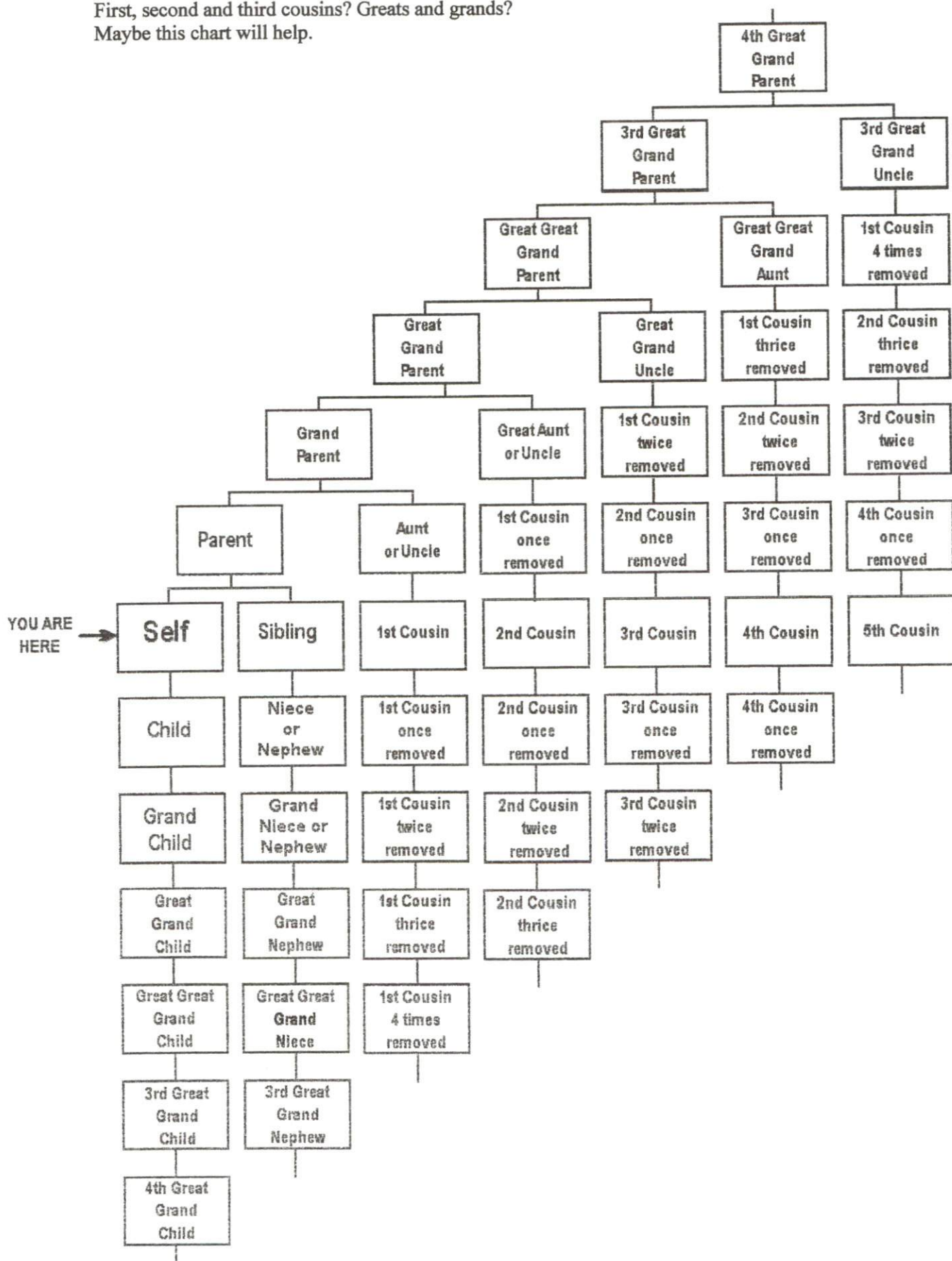
John M^d Daniel one Negroe Boy named Lawrence &
 one lot of land N^o 1 as per field notes

here with filed April 15th 1826

Commissioners
 } Soll Bagby
 } James Hall
 } W J Gannett

Barris County Oct July Term 1826
 The foregoing inventory of the Sale of the Estate of Jennings M^d Daniel
 Dec^d was returned & ordered to be Recorded

Did you ever get lost figuring out the difference between First, second and third cousins? Greats and grands? Maybe this chart will help.





The Other Killer of World War I

Abstracted from "A Glimpse of the Past - What Glasgow Used to be Like" by the late Jimmy Simmons, published by Gorin Genealogical Publishing.

"His passing (Bob Ike Campbell) set me to thinking. How small that gallant little band of World War I Veterans has now become. I wonder how many people today remember what they did? My memories as a small boy will always be clear in my mind; then they were still young and vigorous. The war had been over less than twenty years. People still remembered the horrors of gas and the trenches.

"Then there was the flu. The horrors of the World War weren't enough; an epidemic swept the land. One of the first things that I can recall from childhood is stories about the flu epidemic. The flu was so bad because it struck without rhyme or reason; spared no one rich or poor; young or old, civilian or soldier. The thing that was so horrible was that our troops packed together in the flimsy barracks of our training camps caught it in wholesale lots. In many camps every man in some barracks had it. I used to sit for hours and listen to Wilson Everett spin tales about Camp Taylor; the one that stands out in my mind of the flu. Every man in his barracks came down with it, but being Sergeant in charge, he managed to get his men in the hospital early, and not a man from his barrack died, but of the 200 men in the battery, 60 died of the flu. Our casualties from the battle were small compared to the flu.

Some people never had a sniffle. My mother's family lived on Boyd's Creek and were spared. Most of my mother's brothers and sisters were still at home and then never had even a cold. My Aunt Virginia was the only one of the girls that was married, and she and her family all had it. My grandmother was a woman who never seemed to fear anything, and would hear of nothing but to go and tend to my aunt's family herself. Every few days she would come back home to see about the family. She would come to the old picket fence, not daring to come closer for fear of giving germs to her family, and my mother and the rest would stand on the porch and talk to her. My Aunt's family was lucky, they all got well and my grandmother never caught it at all. This was not the case with many families. In many cases, families of ten or twelve would be down at once with no one to help. Often two or three would be dead and no one to lay them out. Mrs. Willie Wilson was the heroine of Boyd's Creek neighborhood. She would make huge kettles of soup, and down the road she would go from house to house dishing out hot soup to the sick. The doctors did what they could, but this was before antibiotics and no doctor had ever faced the particular virus before. The young doctors like Dr. Weldon, Richards and Howard were in the army, and only a few old timers like Dr. Froedge were left to tend the sick. They went for days without even taking off their clothes, dropping the reins and sleeping in their buggies as they rode from house to house returning home only to replenish the medicine in their bags.

My Uncle Robert had gone to Canton, Ohio to work but had registered for the draft in Glasgow. Thinking that it was time to be called, he quit his job and came home. However, his name wasn't called, but a friend of his in the neighborhood did get his induction notice, and as his friend was married, and my uncle was ready to go, he went to the draft and offered to swap places. The board said no, the friend went to Camp Taylor and died of the flu. A month later my Uncle entered the army and in five weeks was in France. A machine gunner, he went through the last great offensive of the war, and the only injury he received was a bad burn when a kettle of boiling clothes was tipped over. A salute to the Veterans of World War I, as they go, preparing to go "over the top" for the last time. As they close ranks, may we never forget the sacrifices that they made to make the world safe for democracy, and may we ever be worthy of the example of unselfish patriotism set by them."

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_____	_____
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