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ON THE COVER

The Kentucky Pants Factory

Photograph courtesy South Central Kentucky Cultural Center of women working at the Kentucky Pants Factory. The only lady identified is on the left front, Neva Wallace. Article courtesy the Glasgow Daily Times, Thursday, May 8, 2008 [abstracted].

"Using \$25,000 for building expenses and opening its doors in 1928 to 120 employees, the Washington Manufacturing Company set an industrial precedence in Glasgow. Unfortunately due to unionization issues, the plant was closed in 1938. The local Chamber of Commerce raised \$11,500 to reopen the factory by selling stocks and bonds, returning more than 200 jobs to the local economy. Men's overalls were manufactured at the plant and an advertisement from that era boasted that the Dee-Cee garments were "Southern made by Southern labor, not prison made." Navy uniforms were made around the close during WWII at the factory.

"The company continued to be successful, opening plant #2 in 1960. Employees at plant #1 were given the option to be transferred to plant #2 and 350 new jobs were added with this expansion, making it the largest industry in Glasgow. More than 600 people applied for those jobs. The payroll for the plants in 1960 exceeded \$1.5 million annually and more than \$200,000 was spent locally on supplies for the factory, with only the fabric being trucked in.

"Bill Pedigo, the manager of plant #1 moved to plant #2 and Elmer Jennings was promoted to manager of plant #1, after sewing a pair of pants in order to receive the promotion. Those pants are on display at the Cultural Center.

"In 1979 many employees were given stamps, jackets, watches and other awards for perfect attendance. Many of these items can be seen at the Cultural Center. In 1981, the assembly lines switched from painters' pants to women's casual clothing. A few years later, plant #1 closed, losing 157 jobs. Plant #2 continued with industrial garments.

"Soon after in 1988, the Washington Industry filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy closing all 10 remaining plants in Kentucky and Tennessee, bringing a sad end to the Kentucky Pants Factory and its role in our community.

"The public is encouraged to visit the South Central Kentucky Cultural Center located in the old Kentucky Pants Factory to view this exhibit as well as everything else the museum has to offer."



**Interesting Story of Goodnight Community  
Of the Good Old Days**

**Glasgow Daily Times, February 15, 1951.**

(The following article is one of a series selected from scrapbooks of the late S. B. Davis of Cave City, which have been generously made available to The Times for re-printing. Mr. Davis, who was president of the H. Y. Davis State Bank at Cave City, preserved many clippings and records which chronicle interesting and informative incidents in the history of Barren County - Editor's Note.)

"The following is an account of the Goodnight community, written in 1916 under the pen name, U. R. Smart.

"Rich Grove is true to its name. They have changed the name to Goodnight; that was a calamity, a misnomer, to say the least. "Good morning" would have been more appropriate - more in keeping with the freshness, invigorating, inspiring zeal of the community. When we Suffragists get the balance of power (and that's in sight) we are going to undo a whole lot of things you men have done. However, I suppose the name Rich Grove was changed to Goodnight in honor of a former Congressman by that name from this district. He was a worthy man, and made a good representative but was in no way identified with Rich Grove. It should have been name, if changed at all, Rogers, Parrish, Baird or for some one of the good men who gave tone to the community.

"The Lincoln and Jackson Way runs directly through Rich Grove. It does not traverse a better section of country from Louisville to Nashville, nor from Louisville to Atlanta, Ga., nor to Jacksonville, Fla., I will say from Louisville to Miami, Fla. That statement is pretty broad; the burden is on you to prove to the contrary.

"During 'Bellum' days, Elder Collier taught a great school there. He taught the young idea, and if it didn't hit center, it was not his fault. After a lapse of 54 years, the writer can remember only a few, now living, who were under the tutelage of this good man. Some of whom are: Dr. John B. White, H. L. Rogers and wife, Mrs. Dr. Coombs, H. Y. Davis and Mrs. Dr. Garnett of Cave City, Mrs. Sallie C. Ford of Smiths Grove; Jordan Owen of Louisville; David Richards of Glendale, and Mrs. Robert Barbour of Goodnight. Elder Collier died in Texas a few years ago at the advanced age of 90 years. A good man. Peace to his ashes.

"In the days alluded to, and those preceding, there lived in Rich Grove four "Billies". "The Big Four" - in a square - within a mile of



**Goodnight, continued:**

each other. Billy Rogers, Billy Parrish, Billy Ellis and Billy Garnett. Shakespeare says, "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is often interred with their bones," or words to that effect. Shake's sphorism does not apply to the above quartet. Such an impression for good was made by these men upon the Rich Grove country, that their influence will be felt for a century to come.

"The above Big Four did not constitute all, but a part, of the bone and sinew of this locality. There was Robin (Uncle Robin) Wood, Gershon Baird, Ship, Caldwell, Micajah Johnson, Ruben Smith. We can't say that these good men would have left us such a rich heritage had it not been for noble blood contributed by their combination [sic, believe she meant companion]. Billy Garnett's first wife was a Willis, his second wife was a Williams. Billy Parrish's wife was a Willis, a sister of Garnett's wife. Billy Ellis' wife was a Mustain. Billy Rogers' wife was a Bagby. Robin Wood's first wife was a Yancey and his second a Rogers. Gershon Baird's wife was a Davidson. Ship Caldwell's wife was a Garnett. These matings produced a blending of bloods unsurpassed anywhere. A lineage, coming from such sources, would enrich any citizenship. Were our body-politic constituted of such, our penitentiaries would become depopulated, and our courthouses would become fit habitations for bats and owls.

"These men, and their descendants, have done much for Barren County. They were mostly men of means, acquired by honest endeavors and clever, too, the latchstring always hanging on the outside, meaning, welcome to all.

"Rich Grove sent some of its best blood to repel the invading army of the North in '61, and more than half of it was split on Southern battle fields. There were: Jack Parrish, four Rogers boys, two sons of Micajah Johnson, the Barlow boys and John Yancey, who followed the "Stars and Bars" to victory and defeat. Three Rogers boys fell facing the enemy. Of all the Rich Grove boys who bared their breasts to Yankee bullets, only two are left, John S. Barlow of Chico, Calif., and C. B. Rogers of Goodnight. Charlie would be lonesome, but for one thin; you may ask him."

**BOWLES-HALL-RICHARDSON**

Prepared by Guy W. Bowles as a history requirement by the late Jimmy Simmons,

GUY W. BOWLES, son of Ike N Bowles and Inez (Harbison) Bowles, was born May 28, 1908, of Summer Shade, Kentucky. He lived in

**Bowles-Hall-Richardson, continued:**

Glasgow, Kentucky, where he was chief of the Police Department. He married Corinne (Hall) Bowles, daughter of Charles Elmore Hall and Cora Matilda (Richardson) Hall, born in Glasgow, Kentucky in July 31, 1916. They were married on October 9, 1941 in Houston, Texas. Guy W. Bowles died of a heart attack while in Texas, while stationed there in the Army. Their children are: Guy W. Bowles, born September 4, 1944.

**ISAAC NEWTON BOWLES** is the son of Lafayette Bowles and the mother is unknown, because his mother died when he was six years old and his father remarried. Isaac Newton Bowles married Inez (Harbison) Bowles, who is the daughter of C. S. Harbison and Martha (Hensley) Harbison, of Summer Shade, Kentucky. Their children are:

Guy W. Bowles  
Harold Bowles  
Kathrine Bowles, died in 1930  
Wilma (Bowles) Simmerlay

**INEZ (HARBISON) BOWLES**, daughter of C. S. Harbison and Martha (Hensley) Harbison was born January 17, 1888 in Summer Shade, Kentucky. She married Isaac Newton Bowles, son of Lafayette Bowles and mother unknown; date is uncertain. They were married in 1908. Inez (Harbison) Bowles died on February 17, 1954. They had four children.

**C. S. HARBISON**, son of Sam Harbison and Susie (Gill) Harbison, married Martha (Hensley) Harbison, daughter of John Hensley and Martha (Edward) Hensley. Their children were:

Opal (Harbison) Word, born 1915, died in 1935  
Edgar Harbison  
Pernie (Harbison) Word  
Lola (Harbison) Depp  
Earl Harbison  
Grace (Harbison) Miller  
Lawrence Harbison  
Christen (Harbison) Miller

**MARTHA (HENSLEY) HARBISON**, daughter of John Hensley and Martha J. (Edward) Hensley, married C. S. Harbison, son of Sam Harbison and Susie (Gill) Harbison. They had eight children.

**CORINE (HALL) BOWLES**, daughter of Charles Elmore Hall and Cora Matilda (Richardson) Hall was born on July 31, 1916 in Glasgow, Kentucky. She has always lived in Glasgow, except for a short time in



**Bowles-Hall-Richardson, continued:**

Texas after her marriage while her husband served there in the war. She married Guy W. Bowles, son of Isaac Newton Bowles and Inez (Harbison) Bowles, born May 28, 1908, of Summer Shade, Kentucky. They were married on October 9, 1941 in Houston, Texas.

**CHARLES ELMORE HALL**, son of James Martin Hall and Josephine (Gray) Hall was born February 1, 1882 in Blacks Ferry, Kentucky. He served in the Army for a time. He was stationed in Alaska. Later he returned to Glasgow and worked in the Post Office for about 28 years. He married Cora Matilda (Richardson) Hall, daughter of Stockley Richardson and Martha (Sims) Richardson, born May 4, 1880. They were married on October 2, 1909. Cora Hall was from Turkey Neck Bend, near Coe, Kentucky. Their children are:

Elma (Hall) Redman, born August 12, 1910  
Grace (Hall) Ford, born October 26, 1911  
Eva (Hall) Potts, born January 18, 1914  
Corinne (Hall) Bowles, born July 31, 1916

**CORA MATILDA (RICHARDSON) HALL**, daughter of Stokley Richardson and Martha (Sims) Richardson was born May 4, 1880 in Turkey Neck Bend, Coe, Kentucky. She married Charles Elmore Hall, son of James Martin Hall and Josephine (Gray) Hall, born February 1, 1882, of Blacks Ferry, Kentucky. They were married in October 8, 1910. Cora Hall died on April 13, 1960. She had four children.

**JAMES MARTIN HALL**, son of James Martin Hall, Senior, and Nancy Hall. He married Josephine (Gray) Hall, daughter of Robert Gray and Evelyn (Richardson) Gray. Their children were:

Charles Elmore Hall  
Osie Richardson Hall  
Effie Hall  
Orpha Hall  
Cecil Hall  
Rhea Hall

**JOSEPHINE (GRAY) HALL**, daughter of Robert Gray and Evelyn (Richardson) Gray. She married James Martin Hall, son of James Martin Hall, Senior and Nancyk (---) Hall. They had five children.

**STOKLEY RICHARDSON**, son of John Richardson and Abigale (Hildreth) Richardson, married Martha (Sims) Richardson, daughter of Patterson Sims and Matilda (Martin) Sims. Their children were:

Cora Matilda (Richardson) Hall

**Bowles-Hall-Richardson, continued:**

Zora (Richardson) Coe  
Bugg Cleveland Richardson  
Julia Richardson  
Parrish Richardson

Dr. Robert Richardson was a half-brother. Lillie Grey was a half-sister.

MARTHA (SIMS) RICHARDSON, daughter of Patterson Sims and Matilda (Martin) Sims. She married Stokley Richardson, son of John Richardson and Abigale (Hildreth) Richardson. They had six children.

ROBERT GRAY was the son of James Gray and his mother who is not known. He married Evelyn (Richardson) Gray, daughter of John Richardson and Abigale (Roberts) Richardson.

EVELYN (RICHARDSON) GRAY, daughter of John Richardson and Abigale (Roberts) Richardson married Robert Gray, son of James Gray whose wife is unknown.

JOHN RICHARDSON was born in Virginia in 1787. He was the son of Williamson Richardson and his mother is unknown. John Richardson married, about 1805, Abigale (Hildreth) Richardson, daughter of Geoffrey Hildreth and Lillie (Bowen) Hildreth. They had twelve children. Three of their children were:

Stokley Richardson  
William H Richardson  
Robert H. Richardson

ABIGALE (HILDRETH) RICHARDSON was the daughter of Geoffrey Hildreth and Lillie (Bowen) Hildreth. She married in 1805 John Richardson who was the son of Williamson Richardson, his mother is unknown. He was born in Virginia in 1787. They had twelve children.

**ORIGINAL SETTLERS OF MESHACK CREEK, BLAND'S FORK And  
MUD CAMP CREEK AREAS - EASTERN MONROE CO KY**

Written by the late Marion Vance.

Barren and Cumberland counties were formed in 1798, each from a portion of Green. The area of eastern Monroe County, including the Meshack community, was a part of Green County. From the entry and survey books of Green and Cumberland has been reconstructed the original settlers.



Original Settlers, continued:

Meshack Creek received its name from the fact that Meshack Skaggs was killed along its waters sometime prior to 1795. In many instances, "Meshack" was called "Maches" Creek, the latter pronunciation still lingers today among many of the local residents.

Military claims of Virginia soldiers had been completed by 1798 when the new county of Cumberland was formed and simultaneously with the formation of the new county, came the land rush for the lands not taken South of the Green River by the Virginia military claims. Practically all of the Meschack area was void of military claims, thus the settler in compliance with the local county law could perfect his title. The state price from \$30.00 per 100-acre for second rate land and \$40.00 for first rate land. Of course, none of the lands were rated first rate in order to give the settler the benefit of the doubt. The law required residency, improvements with at least two acres of corn, and certificates by the county government were granted for \$1.00 each. Usually surveys ranged a little above \$2.50 per 200 acre survey. Each settler was allowed a minimum of 200 acres if he could find and locate it without supposedly over-lapping someone else's property.

Moses Kirkpatrick was the first to settle the Meshack area in 1776. He was an explorer, developer and leader and prospered in both trade of products along the Cumberland River to Nashville and New Orleans as well as dealing in land claims in the area. He and the first surveyor of Cumberland, James Henry, were land partners in many instances.

Thomas Lincoln and Hannaniah Lincoln served as constable and sheriff respectively of Cumberland County in the beginning formation. Thomas Lincoln's territory as constable included the eastern portion of Monroe County (established 1820), the Meshack area.

Settlers came from central Kentucky areas such as the Pottengers formerly of Pottenger's Station (New Haven, Ky.), the Kirkpatricks, Phillips, Lincoln from Phillips Ford (Hodgenville) and the three forts at Elizabethtown, the forts in and around Greensburg to settle the Meshack area. Some came from the direction of Tennessee and the Carolinas.

Some had settled the area long before their titles were recorded. Some claims were filed in Green County 1796 but not perfected until 1798 when Cumberland County was formed.



**Original Settlers, continued:**

The trail from Meshack via Persimmon, Randolph, Wisdom, Elk Lick on Little Barren (near Monroe, KY) thence to Greensburg was known as the Moses Kirkpatrick Trace at its lower end and from the upper and known as "the road from Elk Lick to Jackson's Ferry on Cumberland River."

(Shown below will be the name of the original settler, the county where the entry or survey is recorded, the date, acreage and whom the land adjoins. Some fields not filled in)

**William McColgan, Green, 1796, 200a, Moses Kirkpatrick**

**Moses Kirkpatrick, Green, 1796, 200a, Wm McColgan, James McColgan on the creek**

**James McColgan, Green, 1796, 200a, Marsh K. Skaggs was killed on the waters of Cumberland River, including his improvement.**

**John Emyheart, Green, 1798, 200a, Wm McColgan, John Williams, James McColgan, Peter Stevens**

**Peter Stevens, 1798, no acreage shown, John Emyheart/1 mile below mouth of Maches, north side Cumberland River.**

**John Black, 1798, Thomas Butler**

**Thomas Butler, 1798, John Black, Tobins Mooredock**

**Tobins Mooredock, 1798, Tho. Butler "N. side Cumberland River in Green Co."**

**John Williams, 1798, 150a, John Emyheart**

**John Emyheart, Jr., 1798, 200a, 4 miles above Maches, N side of Cumberland.**

**John Vandeaever, 1798, "5 miles above mouth of said creek" "Forks of Maches Creek"**

**John Stodgill, 1798, 200a, Main fork of Maches Creek, including his improvement. James McConnell**

**James McConnell, 1798, 200a, 3 1/2 miles from mouth of Maches Creek, including improvement, John Stodgill.**

**Jesse Gee, Cumberland Co, 1798, on Meschack Creek.**

**Thomas Lincoln, Green Co, 5 Sept 1798, "waters of Maches Creek and on Wm. McCorgan's east line." [father of the President]**

**Osborn Bland, 1798, "Blands Creek, waters of Maches." "adjoins Wm. McCorgan.**

**Ephrain Dickin, Green Co, 1798, "in Green Co. on Maches Creek ... adjoins Wm McCorgan.**

**John Bland, Green Co, 1798, 160 a., "Bland's Fork of Maches Creek, waters of Cumberland River in Green County, adjoins James McColgan."**

**Hannaniah Lincoln, Cumberland Co, 1800, 100a, "adjoins John Bland (1806 survey 200 a. Blands Creek) also John Stodgill 1798**

**Original Settlers, continued:**

survey at main fork of Maches. Also adjoins Hannaniah Lincoln's 200a entry of 1800 Cumberland Co. Assignee of James Lynn.

**Hannaniah Lincoln**, Cumberland Co, 1800, 200a, "adjoins Hannaniah Lincoln 100a of 1800, John Bland 1798 claim, John Stodgill 1798 claim, James McColgan 1796 claim. Assigned to Lincoln by James Lynn.

Note: Bland's Fork is a tributary of Meschack Creek, waters of Cumberland River, eastern Monroe Co KY.

**Robert Anderson**, 1799, "head of Meshack".

**Eliha Kirkpatrick**, Cumberland Co, 1799, 200 a. "Meshack Creek"

**John Page**, 1798, 300a, Maches Creek.

**Thomas Butler**, 1798, 200a, "S. side Cumberland R. including his improvements, adjoins John Emycarts."

**Elihu Kirkpatrick**, Green Co, 1799, Maches Creek.

**Moses Kirkpatrick & James Henry**, 1799, 200a, "adjoins James McConnell 1798 which is located 3 1/2 miles from mouth of Maches Ck."

**Elizabeth Trabue**, Cumberland Co, 1799, 200a, "on Cumberland River, adjoins Moses Kirkpatrick claim 1796 and William Taylor."

**Elizabeth Trabue**, Cumberland Co, 1800, adjoins her above claim.

**William Taylor**, mentioned as adjoining landowner to Moses Kirkpatrick 1804 claim which also adjoined the 1796 Kirkpatrick claim, and Elizabeth Trabue's 1799 claim. Taylor also adjoins the Kirkpatrick & Henry claim.

**Thomas Ray**, 1799, Maches Creek. (There is a William and Polly Ray on Mud Camp Creek as settlers under Green Co certificate, 1798 date).

**Trustees of Bourbon Academy** (Kentucky Grant), 1799, 400a, Meshack.

**Wm. Tooley**, Cumberland Co, 1819.

**William Nunn**, Cumberland, Mesheck Creek. See p. 24 of Wells History of Cumberland Co.

**Walter Nunn**, Cumberland Co, 1818, same as above.

**Thomas Lincoln**, Cumberland Co, 1804, "adjoins Jesse Gee 1798 survey on Meshack Creek"

**Thomas Lincoln**, 1801, "on road from Kirkpatrick's to Marrowbone Springs."

**John S. Gee**, 1803, 150a, "adjoins Jesse Gee 1798 improvements on Meshack."

**Jesse Gee**, 1803, "Maches Creek, adjoins Tho. Ray & Gee's 1798 claim."



**Original Settlers, continued:**

**Moses Kirkpatrick, Cumberland Co, 1804, adjoins his 1796 settlement.**

**Moses Kirkpatrick & James Henry, 1799, "200a on Cumberland River; adjoins John Emyard, John Black, Robert Pottinger, Elijah Kirkpatrick"**

**Wm. King, Cumberland Co, 1800, 50a, "Cumberland River ... adjoins Joseph Black"**

**John Emyart, Cumberland Co, 1801, 200a, "on Cumberland River about 4 miles above mouth of Mashers Creek."**

**Jesse Roberts, Cumberland Co, 1803, 194a, "adjoins by Roberts, General Barbee, McColgan, Kirkpatrick.**

**Joseph Black, 1798, 200a, "E. side Maches Ck ... adjoins John Pottenger (1798), Dennis Pottenger's, Robt Pottenger (1798) and Elihu Kirkpatrick (1799)"**

**John Pottenger, 1798, "adjoins Joseph Black."**

**Dennis Pottenger, "adjoins Joseph Black."**

**Robert Pottenger, 1798, 200a, "adjoins Joseph Black 1798; and Robert Allen, 1799"**

**Elihu Kirkpatrick, 1799, "adjoins Joseph Black, 1798 and Robert Allen, 1799; and Stephen Bedford, 1798"**

**Robert Allen, Cumberland Co, 1799, 73a, "On Cumberland River adjoining John Emykart & Robt Pottenger on Meschack & Elijah Kirkpatrick & Stephen Bedford.**

**Oliver Mathew, mentioned as adjacent land owner of Robert Allen 1799 claim above on Cumberland River.**

**Stephen Bedford of Charlotte Co VA, 1798, 200a, north side Cumberland River, adjoins Elihu Kirkpatrick (1799), Robt. Allen(1799), and Joseph Hall (1798).**

**Joseph Hall, 1798, 200a, "adjoins Stephen Bedford 1798; John Pottenger's line 1798 and Chas. Hudspeth 1798" and Andrew Phillips (1798).**

**Andrew Phillips, 1798, 200a, Cumberland River in Green Co. adjoins Chas Hudspeth (1798) and John Pottenger (1798) on Cumberland River...**

**Charles Hudspeth, 1798, "bank of Cumberland River, Mashers Creek. Adjoins Joseph Hall (1798) and Andrew Phillips (1798).**

**Mud Camp Creek Area:**

**William Ray, Green Co, 1798. Adjoins Geo King (1798 and 1800).**

**Polly Ray, Green Co, 1798, Mud Camp Creek.**

**John Taylor, Green Co, 1798, Mud Camp Creek**

**George King, Cumberland Co, 1800 - also has 1798 certificate which adjoins Wm Ray; adjoins Stogel (Stodgill).**



**Original Settlers, continued:**

**Bourbon Academy, 1798, 500a, dividing ridge Mud Camp Creek and Skaggs Creek.**

**New Athens Academy, 1798, 500a, dividing ridge Mud Camp Creek and Marrowbone Creek.**

***I remember Ma Dean***

**Contributed by Lloyd Dean, 6770 US Highway 60E, Morehead, KY 4e0351-9035.**

**Zoan Thomas Dean was born in 1879 to Jim Ambers Thomas and Nancy Mocabee Thomas – I called her Ma because that is what my dad called her. She and pap moved to Hays Branch around 1913 from Carter County. She was an industrious person who knew what hard times were. She wasn't afraid of hard work and provided well for her household. She took pride in her garden and would can and preserve what she could for the winter months. The home was furnished with simple furniture but she kept it neat and clean as possible. I remember helping her set out a cedar tree in the yard when I was about nine years old. I remember she would pick gooseberries, pie plant, and gather what apples that grew on the tree. It was over a wood stove in the kitchen that she cooked the daily meals. I enjoyed eating with Ma and Pap. The wood box sat on the back porch and if no one was around she would fill it herself. I enjoyed helping gather the duck eggs and carrying them in. Once in a while my brother, Vernon and I would stay all night with her and Pap. We got to sleep upstairs on the featherbed where it was warm. She would pick the ducks for the feathers to use in pillows and featherbed. Even the day before her death, my dad, brother and I visited her. I remember she encouraged us to do good in school. December 21, 1941 at approximately 6:30 a.m. she passed away. I remember my dad was milking and Brian Brown who stayed with them brought us the news. Brian stayed with my brother and I, and Mom and Dad went down to the house immediately. There was a deep snow on at this time of year. Ma will always be remembered in the hearts of those who knew her. (Written 11 June 1975).**

**BARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY**  
**FAMILY HISTORY BOOK**

**A Invitation to be Part of Barren County History!**

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**Family History Book, continued:**

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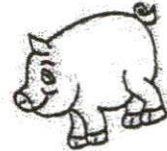
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**OLD KENTUCKY**



The following story was presented by the late historian, Jimmy Simmons and included in his newspaper articles on the Civil War in Barren County, November 8, 1962. It is supposedly documented and often told by Jimmy.

"I hope that the reader will forgive me for departing, just this once, from the War Between the States, but the story which I am going to tell today is one of my favorites and I cannot resist relating it at this time.

"In 1813, Governor Isaac Shelby issued a call for Kentucky Volunteers to meet him at Newport for the purpose of invading Canada and getting revenge for the Raisin Massacre. A large number of troops having been murdered there when the prisoners from that battle had been turned over to the Indians by the British. Many of the prisoners were Kentuckians. The story goes that one of the volunteer companies was passing through Harrodsburg on their way to join Governor Shelby, when they saw two pigs fighting outside of the town. The men becoming interested in the fight, paused to observe the combat. The fight was soon over and the militiamen offered their



Old Kentucky, continued:

heartiest congratulations to the victor. The march was soon resumed, and the pig was observed trotting along on the flank of the company. When the column halted for the night, the pig settled down near the men, and was soon sharing the rations of the men. This continued for several days and the men soon became quite fond of their comrade.

"At Newport, the militiamen bade a sad farewell to their comrade and embarked on the ferry for Cincinnati. The pig hesitated for a second, and then, to the delight of the men, plunged into the mighty Ohio and swam across beside the ferry. When the march resumed, the pig was once again in his usual place. To say that he became the favorite of the men is an understatement. Many lean and hungry days were to follow for the Kentuckians, but not once did anyone entertain even the vaguest thought of dining on the pig. When the volunteers reached Lake Erie, the pig mounted the ferry with them, but at Boss Island, he refused to disembark into Canada and was returned to the American shore with a man to care for his wants. The Kentuckians proceeded to the Thames where they were victorious over the British and the Indians. Upon their return, there stood "Old Kentucky" waiting to join them on their return home.

"The return journey was one of many hardships as winter had set in. The military pig suffered greatly from the cold and at Maysville, where the army re-crossed the river, it was decided to leave him in the care of a sympathetic farmer until he could recover from frostbite. More than one tear dimmed the eyes of the heroes of the Thames as he bade a last farewell to an old comrade of many a hard campaign. But the story of the Kentucky Military Pig was not yet ended, because when he recovered, Governor Shelby had him brought to his farm near Frankfort where he spent the remainder of his days in ease and plenty like a true southern gentleman."

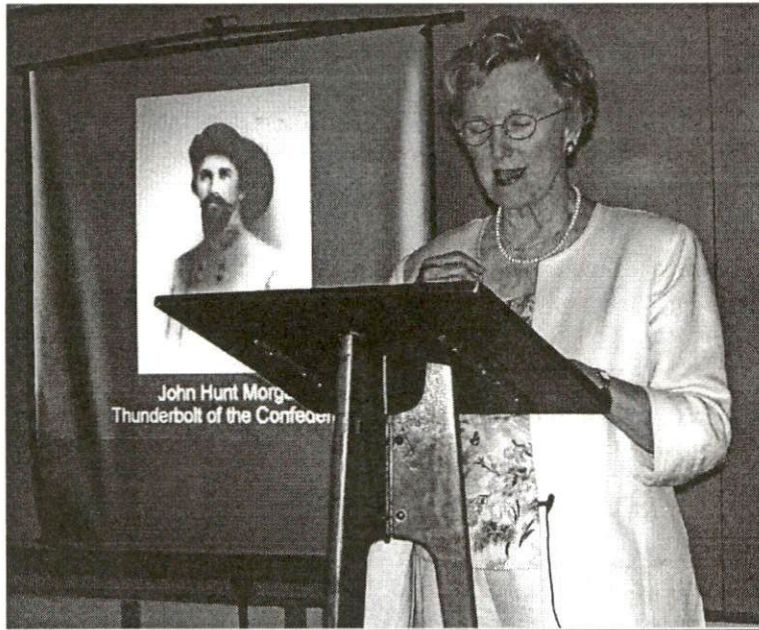
RECENT SOCIETY SPEAKER

Betty Jane Gorin-Smith spoke recently to the South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society on her award-winning book, "Morgan is Coming!" She is a former history teacher at the secondary and college levels, has been the leader in the restoration of historic properties in Taylor County KY, developed the Tebbs Bend Battlefield Trail and Confederate cemetery; served on the board of the Kentucky Bicentennial Commission and contributor to the Kentucky Encyclopedia. Mrs. Gorin-Smith's book has won many awards and her presentation, in photographs and tales of John Hunt Morgan was extremely interesting. She spoke of the Great Raid through Kentucky and included letters, diaries and contemporary



**Recent Society Speaker, continued:**

news articles. The large crowd was enthusiastic with her presentation and she autographed copies of her book.



**BEWLEY ROOTS IN BARREN COUNTY**

**Bewley Roots in Barren Co., Ky.** was first written by Eva L. Franklin in 1970. There were only 50 copies made. Martha P. Harrison used all Eva's material, and included much more on the Bewley and associated families, which include: Bush, Burgess, Berry, Powell, Carver, Wheeler, Woods, Wyatt, Witt, Houchens, Johnson, and just about every family in the Tracy area. Also included are the Bewley families of Missouri and Texas. It includes actual copies of several marriage bonds, death certificate, and the unrecorded will of William Bewley and photos. 375 pages including index. The price is \$40 including shipping and handling; KY residents please add 6% sales tax. You may order from: Martha P. Harrison, 1786 Capitol Hill Church Road, Fountain Run, KY 42133.

**THE BOYTER BARN NEAR EIGHTY-EIGHT KENTUCKY**

Used by permission from "The Birch Tree of Nobob, KY" by Joanne Sneed Crawford, 107 Ayr Parkway, Madisonville, KY 42431. Joanne wrote of the birch trees in Nobob with the initials carved W R B that led her on a quest to determine whose initials they were. This



**The Boyter Barn, continued:**

journey into the past resulted in this charming book with other interesting carvings she discovered.

"On October 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 Neville and I went to Nobob for yet another adventure in search of more initials on beech trees with Martha & Eddie Ford. We did see several beech trees with initials and I made pictures, but none were by WRB!! Afterward, we stopped to visit with the Moores when Billy Moore told us about a barn near their home that had several names and initials carved on boards inside the barn. The barn was on the farmed owned by Robert Boyter (WRB's uncle) in 1870. The barn was something to see - it had 2 log pens inside and had many initials and names carved on these boards. I recognized many of the names and initials. Could WRB have carved his initials there??? Ooooh! Yes!!! Partially hidden by a narrow board that had been added later, there were the initials WRB!! Now just how could I get that board? We found out that Steve Wiley had bought the barn and was selling it to Walden Log Homes from Lookout Mountain, Tennessee for the logs inside. On December 6, Eddie called to say that someone was there tearing down the barn and already had some boards loaded on a truck! Well, Neville and I went to Nobob the next day to see if we could purchase the board with WRB's initials on it. When we got to the barn about 9 o'clock, there were three men tearing down the barn and I asked about purchasing them. Well, to make a long story short, we left there with 4 poplar boards that were almost 14 feet long!! They thought I was an antique dealer who wanted to resell them, but when they found out that I had written a story about the initials on the beech trees and knew of many of the people whose names were carved on the barn, they gave me the boards!!

"One of the more interesting carvings on the boards were 16 names of young men with the date July 15, 19189. They looked like they had been carved by the same person. I was able to find the ages of most of them. Was it a group of young neighborhood men hanging out on a rainy day and carving their names for us to enjoy and wonder years later? Following is a list of those 16 neighborhood boys:

Age in 1918			
Lonie McCoy		Roy Bowles	18 years
Bronston Reid	10 years	Rosco Taylor	
Paul Atkinson		Tom Rigsby	48 years
Bill Huffman	19 years	Marlin Witty	
John Rigsby	19 years	Joe Reid	14 years
Moody Reid	19 years	Bob Rigsby	25 years

**Boyter Barn, continued:**

John Glass  
Walter Shive  
July 15 1918  
J R Boyter

16 years

Paul Broddie

11 years (Jim, Nicky and Philip Boyter's Dad)

Note: Joanne has agreed to be an upcoming speaker for our historical society. She will bring pictures and tell stories of Nobob, KY and explain who W R B was plus the unusual beech trees that grow there.



**GORIN GENEALOGICAL PUBLISHING NEW OFFERINGS**

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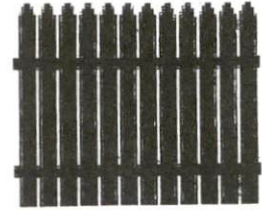
**Concord Baptist Church of Barren Co, Volume 3.** Last in a series of the minutes of this church located in the Austin-Tracy area. Minutes run from 1920 through 1947 with membership lists. Added has been the 1930 Barren Co census entries that could be found for the membership and burials at Concord Cemetery and the Austin Cemetery of members. New members are listed in the back through 1959. 56 pages including full name index. \$12.00 including shipping and handling. KY residents please add 6% sales tax.

**A Christmas Journey in Kentucky by Sandi.** Illustrated. Fictional tales of the past of Christmas in Kentucky. Stories include My Kentucky, Christmas Memories, Weary Footprints in the Snow, Of Christmases Past, Kentucky Snowstorm, Christmas Memories of the 1940's and 1950's, A Christmas Eve Mystery and Journey to the Unknown. Also contains 29 stories from friends of their favorite Christmas memories, primarily from Kentucky. 65 pages, \$12.00 including shipping & handling. KY residents please add 6% sale tax.

**Hiram Buckner Russell's Journal.** Tompkinsville, Monroe Co KY, 1824-1826. A precious old ledger from the earliest days of Monroe Co that has survived over 180 years. Russell owned a mercantile in Tompkinsville as well as being a school teacher. This book contains photocopies of the actual ledger book and although his client base was small in that early day, it is a look back to a time period when very few records exist for that county. 86 pages including full-name index. \$14.00 includes shipping and handling. KY residents please add 6% sales tax.



## Local "Between the Fences" Exhibit at the SCKCC



From Sherry Wesley, volunteer exhibit creator.

The SCKCC in partnership with the Kentucky Humanities Council is hosting a Smithsonian traveling exhibit about how our lives have been and are currently impacted by fences. The Smithsonian exhibit will provide the national perspective about the role of fences and barriers and how they have shaped our national history. The South Central Kentucky Cultural Center's local exhibit will give a glimpse of our lives "Between Fences" in Allen, Barren, Hart, Metcalfe, and Monroe Counties. Featured in the local exhibit will be documents from 1786 describing the forming of boundaries of counties in the Barrens, surveyor's equipment, photos, samples of farm and home fences, illustrations of streams and roads as fences, as well as more abstract "fences" such as gender, ethnic, and racial barriers. Both the Smithsonian traveling exhibit and local exhibit "Between Fences" may answer the following questions. What do fences keep in or out? Do different kind of fences serve different purposes? How do our fences affect others? What about land, mineral rights, and ownership? If I own land near a stream, can I throw my trash in the stream? What about owners living down stream from me and water pollution issues? The exhibit concludes with ways our local communities are working to tear down barriers between us and the global community. The SCKCC is located at 200 Water St., Glasgow.

## *The Missing Murderer!*

From "Blood Runs in the Barrens" by Sandi Gorin.

Victim:	Martin Wilkerson	Accused:	James Thomas
Date:	19 September 1812	Verdict:	Disappeared

This is the first recorded murder found in Barren County to date. Spelling shown as written.

Commonwealth vs James Thomas - Charged With Murder, Barren County Kentucky Circuit Court

Know all Men Whom this may concern that We Arthur Fergerson, John Yates, Edward McCurrey and John Gilleland of the County of Barren and State of Kentucky do hearby Acknowledge Ourselves our hiers or assigns To Be Justly Indebted to Said State in the Just and full sum of three hundred dollars Each Current money of said State to be respectively levied on our lands tenements Goods and Chattels in testimony



**Missing Murderer, continued:**

Whereof We have Each of us set our hands and seals this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1812.

But the Condition of the above Bound is such that Whereas the aforesaid Arthur Fergerson, John Yates, Edward McCurry and John Gilleland are Witness in behalf of said Commonwealth against a Certain James Thomas Whom now Stands Charged With the Murder of a Certain Martin Wilkerson, Dec'd now if they the said Fergerson, Yates, McCurry and Gilleland do Each appear at the Courthouse in Barren County on the third Monday of this month (September) before the Circuit Judges of saide Court and then and there abide and Wait the pleasure of said Court as witnesses above stated then in that case this Obligation Shall be Void or Else remain in full force and Virtue in law. Signed and Sealed in the presence of \_\_\_\_ [no name filled in]. Arthur (X) Fergerson (his mark), John (X) Yates (his mark), Edward McCury, John (X) Gilleland (his mark). Witnesses: Tho Dickinson, Will T. Bush.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky to Daniel Curd, Constable or any Sworn Officer of Barren County, Greetings. Whereas John Yates and Arthur Fergerson both of said County Hath this day personally Appeared before me Thomas Dickinson one of the Justices of the peace for said County and Made Oath that on Last night being the 19<sup>th</sup> day Of the preasant Month (September) at the House or farm of a certain William Wilkerson a Certain Martin Wilkerson Was Killed by a Certain James Thomas, all of said County, in as much as the said Wilkerson is dead and Said James Thomas did kill him from the best information that the said John Yates and Arthur Fergerson can gett -

These are theriefore in the name of the Commonwealth afore said to require for you forthwith to apprehend the aforesaid James Thomas and bring him Before me or some other two Justices of the peace for Said County then and thiere to be dealt With as the law directs. In such Caus given under my hand and seale this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1812. /s/ Tho's Dickinson {Seal}

(On back of above). Summon Yelverton Nevill, John Gilleland, Newton Denham, William Wilkerson, Obediah Wade, Arthur Ferguson, Edward McMurry, John Yates as Witnesses in Behalf of the Commonwealth for the Within Offence. /s/ Tho's Dickinson, JP., 20<sup>th</sup> Septem'r 18121.

Barren County To Witt 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1812. We the undersigned Thomas Dickinson and William T. Bush being two of the Justices of the peace for said County before Whome the Within Warrant was returned have Carefully Examined foure of the



Missing Murderer, continued:

Witnesses in Behalf of the Commonwealth and find from their testimony that the Within Named James Thomas is in our Opinion Guilty of the Within Charge. Given under our hands and seales this day and date before Writdten. /s/ Thomas Dickinson, JP {Seal}, Will T. Bush {Seal}. (Note: on margin was written Charles Harvey - Executed)

WARRANT - the Commonwealth of Kentucky to Dan Curd, Constable of Barren County (KY) Greetings. Whereas William Wilkerson of said County hath this day personally appeared before us Thos Dickinson and Henry Miller two of the Justices of the peace for said County and made oath that he has Just reason to believe and doth Believe that the death of the late Martin Wilkerson of said County Was produced by a Knife or some other unlawful Weapon from Certain Sines [signs] then and their on the Corps [corpse] of said Dec'd these are theirfore in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to require you as Constable of S'd County forthwith to Summon 12 Good and Lawful house keepers of said County to Meet us or some two other Justices of the peace of Said County at the Grave of the Dec'd being the place Where the Said William Wilkerson Now lives by one oclock of this day in Order there and then to make or form an inquest to Examine the body of the said Dec'd to Shew or perpetuate how and by what Means he died and this Shall be your Warrant for so doing. Given under Our Hands and Seales this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1812. /s/ Tho's. Dickinson {Seal}, Henry Miller {Seal}. On back of this paper: Summon Some SKilfull Physitian as a Witness in behalf of the Commonwealth. /s/ T Dickinson, JP, H. Miller, JP. Doctor Wm Gray is summoned as witness in behalf of the Commonwealth this 28<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1812. /s/ Dan Curd, CBC.

The following persons were summoned as Jurors agreeably to the within warrant - John (?) Grinstead, Wm Savage, John H Anderson, Doctor John P Wagner, Jeremiah Everett, Ruben Young, John Tilford, Robert Newell, Andrew Nuckles, John O Morrison, Mathelred Bass & Thos Ellitt - this 28<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1812. s/s Dan Curd, CBC.

Inquest

Barren County (KY). I, William Gray, Being summoned to examine I swore to state what weapon a certain Martin Wilkinson [sic] was killed. The following is the truth of the case. When I saw the body of the person Stated to be Martin Wilkinson I examined the s'd body, but owing to its putrifid State it was impossible to examine it particularly. I noticed the part Which I understood that he had been stabbed, but could find no place which it was possible to



Missing Murderer, continued:

have occasioned the Death of the S'de Dec't from the upper part of the Thorax to the lower part of the Abdomen, by a State I do further State [sic] that owing to the great putrefaction Which had taken place previously to my examination it rendered me incapable of knowing with what Wound he died, or in what manner he was killed. As witness my hand & Seal at the house of Wm Wilkinson Sr? this 28 Sep'r 1812. /s/ William Gray {Seal}

We the undersigned being Justices of the peace for Said County do Certify that the foregoing was Carefully acted before us on the said premises this day. Witness our hands and Seals this day before Written. /s/ Thos's Dickinson {Seal}, Henry Miller {Seal}

Barren County to Witt - I William Gray Being this day summoned as a Phisician to Examine at the Grave of the late Martin Wilkerson, Dec'd of said County to say by What Meanes or Weapons he the said Martin Wilkerson did die or was Murdered and after on a full and Cleare Examination of the Corps of the Dec'd. It is my opinion that he has received the following Wounds to Witt: [not completed].

Com'th vs James Thomas - Spa - To March 13, 1813. Executed Thos Dickinson, SBC.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky to the Sheriff of Barren County. Greetings you are hereby commanded to Summon Jacob Smith to appear before the Judges of our Barren Circuit Court at the Courthouse in Barren County on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of our present March Term to testify and the truth to declare in behalf of the Commonwealth in a matter of controversy now depending in our said Court wherein the Commonwealth is plt & James Thomas Deft and this he shall in nowise omit under the penalty of L100 and have then their this Writ. Witness Richard Garnett, Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1813 and of the Commonwealth the 21<sup>st</sup>. /s/ Richard Garnett.

Commonwealth - Scire Facias - James Thomas & c. - To June 1813.

The within duly executed on A ER Spotswood & M Denham on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1813. James Thomas not fund [found] within my bailwick. /s/ John C. Hall, DS for Thomas Dickinson, SBC.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky to the Sheriff of Barren County, Greeting - Whereas James Thomas who as charged on an indictment for Murder, with Alexander C. Spotswood & Michael



**Missing Murderer, continued:**

Denham his securities (at a Court holden for the Barren Circuit at the Courthouse in Barren County on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1812) came into s'd Court and acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the Said James Thomas) in the sum of \$500 and the said Spotswood & Denham in the sum of \$250. each, rendered Yet upon this condition that if the said Thomas should appear in Said Court on the first day of the next March Term thereof next insuing the date of said acknowledgement, and answer the indictment aforesaid and not depart thence without the leave of the Court, then the said recognizance was to be void. Otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue in law.

And Whereas the said James Thomas failed to appear at said March Term of said Court in discharge of the said recognizance, as appears to be of Record. You are therefore commanded to make known to the Said James Thomas, Alexander E. Spotswood & Michael Denham that they be before the Judges of our Barren Circuit Court at the Courthouse in Barren County on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of our next June Term to Shew cause if any they can why the Court shall not proceed to give Judgement against them according to the tenor and effect of their recognizance aforesaid.

If they shall think fit and further to do and perform what our said Court Shall in behalf (shall in that behalf) consider concerning them. And have then there this writ. Witness: Richard Garnett, Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1813. And of the Commonwealth the 22<sup>nd</sup>. /s/ Richard Garnett.

Commonwealth Sci Facias - vs James Thomas &c - To September 1813.

The within duly executed on Denham on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1813 & on Spotswood on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept'r 1813 and Thomas not found. /s/ John C Hall, DS for Tho Dickinson, SBC.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky to the Sheriff of Barrern County, Greeting: Whereas James Thomas was charged on an indictment for murder; with Alexander E Spotswood & Michael Denham his securities (almost a duplicate of the above) ... this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1813.

There was a Remission of Recognizance issued by Governor Isaac Shelby.

Isaac Shelby Esquire Governor of the  
Commonwealth of Kentucky  
To all to whom these presents shall  
come greeting, whereas it appears that  
Alexander P. Spotswood and Michael Den-  
ham were bound by recognizance in the  
penalty of two hundred and fifty Dollars  
each for the personal appearance of James  
Thomas at the March Term 1813 of the  
Barren Circuit Court, which recognizance  
was forfeited by said Thomas failing to  
appear, and whereas it has been represented  
to me by the petitions of sundry good  
Citizens of said County that said Spotswood  
and Denham used every exertion to pro-  
-cure and bring said Thomas to trial in  
discharge of their recognizance aforesaid  
Now know ye that by virtue of the  
powers vested in me by the Constitution  
I have thought proper and by these  
presents do grant to said Spotswood &  
Denham a free discharge & remission  
of the recognizance aforesaid - and

do order all officers whatever to refrain from  
disturbing the said Spotswood & Denham  
on their estates for or on account thereof  
In Testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and in  
pursuance of the act of Assembly  
in such case provided, my privy  
seal at Frankfort this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1814 and in the  
23<sup>d</sup> year of the Commonwealth



By the Governor

W. D. Hardin Secretary

Isaac Shelby



**THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLASGOW MUSICALE**

Written by Addis S. Britt, March 1994.

Glasgow has had a music club for 100 years, a fact worthy of recognition. Here, I want to briefly review its history and to highlight the club's objectives and the individuals who, by their talent and dedication, built and maintained this 100-year structure of which all should be proud.

The year was 1894, Glasgow with its population of about twelve hundred included a number of women with special interest in music. Those who came together in 1894 to form the Ladies' Matinee Musicale were from the area's most prominent families. A look at their earlier programs impresses one with their knowledge and appreciation of the best in music.

Liberty College in the 1890's seemed to have a strong music program and members of the faculty were most helpful in the formation of the club and its early success. Any organized group is best judged by its people. There can be no doubt about the select group that gathered together to form the first music club. Although there have been some outstanding male musicians in the community, it was the ladies who led this movement and kept it alive for so many years.

At one time Miss Emily Leslie lived in Glasgow. She was the daughter of former Kentucky Governor Preston Leslie whose home on East Main Street is marked with a historic plaque. Miss Emily was said to be a brilliant pianist. A few years after moving from Glasgow, she returned as a guest of Ms. J. M. Bruce. While here, she suggested that a music club be organized. Soon plans were made for such a meeting at the home of Miss Leslie Terry. Thus, the Ladies' Matinee Musicale came into existence and today has the longest continuous record of any club in the state. It is interesting to look at the nine women who were the charter members. Many of you will recognize the family names and perhaps find them to be your kinfolk!

Most of the personal descriptions in these writings were taken from various program records that have been faithfully maintained.

The first charter members, Mrs. J. M. Bruce, a native of Harrodsburg, was the wife of the Baptist minister. It is said that she had a magnetic personality full of wit and brightness. Mrs. Abner Rogers was a teacher at Liberty College, as was her husband. She appeared to be a guiding spirit to the new club, as well as in the study and appreciation of good music. This family had the first piano



**Glasgow Musicale, continued:**

in Barren County. This instrument is still in the Rogers family and in use. Mrs. T. P. Dickinson, well known as Aunt Haidee, was a graduate of music in Cincinnati, thus recognized as a fine musician. Her home was on Brown Street where Bob Stone now lives. Mrs. Thomas Dickinson, an early faithful member, was born in Cumberland County. She had a special talent in the use of words. Early programs list vocal selections as her part of the club's programs.

Miss Leslie Terry, in whose home the ladies gathered to form the first music club, was a sister of Professor E. B. Terry, former superintendent of the Glasgow Schools. Mrs. S. E. Jones, the former Miss Mayard, came here from Michigan and was another teacher at Liberty College. She was the club's first president. A very dignified lady who carried herself as a queen, always ready to answer any musical question. She lived at 1106 South Green Street where the Welborns now reside. Mrs. Jennie Owsley is to be remembered with great affection and admiration. She was the most attractive and had great musical talent. She was a frequent performer on early programs. Miss Hallie Garnett was organist at the Baptist Church for many years. She was a chatty, vivacious person who lived with her sister, Alice, in a house just north of Hall Place.

The last of the nine, Miss Annie Gorin, was a member of the pioneer Barren County family and was president of the club in 1901-02. She was definitely more than a great teacher who would never allow lowering the standards of the classics or opera. Thus, her good influence has been extended, even to this day. At a special meeting in her honor in 1934, three of her former pupils - Mrs. Charles Shannon, Mrs. W. C. Taylor, and Elizabeth Harvey Britt - presented an arrangement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Early on, the Ladies' Matinee Musicale made some rules to assure attendance and participation. There was a fine of 50 cents for failure to take part, 25 cents for an unexcused absence, and 10 cents for tardiness. Dues at this time were \$1.35 annually!

As noted above, there were some outstanding male musicians in the community, but it was the ladies who led this cultural movement and kept it alive through these many years. However, in 1985, recognizing that many of the ladies now worked and could not attend afternoon meetings, and in keeping with the times, membership was opened to men. With that change, the name was no longer appropriate. The group simply agreed to just call the Club The Glasgow Musicale. Since admitting men, about one-third of its members are now men, and two have served the club as president.



**Glasgow Musicale, continued:**

It would be impossible to rate the activities and influence of all who have participated in The Musicale through the past one hundred years. From my limited personal knowledge and the club's records, I propose to highlight only some that were outstanding, knowing that there might be a difference of opinion and worthy individuals not mentioned. Since this is a limited history, we are not including those on the scene at the present time as their participation is ongoing. We leave this work for a future date.

The first ones we will mention after the list of charter members are the Bohannons. The father for many years was Barren County Judge and their home at 307 W. Brown Street was the center of many meetings. The three daughters were all active in the early years of the Musicale. Nell, who married Robert Vaughn, was a voice teacher and was well known for her many community projects. The twins, Caroline and Charlotte, both taught music. Charlotte married Charles Boles, a lawyer. Several years ago, Mrs. Knight gave a program in recognition of earlier club members and concluded with, "We have not taken the torch, but we cannot keep it – we must pass it on." The three Dixon sisters played an important part for many years in the Musicale, but also are remembered for their services to their churches, the schools, and the community. Mrs. Alanson (Elsie) Trigg, pianist and organist, served for a number of years as president of the club. A beautiful woman, greatly loved by all, she was organist at the Christian Church for over fifty years and had large classes of piano students. A daughter, Eleanor Trigg Goodman, expired in 1993. The second Dixon sister, Mrs. K. E. Rapp, Sr., skilled in piano and violin, was most active as a teacher in musical groups. She lived in the Highland Park section of Glasgow. The third Dixon sister, Mrs. C. M. McGee, served as a president of the Kentucky Federation of Music Clubs at one time. She was a talented musician with a pleasing personality. Coming to Glasgow from Burkesville, she lived in a house at 302 East Main Street. Her home was a meeting place for the Musicale for a number of years. These three sisters were often referred to as "The Three Graces".

Mrs. Beulah Barrick Steen, mother of the late Mrs. Bethel Steen Wimpy, a teacher, gave singing lessons and was most active in club programs, school, and church functions. Mrs. Fielding (Irene) Boles came from Indiana to teach at Liberty College. In 1906 she married Mr. Boles and they were the parents of Dr. Donald Boles of New Orleans, whose funeral was recently held in Glasgow. Mrs. Boles was one of the leading musicians and teachers here for many years, leaving her mark on many accomplished pianists of the area. The music club listed her name and her pupils frequently in its programs.



**Glasgow Musicale, continued:**

Mrs. Charles (Flora) Shannon came from a musical family. Her mother, Mrs. J. B. Harvey, played the violin and her grandfather, Dr. Lindsey Watson, was an old fashioned music master. Miss Flora taught piano and voice and was active for many years in the Methodist Church choir and in directing the Musicale Chorus. Her niece, Mrs. Addis (Elizabeth) Britt began her studies with Miss Annie Gorin and continued with full scholarship at the Louisville Conservatory of Music. She was a beloved member of the Musicale and a popular piano teacher. Mrs. Sam (Ruth) Sears, a past president and long-time member of the Musicale, had no formal training but had great natural talent. When groups gathered, you usually found her at the piano with everyone enjoying a sing-a-long. She tells that Mrs. Irene Boles refused to take her as a student because she played by ear. Later, two of her daughters were students of Mrs. Boles.

Mrs. Sewell (Lucille) Harlin, who also served as president, came to Glasgow from Scott County to become the bride of businessman, Sewell Harlin. She was a beautiful lady and a good musician. Her daughter, Mrs. Hays (Jean) Glover, also served as club president. Upon the death of Mrs. Harlin in 1985, daughter Jean and son Sewell, Jr. requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory be made to the Musicale. With substantial receipts from the family, and wide acknowledgment from friends, about \$6,000 was made available. Thus, the Lucille C. Harlin Memorial Fund was established and for the last eight years has made possible annual amounts of \$600 for a total to date of \$4,800 to be contributed to area students. All Harlin Funds went toward scholarships to the Stephen Collins Foster Music Camp at Eastern Kentucky University, which is sponsored by the Kentucky Federation of Music Clubs.

Soon after the establishment of the Harlin Fund, there was set up locally a Scholarship Endowment Fund from which only the interest would be available each year for music students. As of 1994, there is about \$5,000 in this fund. This local account, with some local direct contributions, has provided an additional \$1,450 in scholarships. The club continues to solicit contributions to these worthy funds. Tax deductible payments may be made direct to the funds, or in memory of, or in honor of someone. All gifts are acknowledged and names recorded in a special Memory Book.

Engraved on the monument of Mrs. Harold (Jane) Cady, in the Glasgow Municipal Cemetery, are the words: "Miss Music." This epithet seems to sum up the position Jane held in the community. It is said she made her musical debut with a vocal solo at age eighteen months, was playing the piano in public at age five, and at age fifteen won the Music Clubs' State Junior Piano Contest. She was twice



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president of The Musicale. Her husband, Harold, frequently played his violin with her at church, at club programs, and in community activities.

In conclusion, let us repeat the earlier words quoted from Mrs. I. D. S. Knight: "We now have the torch, but we cannot keep it. We must pass it on." For the record, we list below the names of those who have served as president of the Ladies' Matinee/Glasgow Musicale to the present [1994].

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