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Dear Miss Jane:

In the Park City News-Sun. Aug 16 appeared a writing from Russellville of Cocks Cave in Logan County, a mile from Adairville which is on the Adairville, Franklin road.

Nov. 17-1880, Miss Minnie Young, daughter of Mrs. Rosa Merritt Young of Todd Co. Ky and Mr. Robert Roberts of Logan Co. were united in marriage. They came to Adairville bought a farm - some few years the farm across the road was bought from a Mr Cook, so it was called "The Cook Place" after this. The cave was in an 80 acre field. At once he sowed Ky. Blue Grass seed. They preferred raising and training saddle & harness horses, also imitated in undrained registered sheep, thinking them a profitable business, as well as enriching the soil. For which the cave was helpful as they could graze at night and stay in the cave during hot summer days. Back in the cave about half a mile is a large round pool of water with many small fish, by whom stocked we never knew, 3 stalactites & stalagmites around this place. All indications from the first showed Indians had used the cave during wartime, by remaining late in which they had made salt peter and the large quantity of Indian arrow heads in the field around the entrance. Mr and Mrs. Roberts were frequently asked for permission to explore and examine in the interior of the cave for historical and perhaps valuable ground contents. Preferring a quiet peaceful home place they never consented to public notoriety or their intrusion.

During their childrens teen age years, during summer time
groups with lanterns and candles would take a trip
into the cave for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. On return we have a
covered dish supper. Their children still living are Mrs
(H.E.) Mattie B. Lundy - Memphis, Mr Merritt M. Roberts and
Mrs (H.E.) Rosa R. Head of Bowling Green. Deceased are
Dr Chas M. Roberts - Whittilla Fla. - Captain Henry Roberts, Flor-
ida. and Mrs (E. B.) Mary Ruth Worley - Russellville -
Mr Roberts died Sept. 1924 - Mrs Roberts continued with the
form until 1926. Then moved to Russellville - Died in 1939.

Some members of our family have suggested I write you these
facts - in case something of importance should be found
and you would like to write of them. I so write as you like -
I have a post card picture of the cave entrance taken in 1908
with a group of friends by the side of a large rock. One you
may remember Mr Ray Shackelford, then principal of the
High School in Russellville, later married Miss Covington,
daughter of Major Covington of Bowling Green -
Should this be of importance, we could perhaps have a reprint
made. As you may now be on vacation due to
Miss Cora Jones' family visit I am addressing the envelope
to your home.

Sincerely

August 24 - 1964.

Rosa R. Head

516 east 14th St. - City -

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afternoon - Aug 24 -
1964

Dear Miss Jane;
after mailing to you this a. m.
my writing of the Rogers Co. Cooks cave
by trying to make it - brief as possible
I failed to mention my four children
who are grandchildren of Mr. & Mrs. Rob-
erts and much better known here,
than ^{and} because of their help in church
and civic affairs - Mrs. Evan C.
Evans, Smallhouse Road - Satin

teacher in Warren County High -
Mrs Stanley DeBell, Wakefield Ave -
a son, Asbury J. Head - Vice President
of Brillin Harrison Wholesale Gro-
cery of Clarksville, Tennessee, and
Mrs Wilson Howell, a past grad-
uate of Bowling Green Bus. Uni-
versity - Now teaching commercial
subjects in Sebelius Florida
High School.

If at any time I can be of
help in your work please
do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely

Robert R. Head

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