



Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares these family photos with our readers. The photo on the left is of the James Gordon (4/28/1910-1/6/1999) and Mattie Pierce (9/20/1909-7/29/2000) Coomer family. Front row, l-r: Regina Coomer Hoots (born 10/8/1939), James Gordon, Robert Coomer (born 12/2/1944), Mattie, and Velma Coomer Atwood (born 3/16/1942). Back row, l-r: Corine Coomer Dobson (born 9/26/1934) and Mildred Coomer Richardson McGinnis (born 7/18/1936). The photo was taken in 1946. The photo on the right was taken in 1953 of Geraldine Coomer, 1/21/1950-8/30/2005. Place of photos not given.

ler, Kentucky. For more information, contact: The Pendleton County Historical and Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 130, Falmouth, KY 41040.

**The Spencer County Historical and Genealogical Society** will meet at the Spencer County Library in Taylorsville, Kentucky, on the fourth Monday of every month (except for December). For more information, contact: Hilda Snider, 502/477-2980; or the Society at: P. O. Box 266, Taylorsville, KY 40071.

**The Boyle County Genealogical Association, Inc.**, meets the third Monday of each month at the Boyle County Public Library in the Community Room. For more information, contact: mdenis46@gmail.com; or <http://boylekygenealogy.org/>

**The Madison County Civil War Roundtable** meets on the third Friday of

the odd months at the Ryan's Restaurant in Richmond, Kentucky. For more information, call: Phillip Seyfrit, 859/623-8979.

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**The Caldwell County Genealogical Society** meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday in the auditorium of the George Coon Public Library, Princeton, Kentucky. For more information, call: 270/365-2884.

**The Jessamine County Historical Society** meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October. For more information, contact: Ernestine Hamm, 859/885-6240;

jessaminehistorical@gmail.com; [www.jesshistorical.com](http://www.jesshistorical.com)

**The Hickman County Historical And Genealogical Society** meets every second Thursday night at 6:00. For more information, contact: Hickman County Historical and Genealogical Society, 1148 State Route 3061, Clinton, KY 42031; 270/653-7346; [www.hickmancountykyhistory.org](http://www.hickmancountykyhistory.org)

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**The Scott County Genealogical Society** meets the third Saturday of each month at the Scott County Public Library, Georgetown, Kentucky. For more informa-

tion, contact: Tom Beatty, 502/316-5654; or [www.scgs-ky.org](http://www.scgs-ky.org)

**The Bullitt County Genealogical Society** meets the third Saturday of each month in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. Dues are \$15. For more information, contact: The Bullitt County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 960, Shepherdsville, KY 40165; [www.bullittcountyhistory.org](http://www.bullittcountyhistory.org)

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Kentucky's nickname the "Bluegrass State" originated from the bluegrass found in its pastures.

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Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo of a group of people at the entrance of Mammoth Cave (Edmonson County, Kentucky) on 6/4/1961. Those identified are (not in order) Judy Hoots, Manley G. Atwood, William Mortis, James T. Jeffries, Sandra Atwood, Patricia Atwood, and Robert Coomer. Feel free to contact Velma with the names of the others.

Share your memories of Kentucky with our thousands of readers!



Velma Atwood of Campbellsville, Kentucky, shares this photo taken at the Ebenezer School, Green County, Kentucky, in 1951. The teacher is Lois Paxton. Next to the teacher is Velma. The fifth one from the right in the front row is Edith Garrison Penick. The fourth from the right in the back is Regina Coomer Hoots. The others are not identified. The school building still stands today. Feel free to contact Velma with the names of the others.

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Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares these family photos. At left are Gene Atwood and Robert Coomer standing in about four feet of snow in 1962. They lived on Tabernacle Road in Campbellsville, Taylor County, Kentucky. In the left photo are Artee Foster (left) and Nettie Atwood. They were the grandmother and great-aunt of Gene Atwood and both were from Taylor County. (See Velma's letter below.)

I am related to the Cooks and Colemans. They came to Washington State in the early 1900s by train. There were many people who came on that train from West Virginia and Kentucky in the early 1900s. I have a copy of the article from the Lewis County Historical Society in Chehalis, Washington.

I am looking forward to hearing from readers.

Brenda Catanzano  
21509 16th Place W.  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

#### Family From Noctor In Breathitt County

Dear Editor:

I enjoy *The Kentucky Explorer*. In fact, I saw a picture of a cousin from New Mexico in a recent issue.

My grandmother was Sarah Williams Mann Carpenter, who lived on Route 30 at Noctor, Breathitt County, Kentucky, until the late 1960s. Her husband was Ben Carpenter, who was

a carpenter by trade. Sarah's first husband died in 1928, leaving her with eight children, of which one was born one month after he passed away. About a year later, Sarah had to place her children in an orphan's home near Louisville.

About 1932 Sarah married Ben, and they had three more children. Sarah went back to Louisville to get her eight children, but they had all been adopted, except for my mother, and her brother, Bill. They both have now passed on.

Ben had five children, Sarah had eight, and together they had three. After WWII, they all found each other and that was the beginning of our family reunions. Ben's and Sarah's children have all passed on, except for Logan and Eddie Carpenter.

Grandpa Ben used to tell spooky ghost stories, and then say "it's bedtime."

My family would visit Grandma and Grandpa each year for three days

during the summer.

Thanks to *The Explorer* for the memories of Kentucky in the 1950s and 1960s.

Mary Jo Roseberry  
1838 Pacer Avenue  
Dayton, OH 45424

#### Interested In Lee Family

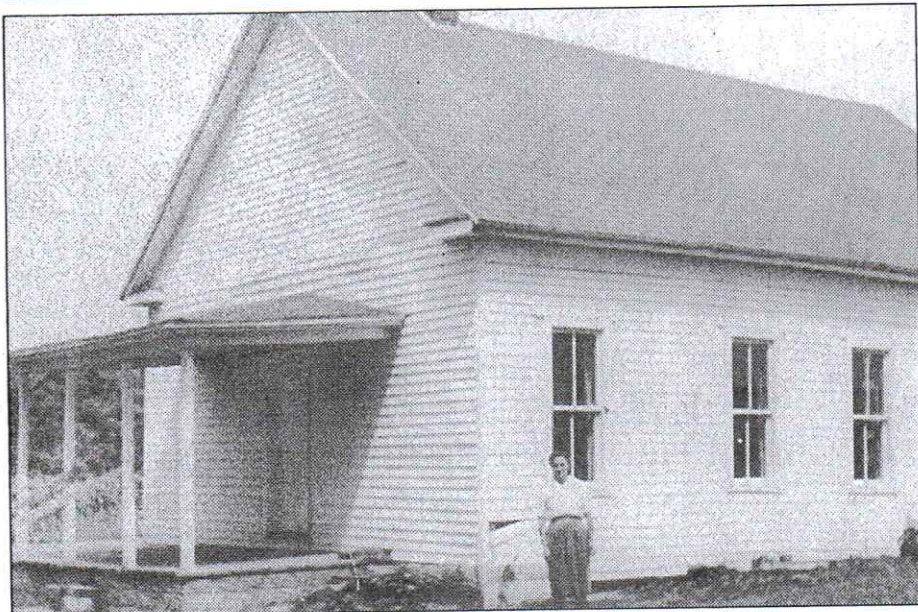
Dear Editor:

I want to thank the staff of *The Kentucky Explorer* for such a good magazine. I always look forward to receiving it each month.

In the June 2016 issue, I asked for information on the Halcombs. In response I received a note from Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Lee telling me that there is a family tree on ancestry.com that contains some of the information I need. I just want to say thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lee.

My husband's grandmother was a Lee, and I've been doing some research on the family. If the Lees read this, I would like to know which line of





Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo of herself standing in front of the Ebenezer School Elementary, Green County, Kentucky, in 1990. Velma went to this school in 1952 through 1953.

checking supplies and equipment we boarded a *Liberty* ship, weighed anchor and joined up with a convoy of ships that stretched as far as I could see. It looked the whole U. S. Navy was escorting us. After a long voyage of zig-zagging across the Atlantic, we reached England and were stationed on the Salisbury Plains near Stonehenge. From there, after more maneuver, we were sent to Plymouth in Southern England and the whole Fifth Armored Division was put in charge of supplying the invasion troops. 'D' Day came and the troops departed. Then began a mad scramble to get ready for our own departure two days later.

"We departed on time and zig-zagged across the channel, maneuvering around sunken boats and equipment to a small beachhead and about five square miles of French hedge rows. The landing crafts did an excellent job of getting us ashore through the barrage of incoming artillery and mortars. From there on, the war is history. The Fifth Armored went all over Europe, England, Holland, France, Luxembourg, and Germany. We were the closest unit to Berlin when Ike sent the division a directive to 'Hold it.' Seems there was an agreement to let the Russians take Berlin, which didn't

please General Patton, or us, at all.

"Late one evening I was in my fox hole writing a letter home when Luis Bateman, who was the best man at my wedding, called across to me from his fox hole, 'Congratulations, Top. You are a father.' I had a cable and letter two days later telling me of baby Linda's birth. Seems like Opal, my sister, had been corresponding with Bateman, since he and she had stood up with us when we were married."

"After the war ended and a short stint with the occupation forces, I decided it was no place to raise a family. Troops were being sent home for discharge who were eligible. I applied and was soon on my way to Camp Attabury, Indiana, for separation. Leaving there, I went to Kentucky. Irene and Linda were in California with her folks. After a couple of days' visit with my parents, I was on the bus again, headed for California. I arrived in Lompoc the first week of August 1945, just before Linda's first birthday. We three took a week's vacation up the coast, then I went to work for Johns-Manville, staying there five years until the doctor advised me to get out of the dust. I went to Camp Cook and worked in Civil Service for the Army, until they closed the base, ran a service station in

Lompoc for a couple of years, and by that time the Air Force had decided to re-open Camp Cooke and name it Vandenberg AFB. I went to work there in Civil Service and stayed until retirement.

"We lived in our first home at 324 N. O Street. Irene worked for Johns-Manville. Coming home one evening in 1956, she spied an old two-story, 14 room monster built before 1888. She was persistent and we acquired it for \$12,500; a high price I thought for the shape it was in. We spent 26 years restoring it and did nearly all the work ourselves. Disaster struck in 1983 when a mortar cracked in back of fireplace wall and we had a bad fire. One bedroom totally burned, and we almost lost the whole house. Luckily, we had good insurance, and it was completely restored better than it was after our years of working on it.

In November 1977, Civil Service offered early retirement. I was 60 years old and decided to hang it up. I kept busy with a couple of houses we had acquired, and gave one to our daughter and her husband, Bill. They didn't like it, so we traded it for another, old home similar to ours. After a complete remodeling and digging a basement, Bill's job with the State based him in Fresno. After a year of commuting back and forth on weekends, they found a home they liked northeast of Fresno at Yosemite Springs Park. They sold the one in Lompoc and moved up there. I started drawing Social Security at age 62. It turned out pretty good.

"Our daughter gave us four grandkids; two boys and two girls. The oldest girl and the youngest boy married and gave us a great-granddaughter, each. At the present time, 1995, and at age 77, I'm in pretty good shape. After weathering surgery for stomach ulcers, prostate cancer, and eye surgery. For a man of my age, I am happy to be able to mow the lawn and do repair jobs around the house. Of course, I'll have to give most of the credit to my dear wife, Irene, and I'm sure I'd never have made it this far without her support. She's a doll.

"Here it is, June 1998, and I have been thinking about our travels around the United States and the world.

"We just returned from a 5,400-mile trip across the country to Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma City for three family reunions. I navigated, and Irene drove. It took us six weeks.





Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo of (l-r) Betty Boils Acree, Geraldine Coomer McGinnis, and Shirley Boils Lovins. The photo was taken in 1966. Place of photo not given.

**13-18 Kentucky Bourbon Festival** Bardstown, 502/348-3623.

**14-15 & 21-22 Rockin' Thunder Jet Boat Rides** Frankfort, 502/875-8687.

**15 Meet The Artist: A Celebration Of Art & Community** Paducah, 270/444-8690.

**15 "Half Pint Of Whiskey Trivia With A Shot Of Humor"** Bardstown, 502/507-0808.

**15 Third Thursday Dinner** Jam Pineville, 606/337-3066.

**15-17 Blazin' Bluegrass Festival** Whitley City,

606/376-3008.

**15-17 Corn Festival** Morganfield, 270/952-1191.

**15-17 Blazin' Bluegrass In The Big South Fork** Somerset, 606/382-5005.

**16 Bands & BBQ At Main Street Live** Pikeville, 606/437-5119.

**16 Third Friday Folk-Coffeehouse At The Carnegie** Somerset, 606/305-6741.

**16 Market Off Main** Campbellsville, [www.downtowncampbellsville.com](http://www.downtowncampbellsville.com)

**16-17 Grand Camp Buck-**

horn, 606/398-7510.

**16-17 Point Isabel Festival** Burnside, 606/561-7117.

**16-17 Kentucky Veteran's Hall Of Fame** Frankfort, 502/875-8687.

**16-17 Heritage Festival** Horse Cave, 270/786-2680.

**16-17 Festival Latino de Lexington** Lexington, 859/288-2931.

**16-18 Autumn Weekend** Richmond, 859/527-3454.

**16-30 Hill Of Terror** Bonnierville, 270/774-1333.

**17 Sweet Owen Day** Owenton, 502/514-8563.

**17 Cruiz'n** Paintsville, 800/542-5790.

**17 Lake Cumberland Shore Clean-Up Event** Jamestown, 606/451-1402.

**17 Hearth Cooking Demonstration** Richmond, 859/623-9178.

**17 BugFest & Fall Plant Sale** Clermont, 502/955-8512.

**17 Kentucky Railway Museum's Murder Mystery Theatre** New Haven, 502/549-5470.

**17 Dragon Boat Festival** Paducah, 270/575-9958.

**17 29th Annual Trashmaster's Classic** Lucas, 270/646-2055.

**17 The Road Home Half Marathon** Somerset, 606/679-6394.

**17 From Cane Ridge To Old Mulkey: A Look At Resortation Events In Kentucky History** Tompkinsville, 270/487-8481.

**17 My Old Kentucky Dinner Train's Bourbon Excursion** Bardstown,

502/348-7300.

**17 Hike-A-Thon** Pine Mountain State Resort Park Pineville, 606/337-3066.

**17 Adventures In Archaeology At Wickliffe Mounds** Wickliffe, 270/335-3681.

**17-18 Kentucky Railway Museum's Train Robbery** New Haven, 502/549-5470.

**17-18 Poppy Mountain Bluegrass Festival** Morehead, 606/784-2277.

**17-18 Monarch Butterfly Tagging** Harrodsburg, 859/734-5411.

**17-18 & 24-25 Elk Viewing Tours** Prestonsburg, 606/889-1790.

**17-24 "Polkadots" Presented By Jenny Wiley Theatre** Pikeville, 877/225-5598.

**17-30 Call For Entries For Fall Exhibit At Kentucky Artisan Center** Berea, 859/985-5448.

**18 Triple Crown Doll Club Show & Sale** Covington, 513/739-2867.

**18 Hike & Yoga** Harrodsburg, 859/734-5411.

**20 High Tea Tuesday At Waveland** Lexington, 859/272-3611.

**20 Tea Tuesdays At William Whitley House** Stanford, 606/355-2881.

**20 Fall Flavors In The Bluegrass** Georgetown, 859/621-0755.

**22-24 17th Annual Bluegrass Festival** Vine Grove, 270/877-5636.

**22-24 Barbecue On The River** Paducah, 270/534-5951.

**22-25 Scrapbooking Weekend** Dawson Springs,

Allen is survived by his wife, Cecille Stamper Booth, and two sons. He is buried in the Congleton Cemetery at Beattyville, Kentucky.

Larry and Debbie Helton  
6570 Crest Circle  
Middletown, OH 45042

### Sassafras Tea

Dear Editor:

I would like some information on sassafras tea, from digging the roots of the tree to making the tea.

Do I dig the root when the sap is down in the winter months? Which month is the best to dig? Do I let the root dry out or cure, or can I make the tea right after I dig the root.

I know the root is cut up into small pieces, boiled in water, and sugar is added. The tea tastes really good.

Any information would be very helpful.

Edna Barker  
2105 Hannah Lane  
Grayson, KY 41143

### Soldiers Of Kentucky

Dear Editor:

I am a native of Pike County, Kentucky. I have been a subscriber to *The Kentucky Explorer* for many years and find it to be one of the best magazines. I don't know what my daughter will do with them after my departure. I hope they go to someone who will enjoy them as much as I have.

I am 82 years old, and I find *The Explorer* a comfort to me in my sunset years.

I would like to mention some of the boys I grew up with in Pike County who served in WWII.

Sgt. Edward Bowling entered the U. S. Army Infantry on March 15, 1944. He was stationed in Germany. Edward attended Hellier High School and the Baptist Church in Pike County.

Pfc. Monty Gene Bowling entered the U. S. Army Paratroops on March 22, 1944. He was stationed in France. Monty attended Bowling Fork School and the Baptist Church in Pike County.



Merrill Campbell, 1459 Old Middlesboro Highway, LaFollette, TN 37766, shares this photo which was taken in Germany in 1946. L-R: ? Williams, John Campigota, unknown, and Merrill. The men are standing in front of the barracks.

### Kentucky Soldiers



Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares these photos. At left is Sp4 Donnie Lee Boils, a friend of Velma's, who entered the U. S. Army 12/13/1965. He was a medical assistant in Vietnam from July 1966-July 1967. He was honorably discharged 10/18/1967. At right is MS4th Johnnie Robert Coomer who served in the U. S. Army from 9/8/1965 to 9/8/1967 as a first aid attendant. He served in Vietnam from 2/1966 to 2/1967. Johnnie is a brother to Velma.

i would sooner read a timetable or a catalog than nothing at all. -- W. Somerset Maugham



Velma L. Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo, taken ca. 1957, with our readers. Standing in back, l-r: Annie Anderson, unknown, Ruby Sparks, Martha Sparks, unknown, Mattie Coomer, Geneva Wisdom, Dorothy Pennington, Ella Pierce, Perry Pennington, Hershel Pierce, Verner Sparks, Charles Anderson, James Wisdom (holding an unknown boy), unknown, unknown, Eddie Garrett, and Ruby Garrett. Seated, on right side: Elzie Pierce, unknown, unknown, and Rita Smith. All others are unknown. Feel free to contact Velma with the names of the others. Place of photo not given.

and Emma Loving.

Two other daughters, Emma and Helen Martin Courtenay, make their home on Fourth Street.

A son, Thomas Anderson Courtenay married Jane Short Butler, and has the following children: Thomas Anderson Courtenay, Jr.; William Howard Courtenay II; and Jane Short Courtenay, wife of Henry S. Taylor.

Another son is William Howard Courtenay, chief engineer of the L&N Railroad, whose wife is Isabel Stevenson Clark. They have two sons, Erskine Howard Courtenay and James Clark Courtenay.

Prather Thomas Prather was born in Maryland in 1770, of English descent. He crossed the Wilderness Trail to seek

his fortune in the new country and was one of the city's first merchants, having opened a store here as early as 1794. Broadway in Louisville, for many years Prather Street, was named for him. Prather was the president of the first bank of Louisville, the Old Bank of Kentucky, which he opened on January 1, 1812, and which did business on Main Street near Fifth. When the bank suspended specie payments he resigned his office with the remark: "I can preside over no institution which declines to meet its engagements promptly and to the letter."

Thomas Prather was married in 1800 to Matilda Fontaine, a daughter of Capt. Aaron Fontaine, one of the pretty Miss Fontaines, as they were called,

though they were also known as the alphabet Fontaines there were so many of them. Matilda and her eight sisters were all famous for their beauty and intellectuality, and all married distinguished men.

The Prather residence stood in Prather Square, the block bounded by Third and Fourth, Walnut and Green. This house was built by Judge Fortunatus Cosby, who married Mrs. Prather's sister, Mary Ann Fontaine.

It was on the way home from Philadelphia where he had been on business that Prather met a young man, John J. Jacob, of Hampshire County, Virginia, starting out to seek his fortune. He urged Jacob to come to Louisville, and afterward took the

Elmwood in Washington Co. was built in an Italianate style similar to the Bluegrass architect Lewinski's.



Atwood



Velma L. Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718; 270/465-2926, shares these photos with our readers. The photo above was taken in the 1940s. Back row, l-r: James Gordon Coomer, Katie Coomer Hill, Adeline Williams Coomer, Skyler Bannard Coomer, Lula Iris Coomer Hoover, and Van Cleve Coomer. Front row, l-r: Andrew Thomas Coomer, Daniel Newton Coomer, John Roy Coomer, and Toy Benton Coomer. Adeline is the mother of all these children, plus Lydia Jane Coomer English (not pictured). Adeline had five more children who died at a young age: Tildie Alice, Rosie Lee, Raymond Oswell, Roosevelt, and Lillie Belle Coomer. The father of all these children is Velma's paternal grandfather, Stephen Coomer. In the photo below is (l-r) Stephen Allen Coomer, Mattie Pierce Coomer, Corine Coomer, Mildred Coomer, and James G. Coomer. Photos were possibly taken in the Central Kentucky area.



859/384-3522.

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13-18 The Addams Family  
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13, 15, 20, 22, 27, & 29 Shad-

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Home Bardstown,  
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14-15 37th Annual Bard-  
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tiques Fair Bardstown,  
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14-15 Halloween Fall Fest  
Union, 859/384-6617.

14-15 Ky Guild of Artists  
And Craftsmen Fall Fair  
Berea, 859/986-3192.

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cimer Group Carrollton,  
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17-29 Halloween Fest Rich-  
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Full Daytime Tour George-  
town,  
elmwoodorders@gmail.com

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The path of sound excedence is through the thick forest of Appalachia, a George Jones North

Atwood

# Genealogy From The Long Ago

## (OLD SCRAPBOOK - 1890)

**Editor's Note:** We have come across an interesting collection of old clippings dealing with Kentucky family history. Since these clippings are over 100 years old, your editor feels they will be of interest to many of our readers. We will continue this column each month until the supply is gone.

### Adair

D. L. Adair, of Hancock County, is a native of Hardin County, Kentucky, and was born November 26, 1821. His parental ancestors were Scottish, coming to America in an early day, settling first in New York and later in North Carolina, from which state his great-grandfather immigrated to Ohio around the beginning of the 19th century. He settled on the present site of Aberdeen, opposite of Maysville, Kentucky, and made the original plot of that town, which he named for his native city in Scotland. Joseph Adair, D. L.'s grandfather, was born in North Carolina. He moved to Montgomery County, Kentucky, many years ago and subsequently immigrated to Missouri, locating at Independence, of which city he was the original proprietor. Isaac C. Adair, D. L.'s father, was born in Montgomery County, Kentucky, where he passed his youth and early manhood. He moved in 1820 to Hardin County, which he afterward represented in the legislature, and died in Elizabethtown in 1826. His wife, Milly Edwards Adair, D. L.'s mother, was born in Nelson County, Kentucky, and died in Hardin County ca. 1852. They had two children, D. L. and Mary C. Adair. By a previous marriage, Mrs. Adair had a family of five children, two of whom are living at the time of this sketch (1890). D. L.

received a liberal education in his native county, and at the age of 18 years he began the study of law in the office of Morris & Wintersmith at Hodgenville, Larue County, under whose instructions he remained for three years. He was admitted to the bar in 1815, and moved to Hawesville the same year, where he engaged in the practice of his profession in the courts of Hancock and adjoining counties. In



Velma L Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo taken ca. 1948. Back row, l-r: Ethel Mason Evans, Evarene Folowell Atwood, Nancy Logan Rakes Price (grandmother of all in photo), and Pearlina Folowell Goode. Front row, l-r: Sanford Forest Followell, Elzie Israel Followell, and Bill Price.

1848 he enlisted in the Fourth Kentucky Regiment for the Mexican War, with which he served until the close of that struggle, participating in a number of engagements, in all of which he acquitted himself with distinction. At the close of the war, he returned to Hawesville and resumed his practice, which he continued two years, at the end of which time he moved a short distance into the country, and engaged in farming and horticulture, which he has ever since continued.

When the public school system of Kentucky went into successful operation, Mr. Adair was appointed first school commissioner of Hancock County, a position he held between eight and ten years. He has done more to advance the educational interests of the county than any other individual, and the present efficient school system has been largely brought about by his efforts. He has at different times held other official positions, having been appointed county surveyor shortly after his arrival in Hawesville. He also established the first paper in the county, *The Spirit of Enterprise*, which he edited one year, and which had quite a good local circulation. In 1851, he took editorial charge of *The Pick and Plow*, established, that year, and subsequently became editor of *The Rural Record*, which was afterward merged into *The Messenger*. In 1875, he took charge of *The Plain Dealer*, which sheet he edited until 1879, when he established *The Hawesville Ballot*, which was regularly issued for one year. He was for five years associate editor of *The Southern Farmer*, published at Memphis, and also agricultural editor of *The Louisville Ledger* for two years.

In addition to his connection with the papers enumerated, Mr. Adair published *The Annals of Bee Culture* for three years, which had a circulation of 5,000 subscribers. Mr. Adair has made bee culture a special study, inventing a number of



Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo of John Lee Atwood, 2/19/1895-2/7/1953, taken in the 1920s. He was Velma's husband's (M. Gene Atwood) paternal grandfather. Place of photo not given.

der the corn crib from a charging milk cow, and sometimes I use a stick to ward off an angry rooster or butting goat. My brother, Bob (who is five years older than I), and I gather broom corn and tie bunches together to sweep the house and porch. Bob and I help carry wood for the cook stove and fireplace. Bob helps Dad in the fields, while I help Mom cook or watch after my eight-year-old-sister, Martha; two-year-old-sister, Mary; five-year-old-brother, Dempse; and the baby, Meldie. I am always on alert with a stick or hoe nearby for snakes or strange dogs. We grow or raise most of our food, so gardening, animal care, and food preservation is important for our survival. The whole family works together at planting time, hoeing, and harvesting. We children help keep the crows, coons, and deer out of the corn. But this is a hard proposition. I have the task of gathering all the chicken feathers when we kill chickens to eat. These feathers are used to stuff ticking or striped canvas fabric for bedding (mattresses and pillows). I know how to dress a chicken for cooking and can make a good pan of fried chicken or a pot of chicken and dumplings. I'm working on my biscuits, hoping someday they'll be as good as Mom can make.

"Although living off the land is hard work, there's also time for play, fun, and creating things of beauty. Cane poles from the river bottoms make good fishing poles for bringing home fish to fry. I love to gather river mussel shells and search each one for 'pearls' or wade in shallow places in the river and gather periwinkles to make necklaces or bracelets. Acorns, acorn tops, hickory nut shells, moss, sticks, and bark all make good cups and saucers and household items for 'pretend' time. Wild strawberries, huckleberries, blackberries, pawpaws, grapes, muscadines, or persimmons are snacks when we are out to play. Orchard fruit from our grandparents' farms or water from a spring or well is enjoyed during free times of play. Climbing trees is a favorite pastime or swinging on grapevines. Playing in creek beds with minnows and crawdads is fun, especially on hot days. When my cousins or neighbor friends visit, we have enough players for ballgames or circle games, or even hide-and-seek. Families gather for celebrations or harvest times like sorghum cook-offs, hog



Grace Guthery, P. O. Box 1468, Beatyville, KY 41311, shares this photo of two of her brothers. L-R: Carl McIntosh and Walker McIntosh, Jr. The photo was taken in Lee County, Kentucky. Date was not given.

are all nearby settlements of my kin. Grandpa Richmond and Grandma Rebecca Jane Moore Richmond were married in Whitley County and live in the same area. Grandpa James Richmond was a Union sergeant in the War Between the States and tells stories of his time in the U. S. Army. Both grandpas are good storytellers, as they recount the movement of their ancestors.

"Living off the land is hard work. We carry drinking and cooking water from springs nearby. Water needed for young garden plants or the animals is hauled from the river. Laundry is done at the riverbank with tubs and buckets and a black iron wash kettle. A fire is built and dirty clothes are stirred with a sturdy stick in the hot soapy water or hand scrubbed on a washboard with lye soap. (We make our own soap and candles.) After rinsed in another tub, we place the clothes on bushes and tree limbs to dry. I help gather eggs and feed the chickens. Last year I had to hide un-

killing, or molasses candy pulls. Church sing-alongs are also times of gathering and pure enjoyment. Gathering evergreens for wreaths or garland, mistletoe, and holly berries is festive fun for home, school, or church. Quilting, piecing quilts, and sewing dresses with ruffles on the sleeves or aprons with pockets or just simple bonnets are fun times, since I'm usually with Mom or an aunt or one of my grandmas. They say it's good to keep your hands busy. I've made cornshuck dolls and cloth dolls for my sisters. My mother is trying to teach me tatting, which is a form of crochet but with needles and not a hook. The finished pieces almost look like lace. Her mother, who is my grandma, Rebecca Jane Moore Richmond, taught her tatting when she was a girl.

"Since we live so near the river, other gatherings are church folk baptisms at the river. Houses nearby serve as clothes-changing rooms for the women while the men change in the barn. The church bell rings out at various times. Agreed upon codes of the number of bell peals with rhythm or spacing of the



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publican nominee for the State Senate from the 13th district. However, in the 1930s and 1940s he was president of the Fayette County Farm Bureau, a member of the Bluegrass Executives Club, and an active member of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Board of the Kentucky Children, Inc. Dad was the first president and one of the organizers of the Lexington Producers Stockyard Company. He was also one of the organizers of the "Fat Lamb Show." Dad was also active in many other organizations in his life. He worked for the war bond sales effort and in other civic activities in Lexington.

Dad knew two of Kentucky's best known historians, J. W. Coleman and Thomas D. Clark. Both men lived and wrote in Lexington. He also knew A. B. Guthrie, Jr., also a Lexington resident, who wrote several historical novels including *The Big Sky*.

I can remember playing out by the front gate of our house with Virgil when we were little. Virgil threw a rock and hit the windshield of a truck. The driver stopped and went to the house to talk to our mother about it. We both got a whipping.

Dad loved to bring things home and I remember one time when he brought home two red rocking chairs for us. Another time he brought home an iron fender for the fireplace.

I sometimes went with Dad on his visits to the farms. He drove his wooden-sided Plymouth station wagon and he would play the radio loudly as we drove down the road. Once his station wagon stalled on the railroad tracks downtown and although he was able to get out of it in time, the car was not so lucky. The train hit it as it stood silently on the tracks with my father watching from a safe distance. He later had it repaired.

When our parents went out, our grandmother, Nancy Alexander McLeod, would take care of us. We dear-



Velma Atwood, 96 Ebnezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo of Robert B. Pierce, son of Elzie and Ella McIntyre Pierce; his wife, Pearl Hardin Pierce; and their daughter, Myrtle Belle Pierce. The photo was taken just days before Robert's death on 8/8/1923 in Cumberland County, Kentucky. After Robert's death, Pearl later married Will Hulse. Myrtle married a Fletcher and a Coomer. Elzie Pierce was the brother of Onie Pierce McKinney, Brady Ellen Hill, and Lily Pierce Estes. Myrtle was ten months old when her father died.

ly loved her. She died in her 80s in the Taylor Manor Nursing Home in Versailles, Woodford County, Kentucky.

I remember Dad always like to have several glasses of liquid around his plate when he sat down to eat. It would be fair to say that Dad was a big eater. He also liked to sometimes take a nap after our noon meal. He made us lay down with him, but, as soon as he went to sleep, we would get up. Dad used to smoke cigars when he was younger, but

he quit smoking them later in his life. I remember that for a while he would go around with an unlit cigar in his mouth.

One Christmas, during WWII, he had three soldiers in for dinner. We were all thrilled to see them and to have them in our house. By the end of the war, my father was coming up before the draft board to be drafted, but as things turned out, the war ended before he had to go.

I remember that German prisoners helped to house tobacco one year when farm labor was scarce to come by, because most of the men were serving in the military. Some of the men could speak English, but most could not. They were guarded loosely. One escaped from another farm. Several years later they found him working on a horse farm. There were about 600 such POW farm laborers used in Fayette County. Only one ever tried to escape. I think they were treated well.

Dad grew a lot of potatoes one year. He had a deal with Greendale Reform School that if they picked all of them they could keep half. One day he brought home a lot of cheap candy for the boys. Some of the boys escaped and the guards went around looking up in trees for them. They never did find them.

When we were young, we would ride the L&N train to Louisville, Jefferson County to see Dad. Later we took the bus. We did this so we could spend the weekend with him.

He would take us to hockey and baseball games and the movies. He would also take us to meet his friends and to different places to eat in Louisville. Louisville was a much larger city than Lexington was so it had more things for young kids to see and do. For example, one time he arranged to have a boy take us to the Fountain Ferry Amusement Park. It no longer exists. I remember how it felt when it came time to leave him. I was always sad. He came to visit us when we



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## Down At The Creek In Todd County

Nance Creek and Sampson's Branch combine in northern Todd County, Kentucky, giving origin to Elk Fork Creek which flowed in a big loop around Papa Boone's land, on the outskirts of Elkton. It was on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. Its waters flowed into the Red River, then the Cumberland River, which flowed into the Ohio River, and finally, into the Mississippi River on its way to the Gulf.

The creek had rapids under the bridge that carried U.S. Highway 68 and Kentucky 80 past the front of our house. I could throw a rock from my yard into the creek, which was about 20 feet wide, and wading it was fun. Crawfish could be caught easily in the rapidly flowing stream. Once in a while, if I was not careful, a crawdad might nip the end of my finger, but I soon learned how to grab them to prevent a pinch. They were hard to shake loose if their pincher got a hold, and it smarted. It was also a fun game to skip flat rocks up the creek to see who could count the most "skips."

Another adventure was to wade in shallow water along the creek bank and grope under submerged ledges in search of what we called "water dogs." These are a member of the salamander family. They have gills and four short stubby legs. They have smooth skin, like a catfish; no scales. An average size water dog would weigh two pounds, but we never tried to eat one.

Not far below the bridge was an old wooden water tower that had rotted and fallen over.

Mr. Ben T. Perkins, who was the original owner of Papa's place, pumped water from the creek up into that tank, which was tall enough to let water gravity flow up to the bathroom in his house. Our house was the first in Elkton to have running water. I don't imagine the water pressure was very strong. We had an in-ground cistern near the kitchen door that held rain water from the roof, for cooking etc.

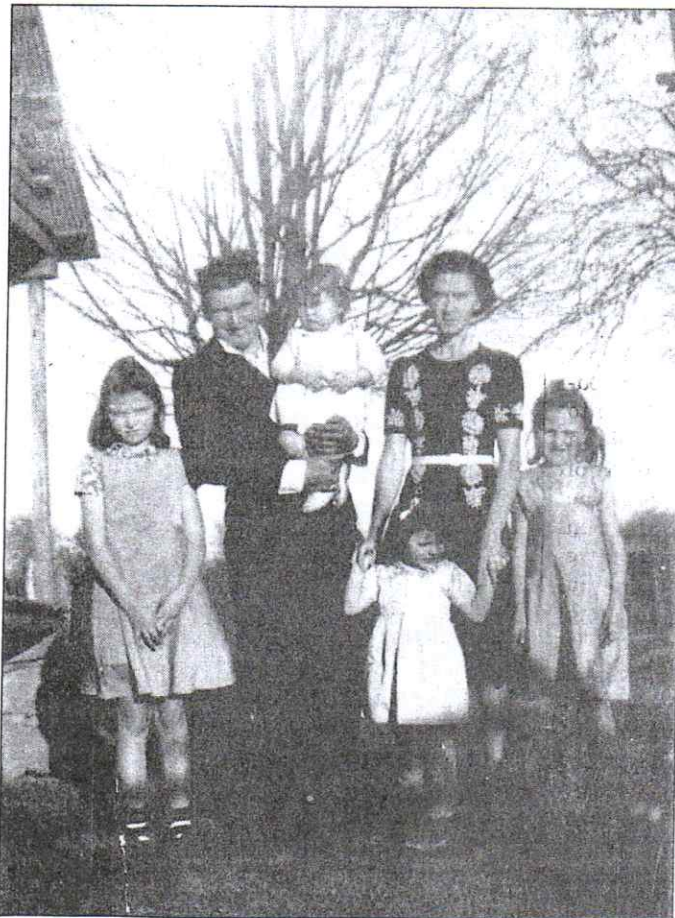
My favorite fishing hole was just

200 yards downstream from the old water tower ruins, and it was always good for some bluegill, perch, a catfish, or bass. It was fun to sit back and watch my cork bob up and down in the current and suddenly disappear under the water's surface. What was on your line, bending the tip of your cane pole? It was fun to bait my hook with an earthworm, throw it out, and tantalize whatever was passing by.

An old sycamore tree had fallen across the creek, near the water tower, making a foot log, used to cross over to the far side, where there was an animal cemetery. After a rain, that foot log was really slick. Once in a while, if someone tried to run across it, he or she would fall in the creek. Yes, I was known to get an unintended bath once myself, to the pleasure of my buddies.

There was a path along the west bank from the bridge leading to the old swimming hole and beyond. It was used by us boys and a few fishermen. On a hot summer day, we would strip nude and swim to cool off. Not to worry, no houses were close by, and the cool water felt wonderful. The swimming hole was about half the length of a tennis court, and water flowed through it at a pretty rapid pace. The water at this point was 10 or 12 feet deep, and a grapevine hung from a sycamore tree limb out over the water. That grapevine was about 20 feet long. We could swing out on it, to about the middle of the creek, before dropping into the swirling water. Sometimes we would play water tag, if there were five or six of us. Mostly, we just leisurely floated along with the tide. For a non-swimmer, we took a long sash-cord rope and tied it around his waist. Someone on shore held the other end, in case the novice floundered. Some learned to swim there or at the ice plant pool in town. That water was really cold!

The woodland along the creek consisted of elm, poplar, sycamore, chestnut, oak, and



Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo of the James Gordon and Mattie Pierce Coomer family. L-R: Corine Coomer, J. G. Coomer, Velma Coomer, Mattie Pierce Coomer, and Mildred Coomer. In front is Regina Coomer.

Keene Springs Hotel, in Jessamine County, was used as a safe haven during the cholera panic in Lexington ca. 1849.



bad. Since I moved here I've noticed that one of my legs has grown about three inches longer than the other one. Someone once told me that his grandpa who had also lived on a mountain farm had the same problem. He said it was caused by walking around those steep hillsides too much. I took his advice and started riding my horse more often and now my horse has the same problem.

It was a few weeks after we moved to the old place that our new neighbor, a certain Mrs. Meece, whose given name I don't recall, called me and asked if I was aware that over the hill in the hollow was her grandfather's old homestead and that her grandparents Peter and Nancy Dykes were buried there. I told her yes, I already knew, because Lonnie Meece's wife, Bertha, a previous owner of the old place, had already informed me.

Mrs. Meece also told me when Lonnie first bought the old place there were two cabins on the property. Before he sold it to the Taylor family he tore them down and used the lumber to help build his house on Highway 192. Mrs. Meece went on to say that her grandparents, Peter and Nancy Dykes, were buried on a small knoll at the head of the garden. Two pine trees had grown up at the head of their graves.

She continued saying that she occasionally went over the hill to visit the graves and wanted to be sure if it was all right with me. I assured her that it was fine with me, and, before she hung up, I asked her that the next time she went over the hill visiting the graves if she would hang a red garment of some sort on one of the pine trees so that I would know for sure where the grave sites were.

Sure enough, a few weeks later when I was back down in the bottoms, there hung a red



Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellville, KY 42718, shares these family photos. The photo above was taken in 1973 in Taylor County, Kentucky. L-R: James Gordon Coomer, 1910-1999; Mattie Perce Coomer, 1909-2000; Exie Parrish Coomer, 1902-1985; and John Ray Coomer, 1892-1974. James and Mattie are Velma's parents. The photo below was taken in 1965 in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky. Those in the photo are (not in order) David Squires, J. G. Coomer (1910-1999), Robert Coomer, Charlotte Hoots, and Donnie Boils.



garment on a pine tree which was in the exact spot where Bertha had said the grave sites were. The graves lay side by side with rocks placed around each of them. Time was taking its toll as the underbrush and trees were now claiming the once cleared land. Some of the rocks had fallen into the graves, which had sunk about a foot or more into the soft earth.

Years quickly faded into the past and once again mother time took another one of her children. Bertha Meece, our good, God-fearing neighbor, once told me as a young woman how she had roamed the Peter Dykes homestead and worked many days gathering corn from the bottoms. She was laid to rest beside her husband Lonnie in the White Lily Church Cemetery.

Shortly after Bertha's death, both of our Meece neighbors were put in a nursing home. We heard of their passing not long after. Years continued slipping by and occasionally someone would call or stop by and ask for information about going over the hill to visit the graves. One time a man riding a motorcycle, who said he was from Cincinnati, stopped by and asked for directions to the graves. Eventually, however, all the visitors to the graves quit coming. I'd occasionally get in a conversation with various folks about the history of the old place, but no one had ever heard of Peter and Nancy Dykes.

One day an old friend of mine, Jewell Noe, was visiting me, and we got to talking about the old place. I told him about the old homestead and grave sites down in the hollow, and that I'd heard for years that the old homestead was one of the oldest in Pulaski County. Jewell passed on the information to his wife, Scottie, who happened to pass the information on to someone she'd just re-



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## Henderson

Seek photos and info. on my grandfather, Anderson Morse Henderson, b. 6/22/1876, d. 10/12/1936, Olive Hill, Carter Co., Ky., m. Rosa Medley Henderson, had Nora Francis Henderson, m. William Vernon Evans (my parents). Any info. appreciated. Will share info.

Theodore Evans  
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## Baker-Baisden-Gobel

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## Dollar

Seek info. on Ivy Rueben Dollar, b. 1815, d. 1889, m. Margaret B. "Peggy" Ashford, 1819-1870, had Francis Arthur Dollar, 1851-1910 (possibly went to Ark., Miss., or Ill.); Mary M.; Kitoria; and Martha L. Any info. appreciated.

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## Polston/Poston-Kerrell

Seek info. on Elias Polston, b. ca. 1818, Wayne Co., Ky., m. 2/11/1837, Sandel Kerrell. Any info. appreciated.

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## Quimby

Seek all info. on my g. grandparents, George Quimby, 1848-1903, m. Victoria Ellen Warren, b. 1844, had Jemima, 5/8/1869-9/26/1948, buried in Lancaster Cemetery, m. Andrew H. Preston; Cordelia, m. Howard Stull; Alta, m. Frank Rush; and more. Any info. appreciated.

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## Whitaker-Calhoun

Seek info. on father of Isaac Whitaker, b. 1778, N. C., d. 1853, Perry Co., Ky., possibly Peter or Isaac. Also, seek info. on Calhoun family, Letcher and Perry Cos., Ky. Any info. appreciated.

Wayne Onkst  
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## Clark

Seek info. on my g. g. grandfather, Michael Clark, b. Va., ca. 1782, moved to Franklin Co., Ky., m. Harriett ?, Mass., b. ca. 1786; had the following children: John P., Walter, Elisah, Henry, Francis, and Eliza; all on 1850 Franklin Co. census. Any info. appreciated.

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Velma Atwood of Campbellsville, Kentucky, shares this photo of (l-r) Mary Davidson (Velma's aunt), Mattie Coomer (Velma's mother), and Evelyn Shepherd. The photo was taken ca. 1965, in Casey County, Kentucky.

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Memorial meetings and family reunions are very popular in Kentucky from May through September. This group gathered for a time of fellowship and possibly "dinner on the ground" in Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky, in the 1940s. (Photo by Marion Post Wolcott)

brate the Decoration Day established for their cemetery, and Memorial Day for the military casualties separately.

My first recollections of Decoration Day took place in Letcher County. I could see the cemetery about 800 yards from the swing on Grandmother Tolliver's front porch. Facing upriver, her house was on the right side, high on the other side, with the L&N Railroad tracks, the Wright Fork of the Kentucky River's North Fork, and a paved highway in between.

It was in our community, but it wasn't our family cemetery. None of our kinfolk were buried there. Nevertheless, Granny spent days cooking and preparing for Decoration Day at that graveyard. I recall the all-day preaching and singing, which we clearly heard from the front porch.

The bleachers or other seating were made of weathered oak lumber about a foot-and-a-half off the ground. Most of the seating was under a brush arbor consisting of grape vines and dead brush. It was designed to keep out the hot sun and not the rain.

When I was there, Granny would send me over to the cemetery to notify those folks when dinner was ready. Whoever was in charge never acted like they were happy to see

me. I guess the pastor, shepherd, or whoever, didn't like being interrupted by a little kid. Nevertheless, when the announcement was made, the flock took off like a thundering herd of buffalo down the trail, across the road, the creek, and the railroad tracks to Grandma's house. By the time I got there the feeding frenzy had already begun.

Granny had one custom that flew in the face of local traditions, but she never wavered; she always insisted that little children eat first. "The adults can take care of themselves, me and the Lord will keep an eye on the children," she said. I was a little older when I learned that her family had been so poor that she had been turned out to fend for herself when she was only five years old.

There was never any question that everyone observing Decoration Day would be fed, and fed well, however. My mother and my aunts generally assisted Granny in preparing the food. She prepared a mountain of food, and had more in reserve, if she needed it. She had tables made of sawhorses with planks across them. The boards were covered with tablecloths and bowls and platters of chicken and dumplings, dressing, or stuffing, fried chicken, home-cured ham, potato salad, coleslaw, corn, peas, shucky beans,

The Battle of Munfordville, in Hart County, on September 17, 1862, resulted in Union surrender.



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Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo of the Pierce family taken ca. 1914. Back row, l-r: Robert Bell Pierce, Hershel Pierce, and Annie Pierce. Front row, l-r: Elzie G. Pierce (holding Mattie Pierce), Mary Susie Pierce, and Ella Pierce (holding Nora Pierce).

ans, and gained an acquaintance with their languages, customs, and modes of warfare, which was of service in the period of strife that followed.

At Pittsburgh, these two brothers were living and carrying on their trade, when, in the spring of 1774, Dr. John Connolly, the nephew of Lord Dunmore, in the name and by the authority of that functionary, seized upon and dismantled Fort Pitt, which Dunmore claimed to be on territory belonging to Virginia, and built another which he called Fort Dunmore. Among the Pennsylvanians whom Connolly arbitrarily arrested was William Butler. The conduct of some of the Virginians, under Connolly's orders, excited the suspicion and fears of

the Indians, on whose peaceful settlement opposite Fort Pitt they had fired. On April 16, 1774, a canoe, laden with peltries belonging to the Butler brothers, was fired upon by the Indians, and a white man, one of their employees, was killed. Five days after this occurrence, Connolly wrote to the settlers along the Ohio that the Shawnees were not to be trusted, urging them to prepare to avenge any wrong the Indians might do them. When his first canoe had been attacked, William Butler had sent other agents to attend to his peltries further down the Ohio, in the Shawnee country. Connolly's letter had fallen into the hands of Michael Cresap, who attacked one of the canoes dispatched by

William Butler, containing two friendly Indians and two white men, and inhumanely butchered the Indians. Continuing their murders, Cresap and Daniel Greathouse massacred the friendly and unsuspecting Indians at Captina and Yellow Creek, including the family of Logan, the celebrated Mingo chief. These were the atrocities that led to the War of 1774, known as Dunmore's War. The letters of the Butlers, protesting against these proceedings, are preserved in the American Archives and in the Colonial Records of Pennsylvania.

Richard Butler warmly espoused the cause of Pennsylvania in the dispute with Connolly, and raised a company of 100 men to sustain that



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**Generation II**

John Lee, Sr., born April 1, 1703, in Maryland, died October 10, 1779, in Virginia. He married Lucy Braxton Lee between 1728 and 1729 in Virginia. Children of John and Lucy are: John Lee II, born 1730, died 1779 in Virginia; Deborah Lee, born 1735; Stephen Lee, born 1741, died 1809 in Pulaski County, Kentucky; Helena Eleanor Lee, born 1748, died 1771 in Virginia; and Benjamin Lee, born 1754, married Mary Richardson ca. 1766 in Virginia.

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John Lee II, born 1730, died 1779 in Virginia. He married Betty Page Lee in 1755 in Virginia. Children of John and Betty are: Lewis Lee, born 1757; Mary Lee, born 1759, married Robert Furlong ca. 1778, married second ? Carter after 1779; Ann Lee, born 1760, married Thomas Crane; Phillip Lee, born 1762, died 1788, married Mary Smith; John Lee III, born 1764, died 1820 in Tennessee; Edward Lee, born 1766, married Mary "Polly" James ca. 1796; Stephen Lee, born 1768, married Betty Strong ca. 1795; Tarlton Lee, born 1771, married Elizabeth Farrar ca. 1793; and William Lee, born 1774, married Nancy Sadler ca. 1795 in Virginia.

**Generation III (B)**

Deborah Lee, born 1735, married John Hodges ca. 1756, children of Deborah and John were: Lucy Hodges, born 1757 in Virginia, married David England; Jesse Hodges, born 1760; and John Hodges, born 1773 in Virginia.

**Generation III (C)**

Stephen Lee, born 1741 and died in Pulaski County, Kentucky, ca. 1809. Married Ann Poore ca. 1763 in Virginia. Ann was the daughter of Thomas Poore and Elizabeth Mosely. Children of Stephen and Anne (Poore) Lee (Manley Gene Atwood's line): Thomas Lee, born 1864 in Virginia, died 1839 in Tennessee; Seaton Lee, born 1766 in Virginia, died 1853 in Pulaski County, Kentucky; Charles Braxton Lee, born 1766 in Virginia, died 1841 in Tennessee, married first Elizabeth Hatcher ca. 1790, married second Polly Hunter ca. 1808 in Tennessee; Lewis Henry Lee, born 1768, died 1815, married Nellie Long ca. 1798; Mildred Lee, born 1769 in Virginia; Andrew Lee, born 1770 in Virginia, died in Tennessee, married Margaret Daniels in Virginia ca. 1798; Esintha Lee, born 1772 in Kentucky, married John Duncan ca. 1800 in Kentucky; Ann Elizabeth "Betsy" Lee, born 1773, died before 1830 in Kentucky, married John Charter; Jubal Lee, born 1778 in Kentucky, married Sally Wade ca. 1817, married second Catherine Raredin ca. 1833; and Lucy Lee, born 1783 in Kentucky.

Helena Eleanor Lee, born 1748 and died 1771 in Virginia, married Jarvis Jackson in Virginia. Children of Helena and Jarvis are: Lucinda Jackson, married Stephen Eubank; Ann Jackson; Elizabeth Jackson; Joseph Jackson; Sarah Jackson; Helena Jackson; Jemima Jackson; John Jackson; Jean Jackson; and Mary Jackson.

**Generation IV**

John Lee III, born 1764 and died 1820 in Tennessee, married Jane Tuggle ca. 1788. Children of John and Jane Lee are: Tarlton Lee; James Lee; Lewis Lee, married Elizabeth Pegram ca. 1834; Patsy Lee, married Fredrick Martin ca. 1829; Betsy Lee, married Benjamin Fisher ca. 1829; Polly Lee, married William Odem ca. 1829; Nancy Lee, married Lewis Johnson ca. 1830;

Thireza Lee; Henry Tuggle Lee, born 1789, died 1869, married first Rachel Simmons before 1827, married second Jane Sanders ca. 1828; Carey Lee, born 1817; John Lee IV, killed in Civil War.

Thomas Lee, born 1764 in Virginia, died 1834 in Tennessee, married Jerusha Hough ca. 1788 in Virginia, daughter of Benjamin Hough and Ruth Bronson. Children of Thomas and Jerusha Lee: Jacob Lee; Jubal Lee; Ruth Lee; Sarah Lee; John Huff Lee.

Seaton Lee, born 1766 in Virginia, died 1853 in Kentucky, married first Rhoda Mayfield ca. 1798, married second Ida ? ca. 1819. Children of Seaton and Rhoda are: John E. Lee; Permelia; Mary Polly Lee, married ? Hays; Stephen A. Lee, born 1801 in Kentucky, died before 1880 in Kentucky (buried in Wilkinson Family Cemetery); Preston Mayfield Lee; Permetta Lee, born 1813, married Samuel Dicks ca. 1834 in Kentucky; Elizabeth Lee, born 1814, married Lester ?; Seaton Lee, Jr., born 1820 in Kentucky, died 1854 in Kentucky, child of Seaton Lee and Ida.

Mildred Lee, born 1769 in Virginia, married first John Ellis ca. 1795 in Virginia, married second Meshack Pearson ca. 1824 in Kentucky. Mildred and John had one child, Thomas Ellis, of Kentucky.

Lucy Lee, born 1783 in Kentucky, married Daniel Duncan ca. 1789 in Kentucky. Child of Lucy and Daniel is Mary Polly Duncan.

**Generation V**

Stephen A. Lee, born 1801 in Kentucky, died before 1880 in Casey County, Kentucky, married Harriet Wilkinson ca. 1827 in Kentucky, daughter of John Wilkinson and Elizabeth Franklin. Children of Stephen and Harriet are: Martha Jane Lee, born 1827 in Kentucky, died 1900 in Kentucky; John Seaton Lee, born 1830, died 1864; Elizabeth A. Lee, born 1831, died 1896, married Samuel B. King ca. 1872 in Casey County, Kentucky; William B. Lee, born 1838 in Kentucky, died 1878 in Kentucky; Stephen F. Lee, born 1839, died 1864 in Georgia (POW of Civil War); Joseph Lee, born 1841; Samuel Lee, born 1843; Robert Erne Lee, born 1844 in Marion County, Kentucky, died 1931 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.

Preston Mayfield Lee, born 1807 in Kentucky, died 1884 in Metcalfe County, Kentucky, married Jane Hay in 1832

in Barren County, Kentucky. Child of Preston and Jane is John J. Lee, born 1833 in Kentucky, died 1905 in Green County, Kentucky.

Mary Polly Duncan, married William Hudson. Child of Mary and William Hudson is David Hudson, married Mary Vantuyle.

#### Generation VI

Martha Jane Lee, born 1827 in Kentucky, died 1900 in Kentucky, married Jeremiah Vertrand Hudson in 1850 in Pulaski County, Kentucky, son of Daniel Hudson and Mary Luster. Children of Martha and Jeremiah Hudson are: John Daniel Hudson, born 1851 in Kentucky, died 1910 in Kentucky, married Nancy Elvira Claunch ca. 1871 in Pulaski County, Kentucky; Margaret Taylor, born 1879 in Kentucky; Jemima Harriet Hudson, born 1852, married first George W. Wilson in 1871 in Kentucky, married second John Talbert Stogsdill in 1888 in Pulaski County, Kentucky; Stephen Reason Hudson, born 1853 in Kentucky, died 1854 in Kentucky; James Braxton Hudson, born 1858, died 1919 in Kentucky, married Nancy Mary Epperson in Kentucky ca. 1833; Joseph Fletcher Hudson, born 1861, died 1862 in Kentucky; Addie Myrtle Hudson, born 1875, died 1875 in Kentucky; Robert Samuel Hudson, born 1863, died 1889 in Kentucky; Elizabeth Fletcher Hudson, born 1865, died 1883 in Kentucky; Jeremiah William Hudson, born 1867, died 1946, married first Cora C. Buchanan ca. 1880, married second Elizabeth Oma Lee ca. 1896 in Kentucky; Mary Magdalene Hudson, born 1872 in Kentucky, died 1919 in Kentucky.

John Seaton Lee, born 1830, died 1864 in Kentucky, married Jemima V. Hudson ca. 1852 in Kentucky, daughter of Daniel Hudson and Mary Luster. Children of John S. Lee are: David V. Lee, born 1857 in Kentucky, died 1878 in Kentucky; Uriah Franklin Lee, born 1854 in Kentucky, died 1908.

William B. Lee, born 1838 in Kentucky, died 1878 in Kentucky, married Elizabeth A. Helm ca. 1868 in Kentucky, daughter of Darkes B. Helms. Children of William and Elizabeth: Samuel S. Lee, born 1869 in Casey County, Kentucky; John C. Lee, born 1871; Meredith F. Lee (twin of John C.) born 1871, died 1942 in Missouri.

Robert Erne Lee, born 1844 in B-ville, Kentucky, died 1931 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, married first Harriet F. Clarkson ca. 1886 in Kentucky, daughter of James Clarkson and Eliza Clarkson, married second Millie Ann Young ca. 1913 in Kentucky. Children of Robert and Harriet are: James L. Lee, born in Casey County, Kentucky, died 1878 in Kentucky; Steven Lee, born in Casey County; Harriet Eliza Lee, born in Casey County ca. 1867; Margaret Jane Lee, born 1871, died after 1898; Margaret Bettie Lee, born 1874 in Casey County, died 1945 in Michigan; Judith B. Lee, born 1879; and Mary Mollie Lee, born ca. 1890 in Casey County.

John J. Lee, born 1833 in Metcalfe County, Kentucky, died 1905 in Green County, Kentucky, married Louisa Saphronia Curry ca. 1854 in Green County, Kentucky. Child of John J. and Saphronia Lee is Silas Edward Lee, born 1861 in Kentucky, died 1902 in Green County, Kentucky.

David V. Lee, born 1857 in Kentucky, died 1878 in Casey County, Kentucky, married Nancy M. King ca. 1878 in Kentucky. Child of David and Nancy is: Bettie Lee, born 1879.

Uriah Franklin Lee, born 1854, died 1908 in Kentucky, married Sarah Ann King ca. 1873 in Kentucky, daughter of Samuel King and Mary Edwards. Children of Uriah and Sarah King are: Bettie Jemima Lee, born 1874, died 1901 in Casey County, Kentucky; John David Lee, born 1876 in Kentucky, died 1960 in Kentucky; Permelia Evaline Lee, born 1879, died 1889; Franklin Pearce Lee, born 1881 in Casey County, died 1899, buried in Poplar Grove Cemetery; Samuel Winfield Fletcher Lee, born 1883 in Kentucky, died 1896 in Kentucky; Polly Ann Frances Lee, born 1894 in Kentucky, died 1894 in Kentucky; Maude Bell Lee, born 1898 in Kentucky, died 1935 in Casey County, Kentucky, married Perry Rigney, born 1916 in Casey County, Kentucky; Sarah Ann Henner Ritter Madeline River Lee, born 1901 in Kentucky, died 1983 in Kentucky; William Oliver Bradley Lee, born 1885 in Kentucky, died 1973 in Kentucky; Nannie Clair Ella Lee, born 1892 in Kentucky, died 1964 in Illinois.

Meredith F. Lee, born 1871 in Kentucky, died 1942 in Missouri, married first Nannie L. Mills ca. 1893 in Ken-

tucky, married second Sarah Myrtle Cochran Lynn ca. 1900 in Casey County, daughter of William Cochran and Harriet Kimble. Child of Meredith and Nannie Lee is Samuel Lee, born 1895 in Kentucky. Children of Meredith and Sarah Lynn are Chelcie Ann Lee, married Herbert Gaines; Childia Lee, married George Pemberton; Emma Myrtle Lee, married Buck Roberts; Lola Lee, married M. G. Holt ca. 1922 in Casey County; and Rosco R. Lee.

Margaret Jane Lee, born 1871 in Kentucky, died after 1898, married John Morgan Neeves ca. 1888 in Kentucky. Children of Margaret and John are: Mary M. Neeves, born 1889 in Kentucky, died 1966 in Kentucky; Betty Frances Neeves, born 1891; John M. Neeves, born 1892 in Kentucky, died 1966, married Lucille ca. 1939; Delittie Neeves, born 1894, died in Kentucky; Nick Neeves, born 1896 in Kentucky; and Fanny Bell Neeves, born 1898.

Martha Bettie Lee, born 1874, died 1945 in Michigan, married Maurice Singleton ca. 1889 in Kentucky. Children of Martha and Maurice: John Robert Singleton, born 1890, died 1959 in Michigan; William Singleton; Etta Emmalou Singleton, born 1859; Rose Lillian Singleton, born 1896; Bessie Ann Singleton, born 1898; Flossie Mae Singleton, born 1900; Mattie Frances Singleton, born 1902; Bertha Singleton, born 1905; James Carl Singleton, born 1905; Esther Evaleen Singleton, born 1910; Chelcie Marie Singleton, born 1912; and Chester Maurice Singleton, born 1915.

Mary "Mollie" P. Lee, born 1870 in Kentucky, married Joel A. Wilerson ca. 1886 in Kentucky, son of Seth Wilkerson and Elizabeth. Child of Mary and Joel is Infant Wilkerson.

Silas Edward Lee, born 1861 in Green County, Kentucky, died 1902 in Kentucky, married Leona Alvin Whitlock ca. 1882 in Green County, Kentucky. Child of Silas and Leona Whitlock is Alice "Allie" Wood Lee, born 1889 in Green County, Kentucky, died ca. 1940 in Kentucky.

John David Lee, born 1876 in Kentucky, died 1960 in Kentucky, married first Judie Cochran in 1859, married second Maude Adams after 1900, married third Anna Willis about 1905, married fourth Nancy Ann Lacy ca. 1926, the daughter of George Lacy and Peggy

Blythe, born ca. 1865. Children of John and Judie Cochran are Artie Florence Lee, born 1896 in Kentucky, married Finley Foster in Casey County; Nettie Lawrence Lee, born 1898, married John Lee Atwood ca. 1913. Children of John D. and Anna Lacy are Uriah Franklin Lee, born 1924, died 1993; Robert Chester Lee, born 1928, died 1994 in Indiana; Mildred Lee, married Albert Barlow; Manley Gene Lee, born 1930, died 1974; Bettie Ann Lee; and M. Alfred Thompson.

Maude Bell Lee, born 1895 in Kentucky, died 1963 in Kentucky, married Joseph Calvin Adams. Children of Maude and Joseph are Hershel Adams; Edith Adams; and Blanche Adams.

Sarah Ann Lee, born 1901 in Kentucky, died 1983 in Kentucky, married Lester Herbert Wesley ca. 1917. Children of Sarah and Lester are: Nancy Wilmajean Wesley, born 1938; Ocie V. Wesley, born 1918, died 1919; James Wesley, married Inna McFarland; Opal Wesley, married Charles Potinshey; Christine Welsey, married Charles Myers; Pauline Wesley, married Clyde Atwood; Skyler Wesley, married Kathryn Johnson; Herbert Wesley, married Bertie Coffman; Willard Wesley, married Laverne Hughes; and Clyde Wesley, married Esther Belden.

William O. Bradley Lee, born 1885 in Kentucky, died 1973, married first Sarah E. Murphy ca. 1908, daughter of John Murphy and Mahala Edwards. Married second Janney F. Murphy ca. 1929. Married third Birdie Mae Turpin ca. 1931. Children of Will O. and Sarah Murphy are Eva Ethel Lee, born 1909, died 1932 in Kentucky; Dovie Beatrice Lee, born 1911, died 1985; Lorena Mildred Lee, born 1914, died 1994; David Chester Lee, born 1916; Elna Marie Lee, born 1920; Mabel Evelyn Lee, born 1923; William Pearce Lee, born 1925, died 1925; Kenneth Eugene, born 1930; Marvin Estil Lee, born 1932; Billy Lee, born 1934; Chelcie G. Lee, born 1936; Bradley Lee, born 1938; Denver Lee, born 1940; Christine Lee, born 1942; Winice Lee, born 1944; Irene Lee, born 1946; Teresa "Tina," born 1960.

Nannie Clair Ella Lee, born 1892, married Arch H. Edwards ca. 1909. Children: Ray; Ella; Joyce; and Pierce.

Mary M. Neeves, born 1889, died 1966, married Edgar Bargar. Children: Edith, Johnnie, Grace, Clay, and Mae.

Betty Frances Neeves, born 1891, married Isaac H. Lane ca. 1911. Children: Lora, born 1913; Mable, born 1915; Grethel, born 1917; Hazel, born 1919; Isaac Sherwood, born 1922; Eugene Harson, born 1924; Anita Frances, born 1928, married Harry Poling.

Delettie Neeves, born 1894 in Casey County, married Clayton Wilcher ca. 1919. Children: Estel J. Wilcher, born 1920; Clive, born 1921; Arnold, born 1924; Ava Marie, born 1926; infant; Diettie Mae, born 1929; David C., born 1932, married Helen Coffman; Mary, born 1935, married first Farrell Strowther, married second Harlan Lane.

John Robert Singleton, born 1890 in Lincoln, Kentucky, married Stella Loretta Brown ca. 1921. Children: Mildred May, born 1922; John, born 1925; Bernice Ilene, born 1925.

Alice Wood Lee, born 1889 in Green, Kentucky, died 1940, married John Marshall Moss ca. 1906. Child: Hortense Moss, born 1912, married Emmet Allen Roper ca. 1932.

#### Generation IX

Uriah Franklin Lee, married Mary Ruth Robinson. Child: Rebecca Jane Lee, married a Smith.

Robert Chester Lee, born 1928 in Illinois, died 1994 in Indiana, married first Nellie Lee Turpin ca. 1948. Married second Laureen Ward. Children of Robert C. and Nellie Lee: Deborah Carol Lee, born 1951; Robert Larry, born 1952; Ricky Dale, born 1958; Jeffrey Dave, born 1960. Children of Robert C. Lee and Laureen Ward are: Robert David, born 1969; Laurie Dave Lee, born 1972.

Nancy Wilmajean Wesley, born 1938, married Lowell Franklin Taylor ca. 1953. Children of Nancy W., and Lowell Taylor are Loral Jeanie, born 1954; Sharon Anetta, born 1957; Loretta Jane, born 1959; Kimberly Ann, born 1960; Donna Denise, born 1962; Wonda Yvonne, born 1963; and Joyce Lee, born 1965.

Dovie Beatrice Lee, born 1911 in Casey County, died 1985 in Kentucky, married Clifton Arvin Mays ca. 1932. Children: Ethel Irene Mays, born 1934, died 1994 in Casey County; Ruby Alene, born 1938; Margaret Arvin, born 1941.

Lorena Mildred Lee, born 1914 in Casey County, died 1994, married Fred Paul Taylor ca. 1931. Children: Clinton Thomas Taylor, born 1935, died 1981;

and Jacqueline Lee, born 1939.

David Chester Lee, born 1916 in Kentucky, married Effie Lillian Allison ca. 1935. Children: Darrell Lavern Lee, born 1936 in Casey County; Norman Vermont, born 1938; Wendell Elbert, born 1941; Kenneth Chester, born 1944, married Janice Sue Chapman ca. 1964; and Lonnie Ray, born 1948 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.

Elna Marie Lee, born 1920, married William Harry "Doc" Cummins ca. 1938. Children: Hershel Wayne, born 1943 in Kentucky; Shelia Ann, born 1950 in Boyle County, Kentucky; Barbara Jean, born 1954 in Casey County.

Mabel Evelyn Lee, born 1923 in Casey County, married Estil J. Wilcher ca. 1949. Children: Karen Lee Wilcher, born 1951 in Indiana; Michael Dwaine, born 1962 in Indiana.

Kenneth Eugene King.

Marvin Estil Lee, born 1932 in Casey County, married Patricia Fayma Cochran ca. 1951. Children: Beverly Sue Lee, born 1954; Deborah Kay, born 1957; Estil Dewayne; Jeffery Marvin; and Elaine Ann.

Billy Lee, born in Casey County ca. 1934, married Vivian 1981. Child: Christina Marie Lee, adopted 1984.

Artie Florence Lee, born 1896, died 1990, married Finley T. Foster (1883-1965), no children.

Nettie Lawrence Lee, born 1898, died 1986, married John Lee Atwood (1895-1953). Children: Eugene Vernon Atwood, born 1915, died 1991, married Evarene Followell ca. 1941. Children of Eugene and Evarene: Manley Gene, born 1942; Patricia Ann, born 1944; Sandra, born 1946; Danny Paul, born 1948; Eva Arlene, born 1949; and Vernon Lee, born 1964.

Emma Florence, born 1928.

Irene Iris Atwood, born 1917, died 1996, married Hobert Courtwright. Children: Donald Lee, Leslie Allen, and Barkley Eugene.

S. Elizabeth Atwood, born 1920, died 2004, married Burl G. Cochran. Children: Juanita, born 1941, died 1990; Eva Lee, born 1943, died 2014; Joyce Ann; Judy; Nettie; Marie; Boyd; and Burl, Jr.

Marie Atwood, born 1922, died 1983, married first Ernest Holt, married second Lloyd Roberts. Children: Russell D. Holt, Jeanette Holt, Connie Sue Roberts, Lloyd Ray, Ronnie Gene



Velma Atwood of Campbellsville, Kentucky, shares these photos with our readers. The photo on the left is of John Dave Lee, paternal great-grandfather of Manley Gene Atwood. John Dave was the son of Uriah Franklin and Sarah Ann King Lee. He was the father of Nettie L. Atwood and Artie Lee Foster. Date and place of photo not given. The photo on the right is of (l-r) Nettie Lawrence Lee Atwood, Judie Elizabeth Cochran Lee, and Artie Florence Lee Foster. Judie was the wife of John David Lee, and they are the parents of Lee, Nettie, and Artie. Place and date of photo not given. See "Strictly Genealogy" beginning on page.76.

Janice, and Nancy.

Lucille Atwood, born 1924, died 2008, married Elijah Deering. Children: Danny, Linda Carol, Gloria Jean, Donnie, Peggy, David L., and Kena.

Lee Atwood, Jr., born 1926, died 2006, married Loretta Pinkston. Children: Sandra, Theresa, and Debra.

Eva Rose Atwood, born 1931, died 2016, married Paul Sanders. Children: Roger Lee; Regina; Carolyn Olivia; and Erica.

Billy Ray Atwood, born 1938, died 1986, married first Ruby Mings, married second Diane Gwyn Lynn. Children: Larry; Charlotte; Billy Jo; Johnny.

Betty Fay Atwood, born 1938, died 2010, married first David Davis, married second Joe Welch. Children: Billy Lee; David Davis; Lisa; Patti; Jody; and Ruthie.

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Gen. Elijah M. Covington came to Warren County in 1795 to farm and survey. Became county's first sheriff and surveyor.



Atwood

most 3,000 soldiers died of starvation, exposure, or disease. A quarter of the troops were barefooted and few had blankets or warm clothing. At the end of February, despite the deaths and desertions, General Washington had some 6,000 troops in the Valley Forge encampment. Only about 4,000 of these men were fit for duty.

The family never knew that Daniel was at Valley Forge but had been told he was at King's Mountain. That battle was on October 7, 1780, after Daniel left the military. I was sure that he was at King's Mountain as Homer Ledford and Selden Davidson told me he had fought in the battle. Selden Davidson had given me the information that Daniel Davidson was listed in the *History of Southwest Virginia* by Lewis Preston Summers, pages 1054, 1055, and page 1837 serving as an Ensign at King's Mountain.

Captain Ferguson had sent a message about a month before the battle to the officers west of the Blue Ridge, that, if they continued their opposition to the British army, he was going to march his army over the mountains; hang their leaders, and lay their country waste with fire and sword.

A call to arms went out and the mountain men decided they would not give Captain Ferguson the opportunity to come after them. They would take the fight to him. Some 1,100 volunteers from southwest Virginia and present-day northeast Tennessee, known as the Over-Mountain Men mustered at Sycamore Shoals near present-day Elizabethton, Tennessee, on September 25, 1780. David Ramsey, in his *History of South Carolina* written in 1808, said, "Hitherto these mountaineers had only heard of war at a distance, and had been in peaceable possession of that independence for which their countrymen on the seacoast were contending. They embodied to check the invader of their own volition, without any requisition from the Government of America or the officers of the Continental Army. Each man set out with a knapsack, blanket, and gun. All who could obtain horses were mounted, the re-



Velma Atwood, 46 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares these photos. The photo on the left is of PFC Robert Coomer, Velma's brother, taken in 1966 in Vietnam. The photo on the right is of PVT Danny Atwood and his buddies in 1969 in Vietnam. Danny is the guy on top. He is Velma's brother-in-law.



mainder on foot."

King's Mountain is unique in America's history: The battle was fought without orders, uniforms, provisions, and with no promise of pay. Daniel Davidson had served in the military; however, many had no formal military training.

The battle began around 3:00 p.m. on October 7, 1780. In only 65 minutes, the Over-Mountain Men totally destroyed Ferguson's troop of Loyalists and Royalists. Every last man of them was either dead or taken prisoner, and Colonel Ferguson was left dead on the field. Daniel Davidson and the other Over-Mountain Men returned to their homes and families.

In Selden Davidson's book *Eastern Kentucky Davidsons* he writes:

"From the book, *The Strong Family* by J. C. Hurst is an account of the migration of several families from Virginia into Kentucky, including and as follows: 'About the year 1801 a party was organized in Scott County, Virginia to come to Kentucky. This party was composed of Edward Callahan and family; William Strong and family; Daniel Davidson and three sons: Samuel, John and Robert, with their

families; also Roger and Robin Cornett. The above-mentioned men brought along with them their livestock, household goods, slaves and other possessions. William Strong, Samuel Davidson and the two Cornett's had married daughters of Edward Callahan. After arriving in Kentucky the above named parties settled on the North Fork of the Kentucky River near the mouth of Grapevine Creek, now Perry County."

Daniel Davidson is listed on the 1807 Clay County, Kentucky Tax List as living in the Upper District. In 1823 in Perry County, Kentucky court records he was exempted from paying the public levy. In a November 1834 Perry County, Kentucky deed, (DBA, page 584, original copy on FHC Microfilm #0968252) between the heirs and representatives of Daniel Davidson it is stated that Daniel Davidson made a deathbed request that the youngest sons, Robert and White, receive the 30 acres that he owned.

Our Davidson family has lived in Southeastern Kentucky for over 200 years.

Hon. Linda Roberts Sibley  
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William O. Butler, a hero of the Mexican-American War, was born in Jessamine County ca. 1791, died ca. 1880.

...a ways and stopped. Everyone jumped from the wagon and started looking for small trees that would be suitable.

The grown-ups started sawing and chopping down small trees. They sawed away the small branches and piled the naked poles into the wagon.

We children helped drag a few pieces of the wood to the wagon for them, but there wasn't much that we could do. We watched for a few minutes, before we wandered away from the wagon trail back to the main road.

All of us turned left and walked a short distance before we saw a big snake in the middle of the road. It was making a blowing noise. It blew and puffed, while its jaws got wider and wider and was the most terrifying sight that I'd ever seen.

A bird was in the road close to the snake and seemed to be frozen with fright. It was making little chirping sounds, but it didn't move. The blowing viper kept inching towards the bird and us. Its mouth kept getting larger and larger.

The snake charmed us just like it had the bird.

We all started screaming almost simultaneously and knew the snake was going to eat us after it ate the bird.

When Mother and the boys heard us screaming, they dropped their tools and rushed across the woods to us. Kenny arrived first. When he saw what was wrong, he killed the snake with big rocks. That broke the charm it had on us and the bird.

The bird flew away, but we just stood there shaking with fright. When Mother got there, she broke a switch from a small tree and gave us a whipping, because we'd scared her so with our screams.

Although she told us that a little snake couldn't eat us, and we were silly to be so afraid of it, we still weren't too sure it was true. Our fright had been real, and we all had felt the snake was bent on eating us, too.

Security was sitting on the edge of the wood box behind the hot cooking stove with juicy blackberry cobbler bubbling in the oven. The tantalizing aroma made me inhale long deep



Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo of (l-r) Andrew Thomas Coomer, 1908-1993, Burkesville, Ky., married Emma Nixon, born in Cumberland County, Kentucky; Katie Gladys Hill, 1901-1972; John Roy Coomer, 1892-1974, Jefferson County, Kentucky, married Exonna Parrish, 1902-1985, daughter of George Parrish and Sallie Ferguson; and James Gordon Combs, Velma's dad, 1910-1999, married Mattie Lee Pierce Coomer, 1909-2000.

breaths.

Fried Irish potatoes were sizzling in hog lard in a large black cast iron skillet. They were becoming crispy and browning slowly.

A pan of hot steaming golden cornbread had just been taken from the oven a few minutes earlier. It was resting on the back of the stove until mealtime.

A massive Dutch oven full of brown pinto beans with a slab of hog belly was weaving its aroma with all the other scents. These scents made me sigh with delight as I anticipated the feast awaiting me at suppertime.

On the brightly colored, oilcloth-covered table, shiny blue-flowered dishes, sparkling glasses, and flatware were stationed ready for duty.

A platter of large, crisp, old-fashioned multiplying onions was adding its strong scent to the heady room.

A large blue stone crock of cold yellow cows' butter had been brought from the spring, and a gallon glass jar of cold milk had accompanied the butter to the house. Rich cream was float-

ing on the top half of the jar, which Mother skimmed off some and saved to make more butter. A large spoon made musical sounds as she used it to stir the rest of the cream into the rich milk, which was used to wash down the wonderful supper.

Security was sitting in the summer evenings on the front porch with my whole family. Mother and Daddy were sitting in hickory bark-bottomed, straight-back chairs. The rest of us sat on the floor, on Mother's and Daddy's lap, or on the concrete porch steps.

We watched the darkening sky change from twilight to night, which was a magical time. The twinkling starlight and moonlight gave everything that was visible a silvery glow.

Tiny lightning bugs, or fireflies, started floating up from the damp grass. They seemed suspended near the ground for a few seconds, and then they moved swiftly upward to join their numerous cousins that had floated up earlier. Because they could light up, they seemed such a mystery



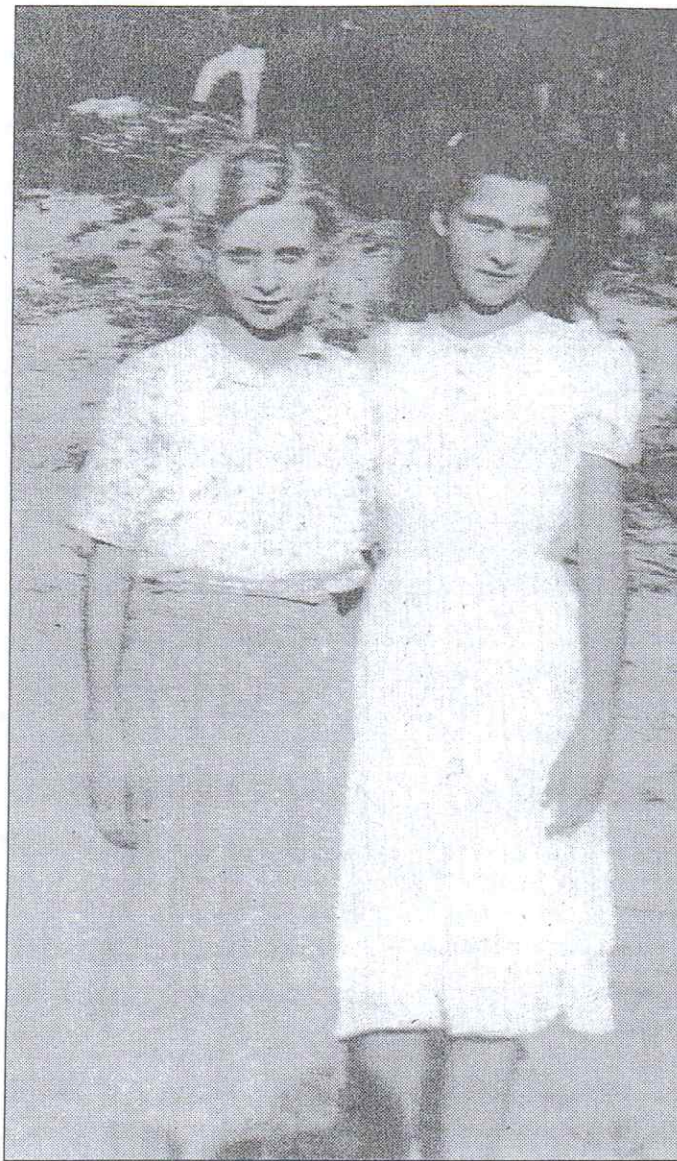
They hooked a singletree with its hooks and chains to the two split legs. This stretched its legs open and made it easier for the men to handle the hog.

Daddy brought Peanut and the sled out of the driveway of the barn. He led her and talked quietly to her to calm her. By using the singletree to hold to, they rolled the hog onto the little sled. Daddy led her as she pulled the sled with hog up to the chip yard.

They rolled the hog off the sled onto the platform that the men had fixed earlier out of the logs and boards. Daddy took Peanut and the sled back to the barn, unhooked her, and turned her loose in the pasture field.

Some of the men put burlap bags over the top of the hog. They dipped boiling water out of the kettle with metal buckets and poured it on the bags, which they left in place for a while. In a few minutes they removed the bags; they took sharp knives, and started scraping all the hair off that side of the hog. Then they flipped the hog over and repeated the scalding and scraping process. The hog's skin looked so shiny and clean when they finished.

After that they cut the hog's head off. They used their sharp knives and cut all the way around it, but they had to use the axe to cut through the backbone. They laid its head on the chopping block, took the axe, and split it down the nose into two equal halves. Mother brought two buckets and carried them to the house. She cleaned the head more and cooked each half in a large kettle until it was tender. When it cooled, she picked all of the meat off the bones and saved it to make souse meat, which she seasoned, spiced, and molded into a jelled-like sandwich loaf.



Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellville, KY 42718, shares this photo of first cousins, Lou Willie Davidson and Velma Lou Coomer, taken in 1955. Place of photo not given.

The men hoisted up the scraped hog and hung it by the hooks on the singletree onto the log chain hook. The hog's head, if it had been still attached, would have hung toward the ground. They turned the stomach side toward the fire and cut it open all the way down its belly from top to bottom to gut it. They put the guts in a clean tub, which some of them carried to the creek and washed thoroughly inside and out. Since the guts had a lot of

heavy thick fat attached to them, Mother cut the guts and the fat up later when she started rendering lard or making lye soap.

They put the liver and the heart in a dishpan and took them to the house. Mother stewed the heart and saved it for later. She sliced part of the liver, rolled it in flour, and fried it for everyone's dinner. She also cooked other meat for the work hands and us to eat for our dinner, too. She saved some of the liver for the work hands to take home to their families for their suppers.

The men carried cold water from the well and washed down the hog thoroughly inside and out. While some were washing the hog, another worker took boiling water and scrubbed the platform until it was clean and germ free.

They took the hog down, put it back on the platform, and started cutting it up. They severed the hams from the carcass first. Hams came from the big back legs of the hog. Next they cut off the shoulders, which are the large part of the front legs of the hog. They trimmed and squared the hams and shoulders, which made these sections look neater. The trimmings went into a tub for sausage making.

They cut its feet off at its knees. After the feet were scalded, the little hooves slipped off easily. Daddy carried them to the brooder house and covered them with salt to be eaten later. When Mother cooked them, they formed a jelled-like meat dish, which Daddy loved to eat.

They carried the hams and shoulders to the brooder house and put them on the clean meat shelf. Daddy tightly packed salt and sugar cure solutions around the meat to preserve





Velma Atwood, 96 Ebenezer Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, shares this photo of the Pierce family taken ca. 1914. Back row, l-r: Robert Bell Pierce, Hershel Pierce, and Annie Pierce. Front row, l-r: Elzie G. Pierce (holding Mattie Pierce), Mary Susie Pierce, and Ella Pierce (holding Nora Pierce).

ans, and gained an acquaintance with their languages, customs, and modes of warfare, which was of service in the period of strife that followed.

At Pittsburgh, these two brothers were living and carrying on their trade, when, in the spring of 1774, Dr. John Connolly, the nephew of Lord Dunmore, in the name and by the authority of that functionary, seized upon and dismantled Fort Pitt, which Dunmore claimed to be on territory belonging to Virginia, and built another which he called Fort Dunmore. Among the Pennsylvanians whom Connolly arbitrarily arrested was William Butler. The conduct of some of the Virginians, under Connolly's orders, excited the suspicion and fears of

the Indians, on whose peaceful settlement opposite Fort Pitt they had fired. On April 16, 1774, a canoe, laden with peltries belonging to the Butler brothers, was fired upon by the Indians, and a white man, one of their employees, was killed. Five days after this occurrence, Connolly wrote to the settlers along the Ohio that the Shawnees were not to be trusted, urging them to prepare to avenge any wrong the Indians might do them. When his first canoe had been attacked, William Butler had sent other agents to attend to his peltries further down the Ohio, in the Shawnee country. Connolly's letter had fallen into the hands of Michael Cresap, who attacked one of the canoes dispatched by

William Butler, containing two friendly Indians and two white men, and inhumanely butchered the Indians. Continuing their murders, Cresap and Daniel Greathouse massacred the friendly and unsuspecting Indians at Captina and Yellow Creek, including the family of Logan, the celebrated Mingo chief. These were the atrocities that led to the War of 1774, known as Dunmore's War. The letters of the Butlers, protesting against these proceedings, are preserved in the American Archives and in the Colonial Records of Pennsylvania.

Richard Butler warmly espoused the cause of Pennsylvania in the dispute with Connolly, and raised a company of 100 men to sustain that