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Paul W. Hunter

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D. 20 Nov. 1949

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s/o Ben W. and Ida Belle Yates Hunter

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Elizabeth Wooley Bohannon

B. 1 May 1865

D. 6 Aug. 1909

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w/o J. J. Bohannon

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D. 20 Oct. 1918

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B. 8 Mar. 1887

D. 20 Nov. 1916

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w/o J. J. Bohannon

Marlowe

**Thomas Marlowe** 

B. 16 Nov. 1888

D. 26 Mar. 1962

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Marlow

John Marlow

B. 1854

D. 1935

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Son-Fred Marlow

grandchildren-Manuel Marlow and Madeline Marlow Sutton

Bohannon

Joseph "Joe" Bohannon

B. 15 Feb. 1891

D. 22 Oct. 1933

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h/o Nora Lee Bohannon

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B. 18 Oct. 1892

D. 20 May 1975

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B. 2 Mar. 1940

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B. 8 July 1874

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Hunter

Estelle Bey Hunter

B. 7 Feb. 1902

D. 26 Feb. 1938

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d/o Ben W. and Ida Belle Yates Hunter

#### **Liberty Meeting House**



In 1789, long before Bradfordsville or Lebanon were established as towns, a group of men consisting of James McBride, Samuel McElroy, James McElroy, John Simpson, Thomas Simpson, John McMurry, James Wilson, John McElroy, and Rev. Thomas McClelland Sr. met at where Bradfordsville now is located and decided to build the first Presbyterian Church on Hardin Creek, where later the Vaughn Hotel stood in Lebanon. This building was used for the first ecumenical meeting in America.

In 1813, Liberty Meeting House was built by the Presbyterians. The building was made from hewn logs and had a bell tower. The slaves helped build the church and worshiped with the white people. The slaves were assigned a section in the back to sit. Only the Pastor prayed aloud. Nathan H. Hall was the first Pastor and helped organize the church. He was called in 1813 to be Pastor at Lebanon and Springfield and stayed 10 years. They probably only had church once a month at Liberty Meeting House. It remained a church many years, and after the slaves were freed, the church was given to the African Americans, and the whites built a Union Chapel in Bradfordsville with the Baptists.

The churchyard quickly became a cemetery. The land for the church and churchyard was given by John McMurry. As the cemetery grew, over four acres was bought for \$597.21 from Thomas Harrison Thornton. This is the rest of Section A and Section D. Mr. Thornton reserved the right for the Thornton family to be buried on the front side. Mr. Ben Wooley gave a 30-foot by 30-foot strip of land next to the back fence in Section C for the indigent. Mr. Harvey B. Dean bought two acres from the Phillips

estate and gave it to the cemetery (Section B and part of Section C) in 1877. When he died in 1898, he left \$1000.00 to the cemetery. They bought 5-3/8 acres, which is all of the new part of the cemetery. He aimed for a house to be built for a Sexton. This came to pass in the early 1900s. It was built on the end of the cemetery next to the skating rink. The cemetery was incorporated in 1904.

In 2000, four acres of land was purchased behind Section G for \$35,000.00. This land was purchased from Eddie Deep.

One story that has been passed down goes as follows: The church had a pastor who would really preach each service about the end of time and that everybody better be ready, for they knew not the hour the Lord would come. He would get very loud and excited. Three of the boys from town, Eugene Beard, Oatley Burke, and Sparky Hays, knew this. One time when the preacher got to this point in his sermon, they dropped a goose down from the bell tower. With this, everyone cleared the church too quickly to find out what had happened.

The oldest person known to have been buried at the cemetery was John McMurry, born in 1752. The first known buried was Thomas Simpson, 17 Apr. 1814. Mr. Hiram Poole cut most of the dates on the early tombstones in the cemetery.

Some of the Trustees through the years have been Ray Herren, Chester Herren, Sam Mills, Sam Thurman, Billy Cox, Everett Tucker, Dalton Woodrum, Manuel Marlow, William Stafford, and Eddie Lee Hogan. Some of the Sextons have been Will Wright, Charlie Wooley, Walter Hogan, and at present the Gerald Bright family.

### Family Group Sheet for James Brown Bohannon

Husband	<b>:</b>	James Brown Bohannon	
	Birth:	15 Oct 1905 in Marion County, Kentucky, USA	
	Death:	22 Aug 1980 in Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky, USA; Age at Death: 74	
	Marriage:	14 Aug 1924 in Clark County, Indiana, USA	
	Father:	William Lyle Bohannon	
	Mother:	Frances Evelyn Lanham	
Wife:		Ruby Graham	
	Birth:	09 Jul 1902 in Kentucky	
	Death:	10 Dec 1980 in Lebanon, Marion, Kentucky, United States	÷
	Father:	John R Graham	
	Mother:	Annie Booth	
Children:			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
1	Name:	Anna Pauline Bohannon	
F	Birth:	08 Jan 1926 in Marion Co, KY	
	Death:	20 Nov 2005 in Campbellsville, Taylor, Kentucky, USA	
	Burial:	Columbia, Adair County, Kentucky, USA	74 (1997) 1997
	Marriage:	19 Aug 1943	
	Spouse:	George Thomas Browning	
2	Name:	James Cletis Bohannon	
М	Birth:	22 Aug 1929 in Marion, Kentucky	
	Death:	13 Aug 1989 in Jefferson County, Kentucky, USA	
	Marriage:	04 May 1951 in Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky, USA	7
	Spouse:	Mary Mabel Mills	
3	Name:	Norma Jean Bohannon	
F	Birth:	04 Aug 1933 in Marion, Kentucky, USA	
	Spouse:	Merritt Drye Lewis	
4	Name:	Geraldine Bohannon	·
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### **Individual Report for Ruby Graham**

Individual Summary:	Ruby Graham	
Sex:	Female	
Father:	John R Graham	
Mother:	Annie Booth	
Individual Facts:		
Birth:	09 Jul 1902 in Kentucky	
Residence:	1910 in Hayesville, Marion, Kentucky; Age in 1910: 7; Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Daughter	
Residence:	1920 in Haysville, Marion, Kentucky; Age: 17; Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Daughter	
Residence:	1929 in Kentucky	
Death:	10 Dec 1980 in Lebanon, Marion, Kentucky, United States	
Residence:	Marion	
Shared Facts:	James Brown Bohannon	
Marriage:	14 Aug 1924 in Clark County, Indiana, USA	
Children:	Anna Pauline Bohannon	
	James Cletis Bohannon	
	Norma Jean Bohannon	
	Geraldine Bohannon	
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> He was the son of the late Margaret Litsey and George

William Fannick

# **Obituaries**

# Ruby Graham Bohannon, 77

Ruby Graham Bohannon, 77, of 137 E. Main St., Lebanon, died at 11:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at Spring View Hospital.

Mrs. Bohannon was a member of the Lebanon Baptist Church. She was the daughter of the late John and Annie Booth Graham.

Survivors include: one son, James C. Bohannon of Jeffersontown; three daughters, Mrs. Tommy "Pauline" Browning of Campbellsville, Mrs. Merritt "Norma" Lewis of Jeffersontown, and Mrs. Geraldine Burkhead of Foster City, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Beúlah Lanham of Fern Creek, Mrs. Sybil Lanham and Mrs. Celeste Isaacs of Lebanon; 12 grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services were con-

ducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Lebanon Baptist Church with burial in Hayesville Cemetery. Rev. Gary Stringer and Rev. Charles Van Zant officiated.

Pallbearers were Sam Hays, Marion Tandy, Maurice Clark, Frank Spragens, George Isham and Charles Campbell.

Bosley Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

# Lawrence Edward Shipp, 20\_

Lawrence Edward Shipp, 20, of 141 Stanford Ave., Danville, was

pronounced dead on arrival at Spring View Hospital on Dec. 13 at 4:15 p.m.

Survivors include: his mother, Pearl Smith Shipp; two half sisters, Joyce Shipp of Illinois and Doris Louise Shipp of Florida; one half brother, Bobby Shipp of Lebanon. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 15 at Bosley Funeral Home with burial in Ryder Cemetery. Father Dennis Cousens officiated.

Pallbearers were Bradley, Kevin and W.A. Smith, Tommy Cardwell, G.W. and Gregory Riley.

#### **Business Briefs**

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#### Real estate salesman

Gary Murphy recently passed his state real estate examination and he is now licensed to sell real estate in Kentucky. He will be working with the Tom Simms Agency, located on the corner of Spalding and Mulberry streets. Gary and his wife Marsha have three children—Jennifer, Christy and Kelly. He can be contacted at 692-6761.

#### New recycling center

A new business-Resource Recycling Center-will open for business Saturday. Owned and operated by Dennis George, the center will be open each Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. It will be located at 475 W. Walnut St. between B&H Distributing Co. and Super Saveway gas station. The center pays 29 cents a pound for aluminum and one cent a pound for newsprint, with a special premium available for any church, civic or school group. For more information contact Dennis at 692-6654. The center is one of a number of similar resource operations across the state. They have been set up to help control the litter problem in the state.





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## Bernard A.

#### Williams

Mr. Bernard A. Williams, 82, died Tuesday, July 19, 1977, at his home in Louisville.

Mr. Williams was a son of the late James and Georgia Ann Gootee Williams. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Emestine Bowman Williams.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Appolonia Nalley of New Haven; and one brother, J. Cy Williams of Lebanon.

The funeral was conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, July 22, 1977, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, by Rev. Kenneth Tobe with burial in Lebanon National Cemetery. Rattermans Funeral Home, Louisville, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Joseph F. Abeil, Caldwell Abell, Guy Luckett, E. H. (Shine) Parrott, Maurice Spalding and Eddie Deep, Sr.

# Emma Elizabeth Bohannon

Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Bohannon, 77, died at 3:20 p.m. Monday, July 25, 1977, at Mary Immaculate Hospital.

Mrs. Bohamnon, a native of Marion County, was a daughter of the late W. M. and Stella Marshall Owen. She was a member of Woodlawn Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, James B. Bohannon; two sons, Glenn Pennington, and Vernon Pennington, both of Berea; one sister, Ella Ellison of Corbin; one brother, Johnny Owen; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, 1977, at Beb G. Massey Funeral Home, by Rev. Doug Olive with burial in Pine Hill Cemetery, Corbin.

## Ella Serena Kelty

Mrs. Ella Serena Kelty, 68, died Tuesday, July 19, 1977, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Greenwell in Loretto.

Mrs. Kelty, a native of Marion County, was a daughter of the late James Monroe and Lucy Ann Nalley Downs. Also prededing her in death were her husband, Joseph Leo Kelty, November, 1945, and son, George Kelty, August, 1967.

Surviors include three daughters, Mrs. Emilee Greenwell, Mrs. Betty Medley, both of Loretto, and Mrs. Midge Miles of Louisville; four sons, Harold of Mt. Washington, Pat of Harrodsburg, Earnest of Springfield, and Bill of Loretto; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Mattingly and Mrs. Genevieve Nalley, both of Loretto; one brother, Zollar Downs of Sheibyville; 27 grand-children; and nine great-grand-children.

The funeral was conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, July 22, 1977 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, by Rev. Marvin C. Rolfes, with burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery. A prayer service was held 8 p.m. Thursday at Mattingly Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ray Mattingly, Steve Trimble, John Greenwell, Joe Hutchins, Gary, Cordy, and Leon Nalley. Honorary pallbearers were Mike Kelty, Earnest Kelty, Jr., Jeff Medley, and Steve Greenwell tingly Funeral Home was in the arrangements.

## Donald Michae Tharp

Donald Michael Tharp, 26 July 21, 1977, of head and injuries received in an autoaccident at Old Fork, N.C.

Mr. Tharp, who made his he St. Francis, was an employee of Steel Contractors. He is a Allison and Louise Newton Thar

Survivors include his wife, P Gail Burba Tharp; eight sisters Angie Caldwell of Mt. Washi Mrs. Dorothy Masterson of Hope, Mrs. Beverly Leake of Ra Mrs. Sue Smith of St. Francis, I Jaketa, Lucy, Debbie and I Tharp; two brothers, Clayton Th Louisville, and Allison Tharp, St. Francis.

Services were held at 10:00 Monday, July 25, 1977, at Mat Funeral Home. Burial was i Francis of Assisi Cemetery. Mat Funeral Home was in chargarrangements:

Pallbearers were Eddie S Roger Caudill, Stuart Newton, McCarthy, Bobby Joe Burba Buggs Greenwell.

#### Corrections

In last weeks issue of the I prise, the obituary of Thomas Smith, incorrectly stated that burial was July 19. It should have July 12. Also, a sister, Alice Grav Lexington, was omitted from the survivors.

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#### LETTERS

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#### Wants Info. On Jonathan Swift's Silver Mines

Dear Editor:

I have been reading *The Kentucky Explorer* for several years now, and I really enjoy it. I would like to know if there is anyone out there who has any information about Jonathan Swift's silver mines. I am a direct descendant of Swift, and I have been searching for these mines for a few years. I have found the things I was told to look for passed down for several generations, but I don't know how to decipher the markings I've found.

If there is anyone willing to share information, please contact me. If anyone knows how to read old survey

markings from the 1700s, this could possibly lead to the discovery of what I consider important Kentucky history. Anyone willing to help can contact me.

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#### **Seeds Wanted**

Dear Editor:

Since I have mailed lots of seeds to 38 different people all over the United States, I would like to have any kind of old garden seeds that some of these people must have. I would like some old-time fall bean seeds.

I will gladly refund the postage. I'm just an old mountain boy from Jeff, Kentucky, near Hazard.

Marcus Combs 535 N. Madison Street Beaver Dam, KY 42320

## What's Bean Stringing? Dear Editor:

I am a recent subscriber to *The Kentucky Explorer*. I have seen a few letters mentioning the activity of "bean stringing." I am asking your readers to write me and explain in detail what this practice really was and what is involved.

My mother mentioned bean stringing several years ago as being a recreational or group pastime for fun, but never explained it. She was born in Clay County, Kentucky, on Horse Creek in 1895 and lived there until moving to Nebraska in 1914. I am in the process of writing our family history and would like to describe this "bean stringing" as something related to her youth.

I appreciate any response.

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**Huston Reunion.** The family of George Mage Huston and Nellie Burnett had a large family reunion around 1945-48, at the location of George Mage's new tobacco barn in Marion County, Kentucky. Some of the families present were: Huston, Burnett, Seeley, Cornett, Newcomb, Rice, Cox, Batcher, Caulk, Bohanon, and Gowen.

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