

Gillespie whose ancestors were early residents of Bracken County. His family supported the Union during the Civil War and named their son after the famous Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, however; he was known to all his family and friends as Sherman.

As a boy, Sherman was reared, along with his brothers and sisters, on a farm on Kincaid Creek. He grew up listening to tales of the Civil War from his uncles who had fought with the Union Army and home guard. He also heard of his great-uncle, Elijah Elliott, who was killed and scalped by the Indians at the River Raisin in the War of 1812. Tales from the wild west of Custer's last stand and lost silver mines filled his life as a young boy. Perhaps all of these stories help to make him the storyteller he became later in life.

Life was hard on the farm, and Sherman's father divorced his mother and ran off with a neighbor lady named Belle Vickroy. Sherman had to hire out to help support the family. This gave him the opportunity to meet many people in the area and get to know the local characters, which he later told stories about. He also was becoming quite a well-known character in the area himself.

As a handsome young man, Sherman courted several of the local beauties, but the one that captured his heart was Nannie Mae Smith. Sherman's sister, Emma Jane, was married to Charlie (Peg Leg) Smith, the brother of Nannie May. Nannie May's and Charlie's parents were William Riley Smith and Hetty Wyatt Smith of Powersville, Bracken County. They were early residents of Bracken County and are buried near Powersville.



Flota Carol Tharp, 3024 Klonway Drive, Louisville, KY 40220, shares this photo of her great-grandfather, Jim Gribbins, and his mule, Jack. Jim's second wife, Annie Katherine Ellis Gribbins in looking out the window. Jim first married Rosie Raley and had Samuel, Flota Catherine, Annie, Lonzo, Myrtle, and Albert. Jim and Annie had Ernest, Robet, Gladdis, Oatley, Hubert, Don V., Lettie Belle, Roberta, Lottie, Lillian, and Mary Elizabeth. This family lived in Marion County, Kentucky. Date of photo not given.

After a proper courtship and some competition from a certain Irishman, Sherman and Nannie May were married in the year 1885 in Bracken County. They began their life together on a farm on Big Willow Creek, where Sherman's reputation as a storyteller continued to grow. Sherman and Nannie May had the following children: Arthur Lee, born 1886; Myrtle Rose, 1888; Beulah Annie, 1891; Bennie Clinton, 1894; Edna; and

near Falmouth. They became members of the Turner Ridge Baptist Church. Myrtle married Frank Browning of Browning's Corner and Beulah Annie married Dempsie Adams. Bennie Clinton never married, because his mother drove off every girl he was interested in. She was not about to give up her last child. Bennie took care of his mother until her death, and he was killed three or four years after her death

twins, Ina and Nina.

Sherman and his wife were members of the Palestine Baptist Church and were respected members of the church and community, holding positions such as church treasurer and membership director. As membership director, he had to keep track of the members who left to become Campbellites and other members who were expelled from the church for cursing, dancing, drinking, and such.

Life was hard, and they were barely able to make a living on their farm. One of the main crops Sherman raised was tobacco. When the tobacco wars started, Sherman played a very active roll against the night riders. No group of bullies were going to tell him who to sell his tobacco to or for how much.

The next big set back they had was the typhoid epidemic of 1900 and 1901. Edna was the first to go, then the twins, and finally their first born, Arthur Lee. This was a bitter blow from which Nannie May never recovered, and she was a bitter and sullen woman the rest of her life. Their children are all buried in the Palestine Cemetery.

Desiring to get away from a place with such sad memories, Sherman, Nannie, and their remaining children moved to a farm in Pendleton County

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Flota Carol Tharp, 3024 Klonway Drive, Louisville, KY 40220, shares this photo of (l-r) Flota Catherine Gribbins Tharp Childers, Annie Gribbins Wright, Marion Howard Wright (Annie's husband), Jim Gribbins, and Annie Katherine Ellis Gribbins. Jim is the father of Flota Catherine and Annie. Their mother was Jim's first wife, Rosie Raley. Photo taken in Marion County, Kentucky. Date of photo not given.

# Winfrey Gribbins, 68

Winfrey Gribbins, 68, Campbellsville, died Aug. 3, 2008, at his residence.

Born April 8, 1940 in Marion County, Gribbins was a retired truck driver with Fruit of the Loom Company.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Elizia Washington and Willie Walker Rhodes Gribbins.

Survivors include: his wife, Theresa Spalding Gribbins of Campbellsville; two sons, Darrell (Vicky) Gribbins of Bradfordsville and Dale Hawkins of Bardstown; a daughter, Elizabeth Carol Smith of Houika, Miss.; a step-daughter, Cecilia (Tom) Cheatham of Mt. Washington; and a



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sister, Blanche Gribbins of Lebanon.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7, 2008 at Bosley Funeral Home, Lebanon, with burial in Old Liberty Cemetery. Rev. Larry Wilson

officiated.

Active pallbearers were Michael Gribbins, Ricky Barlow, Garry Greenwell, Mike Spalding, Danny Housley, and Tom Cheatham.

Honorary pallbearers were Gerald Farmer, Kevin Farmer, and A.C. Wooley.

Bosley Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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## Mary Catherine Gribbins, 86

Mary Catherine Gribbins, 86, Bradfordsville Road, Lebanon, died Nov. 22, 2007, at her residence.

Born in Marion County July 23, 1921, Gribbins was a housewife.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Jim and Grace Gribbins Smothers; her husband, Robert Gribbins; one son, Rodney Taylor Gribbins; two sisters, Ivy Caudill and Nettie Price; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include: three sons, Robert Harold and Jack Arnold Gribbins, both of Campbellsville, and William Lee Gribbins of Lebanon; four daughters, Judy Kaye Gribbins, Janet Faye Horton and Helen Lois Spalding, all of Lebanon, and Ivy LaVerne Gribbins Allen of Barbourville; one step-broth-

er, Carl Smothers of Bradfordsville; 22 grandchildren; and 44 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 26 at Campbell-DeWitt Funeral Home, Lebanon, with burial in Old Liberty Cemetery, Bradfordsville. Brother Chuck Overton officiated.

Pallbearers were Tony, Mike and Chris Gribbins, Scotty Horton, James Rodney Spalding and Johnathon Allen.

Honorary pallbearers were Chris and Cody Cook, Bob, Mark and Wayne Horton, Greg, Roger and Scott Gribbins, Steven and Will Allen and Robert Todd Spalding in honor of Richard Todd Spalding.

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Taylor County coroner, Dr. W. R. Mann, stated that Gribbins was found by a relative and estimated the time of death at about two weeks or 10 days previously. The coroner stated that he apparently died while cutting wood.

Gribbins, who lived on the old family place, had lived there most of the time.

Survivors include three brothers, Henry Gribbins, Route 2, Bradfordsville, Herman Gribbins, Star Route, Lebanon, and Gilbert Gribbins, of Route 5, Campbellsville.

Graveside services were held at Old Liberty Cemetery.

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