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Articles in
London Register, Nov. 28, 1861.

"Under this head, the Cincinnati Times," etc

Nov. 14, 1861 - "Our neighboring town"
Destruction of Guyandotte

" - "Hard work this to get out," etc

Dec. 19, 1861 - Letter from Thomas Ross
to his wife.

Nov. 21, 1861 - The Burning of Guy.

From the Cincinnati Com.

" " Whaling Intelligence

" " - Hon Kellian V. Whaley
will address the people
of Ironton, etc

July 18, 1861 - It is known that Guy

The 1st and 2nd Ky. reg-
iments

On Friday afternoon, Mat Noble
more about the Barboursville
Affair

The Latest Information

Oct. 3, 1861 - On Monday night, etc.

Murder of Major Almstreet

✓ Fight at Guy. by John. H. R.

Barboursville Notes.

Captain D. A. Allen said he was born, in Prince Edward County, Va., or came from there. It was within four miles of Hampden Sidney College — and Seminary.

A letter written to me, in answer to my inquiry, from Richmond, Va., April 8, 1943, says:

"Dr. Virginius Randolph Moss received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, from the Medical College of Virginia, in 1856"

"Mr. Charles Moss, his brother, attended the Medical College, of Virginia during the winter of 1854-5. He did not receive a degree, from this institution."

The William P. Donahoe's daughter, suicided, by shooting herself, one night, April 25, 1895. She was buried in the Balous Cemetery. Joel Donahoe whipped her the day before, for going with a Logan boy.

The Lincoln County Crew.

Come, humble fathers, brothers, and sisters too,
I'm going to relate to you,
The history of the Lincoln County Crew
Concerning bloody raving,
And many a thieving deed
I pray you lend me your attention,
And remember how it reads.

It was in the month of August,
All on a very fine day,
Allen Brumfield, he was wounded
By Mill Halley
But Brumfield did not believe it,
Nor hardly thought it so.
He said it was Green McCoy,
That struck that terrible blow.

The shot and killed Boney Lucas,
A sober and me man
To leave his wife and children,
To do the best they can.

They wounded Rufus Stowers
 Although his life was saved
 But he seemed to shun the grocery shop
 Since he stood so near his grave.

Allen Brumfield, he recovered,
 Some months had come and passed,
 At the house of George Fry's,
 Those men, they met, at last.

Green McCoy, and Mill Halley,
 About the yard did walk,
 They seemed to be uneasy,
 But no man wished to talk.

They went into the house,
 And sat down, by the fire,
 But little did they think, dear friends,
 That they had met their fatal hour,

The sting of death was near them,
 The crowd rushed into the door,
 A few words passed between them,
 Concerning an old row before.

The people they got frightened,
 And began to rush out of the room,
 When the balls, from the Brumfield's pistols,
 Lay the boys, in their tombs.

Their friends, they gathered round them,
 Their wives to weep and wail,
 Tom Ferrell, he was arrested,
 And was soon confined, in jail.

He was placed, in jail, at Hamlin,
 To stay there, for a while,
 In the hands, of Andrew Chapman,
 To bravely stand his trial.

The Butcher Boys Talked of lynching him,
 But that was their only fear,
 On the day of the trial,
 Tom Ferrell, he came clear.

Now, I will relate to you,
 Another little deed.

Martin Phelps, got in the rank,
 It was on that horrible day,
 That he killed poor Wilson Branch.

Now, Lincoln County's still, at war,
And may never, never close,
Until justice overcomes them all,
And condemns their immortal soul.

A warning to all men,
Your pistols will cause you trouble,
~~And~~, On that, you may depend
For in the bottom of a whiskey glass,
These lurking devils dwell,
It burns the breath of those who drink
And will send your soul to hell.

The Cox Family

James Cox, of the Howells mill section, was born Feb. 24, 1763, at Fort Chiswell, Virginia. He was a son of Captain John Cox, of Montgomery County, Virginia. He married Sally Fielder, Feb. 4, 1819. He then served in the Company of his father, Captain John Cox, and Grand Capt. Nell. William Love, and under Major Cleveland. He enlisted, in 1776, and served four years, in the Revolutionary War, till 1780. His father, Capt. John Cox, was an Indian ^{spy}. His mother was Mary Poorman. James Cox died April 17, 1841. He applied for a pension, under the Act of June 7, 1832, but for some reason, was rejected, but was later, given a pension. He was born at Fort Chiswell County and lived, in Wythe, Boute-Tourt, and then Montgomery counties. Benj. Plipp, Charles Cole, and Henry Hardin supported ~~his~~ ^{their} claims. At the time of his application.

Revolutionary War Records, Vol. I p 154

" " " Vol IV p 179

{ James Cox was buried on the Burdette
cemetery, on the Prichard School Road.

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institution."

The Meehling murder:

Charles Meehling: father of Charles Meehling who was murdered by Ed. Williams and Matilda Meehling, evidently had lost his mind partially, about, or just after the murder, for he was heard to say:

"See the waggons and sleds and see the lanterns coming over the hill." He was in Barboursville, shortly after the murder.

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four miles of Hampden-Sidney
College and ——— Summary

Mrs Hattie Hall

Wrote 9-19-49

Bradenton, Florida

108? - 27th Ave

See History of Randolph Co
By Bosworth for Laws of
Pioneers, Millers, Ministers, etc.

Lumaway etc - Hist. of James
River & Kan. Co. Longmans, Green & Co.

Random Notes
From Old Papers

Mrs. Jasper Swann says:

"C. H. Hall and his wife taught
schools at Swamp Branch. The
terms were short - 3 mos - or about
so long, James Shomaker was a
brother to Bill Shomaker."

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April 25, 1895. She was buried
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For Everett Records write
Mrs. James Clark,

Oak Street near Hole Ave.,
Crystal Lake, Illinois.

For early history of the story
"Biography of Johnson Newlon Camden"
(From Letter Margaret J. Stevens
Research Librarian of B. & O. R.R.
117 B. & O. Gen Office Bldg.
(Letter of
Oct. 7, 1946

On? —

write

Mrs Mc Colgin } 3009 Lexington R.
Mrs Thacker } Louisville, Ky

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On Frederick Moore write
R. S. Moore, grandson, Rt. 1, Louisa,
Ky.

Write for upper end of Wayne Co
B. Wilson Rice,
Quaker, W. Va

Mrs. Maynard (Probably dead
now)
of Mark Maynard
R.F.H. Ferguson,
W. Va

Medical School of Va., Richmond
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For information on Adkins write
Wm. Martin Adkins } brothers living
Rev Hiram " } together at

Rt. 1 Lavalette, W. Va.
(From John B. Collins, D. D.)

From newspaper Clipping

"Dr. Allen B. McGinnis died at
Guyandotte home of Bright's
Diseases, at 69.

His father was an early
settler. He was posted on the
history of this section.

From Letter from Rev. A. N. Morris
Aug. 25, 1944:

"The Wm Morris that m. Sarah
Spurlock was the second child
of Levi & Margaret (Jarrett) Morris
"I don't know who the Levi
that m. Electra Spurlock". (His son, I think
J. B. Lambert)

"Levi son of Levi, Sr. m. Mary
Voors and settled in North Carolina

Levi brother of Bishop, son
of John b. 1786 m. Penny —, moved
to Christian Co., Ky., later to
Louisiana. (Query: ~ I wonder
if he was confused in names?

Was it the — Morris who
was an early court official?

No. that was H. S. " "

Interview with Sam Williams

Aug. 25, 1933.

The Williams family consisted of

Sam P. Williams

Martha (Craig) Williams (sister to John Craig)

Jackson

Ed

Mollie

^{John} Lillie McDowell Wins.

Jim

Barn (Joseph)

Baby ?

Belle Neal,
raised by the
Williams family

Father (Sam) was born in
England, mother born & raised
in Rockbridge Co. (I doubt whether it
is true he b. in England, as
there were many in Amherst Co. before him)

Came to Kan. Co., staid
14 mos. then came to Cabell
Co. & settled at Hensenberry
Ham. on farm of C. L. Riffe,
just about the close of the
Civil War.

(1)
At the time of my interview
with Sam Williams Jr. (Aug. 25, 1933),
he had living

Jean — about Portsmouth O.
Dallas

Iva m. Jas. Rarden but both
are dead. He preceded
her about a month.

J. Howard Williams, son of
Bard lived at Toledo O, and
was an eye specialist.

Mrs. Sam Williams, now
Mrs. Cora Young, 38 B. St.,
Huntington

Mr. John Williams wife,
Mrs. Fannie Williams was at
Clay City, Kentucky. (now, both dead.)

Mr. John Wesley Williams
1023 Lamar Ave.,

Mr. Vernon, Illinois
(still living)

Thomas Smith Wade was born in Highland County, Virginia, August 5, 1838. His father was Leonard Cassell Wade, and his mother was Sarah Matheny. He was the seventh child in a family of which there were three boys and four girls. His parents early moved to Wood County near Parkersburg. Here, he labored on the farm and attended the "Old field schools," later having the advantage of a "Limited Academic Course."

He was a great reader of books, a student of men, and a bright pupil in the "University of Nature."

At the age of seventeen he became a member of the M.E. Church, South, and for more than fifty years he was one of its ablest exponents. For twenty-five years he was a regular minister, for twenty years, Presiding Elder, four years Chaplain in the Confederate Army, one year editor of the Methodist Advocate, and two years a superannuate.

He held numerous responsible positions in the Conference.

He was for twelve years editor of the Methodist Advocate.

(First President of Morris Harvey College)

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A man named Simon taught in the old Court House about 1850. Foster taught in the old M.E.Church, South building, located on Water Street, just beyond the old Thornburg house.

Students came from a distance to attend Foster's schools. He and McClellan were Virginians.

The free school law was passed in 1863, but was not put in operation here until 1865, and then in a very limited way. Probably the first free school in the county was taught in Barboursville in the autumn of 1865 by C.H.Hall, who came here from Ohio, the same year and bought the old Merritt Hotel, which stood on the site of the dwelling now occupied by G.E.Thornburg. The school was kept in a room, upstairs.

The town never owned a building until 1870. It is the frame yet standing in the alley behind Captain Turner's. Mr.Hall is yet living and is a prominent business man in Huntington, W.Va.

In 1771, four years before the beginning of the American Revolution, Lieut. John Savage and sixty 6 soldiers of the French and Indian War received a grant of land from the State of Virginia in what is now Cabell County. This was first surveyed by Col. William Crawford for George Washington, who was expected to make the survey. This same Colonel Crawford met a tragic death by being burned at the stake by the Indians on the plains of Chillicothe, Ohio.

This old land grant included all the Ohio River bottoms, from a short distance above the mouth of Nine Mile Creek to Catlettsburg, Kentucky, and up the Big Sandy River on each side for about fifteen miles.

The wild cane grew on the bottoms of Guyan River, and the buffalo often fed upon it on an old second bottom below the Spencer Mill. This has since been washed away by the river.

There were no Indians here, at the time of ^{the} coming of the white men; but, there was every evidence to show that not only Indians, but Mound builders, were plentiful, in this region. Indian relics were found on the bottoms, everywhere. Mounds were found on the Miller farm near the brick now occupied by Mr. Martin. One of the lesser Shawnee Indian trails ran up through Teay's Valley to the Kanawha River, and there was a large buffalo trail on the same route.

There is a tradition that William ^{Stoupe? No.} Stoop was killed by Indians on the Green Bottoms. James and William Kelly, brothers, were shot by Indians, from their ambush near the Ensign Shops, and wrecks, of many boats, were seen along the shores, a prey to the rifle,

tomahawk and scalping knife. Guyan River often served as a route for Indians on their way to, or from, the Valley of Virginia horses and ~~the people~~.

Samuel Lusk was once captured on Gilbert Creek, in Minga County after his companion Gilbert had been killed. They brought him down to Logan Court House, where they camped one night, and then down Guyan in canoes and went on to the Sciota, whence he escaped, and brought back a Mrs. ^{Jenny} Wiley, after many thrilling adventures.

Jonathan Buffington lived on the Guyandotte, below Barboursville Tradition says that all his family were murdered, but one little girl, a baby. He spent many years among the Indians, in a vain effort, to find her; but she was gone forever. (Note - This did not occur in Cabell Co.)

The early pioneers had a civilization all their own. It was the natural outgrowth of local conditions. Most of them were Virginians, and it would be natural that they would bring with them, their home customs. Hence, we find slavery a very prominent institution, in this locality. Sampson Saunders, one of the incorporators of the town, had over a hundred slaves ^{long before} just previous to the war. He died in 1849.

In the early days, transportation facilities were limited, and the people were obliged to manufacture most of their implements, and furniture. We find tanners, hatters, chair makers, and makers of the old corded bedsteads. They produced flax and cotton, for clothing. This was spun, on the old spinning wheel, and woven, by the women in their homes.

Near Salt Rock, was a large Indian graveyard. Mounds were

found on the *Godfrey* Scites farm; and near the river~~x~~ bank, is a large stone on which a full sized Indian, and other figures, such as Indians, birds, turtles, &c. were carved. (*It was rather near the hill, some distance from the river.*)

There were few wagons, or buggies. Thomas Dundas is said to have brought the first buggy, to Mud River.

The country abounded in wolves: Hence, sheep raising was not a great industry. The County usually paid a bounty of \$4.00 for old wolf scalps and \$2.00 for young ones. These bounties are recorded every year, until nearly 1850. In 1814, nearly \$400.00 was paid for scalps.

Taxes were light. The total county expenses, for 1814, were only about \$800.00. Each tithable *had to pay* 68-3/4¢. (*Look this up.*)

The Courts made many indictments, but they were mostly for A & B.^x unlawful gaming, profane swearing, or retailing spirituous liquors. Ferry keepers were frequently indicted for neglect of duty, it being necessary that the public *be protected.*

**Assault & battery*

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(The Savage Grant, continued)

It also included the bottoms of Guyan Valley from Barboursville

* The line from the Ohio River extended from the point about the mouth of Nine Mile in a straight line by a point almost exactly at the old Merritt's Mill, and through the site of the old Court House in Barboursville, and thence across Guyan River. * So far as recorded history shows, these surveyors were the first white men in what is now Cabell County, although explorers had been passing down the Ohio River for a hundred years. In these days, this was a wilderness inhabited only by wild animals.

(* Not correct. It extends up Guyan to the mo. of Davis Cr. & across to a point near the Culvert above Buell & to a point about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. above the mo. of Nine Mile, on the Ohio River)

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*Paper Read at The Barboursville Centennial, 1813.
By J. B. Lambert.*

So far as known, William Merritt is the first settler of what is now the Town of Barboursville. His name begins to appear in the Court records, in September, 1801, when he applied, to the County Court of Kanawha County, for a writ of ad quad damnum, to condemn an acre of ground, on the bank of Mud River, near to his dam, for a "water grist mill." Just when he came, is not known, but he had been here for some time, for he already had a dam built. About the same time Manoa Bostwick settled on Mud River, opposite the mouth of Fudge Creek.

He was active in public offices.

Joel Estes settled at, or near the mouth of Estis Creek, now Mill Branch, near Dusenberry's Dam.

Israel Heath lived at the mouth of Heath's Creek, and it was from him, that the creek was named *Estes Creek, later changed to Mill Creek*

James H. Smith was still living, near the mouth of Smith Creek in 1815, and kept a ferry to accomodate the travel.

Thomas Ward was another of the early settlers in this neighborhood--about 1800. He lived, on the Charles Morris, and Davidson farms. He was the grandfather of P. H. Morrison, *later* yet living on Booten's Creek.

In 1801, John Russell lived at the mouth of Russell Creek, on the lower side of Guyan River; while Thomas Buffington had been living, for some time, at the mouth of the Guyandotte River, on the lower side, just above the Emmons' place. On the Guyandotte side, one Van Bibber lived and kept a ferry across the Ohio River.

William McComas came before 1809*, and made his home nearly opposite the Claude Thornburg landing, just about a mile above town.

* Check with his birth.

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Salt Rock was named from Thomas Ward's salt well, near that place. He also made salt, near Swamp Branch. He came from Virginia, by way of the Ohio River, and he killed a buffalo, near the C & O Railroad Bridge, Guyandotte.

Davis Creek was named from ^{Daniel father of Paul Davis} Paul Davis, who was probably its first settler. It is not known when he came. He lived on what is now known as the T.J. Bolin farm. Other early settlers, on Davis Creek were: John Ward, who lived at ^{the} mouth of Eden Branch, and a Mr. Cook, who lived ~~up~~ Eden Branch.

General Elisha McComas came to this county about 1809 and later was one of the Trustees of Barboursville.

Jesse Spurlock lived at the mouth, of Four Pole, ~~(1803)~~ *in 1803.*

Barboursville was made a town January 14, 1813, on land owned by William Merritt. The Trustees were Edward Morris, brother to the celebrated minister, and bishop, Thomas A. Morris, and afterwards, Clerk of the Court.

Edmund McGinnis, Sampson Saunders, Thomas Hatfield, and Manoah Bostwick: It is not certain that all of these were residents of the town; for a part of them were also Trustees of Guyandotte.

As early as 1802, John Alvord lived somewhere in the neighborhood, but just where, I am not, certain. (*Check this*)

Michael Holland ^{probably} lived on Holland's Creek, and David *McComas lived somewhere in the neighborhood; while John Merritt lived on the Ohio, above Guyandotte. (*I doubt whether John M. did*)

James Cox (1800), moved to the farm on which Greenville Harrison lived. The house is still standing on Frank Herndon's ~~land~~ ^{land}. William Merritt kept ^a ferry, ⁱⁿ 1814, across Mud River.

* David McComas lived about where G. V. ^{above}

Patrick Keenan, William Buffington, John B. Hereford, John Laidley and John Samuels were appointed School Commissioners for Cabell County.

They held their first meeting and organized Nov. 23, 1819 at the Court House at Barboursville, with John Laidley Treasurer, and John Samuels, Clerk. The only action taken was as follows:

"Ordered, that each and every one of the School Commissioners be authorized to draw by order on the Treasurer for any expenditures incurred for books and tuition fees for the education of poor children. At the next meeting, Nov. 28, 1826, the same officers were elected. They also authorized the different members to draw on the Treasurer "for any expenditures incurred for stationery and tuition fees for the education of poor children." The Treasurer was allowed ten dollars and the Clerk five dollars for his services. The other members were allowed two dollars and fifty cents each for his services."

William Morris in 1821, and Solomon Thornburg became a Member of the Board in 1823.

The Treasurer reported an expenditure of six hundred, fifty-eight dollars, seventy-three and one-fourth cents for the past year. The Board examined the vouchers and ordered them to be delivered to the Clerk of Cabell County.

In 1821 the Board passed an order not to subscribe for more than twenty-five scholars to be distributed through-out the County among five precincts; and in Precinct No.1 six scholars could be subscribed at not more than ten dollars each. The rate was eight

dollars in each of the other precincts. Expenditures 1822 \$336.08½.

Solomon Thornburg became Treasurer Nov.24, 1823. Expenditures in 1823, \$86.05½.

(NOTE: The record shows that Martin Moore in 1827 lived)
(opposite mouth of Tom's Creek).

1830: President, William Buffington, John Hannan, &c.

1831: Authorized expenditure of \$12.00 for stationery for
poor children.

Benjamin Drown 1832,

Andrew Barrett

Jos.Fulkerson,

Wm. Love, 1835,

Benjamin Drown,

John Russell, 1841,

James McComas, President 1842.

NOTE: Doolittle's Mill was on Mud River.

Nov. 26, 1846: Thos.Thornburg, Sup't. with W.C.Miller and
John Laidley his security under Act of March 5, 1846.Bond \$2,000.00

Thos.Brandon, 1850,

John Morris,

Wm.Hinchman,

John S. Williamson,

H.J.Samuels, 1852,

Jesse W. Harman,

Thomas J. McComas 1859,

D. D. Smith (1860.
E. C. Rece (

Thos. Thornburg was elected at last meeting, Nov.7, 1860
for year 1861.

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() George Walter Huddleston was born in Fayetteville, Fayette County Sept. 22, 1854. In 18____, when _____ years of age he was converted and baptized into the fellow-ship of the old Gauley Bridge Baptist Church. He was at once licensed to preach and ordained as a minister in his home church. He served a number of other churches in Fayette County, and then labored for nine years as a missionary under the appointment of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Association of West Virginia.

He came to Barboursville in the autumn of 1909 and took charge of the Baptist church. Here he remained until 1913, when he became City Missionary in Huntington. He is now serving as pastor of the Guyandotte Church, East Huntington, and as missionary of the above Board in the Guyandotte Valley. He gives half of his time to each of these charges.

His field of labor in the Valley is principally above Logan.

Morris Harvey

At 4 A.M. Sunday, April 5, _____, Morris Harvey died of apoplexy at Fayetteville, W. Va. at the ripe old age of 87. He was stricken on the previous Thursday evening while going about his home, and never rallied for a moment.

He was born near what is now Prosperity, Raleigh County, February 16, 1821. His parents moved to Cannellton when he was four years old, and his whole life was spent in Fayette County. At one time he owned over 4,000 acres of coal land which he had bought when it was so cheap that it could often be obtained at 50¢ per acre.

He married May 4, 1871 Miss Rosa M. Dickinson. They had no children. In January, 1871, he became a member of the M.E. Church, South. He had no children, and it may be truthfully said of him: "Providence left him childless that Morris Harvey College might call him father". His attention was drawn to this school, struggling for its very existence, and he began to favor it. Altogether, he contributed more than \$70,000.00 to its support.

Dr. Samuel F. McClung was born 18 , at

He early adopted the faith of the M.E. Church, South and soon became one of its leading ministers. During his life he filled various positions in the church. He was an itinerant preacher for more than fifty years.

He was a business man, Pastor, Presiding Elder, Teacher and College President. He was a Member of the Board of Trustees of Morris Harvey College from 1890 to 1899, a period of nine years. In 1901 he became Secretary of the West Virginia Conference Board of Education under the Twentieth Century Educational movement, and President 1902-3. He was President of Morris-Harvey College 1899-1900.

In 1901 he was appointed to the Chair of Homiletics in the College. He held this position and the Presidency of the Conference Board of Education until his death. At the same time he was Pastor-in-charge at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Dr. McClung took great interest in the College and was always present in spirit or by message.

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Having devoted so much time to the early pionwers and the manners and customs of the people, I have not been able to devote much time to the collection of material of a personal nature relating to the people now living.

It would be impossible to do justice to this side of my subject in a single paper. While we have a few men that have done much, we have many that deserve mention.

A few years ago Bailey Thornburg was the leading builder and organizer of the town.

The taxable property has increased from a quarter to a half million in the last ten years, while the actual value today is probably a million dollars. The population in 1900 was four hundred, thirty-nine; today it is over one thousand.

During the last gen years D.Blaine Shaw and his companies have handled over three hundred individual properties. He has personally built, or has been more or less responsible for the building of about forty houses, including the Edgar Hotel building, and also the brick plant. He was one of the leading factors in organizing the Bank of which our genial fellow citizen, Mr. P. A. Vallandingham, is Cashier.

Although for a short time there were newspapers here many years ago, he started the first papers here in recent years. He had a leading part in securing the sewers, and is now engaged in looking after the water works proposition.

The college had been the means of bringing many fine men and women to the town. Dr.Wade, Dr.Douthat, Prof. McClung, Sr. and Dr.Shaw, President Alderman, Jr., and others have all had a hand in making this the finest residence town in Southern West Virginia, if not in the entire state.

As a musical and educational center, few towns anywhere can even make claim to being its equal.

I must also mention Capt. D. A. Allen, who financed several of our modern enterprises; C.A.Love, James Brady, G.E.Thornburg, W.J. Miller, and a host of others who have been instrumental in making this centennial a most notable event.

As this celebration nears its close one cannot but help reflecting on the future. Our aggressive Board of Trade is planning to bring in new enterprises. No doubt we shall soon hear the whistles and see the smoke of numerous manufacturing enterprises. From the stand-point of the social and cultural welfare of the town we might wish that they would fail. The beauty of our fine residence town will be forever marred by the dust and smoke of modern, industrial establishments. In the mad rush for the dollar, all else may be forgotten. But let us hope that means to eliminate these objections will be found.

The town is bound to grow. The college will increase in usefulness and influence. During the past quarter century it has trained and sent into the highways and by-ways of many lands a great band of earnest workers and zealous missionaries.

The Kanawha Road, with its grand old taverns, is to be resurrected. Instead of the old stage coaches, slowly plodding along from tavern to tavern, and from relay to relay, stirring the people with its sweet, old horn, the automobile will glide along with the speed of railroad trains, and the common people will again mingle with master intellects of the Nation.

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Fayette Co., Pa., and died Oct. 5,
1883. I was b. June 14, 1858
my father was married 3 times
my mother was 3rd wife.

Her children: - 3 is all.

Vina - Died at 24+ of
typhoid fever.

Robert Y. Davidson - Single

b. Jan. 13, 1857

d. June 21, 1900.

He went west and
was drowned in Yuba
River, California.

Mary Kelley Davidson

b. June 14, 1858,

on my father's
farm at South

Paul about

a mile below here

104 a. bought 1854

or 1855

m. Oct. 1854. (?)

Jm. Theodore Ferguson

son of John H.

Elizabeth Thos. F. of

North Kenova

Aug. 7, 1878

(?)

Andrew Yingling (Jr.) died of T. B., in
his early manhood. He was
the first victim of this dread
disease, in this section.

Polly Yingling (m. Jacob Baker)
Dec. 29, 1822.

Nathaniel Yingling

John Yingling, I think (Mr. Gilman)
(m. Hannah Shaffer 1831)
March 16, 1826, Lawrence Co

I added this. Wm. Yingling m Rebecca Harper
✓ ✓ (251) July 6, 1837)
(Lawrence Co)

What became of the younger members of the family, I never knew. Christian became member owner of the homestead, and of considerable land adjoining, and staid there till his death.

Other Yungling marriages, Lawrence Co.

Penina Yungling m. Daniel Bartles
Nov. 10, 1836

who was v v
she? / Franey Yungling m. Wm. Powell
Jan. 25, 1831

Harriet Yungling m. Henry Davidson
Sept. 25, 1845

Elijah Langdon m. Lucinda
Yungling Sept. 21, 1843

James M. Kelley m.
or Oct. 6, 1845?
Both certified

Harriet Yungling m.
Henry Davidson
Sept. 25, 1845

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Children of Mrs. Polly Ferguson
& husband

1. Elizabeth m. Clarence
~~Bartram~~ Hillon, son
Peter and Hillon
(daughters of a Sites)
of Chesapeake, O.
She d. March 9, 1924
no children. Adopted
a girl - Leona
White (called Hillon)

2. Harriet Pearl Ferguson
m. Floyd Emmett Hoke
no children. Live
in Canton Ohio

3. Mrs. Harold m. ~~Emma~~ ~~Berg~~
Emma Berg of Irouton
Live 427-13th St.
Huntington.

4. Mabel Lillian
~~m. Oather~~
m. Oather Davis Hoke
bro. to above.
She d. 1936.
Lived in Canton O.
He m. Mrs. Linn Canton
One son
Roy Davis Hoke,
a few let off

4. Howard Theadore Ferguson
m. Gertrude A. Brubaker.
They had ~~several~~ children
~~Joseph, Hamilton~~
Mary Eloise m. Brillon
H. Mann. He
is in the service
2nd Medical Dept.
3rd One son Milton
Douglas Mann.
19 mos. old -
Howard Theadore II -
A soldier over
19th seas. In H.S.
now. Post grad
& mate H.S.
Helen Lena - In school
15 yrs. old

5. Arthur Samuel Ferguson
m. Catherine Adams.
Live South Point
4 boys & 2 girls

Write (for Andrew G.)
Mrs. Maud Yingling,
701 - S. Prince St.,
Princeton, Ind.

2. Peninah Yingling (of Christian
& Martha

m. David Bartles (Nov 10, 1836)

They moved to a
farm purchased near
Westerville (In town now)
Ohio, near Otterbein College
Lived probably in
Ironlton first. They
had 3 children

Martha Ellen - Not m.
Loved to be old

Peter - d. of measles
during Civil War.

William, all dead.

m.

Only child was

Nina m. _____

✓ Lochner, Westerville
Ohio, near Otterbein College
but d. (near Columbus)
(no children)

3. Lucinda m. Elijah Langdon

m Sept. 21, 1843

Lived 1 st. at South Point

Then to Muncie, Ind.,

when I was about 6
yrs. old. He had a

bro Elisha & a sister

Ada who m. Isaiah Henry

All this
family gone.

✓

4. ~~William Lee Yingling~~ - never m.

Sept. 25, 1845

4. Harriet m. Henry Davidson
of Burlington. Lived there
quite a while, then
went to Sedalia, Missouri,

m. Sept. 25, 1845 about 1880. They had
two children: -

~~E. Stella~~ ? died

Rosalie m. Wm. Horsey

a minister of
the Christian Church

They lived in Mo.,

~~it in Iowa~~ She

d. in Nashville,

Ark. He d. in

Mo. -

They had 2 girls

& 2 sons, I

✓ Think. I think 3
are living

Reverend Horsey

was killed by

where? ✓

a hit & run driver
at Arcadia Florida

(grave rec.)

5. Wm. L. Yingling - (1821-1892)

m. - never m.

He was killed ^{instantly} at the

second crossing below

Hangman Rock by train

striking horse & buggy.

70 yrs. old.

d. at 93
grave

6. Martha Ann Yingling - 1829-1912

Never married. Died
at about 83 yrs. old
She & Wm. L. staid
at the home, & took
care of the home.

After Wm. L. was killed
she moved to Ironton,
built a house & lived
in it till she died.

✓ Wm? - Her nephew Robert H.
Yingling & wife came
& took care of her

7. James Henry Yingling.
(1832-1904)

m. 1 Eliza Baumgardner,
da. of

One son & 2 daus.
All dead -

Nathan not m. & young
Nettie ~~not~~ m.
Lucie " m. & young

m. 2 Ruby Furb, Children
Lloyd - Princeton, Ind.
2 daus. 1 son
Mary m. Waller Henry
No Children.

Son of Henry
below Yinglings.

m. 3 - Mrs. Mary ^{Rodgers} ~~Wid~~
One dau. Lennie

Find
m. records
probably after
1850.

Check ✓

See Trumba

d. Sept. 25, 1879,

8. Robert Hamillon Yingling
m. Lydia Caldwell of Ky
Lived at Hanging Rock.
Kept store there
Four sons 3 dead.
Frank - not m.

Wm H. - never m

Wrote
names

Robt. ~~H~~^L - Dayton O. (young)
at Dayton O.
Nathaniel, d. infancy

9. Andrew - d young - Aug. 26, 35

10. Christian - d young in 1834
d. May 15, 1834

11. Daniel - d young
d. Sept. 25, 1837

Who? ? 12.

On Rev. John Lee b. Va. 1759-1840

m. Frances Ward of Va.

Daughter Elizabeth b. O.

m. James Henry of

Va., of Ireland,
son of Don Irish descent

Martha Ann Henry

m. David Haney
of Ky

A son

A Judson Haney of

O. m. Mary Louise
Clarke & P.

Daughter of
Edward Clarke

Mary Smith
of Ireland

A son of
Judson &

Mary Louise was
Roy W. Haney

m. Marie Alice
Simmons

(They are
caretakers at
cemetery.)

The Lee Family

b. 1769 d.

1840

Rev. John Lee and his wife (and
sister & Polly Lee) came to
Lawrence County, from West
Virginia, to Lawrence County
Ohio, about 1811.

He married Frances Ward.

He had five daughters:

Elizabeth m. James Henry, son
of John Henry
of Irish descent. He came
here from Virginia, and
was claimed to be a
cousin? of Patrick Henry.

They had a dau.,

Martha Ann Henry

m. David Haney of
Kentucky.

Their son,

A. Judson Haney

m. Mary ^{Louisa} Clarke &

Pa., dau. of Edw.

Clarke and Mary

Smith Clarke of

Ireland. Their son

Roy Clarke Haney

m. Mary Alice

Simmons.

Roy Clarke Haney

is caretaker at

Woodland Cemetery.

Brice Henry m. Kate ^{Ward} ~~Ward~~

were parents of Harrison

By 1st m. { Patrick &

John Henry & Kate

Mary Lee m. Joshua Kelley - 9 children
May 6, 1816 (Scioto Co.)

See Frank
Kelly near Coles.
See Patrick
Henry article

Rev. James Kelley was a
grandson of John Lee. He was
about 23, in 1840.

2. Luke Kelley - was father
of Frank, lives this side
3 Helen m. of Mr. Cole, an
Englishman. She has 3 or 4
no children

Martha (Palsy) m. Christopher
Yingling, Oct. 20, 1814, Scioto
County.

He b. April 24, 1788 d. Sept. 12, 1856.

She b. Aug. 2, 1795 d. March 8, 1877

Sarah Lee m. Samuel Henry, cousin
nephew(?) of James Henry.
(Barbara Henry m. Lee Davidson
lived at South Point.)

Penina Lee m. John K. Smith.

Mrs. Polly Ferguson says
grocer Charley Smith of 3rd St.
& Lorain was a descendant -
cor. leading to cemetery.

A son - ^{Rev. John Lee} Burned to death
in a kettle of lard. He
ran between his father's legs.

Cassa Lavisson was dau. of
Judge Jno Lavisson. &
mother of
Clay Henry &
Brice Henry Jr.

Clay Henry has a son
Waller Henry & m. a
Portsmouth girl & have
children. He lives at
Clay Jr. Port Huron, Mich
A jeweler

Clay Jr. — Probably in
Toledo. See people
down town.

Mrs. Polly Ferguson said (Nov. 8, 1945)

Henry Lee & Mary Bland were
parents of Rev John Lee.

Rev. John Lee's bro. Henry m. Lucy
Grimes & they had a son
Henry known as "Light Horse
Harry" the father of Robt. E.
Lee. Light Horse Harry
m. 1. Matilda, dau. of Thos Lee
his cousin of Light Horse
Harry.

According to Mrs. Molly Ferguson
the Lee genealogy is as follows

Henry Lee m. Mary Bland.

Their children in part;

Rev. John Lee m. Frances Ward.

Henry Lee m. Lucy Grimes

"Light Horse" Henry Lee, their son
Harry" m. 1. Matilda Lee, dau
of Thos. Lee, cousin
of Light Horse Harry
m. 2. Ann Hill Carter of Shirley
Their son was
Gen Robert E. Lee.

Hence, Rev. John Lee was an
uncle to Robert E. Lee's father.

Note by F. B. Lambert

Cincinnati Public Library

In "Lee of Virginia" by
Edmund Jennings Lee M. H. - 1895

R 929.2

L 481 - p. 132, is found

The will of Henry Lee, dated
July 30, 1746, codicil June 13,
1747, probated Aug. 25, 1747,
at Westmoreland.

The date shows neither he
nor Mary Bland could have
been parents of Rev. Jno. Lee.

His widow, Mary Lee's will is given
on p. 136 of same volume.

from parish of Cople, Westmoreland
Co., Va., dated Oct. 19, 1762.

Protested May 29, 1764.

They had a son John⁴, but
since Rev. John Lee was b.
and died in 1844, he
could not have been the same
John.

Henry & Mary Lee named
four children in their wills.

John⁴ Sec. 22;

Richard⁴ Sec 23.

Henry⁴ Sec. 24

Laelia⁴ Sec.

Above is a very fine volume
and may settle this question of
parentage. It is a large book.

Andrew Davison of Freehold,
Monmouth Co., Will of

To wife Catherine, all my
estate while my widow.
Daus.

Margaret and

Susanna, a negro girl
when wife is done
with her.

My 3 sons

William } all my
John } lands.
James }

To daus.

Margaret & } £30, each
Susanna }

Boys & girls to have
Schooling.

Executors Wife &
Brother George &
Friend Wm. Rue,

Proved Sept. 20, 1766,
Lib. I p 36.

Vol. 32 p. 109

Will of George Davison of
Somerset Co., yeoman.

Wife - Rozannah $\frac{1}{3}$ of the
profits of my land
Sons William &

Peter D., all my lands

My four daus. are single
and now live with me,
and they are,

Sarah	} Each to have
Mary	
Anne &	
Jemima	
	L. 20

Executors, — friends
Richard Runyon &
my son William

Proved Aug 4, 1767

Lib. I p. 157

Ser. 1
Vol 34

July 19, 1777, will of Thomas
Woodward, of Upper Freehold,
Monmouth County

Grandson, Thomas Woodward,
the eldest son of my son
Joseph, de'd., the plantation
I bought of Thomas Doughty,
he to pay my brother, James,
£100 when he is 21, and
to his brother, Joseph £100.

Son, Thomas, the plantation
where he lives in Upper
Freehold, and New Hanover.
Also the house and land
I bought of Joseph Wright,
and the lot I bought of
John Dickinson, and my
cedar swamp and pine
lands. also the bonds due
me from Thos. Harrison,
late of Upper Freehold, and
the bond due to me from
Joseph Wild, and Solomon
Ridgway, and my son,
Thomas is to support my
son Ezekiel, during his life
and bury him at his death.

Dau. Hannah Woodward, my silver
snuff box, and great Bible.

Dau., Deborah Wood, a negro
girl. To the children of my
dau., Margaret, a negro girl.

Rest of my estate, I give
to daus.;

Mary Talman, wife of
Joseph Talman.

Ann Hobbins, and her
son, Samuel Fox.

Dau., Hannah

Dau., Deborah Wood

Dau., Margaret Reynolds,
and her children.

The land I bought
of James Shorelock, may
be sold.

Executors Son Thomas V
Son-in-law, Joseph Talman

Proved, Aug. 30 1773.

Sept. 1, 1773, Inv. L3271.15

Lib. 16 p. 155.

Davison marriage licenses:

Amaziah Davison, Middlesex,
and Margaret Burns, Middlesex

May 23, 1761.

Andrew Davison, Monmouth
and Catherine ^{Pew} ~~Pew~~,

Monmouth, July 27, 1741.

John Davison, New Brunswick
and Sarah Wilkins,

Somerset, March 25, 1740.

John Davison, Middlesex, and
Elizabeth Anderson,

Feb. 1, 1774.

John Davison, Hunterdon
and Mary Bonham,

Feb. 16, 1779.

Robert Davison, Monmouth
and Anne Higgins,

Middlesex, Jan 25, 1742.

William Davison, Middlesex,
and Anne Brunson,

Somerset, Nov. 17, 1744.

William Davison, Somerset
and Mithable Cooper,

Morris, Dec. 22, 1770.

William Davison, Middlesex
and Catherine Van Pelt,

April 29, 1780.

Pennsylvania Archives

Series 5 - vols. 1 to 8

Index in 2 parts is in
6th Series

The following references are
given to Benjamin Carpenter

Vol 3 p. 472 (5th Series.)

First lieutenant.

"Carpenter, Benjamin, from
second lieutenant, Nov. 1, 1777;
resigned" 10th Pa.
1 Photo sealed.

p. 473 - Ensign.

"Carpenter, Benjamin,
Dec. 4, 1776; promoted second
lieutenant, April 18, 1777."
10th Pa.

p. 479 - This page should
be photo sealed

p 494 "Ensign."

"Benjamin Carpenter, Dec. 4, 1776,
promoted April 18, 1777, to second
lieutenant, afterward to a first
lieutenant, November 1, 1777, vice
Lieutenant Tripler (now resigned)"

Vol 4 p 518 - I found nothing

Vol 8 p 41,635 - I found nothing

I did not go beyond volume
8, (if any more) of series 5) & do
not have all of Series 6 - vols. 1 to 7
only. or Series 6. (15 vols.?)

Penn. Archives

Later - I have gone
through every volume
of the Penn. Archives

Series 5 Vol. 7,

p. 425 & 426

Christian Yeniwine (now
spelled Yingling) is
listed as a private
4th class. in 2nd
company, 4th Bat. L
of Lancaster Co. Militia
of soldiers between
18 and 53 yrs., for
the year 1782.

Pa. Archives

Series 5, vol. 3

p. 479 - Gives the muster
roll of the Tenth Pa.
Regiment

"Arrangement of the Officers
of the Tenth Regiment of
Pennsylvania"

Lieutenant Colonel

Adam Hubley, March 10, 1777

Major -

Caleb North, March 10, 1777

Captains

Henry Shade Dec. 4, 1776 (& others)

Second Lieutenants

Benjamin Carpenter April 18, 1777

Photo stat

p. 479-80

to get all of
the officers.

and others.

New Jersey Archives Series 2

v. 3.

p. 324. Commissioners advertise
sale of "all the estate
of Anthony Woodward Junr,
two good plantations,
besides outlands, with
all the stock, farming
utensils, and house-
hold goods, etc.

May 3, 1779

Elsewhere is an ad
of a stud horse by
Geo. Woodward.

No Carpenters in v. 3.

New Jersey Archives

Series 2 Vol. 4

p. 371 - Josiah Blavinson
is mentioned as having
sold a farm to William
Scudder

Jacob Scudder b. Nov.
29, 1707 (Son of Benj S.
who was son of Wm.
Scudder), b. in Hunt-
ingdon, Long Island.
He purchased this farm
of Josiah Blavinson,
Nov. 25, 1749.

for £1400, a tract of 100 a. on
Millstone River, not far from
Princeton, with saw, grist, and
fulling mills

Another Cook is mentioned
on same page (371) footnote

"Cooley's genealogy of
Early Settlers in Trenton
and Ewing" Published
at Trenton, 1883.

Major Gen. Davidson
mentioned p. 322 & 559
of this v. 4. 3.

New Jersey Archives
Series 2 vol.

p. 129.

Anthony Woodward's
son captured among
others (by)
in Monmouth County
1779-80

New Jersey Archives Series 2
v. 5, p. 48, 88, 310, 461
References to John Lantieri
member of the Assembly.

New Jersey Archives

Series 2 vol. 5

p. 129

Three Thousand
dollars reward offered
by Peter Hulick, jailor,
Gaoler
for several persons who
broke out of jail - Trenton
Nov. 27, 1780

Robert ~~Rath~~ Woodward
had \$2000 offered for
him, and \$250 for
each of the others.

N. B. "It is expected
they will make for
the enemy by the
way of Chesapeake, as
their pilot (Woodward)
is a refugee officer,
and was committed a
few days ago, for high
treason. Trenton Nov. 27, 1780.

R 808.80
W 876

A fine book to own! Cincinnati Library

"Dictionary of Quotations"

By Rev. James Wood

Published at London, Eng.

By Frederick Warne & Co, Ltd.
and New York

Another smaller book on same
"Sayings that Never Grow
Old" — Brown

Pub. — Small Maynard & Co
Boston

R 929.3

N 54850

South Jersey marriages

From foreword

In order to avoid confusion in data, prior to 1752, when both the Julian and the Gregorian calendars were in use, we have spelled the month, but in data since 1752, we have, for technical reasons, given the number of the month

Phila. Friends
meeting minutes

(New Jersey people)

p. 31 Jacob Horner, Had
denfield, and Mary Corbett
pass meeting, July 28, 1777 (Citizens)

same book - So. Jersey marriages
Records from First Pres. Ch.,
Pmila.

John Carpenter m. Sarah [unclear]
March 2, 1743

Also footnote

John Carpenter, Deptford
Will 5-23-1760.
Wife Sarah —

All these records probably
give only dates when they
"pass meeting"

Other Harners p. 76. & 81

Woodward p. 78

Above book contains ads.
of ~~many~~ ^{several} books of New Jersey
Co. marriage lists as ads.

1756 1, 3 mos.

1st intention of (marriage)
Anthony Woodward of Chester
field and Deborah Tilton

1756 5, 7.

certificate ordered for
Deborah Woodward

Above from

R 929.5 Hist. & Genealogical
8585 Miscellaneous N.J. V. 4. ^{Stevens}

By Laura Rowsey, Turnkey at Jail
William Rowsey b. in Rockbridge Co Va,
b. 1848 d. 1915, in
Mason Co. (Son of James & Kelly
m. 1

3 Children

1. Mr. James Rowsey,
m. in Ind.

2. Mrs. W. Rowsey
m.

2 children.

He served several
children.

Myrtie m. Ball
Mercer's Bottom.

Emma m. Charles Withers
Live Mercer's Bottom
on Ohio R. Road,
Run a filling station

3. Ella Rowsey, dead
m. Charley Beard "
5 or 6 ch.
Mr. Harry Beard -
820 - 20th St

Harold Beard - Pln.
Runs Funeral Home

John Rowsey

m. Jane Jordan (Rebecca Jane)

✓ Henry Rowsey
m.

A dau. Delilah Black,
1020-22nd St.
Mrs. Chester Black. Phone-

✓ Martha Rowsey
m. Alfred Bias

Children:

Bessie Newman

✓ Lizzie Rowsey
m. ~~Dr~~ Mrs. Glenn

✓ A dau. Mrs. Wirt Keenan
Ph. 37186?

A dau

m.

Both dead,

Children -

✓ See Henry Glenn on
Marion Rd - $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi. out

*Holiday or Reunion Day in memorial
Feast day of those who
lived a Century
ago.*

The BIOGRAPHY
OF JAMES and KITTY ROWSEY

FIRST.

James and Kitty, Rowsey, who in early life, resided in Rock Bridge County, near Natural Bridge, Virginia, and sometime later they moved with their family near Kanawha Falls, in Kanawha County, and finally locating in the little Town of Milton, West Virginia, as it was known at that time.

It was there that they engaged in the Hotel business, in what was known as the Milton Hotel, and continued to operate the hotel, for the remainder of their days.

BORN TO THIS UNION:

The following named sons and daughters.

¹ Polyna, ² William, ³ Elizabeth, ⁴ Henry, ⁵ Jane, ⁶ Martha, ⁷ James, ⁸ Mary, ⁹ and Johnie, ¹⁰ *9 Children:*

Second Polyna the eldest daughter, was united in marriage to Mr. Alexander Peyton, in the year of 1854 at the youthful age of 18 years, and soon thereafter they established their home on a farm in this immediate locality, and it was there they remained the rest of their days.

BORN TO THIS UNION:

The following named sons and daughters.

¹ Isabella, ² Phynna, ³ Mary, ⁴ Alzada, ⁵ Alihue, ⁶ Louvada, ⁷ Elza, ⁸ Myrtle, ⁹ Ulysis, ¹⁰ James, ¹¹ Nora, ¹² Charles, and ¹³ Dora, and also two children by a former marriage, ¹⁴

THE HUNTINGTON WEST VIRGINIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

13- Children, and 2- by a former marriage

*Giant Oak
King of
the forest*

*Lion the
King of the
beast*

Mother in law = Johnie or ?

known so familiarly to many of us, as Uncle Lewis, and Aunt Loucinda, and of this number there are only two who survive, namely Althue, now 82 yrs, of age and James, who is now 75 yrs, of age.

15 Children

3rd.

Martha, who was the 4th daughter of James and Kitty, Rowsey, was born July 6, 1854 in Rockbridge County Va. and some years latter her parents moved to the State of West Virginia, In the late summer of 1865, during the Civil War, a number of soldiers were marching through that part of the country, a dark complected hansom looking young man, stoped to ask Martha, for a drink of cold water, just as she was drawing it from the well, and of course she very politely gave him the refreshing drink, and somehow that winsome personality and sweet smile of hers, touched his heart, and instead of carring out the plan that he and his sldier buddies had made to come back that night and rob the home in which Martha lived, "He said Oh No Boys we are not going to rob that house," If I ever get out of this army, that woman that gave me the drink of water is going to be my wife, and sure enough when he got his discharge from the army, he kept his word, he came back and found that Martha, was still single, and waiting for him, soon their courting days were over, and they were uhited in holey matrimoney on February 11, 1866. and for quite a number of years made their home here in this county, the home is still standing and is still known as the Old Bias Homestead. However their latter days were spent in Huntington, W. Va. Mr. Bias having preceded her in death by a good many years, and Aunt

THE HUNTINGTON WEST VIRGINIA HOMESTEAD

Martha, as she was known to her manny manny friends, was passed on to her reward, on the other side of Jordan, November 30, 1932.

Store Keeper

TO THIS UNION WAS BORN:

The following named sons and daughters:

¹David A. ²James Andrew, ³Riley m. ⁴Mary Emily, ⁵Crosby,
⁶Lusta Jane, ⁷John W. ⁸Henry R, ⁹Theodore, ¹⁰Elza, ¹¹William,
¹²Oza W, ¹³Bessie E. and ¹⁴Golden Hays, and of this ^{number} there is
only three that survives, James, who is now nearing his
eighty ^{82nd} second birth day, William, ⁷²seventy two, and Bessie,

Age--- She didnt say.

14 - Children. (3)

L.H.W. James Rowsey

James, "UNCLE JIMMIE" as moast of us knew him, was the

son of James and Kitty, Rowsey, he was born June 29, 1850, in Rockbridge County near Natural Bridge Virginia.

When Uncle Jommie, was just a lad h&s parents moved to West Virginia, and first setteling near Kanawha Falls, in Kanawha county, and then they moved into this immediate vacinity. He was united in marriage to Miss Deliah, Irvin, August 6, 1853, and soon after their marriage they preceeded to build and erect the little Old Log Cabbin, which still remains and is known as the "Uncle JimmieRowsey" HOME, and here they continued to reside and reared their family of children, *until they were called home.*

Born to this UNION:

The following named sons and daughters.

¹Elihue, ²Henry Jackson, ³James, ⁴Lena, ⁵David, and ⁶Johnie, - "Twins",
⁷Nancy, ⁸Willie, ⁹Napolian, and ¹⁰Lakin. and of this number there
are only two that still survive, Nancy, who is now 68, and
Lakin, who is now rounding out his ^{65th} ~~fiftty~~ eight year.

THE HUNTINGTON MESS ALBANY HONING VULNOBILA

*The best chance I
ever had*

Egg

10 - Children. (2)

John - Cassie, Chapman Reynolds.

~~1 - Mary -~~

1 - George - Mary Meadows, 1st Wife

2 - Fannie - Charlie Wallace.

3 - Thomas - Lizzie Stephens,

4 - John - Louse Chapman,

5 - Frank - Never married

6 - Joe - Minnie Glenn

7 - Alonzo - Nettie Davis Still living

8 - Dora - John Chapman

9 - Robert - Ollie Chapman "

*(Doubt Copy)*P S A L M 1 2 1

I will lift up mine eyes unto
the hills, from whence commeth my help.
My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Isarel shall
neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is
thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil;
he shall preserve thy soal.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy
cominig in from this time forth,
And even for evermore.

The end

July 1949

Your Friends and Mine

By

Wiat Smith

"In reply to your inquiry," writes F.B. Lambert, of Barboursville, George Wentz, King of the Marble Shooters, is a cousin of Mike and George Wentz, who left Guyandotte, some fifty years ago, and settled, in Missoula, Montana, where they are still living. All the Wentzes of Cabell County, are descended from Wendle and Elizabeth Wentz, who settled, on the Ohio river, a short distance from the mouth of Nine Mile. From them have come down many well known and highly respected citizens of Cabell. They were pioneers. Sallie Wentz married John Merrill, in 1812. Joseph Wentz married Polly Merrill, in 1820. Other daughters of Wendle and Elizabeth Wentz married Melcher and Martin Ansel, and Peter Hagley Sr. George Wentz has as many cousins as Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson.

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"Mike and George Wentz were older sons of ~~D~~ Pomp Wentz, and brothers of Mrs. Ernest Cary of Huntington, Hal and Bob Wentz, and Mrs. Homer Adams of Cabell County. Pomp Wentz will be remembered as the owner of the Guyandotte river Steam boat, J. I. ~~Wentz~~ Hustler. He died, in 1941, at 89. He was a grandson of Philip Wentz, a son of Wendle Wentz. Joseph Wentz, brother of Philip Wentz, lived on Wildcat Creek, near Barboursville. His wife, Polly, was a daughter of Captain William Merritt, a Revolutionary soldier. Young George is a direct descendant of Joseph and Polly Wentz, through Lewis Wentz of Little Seven Mile. He has many other cousins, descendants of Joseph and Polly Wentz.

Young George is a typical American of the class that does things. He made the most of an opportunity. I have read two poems, on this subject. In one of them, the author says that opportunity knocks but once.

The other says that opportunity stands, at every corner. When I was a boy, our teachers, and occasional visitors sometimes gave encouraging talks, in which they pointed out that we boys might some day become president of the United States. Most of us have somehow missed this opportunity, but young George Wentz has become King of the Marble Shooters. It seems to me that it is better to be some kind of a king, than not to be a king at all. Alexander the great mourned because there were no more worlds to conquer, but I'm skeptical about that. George Wentz may have a lot of other chances. The ladder of success can only be climbed round by round. A lot depends on the first round."

Personally, I've yet to meet George Wentz, though I expect to see him, at a luncheon, which is to be given, for him, at the Hotel Frederick, today.

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I think it is wonderful for him to have won the marbles crown, and think the future lies bright ahead of him. From what I am told, I gather that George Wentz is the kind of a boy who will look after himself. F. B. Lambert, a retired teacher, is deeply informed about Cabell County history and genealogy. I am obliged to him, for this account of the Wentz family, which I knew to be one of the oldest and largest, in this area."

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Crown City, Ohio
October 22, 1958

1. The history of the Dillon family begins in Ireland by the name of Lucas Dillon and Sir Henry Dillon came from that part of Europe and landed on the shore of Virginia in 1713 with his family which was the beginning of our clan.

2. From that family came some of the most distinguished people of America. Farmers, teachers, Doctors, lawyers, and Judges of the Common Pleas Court.

3. My Grandfather Dillon came to Lawrence County from Greenbrier County, Virginia in 1816, settled on Trace Creek in Windsor as a squatter. He hauled his household articles in a long covered wagon. He and four brothers and three sisters came down the Guyandotte River, then up the Ohio to Millersport crossed the river and camped on the bank for the night.

After breakfast on the next morning they started for the hilly country around Scotttown one foggy morning and on coming to the hill one of the brothers, Samuel by name, decided he would go up Federal Creek. One mile from the Millersport Road he stopped on some high ground, cut down trees, and built him a house becoming one of the first settlers. Others of the early settlers were James Trussdell, Hamilton Knight, John and Paul Toll, Dr. Clark, and William McKinley. The rest of the family passed to Scotttown, there they divided. Some up Trace Creek and one up Little Guyan, and the others on the ridge that divided the two creeks. All were squatters. They cut down trees and built their homes. Two years later my grandfather walked from his home to Chillicothe and purchased 40 acres of land from the Government for \$5.00. He made the trip in three days.

From his first wife he raised a family of 6 children, my father (Henry Dillon) was one of these. His oldest was killed in battle in the Civil War. My grandfather lived to be 88 years of age. I lived in Lawrence County 50 years Crown City Village in Gallia County 39 years making my age at present 89.

The first house in Millersport was on the north bank of Federal Creek in 1796 by a man named Miller built of Buckeye logs. The Government gave him 640 acres of land for his work in carrying the mail from Gallipolis to a Kentucky town - this tract of land went down the road to Athalia and back in the hills one mile from the river. Now Archie Chapman your teacher. I had gone to school two years to him at the Guyan Valley before your time. From your description the name of the school was Stony Point.

The Ferry Dillon you speak of belongs to another clan of Dillons and is no relation of mine. The surveyor in Gallipolis to whom you talked is still living in Gallipolis and he is a son-in-law of Archie Chapman. Sam White had three children - Robert, Clara, and Nettie. Clara died in Pennsylvania. Bob and Nettie lived on Federal until 1912 when they went north near Columbus and both are dead.

Bob married Hannah Dorman. Nettie married David Wickline.
Dave and Nettie parted and Dave went to Louisiana and died down there.
After going over your description of the road you traveled to school
to Archie Chapman could have been Fair Play School house. The one
called Stony Point was down on Guyan Creek. If you require anything
more let me know.

Yours truly,

A. L. Milten