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The senior English Class of Greenville High School in 1931/32 was taught by Mr. T.O. Hall. One of the requirements for the year was for each student to prepare a research paper by the end of the term on a subject chosen by the student and approved by the teacher.

Several of the pupils chose subjects involving local history. These included a "History of the Baptist Church", a "History of the Christian Church", "Hangings in the County", "Muhlenberg County Writers" and "A Review of Greenville Businesses".

One of the very valuable papers was prepared by Martha Beth Shelton on "Old Buildings" of Greenville, a paper which continues to be a great reference source. Most of Miss Shelton's information came from personal interviews, much of it from first generation descendants of the town's founders. The first part of her paper deals with the - then oldest homes and was followed by information on a street-by-street basis. Unfortunately many of the places discussed in the paper are no longer in existence, having either been destroyed by fire or replaced by other structures. It is believed, however, that many people will find Miss Shelton's paper of interest, and it is being reprinted in this - and later - issues of The Heritage. (This introduction of Miss Shelton's term paper was prepared by Mr. Gayle R. Carver, a fellow classmate, now living (1991) in Greenville, KY.)

Miss Shelton's sources of information are in parentheses ( ) and will be printed at the end of her article.

#### OLD BUILDINGS

Kentucky became a state in 1792. In 1798 Muhlenberg County was organized out of Christian and Logan Counties.(1)

In 1795 Caney Station was started where the county poor farm is now. This forerunner of Greenville was established by Colonel and Mrs. William Campbell, who, with a number of slaves, came from Lexington for the purpose of opening a settlement on General William Russell's and Colonel Campbell's military grants.(2)

A few log houses were erected, and a stockade was built. However, this was not decided on as a permanent home. Campbell was desirous of having the county seat in his possession, and he donated several acres to the county.(3)

The pioneers objected to Caney Station as a town site because the land was too low. The place selected for the county seat was chosen because it was high and more healthful, and because two old trails intersected near it.(4)

Col. William Campbell was son-in-law of Gen. William Russell who was the father of 16 children. His second wife was Elizabeth Henry, sister of Patrick Henry.(2)

In 1800, soon after Greenville's first court house was complete and the new town started, Col. Campbell broke his leg and was forced to return to Lexington for medical treatment. He died a few months later. Distance and transportation were such that the body could not be brought from Fayette County; so the father of Greenville is not buried in Muhlenberg County.(2 & 3)

After Colonel Campbell's death, his family continued to live in Greenville. His daughters married prominent pioneers. One married Alney McLean, another married Charles Fox Wing, another married Ephriam Brank.(2)

When Greenville was first laid out, it was only a small part of what it is now. It consisted of two main streets and the rest were alleys. The lots were layed off and numbered.(6)

Greenville was laid out by Alney McLean in 1799. He married Tabitha Campbell, daughter of Col. Campbell. He was a prominent lawyer, and he was sent to congress two terms. He fought in the war of 1812; also, he was circuit judge, and McLean County is named for him.(6)

The first house built upon the site of Greenville was made a hotel, and became the "Mother of Greenville". This house was built by Samuel Russell, a son of Gen. William Russell. It was built on the west side of main street upon a lot which includes Andrew's store and McDonald's store. It was a two story log house, weatherboarded, with an ell extending back, and a large veranda in front bordering on the street. This historic and original landmark of Greenville stood for 70 years, and was used for 60 odd years as a hotel until the Civil War. In 1867 it was torn down.(7)

It was noted for its hospitality and fine entertainment for many years. There was a belfry upon the top of the Russell House. The custom in those days was to ring the bell once for the visitors to get ready, and twice for them to come to meals.(7)

Robert Russell had the reputation of one who had no desire to work. It is said that on one occasion, when he was showing his gardener how he wanted the garden hoed, someone saw him using the hoe, and sounded the news that Russell was at work. In a short time a number of persons gathered at the fence to see the sight. As soon as Russell discovered the purpose of their curiosity, he cast the hoe down, and remarked, "Gentlemen, if my working has this kind of effect, I will never work any more". It is said that he kept his word.(7)

In the early days of this hotel, the manner of traveling was so different from what it is now. It was done in stage coaches and on horseback. There was a regular stage route from Russellville to Owensboro. Prospectors, speculators and traders usually traveled through the country on horseback. The hotels kept stables for accomodation. Travelers would ride up to the hotels, hitch their horses to the hitching post, take their saddle bags and walk in. After having washed and brushed down, they would be ready to tell their adventures. When they were ready to depart, they would call for their horses which would be brought out, and rubbed up in fine style.(7)

Some of the oldest buildings in Greenville were built by PIONEER JAMES WEIR. In 1798, at the age of 21, he came to Muhlenberg County on horseback from South Carolina. He was a surveyor, and he brought his surveying apparatus with him.(8)

The first store ever in Greenville was owned by Mr. James Weir. It stood where Long's Bakery is.(9) In the first years of the nineteenth century, Weir built a log store where Knight's Garage now is. A few years later he built a brick store which stood for some 75 - 100 years, and was one of the chief stores in Greenville.(8)

Next to the store Weir built a brick residence where Cohen's store is now. It was two story, close to the street, with an ell and built in the manner of other pioneer brick homes.(8)

The store and the E.R. Weir house were passed on down in the family. The last owner was Max Weir who died in 1904. He was considered by some a religious fanatic. The James Weir house was bought by E.A. Cohen several years ago. Mr. Cohen tore it down, and built the present store.

The first yd. of calico ever sold in the county was paid for with 100 pounds of meat. In those days, broadcloth cost \$10.00 per yd. Cotton stockings were .75 to \$1.25, sugar .35 lb., salt \$7.00 per barrel, tin buckets \$1.50. Men paid \$40. to \$50. for overcoats, and wore them for 20 years.(10)

James Weir made many trips on horseback to Philadelphia in order to purchase his merchandise. This was brought in wagons to Pittsburg, and was then sent down Ohio and Green Rivers, and unloaded at Kincheloe's Bluff. Weir also bought stock here and took it to New Orleans to trade for goods.(2)

The present home of L.Z. Kirkpatrick was originally the home of E.R. WEIR, son of the pioneer, James Weir. This house was built about 1840 for Mr. Weir by Richard Guynn, grandfather of J.H. Pittman. It took a year and a day to build it, and Mr. Guynn only had a negro man to help him.(14)

This house was one of the best built homes in the county. Close to the house was probably the most symmetrical stone-lined well ever made in Kentucky. Around the house were brick cabins built for slaves, and also, the green houses and the icehouse. These have all been torn down, but the solid old house still stands. There is also the remains of his hexagon shaped brick office in the front yard.(6)

In the year 1820 there were about 25 people living in Greenville.(12)

CHARLES FOX WING was born in Massachusetts. He came to Kentucky in 1799. He was only 18, and came as the private secretary of Isaac Shelby, first Governor of Kentucky. When Muhlenberg County was formed, Shelby appointed him county clerk. He held this office for 55 years together with the office of the circuit clerk which was later formed.(2)

He married Ann Campbell, daughter of Col. Campbell.

He built his home where the home of J.L. Rogers stands now. It was a two story frame house, farther back from the street than the present house. Part of the back was brick. The servant's quarters were frame. In earlier years it was considered a fine house.(9) One of his daughters, who had visited in Washington D.C., had walks and gardens on the grounds laid out according to the plan of flower garden she had seen in Washington. In later years the house was dismal and dark looking, and the lot was overgrown. About 1905 it was bought, and torn down.(2)

Wing fought in the War of 1812. He was a hero at Thames, and he saw Tecumseh after he was slain.(3) His love for the American Flag was a marked feature of his whole life.(14) For 65 years, the Fourth of July Celebration in Greenville was when Charles Fox Wing raised his flag on a pole in the court house yard.(15)

When Mrs. Fox Wing was a girl about 16 years old, she visited some cousins in Nashville, Tennessee. Her name then was Ann S. Campbell. Her father, Col. Campbell; had commanded a company at the Battle of King's Mountain. While she was in Nashville, there was a ball given in honor of Gen. Andrew Jackson -- "Old Hickory" --, and she was invited to the ball. Her cousins thought, of course, she would accept, but she announced her intention of declining, giving as her reason, her mother's disapproval of balls. The cousins begged and entreated her to go, saying as an inducement, "that new pink silk of yours is just the thing to wear," but she remained firm in her determination.

When the cousins were presented to Gen. Jackson, he inquired, "Where is Miss Campbell? I had expected to meet her this evening." When her reasons for not coming were explained to him, he replied, "I have the highest respect for a lady who, though a hundred miles from her mother, has such regard for her opinions that she will do nothing she thinks her mother might disapprove". When this was repeated to Miss Campbell, she said, "I would rather have had General Jackson say this about me than have gone to the ball".(16)

Mr. and Mrs. Wing had several children. One, Lucelia, married James K. Patterson, founder of the University of Kentucky. Another married Edward Rumsey.(2)

EDWARD RUMSEY was a lawyer. He had a reputation for honesty and a clear sense of justice.(6)

About 1820, Rumsey owned a block on main street, From what is now Hopkinsville Street down to the Baptist Church, and following the alley by the church clear through to Cherry Street by what is now the home of Mrs. W.G. Duncan, Jr., and on up to where Cherry Street meets Hopkinsville Street. In the center of this lot, set well back from the main street, was his home. It was a large, two story brick. In 1822 he was elected to Congress. His wife and two children went with him. The home was left in charge of slaves. While they were away, the home was burned. It was never rebuilt.(2)

While serving in Congress, his two children died of scarlet fever. After that no argument of his friends could induce him again to enter public life. At his death, because he had no heirs, he left half of the block facing main street to his slaves. The other half had been previously disposed. The descendants of the negroes are found living in one house on that block, which was built much later.(2) Another frame house on the corner block was bought from the slaves about 50 years ago by Mrs. T.J. Jones. Then it was only a frame cottage. She made it two stories and added a veranda. This house is occupied by Mrs. Rowe.(12)

Another pioneer house, one that is still standing, was the home of EPHRIAM BRANK. He was born in North Carolina, and came to Muhlenberg in 1808. He was a lawyer, surveyor. His first wife, the mother of his children, was Mary Campbell. Brank was a hero in the war of 1812. His action at New Orleans is described by a British Officer.(6)

"What attracted our attention most," says this officer "was the figure of a tall man standing on the breastworks, dressed in linsey-woolsey, with buckskin leggins, and a broad-brimmed felt hat that fell about his face almost concealing the features. He was standing in one of those picturesque graceful attitudes peculiar to those natural men dwelling in the forests .... At last he moved, threw back his hat-rim over the crown with his left hand, raised the rifle to his shoulder and took aim at our group. Our eyes were rivited upon him ... but the distance was great ... We saw the rifle flash .... My right hand companion, a noble a fellow as ever rode at the head of a regiment, fell from his saddle." And, he continues the narrative further on, "Again did he reload and discharge his rifle, and with the same unflinching aim, and the same unflinching result; and it was with indescible pleasure that I beheld, as we neared the American lines, the sulphurous cloud gathering around us, and shutting the spectral hunter from our gaze. We lost the battle and to my mind, the Kentucky rifleman contributed more to our defeat, than anything else; for while he remained in sight, our attention was drawn from our duties".... etc.(17)

Brank's home was one-half mile from the court house. This house still stands, and it is

probably the oldest still standing in town. It is occupied by George Johnson, and is much changed. It was built about 1810. It was a story and a half frame house with large stone chimneys on each end. It had a veranda in front.(18)

After Brank's first wife died, he married Ruth B. Weir, widow of pioneer James Weir. (In 1845, when Weir died, he left what was considered an immense fortune in those days. It was \$300,000. This was divided between his children and his wife, Ruth.)(1) Brank and his second wife lived in a house on the site of the present home of Mrs. Minnie Martin.(9) This house, however had a previous history.

As far back as could be told of there was a brick cottage which was owned by Mr. Ty Mathis, a very wealthy tobacconist, who spent a great part of his time in New York. He was married to a New York woman, and they had lots of beautiful furniture. They had brought the furniture from New York, and among other things was a piano. It was the first anywhere in the Country. One night, when there was a wedding in town, Mrs. Mathis invited the guests to her home afterwards. Her sister played the piano, and she offered to teach her guests how to do the Cotillion. This was something quite unheard of in Greenville, but the guests soon learned how. The next day this was told all over town, and it started a great scandal. Two of the guests were prominent Methodists. (Jonathan and George Short, whose histories will be told later.) At that time the Methodists disapproved of dancing. These two gentlemen were brought up before the Board of Stewards. They were asked all about the dance, and to demonstrate how it was done. They were asked if they crossed their feet. Mr. George Short said he didn't, but Mr. Jonathan Short said he did. The board decided that the dance wasn't a sin if they didn't cross their feet, so Mr. Jonathan was turned out of the church, and later joined the Presbyterian Church. All of his descendants are Presbyterians.(2)

The Mathis' moved away before the civil war. (They sold the house to Mrs. Weir.) They came back to visit during the war, and Mrs. Mathis, who owned the piano, wore a dress that cost \$500.00.(2)

After Mrs. Weir bought the house, she married Ephriam Brank, they lived there. Brank's two daughters, Mary Jane and Tobitha, lived with them. While they were living there the house burned, and they built the present home which, however, has been changed. It is told that while the house was burning Mrs. Brank threw a bowl and pitcher down the stairs, and carried a tongs and shovel out of the house.(9)

The house was rented to Mr. Yonts, then to Will Yost. It was used as a Presbyterian parsonage for 10 years, and was then sold to George Eaves' father who sold it to Mr. Martin.(20)

Jonathan and George Short (mentioned above) were prominent men in Greenville about 1845.

GEORGE SHORT was a tobacconist and rather wealthy. He had a large tobacco factory that stood for 50 or 75 years where the Methodist Church is now. Mr. Short was very much in love with Tobitha Brank, daughter of Ephriam Brank. He proposed to her, and she refused him. In hope that she would marry him later, he sent to Cincinnati for carpenters, and had material for a house brought down the river on flatboats. The doors and windows were already cut. This was something very unusual in those days. He had the house built that now belongs to Preland Lewis on Main Street.(2) It is practically the same now as it was then, with the exception of the porch and ell. It was considered very beautiful in those days. Tobitha, however, still refused to marry him. He remained a bachelor the rest of his life. The house later belonged to Mrs. Harbin, his sister, and mother of Mr. G.W. Harbin who lives in Greenville now. She gave the house to her daughter Mrs. Aie, and it was finally sold to Mr. Lewis.(9)

JONATHAN SHORT, father of Mrs. Lucy Landes, was a lawyer. He married Lucy a daughter of Charles Fox Wing. He built the house where Mr. Andrew Duncan lives on Cherry Street. This house was built about the same time of the George Short place. He used the same carpenters that his brother did and also had his material shipped from Cincinnati. The house is in the same style now as it was then, but it has been much improved. The grounds were beautiful. There was a flower garden at the side of the house, and the grounds included the land now owned by J.W. Oates and J.H. Bray. The place later belonged to his son-in-law, Lewis Reno, who was born in 1847. Reno became the first banker in Greenville. He sold the house to Mr. Duncan.(2)

DOCTOR WILLIAM H. YOST was an important man in the early history of Greenville. Through his skill, liberality and long service "Old Dr. Yost", as he was called, became one of the best-known physicians in Muhlenberg and adjoining counties. He was born 1820 and died 1894.(6) His first wife, and mother of his children, was Mary Jane, daughter of Ephriam Brank. His second wife was Tobitha, daughter, also of Ephriam Brank. This was the same Tobitha who had refused to marry George Short. His third wife was Lucy Wing Short, was born in 1822, married Jonathan Short in 1846. He died in 1822. In 1888 she married Dr. Yost. She lived in Greenville all her long life of 99 years. She was known as the "Grand Old Lady of Greenville."(9 & 6)

The Yost house on north main street was situated approximately where the home of Felix Martin is now. It was built in 1820 by Samuel Campbell whose widow sold it to Dr. Yost. He lived there until his death. The house was torn down in 1922.(22) It was a long, rambling, rather odd looking, frame house which sat well back from the street. The two Slaton houses below the Felix Martin house are new compared to the old Yost house, and where they now stand used to be Dr. Yost's horse lot.(9)

The history of the homes of several prominent pioneers, who are in some way connected, has been told. Now we will take them by the streets.

Starting on Hopkinsville Street, the history of the Rumsey house at Main and Hopkinsville has been told. The land across the street, where the Service Station is now, was owned in 1816 by a Mr. Webb. He sold it to Sam Chatham, who built a frame house on it. This land was later bought by Mr. Tinsley, and the house torn down. Tinsley built a two story frame which has been moved on a lot below it, and is now used as a rooming house.

From that house, on up Hopkinsville Street, to the present home of Paul Wickliffe was Frank Hancock's orchard.

The house way back from the street now owned by Mr. Frank <sup>HUNTER</sup> Hancock, was built by F.B. Hancock. The part that was first built is only the ell of the present house. Hancock improved it, and built the two story front.(12) This house was later occupied by Judge CHARLES EAVES who was born in 1825. He was a lawyer, ranking high in his profession. He had a great sorrow in his life. No man in Greenville was better versed in local traditions.(6) W.A. Wickliffe owned the house after Eaves, then Lewis Kirkpatrick, Mr. Countzler, Mr. Yeargin and Mr. Hunter. The house has been partially burned several times during its history.(12)

GREENVILLE SCHOOL District #14 1908-1909

Parent or Guardian	Names of Children	Date of Birth
L.W. Train	Oscar	29 JE 1889
William Powell	Ruby Jeffries	25 JA 1898
W.J. Rose	Grover	10 OC 1891
	Otba	17 MY 1893
	Velma	8 JA 1896
	Ivl	4 MY 1900
Mrs. R. White	Rebecca	5 AU 1888
	Joe Van Berg	18 OC 1892
Mrs. Fabitha Paxton	Ida	26 DE 1888
W.F. Dempsey	Ruth	16 MY 1889
	Eliza	27 SE 1892
W.C. McCracken	Ella	6 AP 1889
Harvey Poag	Flether	1 AU 1895
	Cecil	23 AU 1890
S.E. Rice	Roy	4 AP 1889
Conrad Shutt	Susie	6 MY 1889
T.R. Pittman	Stephen	24 NO 1888
Mrs. Lou Heltsley	Paul	14 FE 1893
E.J. Proyear	Carrie	24 JA 1889
	Edward	23 JL 1891
	Raymond	26 OC 1893
	Charles	8 MY 1895
	Felix	8 SE 1896
L.J. Kirkpatrick	Rucile	5 DE 1892
	Oliver	15 JA 1895
	Mary	13 JL 1897
J.G. Bohanson	Ruth	20 OC 1890
	Virginia	19 SE 1895
W.E. Drake	Irene	21 NO 1893
	John W.	5 MR 1898
W.L. Richardson	Carrie	21 AU 1888
J.N. Duvall	Hazel	20 SE 1893
Henry Day	Arthur	10 JE 1890
	Frank	20 SE 1892
	Lee	17 OC 1894
	Flossie	16 FE 1897
	Nellie	14 JA 1900
E. Elkins	Shelby	8 FE 1900
W.A. Young	Will	14 FE 1889
	Jannie	14 AU 1893
	Lottie	6 AU 1896
John Campbell	David	11 FE 1889
	Robert	3 NO 1891
	Margeret	4 JL 1898
Mrs. J. Coleman	Ernest	4 JA 189-
	Leo	4 JA 1896
N.B. Hewlett	Sally	10 FE 1893
	Coleman	19 SE 1896
J.M. Crumpacker	Hazel	16 JL 1889
	Ada	27 FE 1892
Robt. Warren	Bessie	24 AP 1890
	Albert	18 DE 1892
	Annie	19 SE 1895
	Taudy	10 FE 1890
	Ethel	16 FE 1890
Foster Johnson	Ruth	10 AU ----
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W.H. Bard	Arthur	30 MY 1889
	Morton	21 AP 1891
	Mary	30 JA 1896
	Strgar	3 JA 1889
	Ida B.	12 MY 1900
C.M. Warren	Raymond	18 MR 1896
	Vera	5 MY 1899
	Lawrance	29 OC 1900
J.E. Stokes	Allison	24 JL 1901
J.P. Pannell	Hershel	15 SE 1889
	Lucye	3 JL 1890
	Susie	25 SE 1895
	Jack	2 NO 1900
J.H. Pittman	Jessie R.	22 AP 1892
	Leak	29 MY 1894
	Mary	14 NO 1896
	Annie	19 JL 1899
J.A. Rose	Ethel	17 JL 1896
W.C. Sprigs	Marshall	26 JA 1902
C.S. Curd	Chester	11 AP 1897
G.C. Morgan	Hazel	19 JA 1896
	Channcy Guy	11 JA 1900
Robt. Hardison	Glene	4 MY 1900
Eugene Lovell	Irene	27 SE 1890
	Mary	3 AP 1893
	Julia	13 AU 1895
G.E. Turpen	Alick	7 JA 1902
W.T. Morgan	Geneva	12 FE 1892
C.M. Martin	Joseph	21 MR 1902

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Continued	GREENVILLE SCHOOL	District #14	1908-1909
Parent or Guardian	Names of Children		Date of Birth
Mrs. J. Hamilton	Ray		13 NO 1888
	Duncan		4 MR 1899
H.A. Wallace	Mary		13 NO 1901
Wm. Lyon	Ella		15 FE 1897
Ed Poag	Lillian		28 FE 1891
Ed Long	Oscar		17 JL 1891
	Wadle		20 FE 1894
Edger Clement	Louise		20 FE 1902
H. Poag	Mary		17 DE 1894
	Myrtle		4 OC 1898
	Jethro		11 JE 1899
Mrs. W.M. Lovell	Shelby Martin		8 FE 1900
J.W. Mayhugh	Marie		9 JL 1892
J. Brasher	Ruby		24 FE 1890
B.L. Johnson	Herman		18 AU 1896
	George		29 JA 1898
	Vernon		2- AP 1901
	Louis		22 DE 1891
Mrs. M. Adamson	Webster		28 SE 1896
	Wilbur		16 JL 1892
Mrs. Belle Brizendine	Pryor Marcellus		4 MR 1890
	Jennie		11 DE 1896
Eli Capps	Mattie Spurlin		23 JL 1890
	Rosa		15 FE 1897
	Lorna		7 MR 1901
W.A. Evitts	Willie		4 FE 1901
Protns Willis	Mona		14 JE 1893
	Zelma		3 FE 1896
	Murell		8 MY 1900
Mrs. M.E. Bond	Ora		7 AU 1889
J.H. Smith	Roy Buchanan		30 DE 1891
W.H. Casedy	Mossie		4 AU 1890
	Ada		23 AP 1892
E. Reynolds	Annie		14 JA 1896
	Gilbert		5 MR 1897
	Janus		7 JA 1902
Robt. Wickliffe	Margret		18 MR 1892
	Emily		8 AP 1901
Mrs. Lou Grundy	Lulu		1 MR 1898
C.M. Shutt	Ned		21 MR 1890
	Ina		6 JA 1892
	Estell		22 NO 1888
	Elgia		3 SE 1901
	Bonnie		18 JA 1901
Mrs. S. Neal	Hershel		22 NO 1888
	Brank		25 JL 1891
Asa Plams	Eliza		25 JA 1895
	Mattie		25 SE 1899
Carry Evans	Rice		28 MR 1897
G.E. Crabtree	Othella		21 JA 1898
	Birtie		14 JE 1899
	Thelma		14 AU 1901
J.M. Wells	Roy		26 JA 1889
J.C. Corley	Guy		21 SE 1893
	Lizzie		11 MR 1901
J.L. Osborne	Ona		16 JE 1895
H.A. McNary	Lucile		22 AU 1896
T.H. Lewis	Hugh		14 JL 1895
J.L. Boggus	Paul		25 FE 1893
J.R. Baker	Dot Robinson		28 MR 1889
- L. Prowse	Bonnie		26 JA 1891
	Lonra		24 MR 1894
	Mary		22 MR 1897
M.L. Prowse	Frank		11 JA 1901
R. Render	Harry		18 MY 1889
	Jessie		27 MR 1901
R.T. Moor	Dulis		27 OC 1892
	Maybell		23 AU 1897
	Homer		14 FE 1899
T.J. Sparks	Maybel		23 DE 1894
	Bradley		17 AU 1897
	Dewey		2 JE 1899
	Elbert		23 DE 1901
	Myrtle Long		6 AP 1890
T.B. Pannell	Lamont		16 JL 1889
	Paul		14 NO 1891
	Mary		31 MR 1895
	Eveline		18 AP 1899
	T.B., Jr.		9 SE 1901
	Spencir		17 AU 1897
Z.T. Tate	Davie		28 AP 1900
	Mabel		26 JA 1901
F.B. Pittman	Laura		7 AU 1889
	Mallery		7 FE 1897
J.W. Allen	Homer		1 JA 1889
	Mildred		10 AP 1899
	Shelly		12 AU 1901

Continued	GREENVILLE SCHOOL District #14	1908-1909
Parent or Guardian	Names of Children	Date of Birth
D.J. Duncan	Agnes	22 MY 1894
	David	19 SE 1893
	Mary	13 SE 1896
	Katie B.	8 MR 1899
	Ruth	13 AU 1901
J.H. Kohl	Earnest	25 JA 1889
	Sidney	30 DE 1895
	Esther	1 MY 1897
W.O. Belcher	Carmon	29 MY 1896
	Lois	6 MR 1899
	Sigsber	28 MR 1897
R.D. Pace	Paul	21 FE 1901
G.M. Dexter	Eula Langly	12 JE 1888
	Jessie	15 JE 1892
S.J. Bandy	Amey	25 AU 1890
	Roy	8 NO 1891
	Wallace	10 OC 1893
Mrs. J.W.T. Mitler	Ethel	20 OC 1897
	Carrie	13 JL 1892
	Duncan	3 MR 1894
J.N. Allen	Orvelle	1- SE 1890
	Myrtle	11 OC 1896
	Shabby Lock	12 NO 1889
G.B. Head	Willie	15 JA 1892
	Annie	1 JL 1894
	Alleen	14 SE 1895
	Paul	27 OC 1897
W.F. & H.G. Woodson	Ethel	5 OC 1896
	Ella	8 JA 1898
	Hughes	7 FE 1901
C.F. Greer	Thebert	12 AU 1898
W.A. Brasher	Alfred	15 JA 1896
	Ma----	11 AP 1898
J.F. Green	Lucile	4 OC 1891
	Edith	30 MY 1894
	David	15 NO 1897
	Mary	8 AP 189-
J.W. Croslyn	Ed---	6 AU 189-
	Willie	14 NO 1894
	Jessie	4 AU 1901
J.W. Oates	Annie C.	26 AU 1893
	Jas. R.	5 OC 1898
	Christine	5 OC 1898
J.W. Poag	Spencer	25 MY 1893
	Sallie	5 MY 1897
Mrs. L.P. Neal	Arkie	28 FE 1889
Mrs. T. James	Ethel	17 MY 1893
R.C. McCracken	Wamer	20 AU 1897
	Colby	24 MR 1898
	Mildred	18 NO 1899
	Jessie	24 JE 1888
J.W. Craig	Annie	4 SE 1892
N.M. Ford	Alice	27 SE 1896
	Roy	21 JL 1898
	Willie	8 AP 1896
J.P. Will	Dewey	16 SE 1898
	Ethel	2 JE 1891
P.L. Cardwell	Woodson	15 FE 1893
	Vera	29 OC 1898
J.L. Morgan	Ray	14 NO 1890
	Mary	5 SE 1892
	Joe	3 DE 1895
	William	8 MY 189-
	Annie Laura	5 SE 1900
	Mildred Berwett	22 JL 1892
	Audrea	5 FE 1889
W.C. Lewis	Morrill	12 AU 1895
	Macon	20 JL 1898
	Nola	16 JL 1899
J.W. Latham	Dovey	2 FE 1901
	Ida	17 AP 1889
Cal Ingler	Ola	20 JL 1895
	Ernest	5 MR 1893
I.U. Hadley	Jessie	8 MY 1894
	Bertha	29 MR 1896
	Phebe	1 OC 189-
	Charlie	21 MR 189-
W.J. Green	Dora	23 SE 1896
	Effie	13 JL 189-
	Annie L.	30 JE 1890
G.W. Harbier	Gerty	6 SE 1892
	Hallie	16 AP 1890
	Marvin	8 FE 1896
	Baker	18 NO 1900
	Edna	3 AU 188-
W.J. Gregston	Cordy	21 MR 1892
	Lotta	11 JE 1895

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No. 1

ORIGINAL

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of Commerce and Labor  
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION  
DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION

## DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

County of Muhlenberg }  
State of Kentucky } ss: In the Circuit Court  
of Muhlenberg County,

I, Robert Henry Crossman, aged 40 years,  
occupation Coal miner, do declare on oath that my personal  
description is: Color white, complexion Light, height 5 feet 6 inches,  
weight 140 pounds, color of hair Brown, color of eyes Blue  
other visible distinctive marks: None

I was born in County Cornwall  
England, on the 25 day of July, anno  
Domini 1867; I now reside at Beaver, Kentucky

I emigrated to the United States of America from Liverpool, England  
on the vessel, Westerland; my last  
foreign residence was South Moss, County Durham, England.

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign  
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to King Henry VIII.

King of Great Britain and Ireland of which I am now a subject; I  
arrived at the port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the

State  
Territory of Pennsylvania on or about the 13 day  
District  
of November, anno Domini 1902; I am not an anarchist; I am not a

polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith  
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:  
SO HELP ME GOD.

Robert Henry Crossman  
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of April, anno Domini 1908.

[SEAL.]

C. S. Conrad

Clerk of the Muhlenberg Circuit Court.

By Elmer McBracken, Deputy Clerk.

\*If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.



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No. 2

ORIGINAL

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of Commerce and Labor  
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION  
DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION

## DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

County of Muhlenberg }  
State of Kentucky } ss: In the Circuit Court  
of Muhlenberg County

I, Armstrong Forster, aged 47 years,  
occupation Miner, do declare on oath that my personal  
description is: Color White, complexion Light, height 5 feet 6 inches,  
weight 130 pounds, color of hair Light, color of eyes Blue  
other visible distinctive marks Enlargement of the lobe of left  
ear; I was born in Marley Hill, County of  
Durham, England, on the 26 day of June, anno  
Domini 1861; I now reside at Graham, Kentucky  
I emigrated to the United States of America from Liverpool, England  
on the vessel \* Umbra; my last  
foreign residence was Ainsfield Plain, County Durham, England  
It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign  
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to King Edward VII  
King of Great Britain and Ireland of which I am now a citizen subject; I  
arrived at the port of New York City, New York, in the  
State Territory of New York on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of November, anno Domini 1904; I am not an anarchist; I am not a  
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith  
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:  
SO HELP ME GOD.

Armstrong Forster  
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup>  
day of September, anno Domini 1908

[SEAL.]

C. S. Good,  
Clerk of the Muhlenberg Circuit Court.  
By Elmer M. Caraker, Deputy Clerk.

\*If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.

No. 9

ORIGINAL

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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of Commerce and Labor  
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION  
DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION

## DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

County of Muhlenberg } ss: In the Circuit Court  
State of Kentucky } of Muhlenberg County

I, Thomas Albert Gardhouse, aged 25 years,

occupation grocery clerk, do ~~affirm~~ declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion Fair, height 5 feet 6 inches,

weight 137 pounds, color of hair Brown, color of eyes Light Brown

other visible distinctive marks Blue spot on left hand near 1st joint of thumb & fingers; I was born in Warrington County of Northumberland England,

on the 27 day of June, anno Domini 1883; I now reside at Graham Kentucky

I emigrated to the United States of America from Liverpool England

on the vessel\* Carmania; my last

foreign residence was Swanton County Durham England

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to King Edward VII

King of Great Britain & Ireland, of which I am now a ~~subject~~ <sup>citizen</sup>;

I arrived at the port of New York City, in the

State New York on or about the 3<sup>rd</sup> day

of April, anno Domini 1906; I am not an anarchist; I am not a

polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith

to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:

SO HELP ME GOD.

Thos Albert Gardhouse  
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and ~~sworn to~~ <sup>sworn to</sup> ~~affirmed~~ before me this 19<sup>th</sup>

[SEAL.]

day of January, anno Domini 1906

C. S. Curd

Clerk of the Circuit Court.

By Oliver M. Cracker, Deputy Clerk.

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The society was started in 1978 and the current membership fee is \$7.00, on an annual basis. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and are open to all interested persons.

The Muhlenberg County Heritage is the quarterly publication of the society, and has published many Muhlenberg County records, family histories and Bible records plus some records from adjoining counties.

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BABYLON IS FALLEN

The Babylon of Greenville and Muhlenberg County, commonly known as the Greenville Hotel is fast disappearing from the face of the earth and its very existence shall be lost from the memories of the living and of tradition in the hurly burly of life and waste of time, and the site of this historic hotel shall be occupied by buildings of a more advanced age whose history is yet to be made.

The Greenville Hotel has stood the storm and tempest of time close on seventy years. One Dr. Thomas Pollard, one of the early physicians of Greenville was the Romulus and founder of the Greenville Hotel site over a century ago. Pollard married Julia Webb of a prominent family then living in Greenville. Pollard built a log dwelling house and a Doctor's office on the Greenville Hotel site. In after years Pollard conveyed the property to Edward Mathews, who married Susan Reynolds, the daughter of pioneer Richard Reynolds. Mathews was a saddler and converted Pollard's office into a saddler's shop. Mathews and his wife both died during the year 1846 and the property passed to their son, T.R. Mathews, commonly known as Ty Mathews. He married a Miss Mason in New York and lived on the site several years and then built a house and lived where Mrs. R. Martin now lives. His house was similiar to the present house. When Mathews left the property, one William Frey became the owner of the site and improved the place with additional buildings of accomodations and started a regular hotel about 1854 and it was known as the Frey Tavern, and during his occupancy it was considered a rattling one-horse hotel. Frey ran it several years and then it passed to the, in succession, of twelve differrent parties some of whom improved it with extension of buildings. The log houses that Dr. Pollard built and so long used were not all removed until 1871 when it came into the possession of Mann and Rice. The history of this Greenville Hotel is unrecorded and can never be known. Much of its early history which perhaps is somewhat unique is lost even to tradition. People that once gathered at this noted Hotel, enjoying health and the vigor of life to participate in irs repasts, its luxuries and social entertainment many of them have long since disappeared from the walks of life.

This Hotel was long a resort for travelers and wayfaring people, and for prominent people of the county, state and nation. United States Senators, Congressmen, Governors and noted Judges, Writers and Lecturers, often found rest and comfort within its walls, and enjoyed its accomodations. The Greenville Hotel was noted as a place of fun, mirth and hilarity. The people of the town and county would often meet there, tell jokes, conundrums, fairy tales, play pranks and sellouts with one another, and full many a deck of cards were suffled within its borders, and many a dollar was won and lost, many a barrel of brandy and whisky was sold and consumed at the bar, which made matters lively in and around the hotel.

Persons would often leave the hotel feeling that they were as rich as a Vanderbilt and could whip a lion. When the Hotel was at its best, it was considered one of the liveliest hotels in western Kentucky. There was one thing that gave it note and to out rank other hotels, that was, it was a fireproof building. During all of its existance there were fires and burnouts all around it, but it came out undamaged, and if it should happen to catch fire, it would go out of its own accord, and it was said that on one occasion when it caught fire the proprietor put it out with coal oil.

During the Civil War the Greenville Hotel was used as the headquarters of the Confederate symphiziers. They would meet there and confer and advise the best way and means to achieve the independence of the south. News would be received at the hotel and sent out to other rendezvous. For the last few years the hotel began to loose its original vitality, and for the past year or two it is becoming a thing of the past, and shall be lost forever from sight and memory. So woe unto Babylon for she is fallen. How there are a good many interesting occurrences that took place at this hotel in the years gone by that could be related, but I shall let this suffice for the present.

The Record, 12 February 1920

QUERIES

Queries are free to our members. For non-members a charge of \$5.00 per query, with a limit of 25 words, will be charged.

RAGAN TINSLEY BUCK PERISON MARTIN MORGAN HEWLETT

Would like to correspond with anyone related to Willis W. Ragan, James Denny Tinsley, Jackson Buck, Elizabeth (Perison) Buck, Eliza Ann (Martin) Tinsley, Charles Morgan and Mary Jane (Hewlett) Morgan.  
Lois M. Ragan, 1463 Brimfield Drive, Kent, OH 44240

TARRANTS

Seek correspondence with any descendant of John William Tarrants, who was living with his family, in Graham, at the 1910 Muhlenberg County Census.  
Charles Tarrants, P.O. Box 185, Delhi, NY 13753

MOORE UZZLE GISH FRANTZ STEWARTS COMBS ANDERSON PETITTS SMITH WEIR

Would appreciate hearing from anyone related to these families. Searching for parents of Isaac Dillon Moore and Mary Jane (Uzzle) Moore. Also parents of Elizabeth Gish who married Michael Frantz 1802, Botetourt County VA. Confirmation needed on Christian Gish and Elizabeth Barbara Stintz from VA. Will exchange info and pay for copies and postage.  
Margaret E. Gipson, 402 S. Locust, Sesser, IL 62884

From the Desk of Brenda Collier Doss

We hope everyone had a happy and safe Holiday Season. The New Year is here and it is our hope that it will be a very fruitful one.

With the resignation of Lennie C. Dennis as Editor of the "Heritage", you now have a new and inexperienced temporary editor. Please bear with me as I make mistakes and hopefully learn from them.

You will find many changes in the "Heritage" this year, I will appreciate any comments and/or suggestions you may have. The "Heritage" is your quarterly and your input is very important. Let me know what you would like to see in your publication.

Many of you are familiar with my typing system of abbreviations, for those of you who aren't, send a S.A.S.E. to: Brenda Collier Doss, 230 Circle Drive, Greenville, KY 42345-1710, and I will send you a sheet of my standard abbreviations. These abbreviations are used in my personal records and also any records which I type for the Genealogical Society.

In the OC NO DE issue of the "Heritage" I would like to publish a list of our members and the surnames they are researching, for this your help is needed. Please send a 3X5 card with your name, full address & phone number (if you wish) along with the surnames you are researching, to me at the above address.

Your Ancestor Charts, Bible Records, Old Newspaper Clippings, Wills, Deeds and any old record you will share with others are very much needed.

Again, your suggestions and/or comments are welcomed, please let me hear from you.

*Brenda*

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