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## Samuel Salyer: The Fiddlin' Legislator

By Roy "Todd" Preston

Samuel Salyer was born November 12, 1812 and died April 6, 1890. He was the son of William M. Salyer, who was born in North Carolina in 1775.

Samuel had five brothers, Abner, born 1800; John, born 1803; Fielding, born 1805; William, born 1809; Isaiah, born 1814, and David, born 1817; three sisters, Usley, born 1807, Mary, born 1811; Sarah, born 1819 and Abigail, born 1892.

Samuel Salyer married Malinda Arnett and reared the following children: Abner, born 1831; Martin D., born 1834; Polly Ann, born 1848; Sarah Jane, born 1851; Fairlene, whose mother was

Polly Picklesimer, was born 1856; Samuel Jones, whose mother was Margaret Prater, was born 1865; Angiline, born 1858; Josephine, born 1858, the aforementioned were twins; Filany, born 1852; William Ward, whose mother was Patsy Ward, born 1844; Alexander, whose mother was Eliza J. Adams, was born 1864.

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Samuel lived on the meadows of the Licking, near present day Royalton, in what was then a part of Floyd County and is buried on the High Knob downstream from present Royalton.

He was an accomplished fiddler and coupled with the readiest wit, plus common sense, he was able to attain a seat in the Kentucky State Legislature in 1859, where he served one term.

It has been said that he carried on a novel system of electioneering. He took with him a fiddle and a jug and would draw the crowd from the opposing speaker and would fiddle and dance at once for their entertainment.

Sam was immensely popular in Frankfort and obtained every measure of legislation he asked for.

The 1860 legislature was renowned for the time period in which it was convened. This time period

was during the awful strife that hung over the State of Kentucky because of the Civil War. The Legislature was made up of Northern sympathizers in the majority, but the Governor, Beriah Magoffin, did not adhere to the majorities feeling and resigned while in office. Kentucky may have suffered more, because of it's burden of being a border state, than if it had chosen to have been either to lend its support for the northern or southern cause. The term brother against brother and father against son probably was more pronounced in Kentucky than any other state.

Samuel Salyer, recognizing the great distance his constituents had to travel to the courthouse, or county seat, on December 5, 1859, joined the General Assembly, representing Johnson and Floyd Counties, gave an address to the body entitled "Licking Station".

On December 16, 1859 a House Bill was reported out of committee to establish a county (Magoffin) with Samuel Salyer sponsoring the bill and voting affirmative.

On January 10, 1860, a message from the Governor, delivered by Mr. Monroe, Secretary of State, announced that he had approved and signed and enrolled bills, originating in the House, an act to establish a county of Magoffin.

On February 16, 1860 a message was received from the Senate that they had passed an act to establish the county of Magoffin.

On February 22, 1860 Magoffin County was created from parts of Morgan, Johnson and Floyd Counties. A committee to locate a county seat was formed and composed of the following legislators: John Runnells of Pike County; Joseph Gearhart of Floyd County; Daniel Hargins of Breathitt County; James Fugate of Morgan County and Daniel Hager of

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THIS IS WHAT Salyersville's Church Street appeared like in the early 1900's. Teams of oxen are shown pulling parts of an oil rig through town. Note that practically all the buildings were three-stories high. This photo was contributed by Dr. Forest Skaggs, Jr. of Lynch, son of the late Dr. D.R. Skaggs, formerly of Royalton.

# Samuel Salyer...

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Johnson County. The committee was to meet at the home of William Adams on the fourth Monday of March in 1867. Commissioners were to lay with six Justice's districts. Five were Benjamin Hammonds, Sr., Samuel May, William J. Salyer, John Patrick, Sr. and Samuel McGuire.

An act to charter the town of Salyersville was approved on March 2, 1867.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

*That W. E. Adams, J. M. Atkinson, W. S. Hager, William P. Hammons and Wiley Howes be and are hereby appointed trustees of the Town of Salyersville. Said Trustees are hereby directed to lay off said town into streets and alleys as they may think proper and to have a plat of said town made out and recorded in the office of the County Court Clerk of said county, provided that not more than one hundred acres may be included in said town.*

Sam Salyer the legislator will be remembered down the pages of time as having the Town of

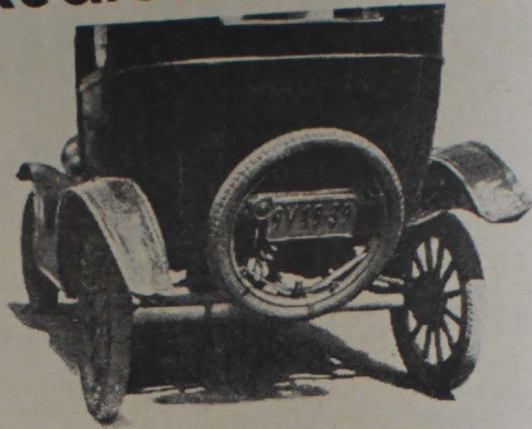
Salyersville named in his honor. The controversy among the Salyer families as to whether an 's' is ever added to the name making Salyer...Salyers. It is interesting to note that back when Salyersville was chartered that it was spelled *De Salyer* in earlier years and was spelled *Salyer* in the 1850's in the Johnson County census.

Be that as it may, the Salyer Family has made their mark in the pages of time and are contributing to the welfare of our nation today.

An indepth study of the Salyer lineage has been made by Mrs. Elizabeth Kash Salyer of West Palm Beach, Florida and it would be profitable to the Salyer Clan to acquire her upcoming publication on the Salyer Family which will show the ancestorage of the Eastern Kentucky Salyer Family.

May the efforts of such researchers instill in the Salyer descendents a desire to carry on this research and never falter until ever link in the Salyer chain has been placed together. This is history of our county, state and nation.

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# Descendents Of William Salyer

Contributed by Vera Vivian Salyer  
 William M. Salyer, born 1775, North Carolina,

married 1st ? Ramey. Their children:  
 1. Abner, born January 30, 1800, N.C., died October

- 1884, married Nancy Hale.  
 2. John, born July 22, 1803, died March 10, 1865, married Mary "Polly" Wadkins.  
 3. Fielding, born March 11, 1805, died April 4, 1880, married Margaret Hale.  
 4. Usley, born 1807, married John Joseph.  
 5. William, born 1809, Virginia, married Elizabeth ?.  
 6. Mary, born about 1811 married 1. Wiley Morgan and married 2nd Joel Martin.  
 7. Samuel, born November 12, 1812, died April 6, 1890, married Malinda Arnett.  
 8. Isaiah, born 1814, died 1891, married Phoebe Arnett.  
 9. David, born January 10, 1917, died January 5, 1890, married Susanna Miles.  
 10. Sarah, born 1819, married Jeremiah Patrick.  
 11. Abigail, born 1822, died 1892, married William Risner.  
 William M. Salyer, born 1775, North Carolina, married 2nd Dorcas Patton, daughter of John, on December 26, 1843, Floyd

County, Ky. Their children:  
 12. Minora Raney, born November 24, 1844, died November 3, 1890, married Harris C. Howard.  
 13. Riley, born 1847, died June 30, 1873, married

Martha Calhoun.  
 14. Delaney, born 1851.  
 16. William Morgan, born February 5, 1854, died February 26, 1929, married Luanna Howard.



Ern Salyer son of Ben



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# Sam Salyer Got His Way In Frankfort

(Contributed by Webster Salyer)

Uncle Sam Salyer was a very progressive politician. He could look down through the pages of time and see a need for the people.

every farmer and inhabitant would have as near as equal distance as possible to Salyersville. This move made a great convenience for the people. Heretofore, people had been having to go several miles to the nearest county seat to do their county business. These trips were long and toilsome.

While he was Representative, he made a deal with Governor Magoffin. He wanted to create a new county and county seat. They took a slice of land from the neighboring counties and made the new county. The Governor called the county Magoffin and they named the county seat Salyersville.

Making a new county was of the greatest importance to us. It gave us a great little beloved county that we love and cherish so dearly. Most of us travel all over the country, but, I would say, 90% of us come back and settle here for life. It's a great county, rich in oil, coal and gas. We are proud of Magoffin County, its resources and its people.

Sam had the county seat placed as near the center of the new county as possible so

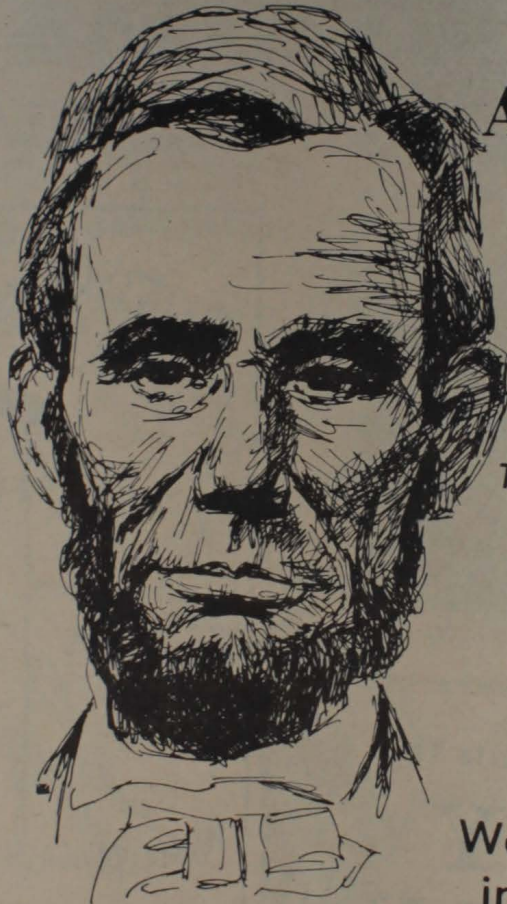


3rd. from right Gus Salyer  
Extreme Right, Isiah  
3rd from right Gus Salyer  
Extreme right, Isiah Salyer son of David



## Lincoln was President When

## Adamsville Was Changed To Salyersville



The townsfolk were probably excited about the new era

We're also looking forward to growing with our town.

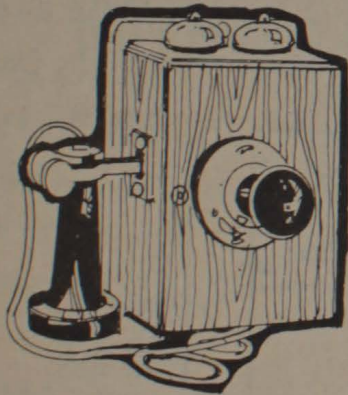
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son of Abner

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# Sam's Fiddle Took Him A Long Way

(From a newspaper clipping given to Suzanne Price Arnett by Betty Jo Lykins)

Samuel Salyer (1859-61-note: years are in reference to Samuel's tenure as State Legislator) lives now in Magoffin County, established in 1860 out of parts of Johnson and Morgan, mainly through the influence of Mr. Salyer, in recognition of which he was honored with the name of county seat-Salyersville. "Uncle Sam" as he is familiarly called, is a character. Without the education of books he possesses a mind filled with the readiest wit and common sense.

In the canvass resulting in his election, it is said that he carried on a novel system of electioneering. He took with him a fiddle and a jug, and would draw the crowd from the opposition speaker and would fiddle and dance

at once for their entertainment.

He was immensely popular at Frankfort and obtained every measure of legislation he asked for. Before the loss of his teeth it is said he could "whistle

down" a locomotive. Age deals lightly with him and he is yet to be seen the holly faced, good-humored, ready witted soul that endears his memory everywhere he goes.

(Born 1813, died 1890).

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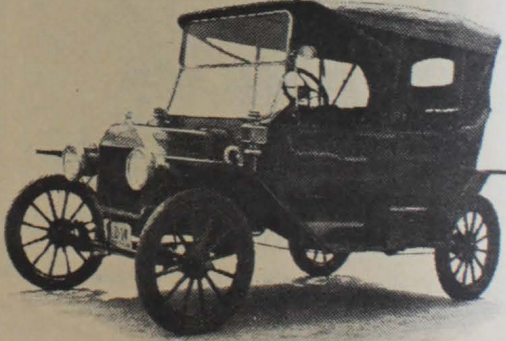
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# Abner, Roland Had Differences

As Told By Webster Salyer

It's been passed down that Abner Salyer and his son Roland didn't get along too well, although they were father and son.

practically every Monday morning and wear the daylight's out of him for fightin' at Gullett's Pond the day before.

Roland was a gritty fellow with a high degree of toughness.

Eventually, Roland decided he couldn't adhere to his dad's whuppings and packed his meager belongings and moved in with his grandfather, Samuel Salyer, where he made his home until he was full grown.

Every Sunday afternoon the fellows around his neighborhood used to gather at Gullett's Pond, across from the Band Mill in Royalton and engage in wrestling, or grappling, matches.

In the long run, Samuel willed his entire farm to his grandson Roland, the property where Finley Arnett now resides.

Inevitably the wrestling matches would turn into free-for-all fist fights.

Abner divided up his Salyer Branch farm among his other children and excluded Roland.

As a result, Abner would roll Roland out of bed



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Abner Salyer and wife Betty

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Eugenia Patrick Salyer  
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Salyersville 1887:

# The Way It Was

**SALYERSVILLE-1887**

"Salyersville is the county town of Magoffin County, and was made the capital on the formation of the county in 1860. It has a good brick court-house and jail. A good frame Methodist Episcopal Church and a school-building are among its public edifices.

It has several large stores, doing a good business. Two good flour-mills and saw-mills, a woolen-mill, a large tannery, and other industries, make it a live town.

The town is on the east bank of the main Licking, just below the celebrated Burning Fork, the seat of a great gas deposit.

Salyersville is eighteen miles from the Sandy River, at or near Paintsville. It is near the seat of Licking Station, an old fortification built to guard against Indian depredations. Magoffin is noted for the fertility of its bottom lands and its forests of valuable timber.

"In politics the county is very close, giving, however, a small Republican majority, yet the county offices are generally divided both

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Gardner, however took a dim view of a town in his front yard, and refused to sell or give sufficient land for the town.

Gardner's home and store was then known as Licking Station, and a blockhouse had been maintained there as a defense against the Indians.

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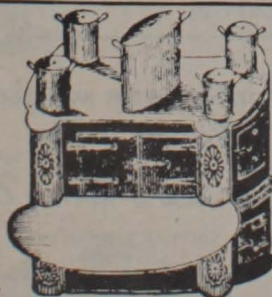
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# Tales Of Samuel

As Told By Webster Salyer Frankfort.

Samuel's uncanny wit has become a part of the folklore that has remained with his reputation down through the years.

An example of his humor can be related to the time he was aboard a train coming home from a legislative meeting in

Frankfort. For the longest time Sam pretended he was reading a newspaper while holding it upside down.

Finally, a man sitting across from Sam asked him why he was reading the newspaper upside down.

Sam retorted, "Oh, there must have been a shipwreck."



MARTIN SALYER FAMILY  
wife Emma Joseph

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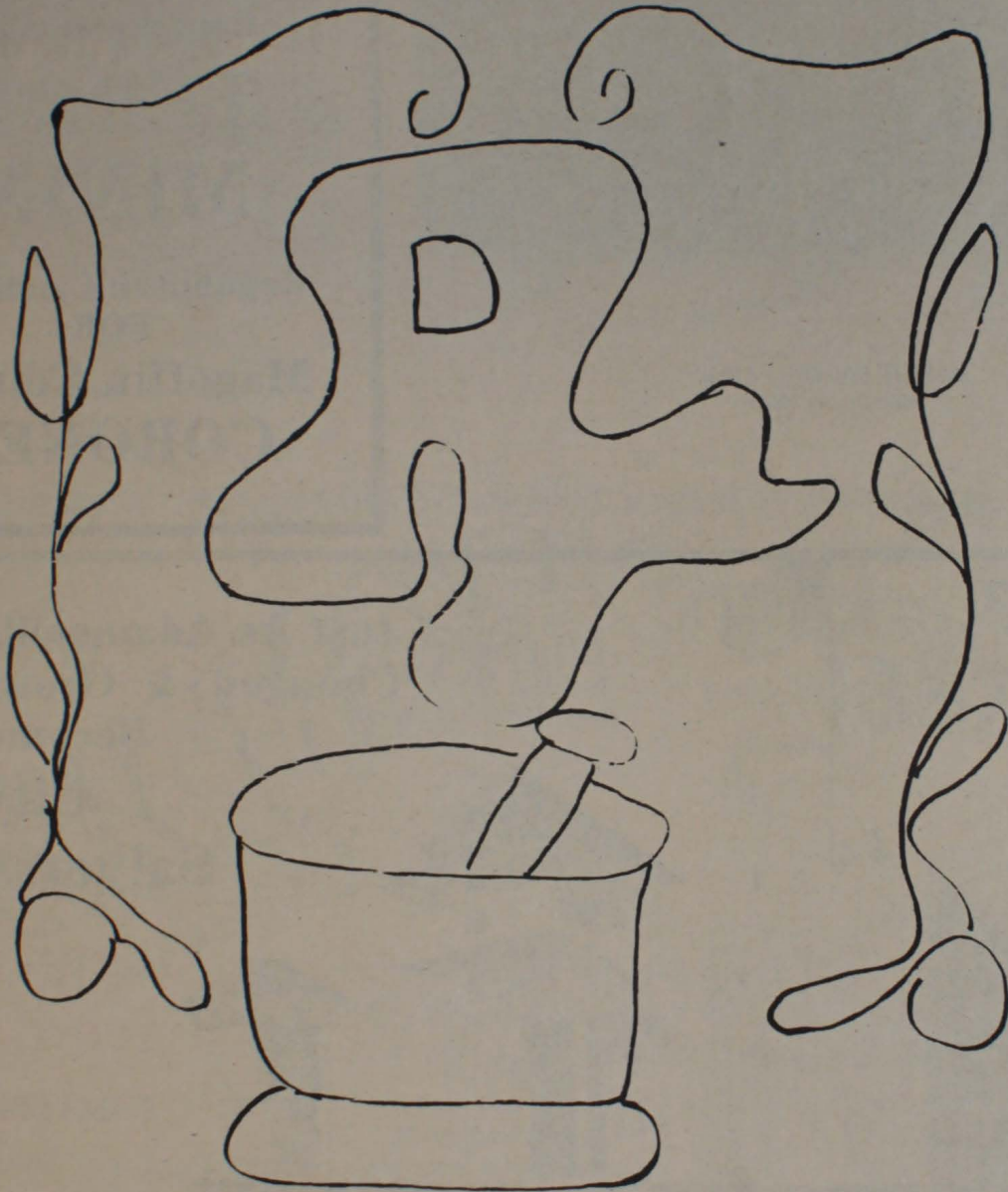
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Contributed By  
Mr. and Mrs. Grover Salyer

Old-time Fiddler, John M. Salyer, and his two sons, Grover and Glen, were invited by the Sandy Valley Grocery Company to be entertainers on an excursion to the 1933 World's Fair at Chicago, Illinois. The train started picking up passengers in Pikeville, Ky and continued to Cincinnati, Ohio. The father and son trio boarded the train early in the morning at Paintsville. Immediately they began making music from car to car, John playing the fiddle, Grover the guitar and Glen the mandolin.

The playing continued until they arrived in Cincinnati. There they were joined by the Gibson Girl singers. From there to Chicago, they alternated singing and playing. The trip was uninterrupted until

they stopped at Kankakee, Illinois to switch engines. The next stop was Chicago about ten-thirty at night. There they were greeted by a bag-pipe band. Most of the passengers had never heard bag-pipes before.

In Chicago, they stayed at the Stevenson Hotel. The second night the Salyers were invited to play for a dance in the million dollar ballroom of the Knickerbocker Hotel. The dance floor was made of glass blocks with many colored lights in it. There were sixty-five hundred people there; some wanted waltz music, some wanted square dance, and fox trot, others wanted Virginia reel or jig music. John said to them, "We'll play our kind of music and you dance any kind of dance you can!"

They saw many new

inventions from all over the world. One of special interest, and most mysterious, was to break a beam of light to turn on a drinking fountain, or open and close a door in the Hall of Science and Industry.

After three days of seeing the wonders of the world, the excursion returned to Eastern Kentucky. The Salyer Trio was back in Magoffin County with blistered fingers and tired hands from playing so many hours. It was a great experience that they relived and retold on many occasions.

Grover was privileged to attend another World's Fair in Montreal, Canada and was able to see the sights of the Fair in Seattle, Washington. Both had many wonders but neither could surpass the memories of the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago.



about 1846  
John Salyer "Fiddlin John"

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LEANDER SALYER  
wife Sarah Arnett and children

As Told By Grandson:

# Life Of Sam Salyer

A Sketch of Sam  
Written by Webster Salyer  
April 1981

A great-grandson of  
Samuel Salyer

Samuel Salyer was a great pioneer  
He migrated from Virginia in his early years  
He explored Kentucky, all of the Eastern part;  
When he got in politics, he soon got a start.

Sam liked the women from every land;  
He had several illegimates to prove his stand  
John P. Salyer was the greatest of them all-  
He was the most respected attorney in the court house hall.

Sam went to Frankfort to help make laws  
With his acquaintances there; he had no flaws

During his reign in Frankfort, he got on his feet  
With his wisdom and knowledge, he could compete.

Most of the law makers respected his wit;  
He had a lot of spunk and an abundance of grit

After the county was established and named,  
He settled in Magoffin with a deed quickly claimed  
He homesteaded a tract that was a great spread  
Today this area remains in his stead.

He married Malinda and three sons were born;  
Abner, Martin and Anderson were all his own.  
Abner settled on part of the old farm; but Martin and Anderson moved west to cause no alarm.

On a rolling knoll is his old home.  
Never for him and Linda to ever roam;  
They lived peaceful in their old days;  
Finally death took them one by one  
Today they are sleeping back of their old home.

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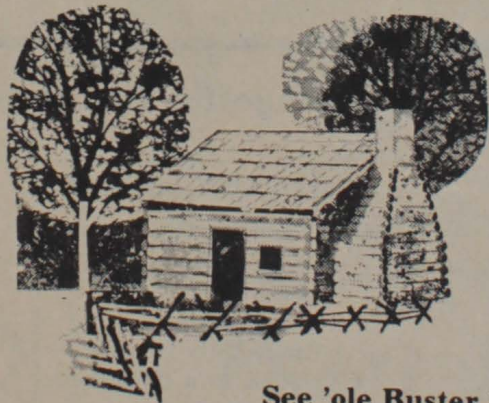
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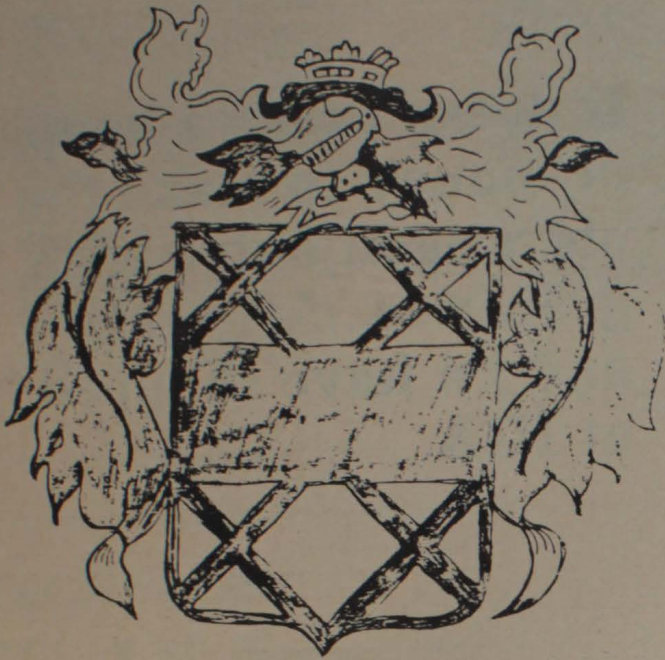
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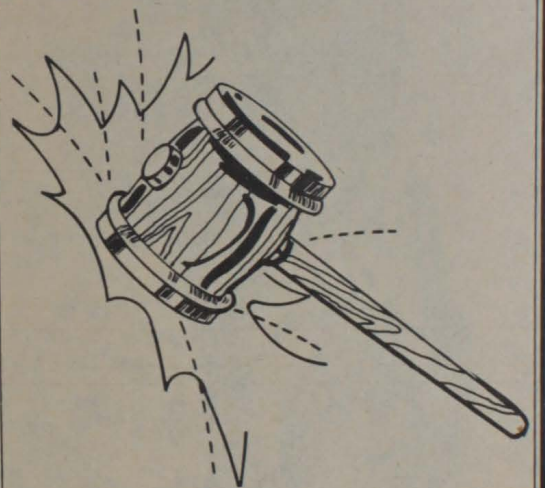


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A bloody battle of the war was fought at Ivy Point, near the site of the original settlement of the county, in the morning of November 30, 1863, when Captain Peter Everett with about 200 Confederate soldiers surprised a company of Federals, killing one and wounding a number of others.

## Births Of 1860

Among the births in 1860 were: William Jennings Bryan, whose "cross of gold" speech won him the Democratic nomination for President in 1896, and who later was President Wilson's Secretary of State.....John Joseph (Black Jack) Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces in World War 1, and Anna Mary, later to be known as "Grandma Moses".

Captain Patrick and his troop captured a Confederate cannon, which was long a showpiece on the lawn of a grandson, Ernest E. Arnett of Salyersville.



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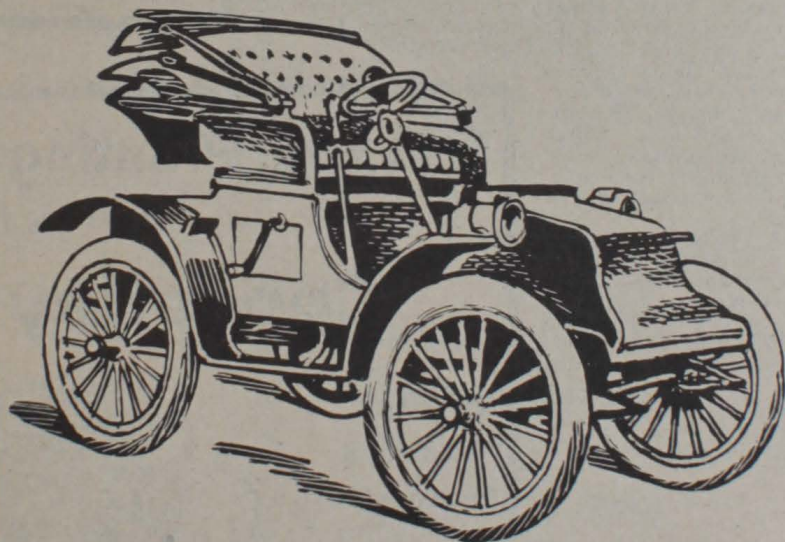
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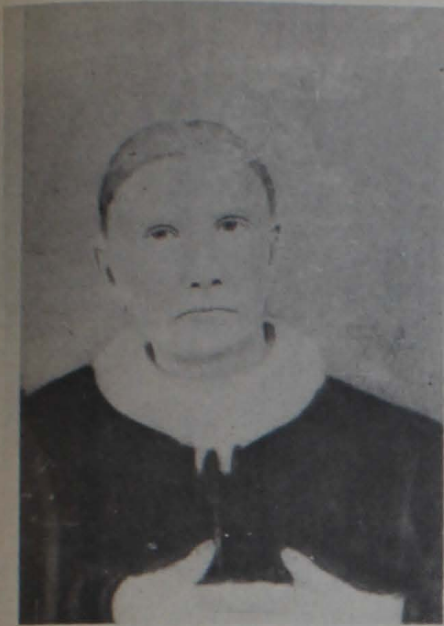


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# The Ballad Of Samuel Salyer

Written By Betty Jo Lykins

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By the name of....  
Salyersville!

One hundred and twenty one years ago

A man named Samuel Salyer

Was sent to Frankfort to represent

The people from the hollows

The governor shook his hand and asked

How is Uncle Billie?

And all the other fine folks up there

In the town of Adamsville...

Fine! Fine Samuel said  
They send you their regards

They're honest, sober and upright

And always working hard.

Samuel stayed in Frankfort

Until many laws were passed

Then he packed his fiddle, got on the train

And headed home at last.

A large crowd was waiting for

Legislator Sam

They greeted him with the news

We're gonna rename the town!

Amid cries of "Welcome home"

A speech was made by Uncle Bill

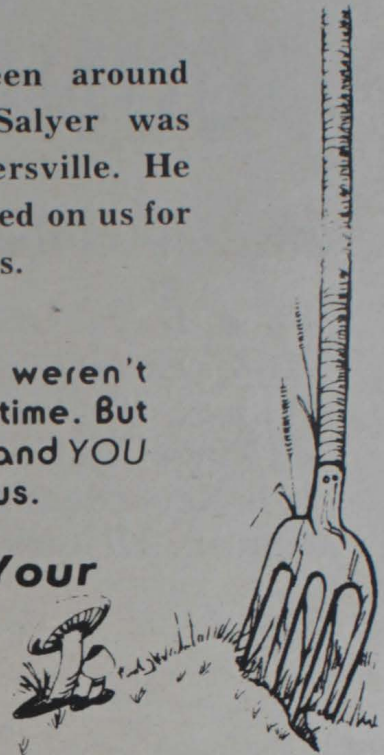
## We're Sure...

If we had been around when Samuel Salyer was kingpin of Salyersville. He would've depended on us for all his farm needs.

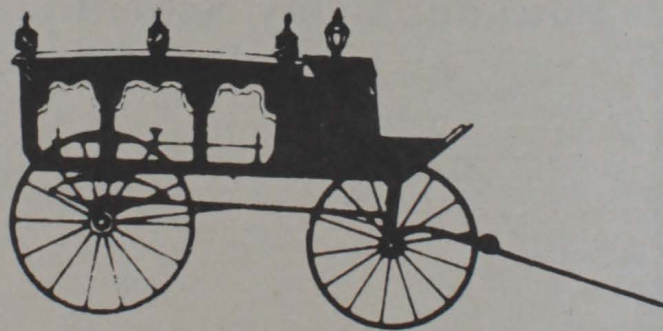
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The Man For Whom Salyersville Is Named

## Samuel Salyer

...Along With His Descendents, Will Be  
Honored This Year

### Founder's Day Schedule Of Activities

Thursday, Sept. 3  
8:00 P.M.  
Miss Magoffin County Pageant  
(at the Log Cabins)

Friday, Sept. 4  
9:00 A.M.  
Pipe Smoking Contest  
Tobacco Chewing Contest  
Whittling Contest  
1:30 P.M.  
Essay-Spelling Bee  
2:30 P.M.  
School Activities  
Mini Drama "Fiddling Legislator"  
(Salyersville First and Second Grade)  
3:00 P.M.  
Salyer Play (High School Drama Class)  
4:00 P.M.  
Baby Contest  
6:00 P.M.  
Little Miss Pageant  
7:00 P.M.  
Mini Salyer Drama (Salyersville First  
and Second Grade)  
8:00 P.M.  
Salyer Play (High School Drama Class)  
9:00 P.M.  
Country Music Show

Saturday, Sept. 5  
7:00 A.M.  
Methodist Country Breakfast  
8:00 A.M.  
Bicycle Race  
(starting at the Community Center)  
9:00 A.M.  
Flag Raising  
9:30 A.M.  
Blue Grass Music  
Concession Booths  
(going all day long)  
10:00 A.M.  
Dedication of Monument  
(at the Community Center)  
11:00 A.M.  
Soup Bean Dinner (Methodist Church)  
12:00 P.M.  
Parade  
2:00 P.M.  
Country & Bluegrass Music  
6:00 P.M.  
Junior Miss Pageant  
7:00 P.M.  
Mini Salyer Drama (Salyersville First  
and Second Grade)  
Salyer Play (High School Drama Class)  
9:00 P.M.  
Street Dance

(all of today's activities are to be at  
the Log Cabins)

Sunday, Sept. 6  
12:00 P.M.  
Salyer Family Reunion  
2:00 P.M.  
Gospel Singing  
6:00 and 8:00 P.M. (two showings)  
Salyer Play (High School Drama Class)

Monday  
Tennis Tournament Finals  
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## The Dream Of William Adams Still Growing

By: Todd Preston

The eastern Kentucky mountains were settled mostly by design rather than by chance. The first hard core of settlers were mountain men who were not strangers to the cove of way of life. To them life in the mountains was an achievement because it represented a challenge.

This country will never know the stream of strength infused into it by the people who settled in the Appalachian coves and valleys instead of pushing on to the lush plateaus. In mountain people still lives this nation's leavening of self reliance, sturdy blood stock, a basic sense of justice and pride in ancestry. These are the qualities that made us a great nation and may God help us when these sparks die out.

A number of our early settlers remained here by pure chance. Perhaps, while enroute to some distant land, a horse died or a wagon broke down and there was no money for another horse or a wagon. It may have been that a family stopped while the good wife gave birth to a child or perhaps illness or a death in a family precipitated a stop in the journey. Perhaps these pioneers found a cove or valley they liked. At any rate they stopped, settled and took root.

The oldest human institution and, in many respects, the most important, is the family and the handing down of it's customs, beliefs and history from generation to generation.

It is natural for descendants of a common ancestor to be curious as to who their progenitors were and to want to learn more about them. As the planting of a single seedling will expend and branch out into many different branches so has the Adams clan branched out into many different branches or

clans. It would be impossible in this short span of time to incorporate the entire ancestry of the Adams family; therefore, we will attempt to delve into the lineage of William "Uncle Billie" Adams who was born in 1802 and died in 1881.

William Adams, as a child, was brought from North Carolina to eastern Kentucky by his father Stephen Adams. Stephen Adams' father Old John Adams had settled on the North Fork of the Kentucky River in what is now Letcher Co., Ky. This Adams colony was to help populate the whole of Eastern Kentucky as well as a good part of the west.

Stephen Adams and his wife Mollie Webb continued to migrate into the Middle Creek section of Floyd County. Their known children were Daniel, William, Gilbert, Zephia and perhaps Sarah.

William, the subject of this writing, is said to have visited with his grandfather back in Letcher County, while a young man. Here he met and courted one Elizabeth Mullins. Whether he married Miss Mullins is not known at this time but a son was born to them in 1824. This son was named Samuel Johnson Adams. Samuel Johnson was reared by William and a later wife. He became a noted Methodist minister and married Mahala Rice of Johnson County on July 23, 1846. The children of this marriage were: Farmer Adams, born in 1856, wife not known. They reared at least two children and lived near Pikeville, Kentucky; William Smith Adams, born 1858 married Mahala Jane Salyers, the daughter of John Salyers, in 1882. To them were born: Willie, Warrick, Flora, Prudie, Alta, and Johnnie. Most of these children married in Washington. Another child of Samuel Johnson was Henry

Adams, born 1873, married twice and resided in Pikeville, Ky. Cynthia Adams, daughter of Samuel Johnson, was born in 1860 and married Charles Sheffield who was born in England. He was a shoemaker and became one of Magoffin County's early Jailors. This family moved west but later moved back to Midway, Ky. Children of this marriage were: Louida, Dora, Johnse, Nicholas, Luther, Claude, Frank, Carrie, Georgia, Ella, Bonnie. A descendent, Mrs. Ace (Bess) Pendleton lives in Mt. Sterling and gave this information. Samuel Johnson's daughter Malinda or Lena Adams, born in 1866, married Peter Caudill and lived on State Road Fork of Magoffin County. Their children: Maudie, Mollie, Nora, Wardie, Parrott, Curt, Brooklin and Cynthia. Many of their descedents still live in Magoffin County. Louise Adams, born 1862, married Hamilton Conley and lived on State Road Fork. Their children: Daisy, Walter, Lizzie, Luther, Henry, Ruie, Tommy, John, Dewey and Ann.

Samuel Johnse Adams' first wife Mahala died in 1882 and is buried in the D. May cemetery, west of Salyersville. He then married Zephia Adams, the daughter of Preston Adams. Samuel Johnse is buried in the Ezel Cemetery in Morgan Co., Ky. His mother, Elizabeth Mullins, was married to James Roark in Letcher Co. Ky. Their children: Wesley, Jesse and Manerva Roark lived in Magoffin County. Elizabeth Roark was listed in the 1880 Magoffin County census in the household of Samuel Johnse Adams and was 75 years old.

William Adams married Elizabeth Williams on the 21st day of December of 1826 in Morgan County Kentucky. Isaac Lykins was the minister.



### Family History Traced

Elizabeth was the daughter of Isaac Williams whose wife may have been a kinsman of Stephen Adams. William's father, William and Elizabeth took up residence in Morgan County, Kentucky, a part that was later to become Magoffin County.

William, a shrewd and practical man, became quite prosperous and accumulated many thousands acres of land. He instituted many small businesses and industries on his land to take care of his family's needs and the needs of those who lived near him. The end result was a town with it's own post office, called Adamsville, formed August 25, 1849. The first postmaster of Adamsville was James W. Prater. In 1860 William Adams played a leading role in having a new county formed from parts of Floyd, Johnson and Morgan counties. This new county was to bear the name Magoffin for the Governor of Kentucky in office at the time, Beriah Magoffin. Adamsville was renamed Salyersville in honor of Samuel Salyer who was Representative from the area at the time and who was a good friend of William Adams.

William Adams and his wife Elizabeth had a daughter Cynthia Adams, born 1828, who married Jilson P. Prater, son of Elijah. Their children

were: Elizabeth J., Mary E., William, Jefferson, Manda F., Metta E., Sarah J., Perlina A., and Isaac S. Their son Jeff Prater who married Lizzie May was widely known. They owned and operated the Prater Hotel. Captain Jeff, as he was called, organized a regiment of men during the Spanish-American War. Jeff and Aunt Lizzie are interred in the Bluegrass Cemetery, Salyersville, Ky. Sarah J. Prater, daughter of Cynthia, married Smith Adams, a son of Sarah Adams. Six children were born to them: Warrick and Willie died in infancy; Dr. Roscoe Adams, the oldest, married Lenore Patrick and had one son Richmond; Grace Adams married Ed Stephens and had one child Earl who married Margaret Kelly. Prater Adams married Una Howes and had one daughter Peggy who married Raymond Arnett. Kitty Adams married Fred Conley and had a son Charles. Cynthia's son Isaac Smith Prater married Nelis Carpenter and had a son Jeff who is not married and is living in Texas.

The family residence and cemetery of Jilson P. and Cynthia Adams Prater is on Mash Fork, known as the Smith Adams farm, lately owned by the Brack Hamilton

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# The Adamsville Pioneer

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## For Uncle Billy

*This special edition of the Adamsville Pioneer is being published by the Salyersville Independent. It is dedicated to the memory of William "Uncle Billy" Adams, founder of Adamsville which we now know as Salyersville.*

*When the idea of the Adamsville Pioneer was first conceived, it was hoped we would, in printed copy, try to capture some as some of the spirit of the mid 1800's.*

*Like today, men of that period were faced with national as well as local crisis. But it's obvious there were still a few, like Uncle Billy, who were determined to build a dream.*

*More than a century has passed since Magoffin County and the City of Salyersville were chartered and the dream of Uncle Billy Adams continues to grow. With his generous deeds and donations of land for construction of the county courthouse and a school building, where the Lloyd M. Hall Community Center now offers him an everlasting memorial, his presence will always be a part of Salyersville, which once was referred to exclusively as "Uncle Billy's Town."*

*The unfortunate part is it has taken so long to record the history and biography of William Adams. More has been learned about him in the past few months than the last fifty years. No doubt, additional stories, anecdotes and traces of history will surface long after the first annual Magoffin County Founder's Day is over.*

*The good part is happening right now. With all the information that has been collected and recorded concerning William Adams will stay with us forever. It may have taken nearly eighty years to get it together, but we all seem to know him a little better.*

*Publishing The Adamsville Pioneer has been no easy chore, but it has had its fun and interesting moments. Possibly some day it will be displayed as a part of Magoffin County's and Salyersville's history.*

*Without the help (resuming it gets off the press in time) and contributions of numerous people, especially members of the Magoffin County Historical Society, we couldn't have begun to put it together. We hope you enjoy it.*

## Salyersville Chartered

The City of Salyersville was officially chartered on March 2, 1867, some seven years after founder William Adams agreed to change the name from Adamsville to Salyersville in 1860, the year Magoffin County was formed.

A board of trustees, consisting of five members, were appointed by the governor to administer the city's fiscal affairs. The first trustees were W.S. Adams, J.M. Atkinson, W.J. Hagen,

William P. Hammons and Wiley Homes.

The aforementioned trustees were in charge of laying off the town and establishing the boundaries, provided that not more than 100 acres of land be included in the limit.

The initial trustees were appointed for one year.

The first townwide election in May, 1968 included the offices of police judge, marshal and treasurer.

# The Dream Of Adams

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family.

William Adams's daughter Lucinda Adams was born in 1833 was never married according to family tradition but the 1900 Magoffin County census shows her to be a widow with one child. It is assumed this child was Sarah E. or Sallie who was born in 1859 and married Byron Richards. Byron and Sallie had at least one child named William. This family moved to Washington D.C. where Byron was employed by the Government. Lucinda, when a child of about five, took sick with the fever and supposedly died. She was laid out for dead but her mother Elizabeth is said to have prevailed at her bedside in prayer. The people who were gathered were astounded when the coverlets began to stir and little Lucinda "came to life." Lucinda was left without the senses of hearing and speech after her illness. She spent some of her last days on Mashfork in her sister Minerva's home.

Minerva Adams was born to William and Elizabeth in 1836 and first married Thomas S. Reid. They lived near the mouth of Burton on Mashfork. Two children were born to them; William Reid who married Susan Patrick and had son Fred; dau. Perlian married a May; dau. Ida Belle married Charlie Hammond; son Curt married Elizabeth Helton and had children - Hazel, Fred, Curt, Elmer, Mable and Betty. Minerva and Thomas Reid's daughter Mary Reid married Newton Prater and had these children; George, Henry, Mandy, Willie and Maude.

Minerva Adams was married second to Lemuel Williams who is believed to have died in the Civil War. Their one child Elizabeth married Henry J. May. Children of this union were Add who died young; Lemuel P. who married Pauline Gentry; Lena married Lonzo Caudill; Stella, unmarried; Jess married Rellie Picklesimer; Leslie and Sammie, unmarried.

Minerva Adams' third marriage was to Samuel Williams, a veteran of the Union Army in the Civil War. Samuel was captured by the forces of the famous Confederate Colonel Caudill during the war. Although Samuel was a kinsman and a friend of Col. Caudill, he fully expected the usual harsh treatment meted out to prisoners of war. Upon being informed that Samuel was a

prisoner, Col. Caudill had an audience with Samuel. When the company broke camp the next morning, much to Samuel's surprise, Col. Caudill waved good-by and informed Samuel that he would see him back in Letcher County.

Children of Samuel and Minerva Williams were: Sarah J. who married Edd Conley. They had no children of their own but made their spacious house a home for many youngsters and grown-ups alike. Son Newton married Priscilla Lykins and had one son Tony. Newt married second to Nora Wheeler and had children Fred and Edna. Minerva's dau. Dora married L.G. Fairchild. Their children: Hershell, Homer and Ida. Minerva's son Smith married Florence Wheeler. They had no children were born to this union. Minerva's daughter Ogie did not marry. She was postmistress of Mashfork for many years.

William Adams' son William Smith Adams was born in 1838 and married Paulina Adams. Their children were: John; Lorabell; Eugene J.; Emily and Sarah J. Little is known about these children or their descendants. Smith was a partner with his father in business and was a Captain during the Civil War. He later moved to Farmers, Kentucky.

William Adams' son Isaac was born in 1841 and married Sarah Waldeck in Morgan Co., Ky. It is not now known if they had children. Some researcher's believe Isaac gave his life in the cause of the Civil War.

William Adams' daughter Elizabeth Jane Adams, born in 1843, married Fleming May. A daughter Jennie married Richard Cooper and had daughters Gladys and Madge. We believe, at this time, that Mollie May was a daughter of Fleming and Jane. Mollie married Dan Preston and had children: Sylvia, James, Willa Mae who married Herbert Wheeler; Richard Preston and Theresa Preston. Rosabell, born 1863, married Leander Bays and Margaret Emily, born 1865, married Elijah Bays.

William Adams married second to Nancy Fuller in Floyd County, Ky. after the death of wife Elizabeth Williams. Nancy, born 1822, was the daughter of Hosea and Dorcus Cypers Fuller of Morgan County, Ky. The children of William and Nancy Fuller Adams were: Hosea Newton Adams, born 1855,

married Amanda Prater. Their children were: Richard Milton; George Winfield and Clarence who died young. Richard M. Had a daughter Catherine Ferguson. Hosea Newton Adams is buried in the John Prater Cemetery on Burning Fork.

William and Nancy's son Greenville or Greenfield Adams, born in 1857, married Samantha Preston dau. of Montreville Preston. Their children were: Anna, Helen and Will Mont. Will Mont or Bill moved west and served as Sheriff of Amarillo, Tex. for 30 years. He had two sons and a daughter - Dorothy Ann Kinney.

Jennessee or Jennie Adams, born in 1860, married W.C. Kendall of West Liberty in 1881 in Magoffin County, Ky. They had two children: Willmoore, who became a noted writer and married Pearl Ann Garlick. Willmoore, Jr. and Yvnoa Pearl, wife of Joe Mason are descendants. The Kendall family migrated to Oklahoma where Nancy fuller Adams and Jennie Kendall are buried, as well as another son of William Adams - George.

William and Nancy's son George Adams, born in 1862, was never married. He went to Oklahoma and is buried in Ardmore.

Phyllis Williams Salyer, grand-daughter of Samuel and Minerva Adams Williams, has in her possession a small book entitled Sunday School Spelling and Reading Book. In this book, which may have belonged to Jennessee Adams Kendall, are the following names: "Eveline Sexton (?); C.A. Prater; Miss Williams; Mrs. May; Lucinda Adams; Jeness Adams; Johnson Adams; Smith Adams; H.N. Adams; G.F. Adams; G.B. Adams." On another page these same names appear with the added names of "Emilia Adams. James Adams." This inscription follows: "This is the names of all my children William Adams" Nothing further is known about Evaline Sexton, (spelling unsure), Emilia or James.

William Adams, who became widely known as "Uncle Billie" was a very remarkable man in many ways. Here we find a man who seemed to have the urge to have plenty of "elbow room" - a trait that many of our early settlers had, yet he chose to found a town. William



Magoffin County Courthouse built on land donated to the Magoffin County Court by Wm. "Uncle Billie" Adams. The touring car in front was a bus or taxi operated by Luther Conley, great grandson of Uncle Billie

# The Dream Of Adams

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accumulated about four thousand acres of land in this area. He could have set himself up as a large landlord; instead he chose to dispose of portions of his land for public buildings. He gave several tracts of land to people for the consideration that they maintain a business on that land. Some of his own businesses he sold with the restriction that, if the parties discontinued the business, the land would fall back to William Adams and his heirs. He built one of the larger lumber mills in this section. A by product of this mill - bark - was used in his tan yard. The tannery enticed those gifted in leathercraft. His brother-in-law, Bob Fuller, operated the first saddle shop. Charles Sheffield, of England, a shoe maker by trade, set up the first business of that type and married into the Adams family.

William Adams had a large general store that was located near the present site of the Methodist Church. He, perhaps by necessity, kept

travelers so that his home became termed the first Hotel in the area. Ruel was needed to heat the homes and businesses so he brought men in to mine the first coal which was in abundant supply close by. William Adams had a desire to provide for his own family. In addition, he had a

vision of founding a town that would be the hub of industry in what was then a remote area.

William Adams may not have been formally educated except for what the backwoods offered at the time but he gave land to be used for school purposes where the present Community Center

now stands. He was a civic minded individual as attested to by the fact that he gave land for the County Courthouse. A reading of early Magoffin County court orders finds the names of William Adams on many important committees. His home was the meeting place for these committees.

William Adams died in 1881

and was buried in the churchyard of the Christian Church in Salyersville. Time has only increased our admiration and respect for this man. William "Uncle Bille" Adams left each of us a legacy. Indeed, he founded a town which will never die.



Making Stave Bolts, an early Magoffin County occupation

A. L.

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Photo by William Adams  
1880s  
Magoffin County

September 1, 1979



### Local Blacksmith Poses For Photo

Written by: Mike Prater great great grandson of Thomas W. Morton.

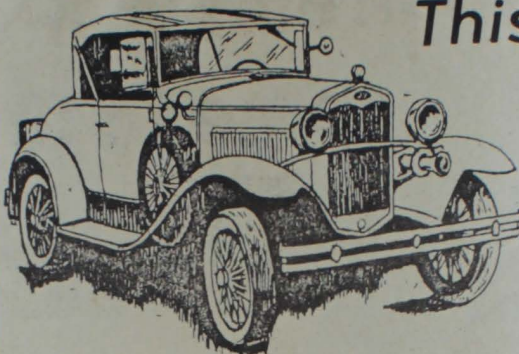
Thomas W. Morton, a local blacksmith, along with other family members pose for a family picture. Tom's blacksmith shop is located on Maple Street (Twentieth Century folks will know its location as the same as the

Prater and Dunn Funeral Home).

If you drop by his shop Tom will shoe your horse, fix your wagon wheel or you can look at some of the hand and garden tools he has fashioned

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## The Saga Of Billy The Kid

The day Bad Billy The Kid Brown  
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town, he immediately started  
shootin' those high prices down.

In order to fulfill a committment  
he once made  
He built a big store on a hill and  
came to the workin' man's aid.

Along with his side kicks, Jean,  
Boyd and brother Guy  
He looked those high prices  
right dead in the eye.

His trigger finger itched as he  
gripped his flare pen,  
Took two steps backward then  
began to pace ten.

When the dust had settled it was  
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September 1, 1979

# Memorial Day To Start In 1892

By: Roy Preston

I would like to relate a few comments my mother has related to me heretofore. Memorial Day came into being on Mash Fork the year after her father died, which would have made it about 1894, as my records show Epherham Helton passed on in 1892.

Her recollections were that William (Hoehandle Bill) Tackett came up Mash Fork (and Burton) informing everyone along the way that flags were available to decorate the veterans' graves. Phyllis Salyers says that "Uncle" Sam Williams received them through the mail. Tackett, Williams, Rev. L.F. Caudill and others went on up toward the George Perkins Cem. passing Rev. John J. Prater plowing in his field. He unhitched his mule and went with the group. After services at the Perkins graveyard, they came back down the creek to "Uncle" Menifee Prater Cem. for services, thence on down to the Williams Cem. where a larger crowd would be waiting to accompany them on down to the Penix Cemetery where another service was held.

An interesting bit of history happened here a few days later. There were Negro people buried here and a fence that split the point was still standing that separated the whites from the blacks. It is said that Rev. J.J. Prater informed the gathering one year that he would be delighted to be invited back the following year, but his request was that the fence be removed, if he were asked back. He was invited back the next year and the fence had vanished. After the services at the Penix graveyard, the party would continue up the ridge trail to the Helton Cem. on the Vanderpool Folk. My mother said her mother would carry her on her back most of the way, and a box of flowers as well. Mom said the sight of the little flags were to her, in her young life, the most beautiful sight her eyes had ever beheld. She remembers her mother shedding tears of grief for her departed companion, which Mom could not understand at her tender age, but Mom said she shed tears too, but for the beautiful little flags placed on Uncle Jake Helton's grave. She said her mother never permitted her taking even a faded one, that

had been placed the year before.

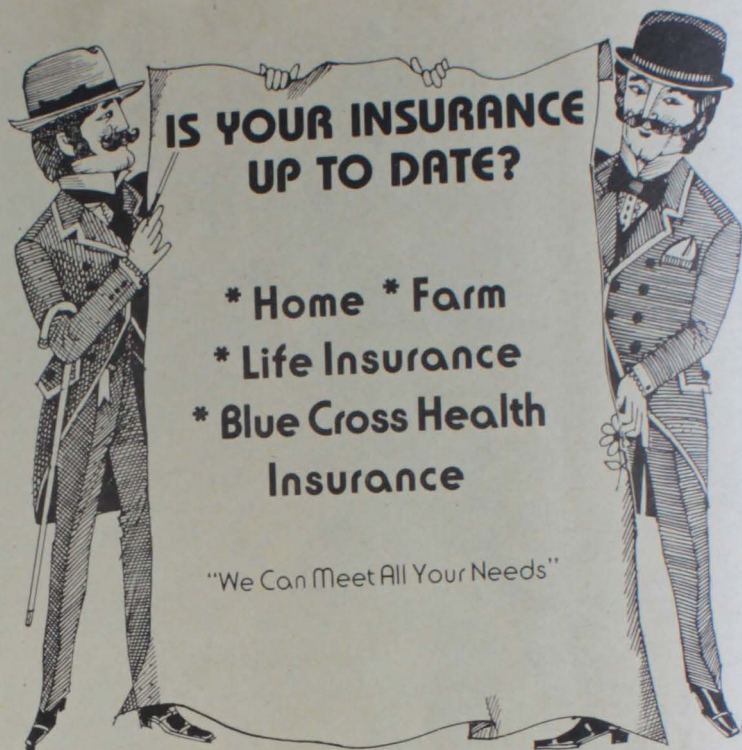
The group parted here, Preacher Prater going with some to the Pete Gullett Cem., now referred to as the Green Blanton Cem. and Preacher Caudill with the remaining people would go to the Rufus Kazee Cem., referred to as the Conley Cem. After services at these two, both preachers and others would continue up to the George Collins Cem. thence to the head of the creek, or Caudill Cem., after which up Horsepen to the Issiah Conley Cem. and then across the hill to Burton Fork and Home.

## Masonic Lodge Chartered Here

The first Masonic Lodge meeting in Magoffin County was held August 31, 1870 when the Ashlar Lodge 531 was chartered in Salyersville.

Charter officers include the following men:

J.F. Steward, Master; J.W. Moore, Senior Warden; J.M. Atkeson, Junior Warden; William J. Hager, Treasurer; D.M. Atkeson, Secretary; Reuben Patrick, Senior Deacon; Joseph Gardner, Junior Deacon and Thomas Porter, Tyler.



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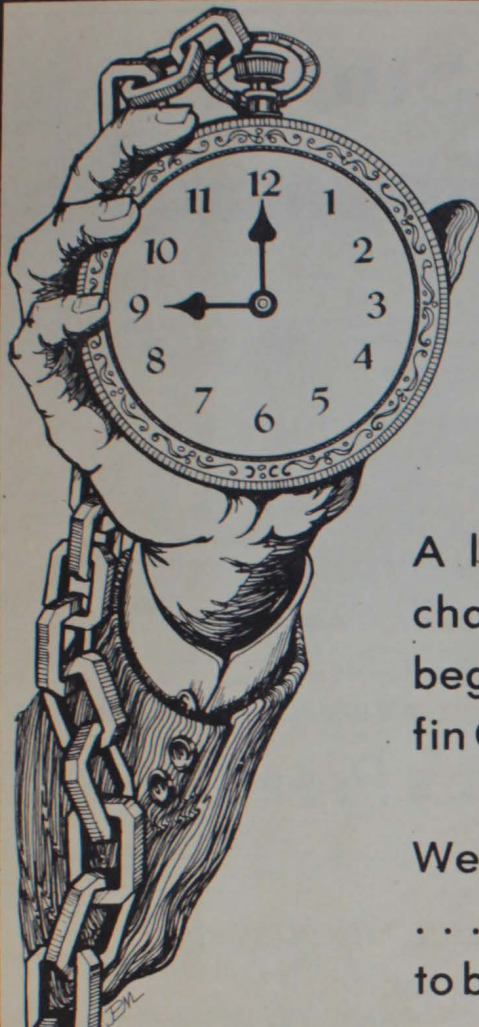
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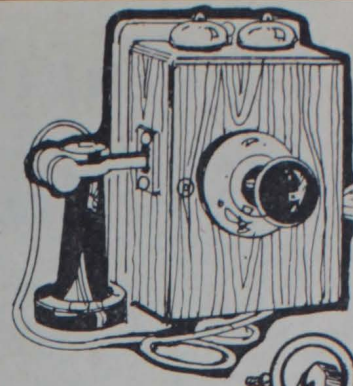
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# B.F. Gardner Opens Store

By Stanley Gardner

During the early 1830s my great grand father, Benjamin F. Gardner opened a general store at Licking Station, (Morgan County) Kentucky. The store was located on the Gardner Farm about one mile west of Salyersville.

In going through his ledger for the year of 1848, the following persons had transaction at the store: Gilbert Adams, William Adams, Ambros Arnett, David Arnett - son of Ruben, Hiram Arnett, Ruben Arnett - son of Stephen, Stephen Arnett, Sr., Widow of Joseph Bailey, George W. Bayes, Joshua Bayes, John Burton, William Burton Sr., W.H. Cartmill, Benjamin Caudill, Benjamin Caudle, Stephen Caudle, Sarah Collins, Thos Collins Edmond Conley, Sr., Henry Conley, John Conley, Thomas Conley, David M. Cooper, David A. Cottle, Uriah Cottle, Wm. Craft, Ephriam Davis and Nelson Dykes

Also Polly and Prescia Dykes, Henry Easterling, James Elam, Edwin Evans, John Fipps, George Fletcher, James Fugate, Jr., A.H. Gardner, Joseph H. Gardner, Elizabeth Gose, William Griffith, Christopher Gullett, Daniel Gullett, Sr., Franklin Gullett, Wm. Gullett, Thomas Hagans, Jackson Hammons, J.P. Holderby, Moses Hoskins, Moses Howard - son of James, Reuben Howard, William

Howard, William Howard, Jr., Isaac Williams Johnston, Thos. B. Keaton, Washington Keaton, Wm. Kenard and Joe Litteral, Jr.

Also John Lykins - son of Isaac, Blair May, Caleb May, David May, Harvey May, James May, Sr., James May, Jr., John May, Samuel May, Alexander McQuinn, Charles Minich, James Minich, John Montgomery, Ward Montgomery, James W. Nickell, Greenville Patrick, Jeremiah Patrick, John Patrick, Sr., John Patrick, Jr., Meridith Patrick, Kendall Patrick, Reuben Patrick, Sr., Thos. C. Patrick, Wm. Patrick Jr., Joshua Perkins, George D. Phillips, Archibald Power, Holloway Power, John Power, Lewis Power, Sr., James Prater, James Prater - son of Thos., Jilson Prater, John Prater, Sr., John Prater, Jr.

Thomas Prater, William C. Prater, William - son of Thos. Wm. Prater, Jr., David Reid, Sanford Reid, Samuel Rice, Washington Rice, Agner Salyers, Henry Salyer, John Salyer, Samuel Salyer, William P. Salyer, R.W. Sandrum, Benjamin Wages, Moses Wages, Francis A. Whittaker, Johnston Whittaker, Marcus Whittaker, Elijah Williams, Mason Williams, Andrew Wilson, Joshua Wilson and Shelby Wilson.

Some of the items offered for sale were: coffee, 20c. lb.; factory - 16 and two-thirdc. yard, flannel, 50c yd. calico, 25c oz, powder (gun, 50c lb,

lead, 12½ c. lb. gun flints, 1c each; nails, 12½ c lb.; indigo, 18½c oz.; alum, 20c dozen; bed cord, 37½c; domestic, 25c. yard; needles 12½c dozen; shoes, \$1.50 and \$1.75 pair; fur hat, \$3.50 and \$5.50 each; pocket knife, 25c. and quart of whickey, 25c.

In addition to selling,

buying was also done with prices offered. Ginseng, 25c. lb; pint bottles, 12c. each; feathers, 25c lb.; wax, 20c lb.; deer skins, 12c lb.

These ledgers are now in possession of the B.R. Gradner family. If anyone has information concerning any of the persons named in this

article and would like to share it with the Historical Society or if you would like to have a list of persons published for another year, write either Connie A. Wireman, Fredville, Ky, 41430, Todd Preston, Salyersville or Standley Gardner, Salyersville, Ky, 41465

## Homespun Superstitions

Phyllis Preston gathered and to the Adamsville Pioneer some of the superstitions handed down to the present generation:

If a dog comes to your door and howls, then somebody in the house will die in so many number days or weeks, depending on the number of

howls the dog makes.

If a rooster crows in the middle of the night, it spells disaster for someone.

If someone dreams of a wedding there will be a death and if someone dreams of a death, there will be a wedding.

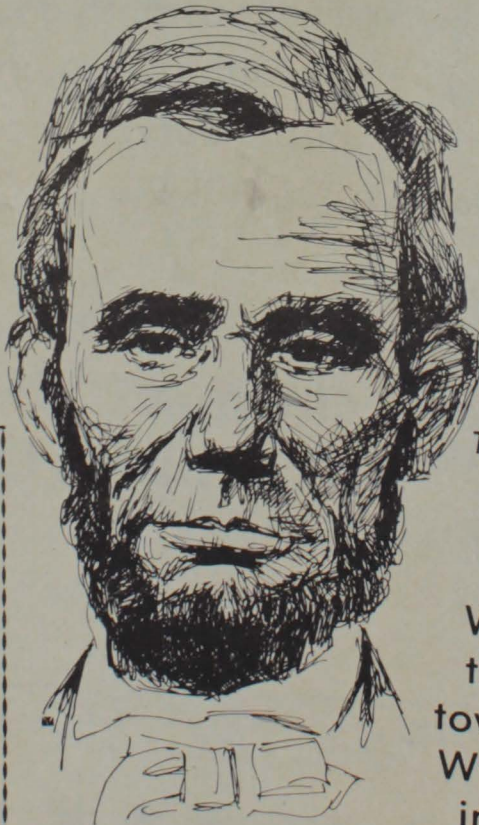
If you plant an evergreen in a cemetery, when it is big enough to shade your grave, you will die.

Bad luck prevails if a hen crows like a rooster.

It is bad luck to bring a hoe into the house.

## Lincoln was President When

## Adamsville Was Changed To Salyersville



The townfolk were probably excited about the new era

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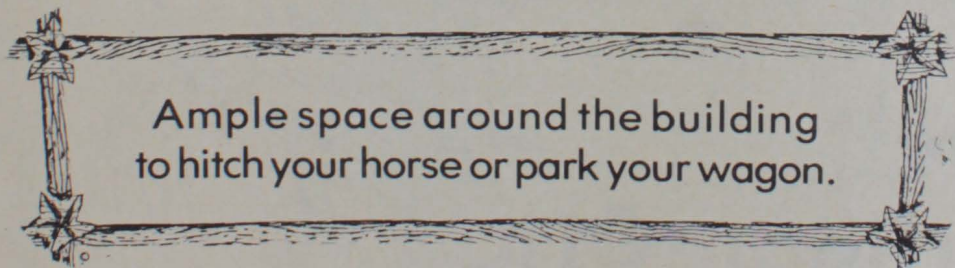
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1888



1905



1926



1949



1964



**We're  
Very Aware Of It.  
But Then Again,  
We're Supposed  
To Be.**



## Are These The Good Old Days?

By: William Rowe

While I'm drinking my coffee and pop and eating potato chips. That's the standard diet these days. Watching T.V. or sitting at my old C.B. yelling breaker break till my tongue lolls out. Some old buddies yell come in there Wood Butcher. How are you and that Tin Lizzie doing these days. The bathroom takes the place of the old tin tub and the little house on the bank.

Push a button, turn a faucet and I have water, heat, and light. I get my milk from a plastic jug instead of a cow. I never walk to town.

Now some of you here remember the good old days. I would like to trade some of these present days.

To the good old days of long ago and live them over again. But nature and time don't permit.

So I'll be satisfied and enjoy life as it is.

### Remedies

The following are several home remedies established and frequently used before the turn of the century:

- Burns; Bamagily buds and frying tallow.
- Choking; Groundhog grease.
- Colds; Tea of old field pennyroyal and catnip, together with mullen.
- Diarrhea; Smart weed and boil it down.
- Ear Ache; Very warm groundhog grease.
- High Temperature; Tea from horsenip.
- Sores; Tallow and pine rosin.

### Cooking Notes

The following recipe appeared on the backside of an Arbuckle's Coffee postcard mail advertisement in the late 1800's.

#### Pigeon Pie

Cover your dish with puff paste crust. Let your pigeons be tender and nicely picked; season with brown pepper and salt and a little chopped onion, and put a good piece of butter, with a little more pepper and salt, under the pigeon, lay them in your pan, with necks, gizzards, livers and pinions between; put a very tender beefsteak in the middle, and add the yolks of three hard-boiled eggs. Half fill the dish with water, lay on top crust, and bake well, taking great care not to burn the paste.



THE BUILDING OF CHURCH STREET. . . Goldie Prater provided this photo taken while WPA workers were building Upper Church Street in Salyersville. To the left is the Christian Church.



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# Kind Revolutionary War Soldier Frees Captive

At a time like this I wish I had listened more attentively to the older folks as they told their stories around the fireplace at night. As a young child I lived on Mash Fork in a ten room house with three of Billys grandchildren - Ogie, Sarah Jane and Newt. Smith lived across the creek and Dora down the road. They were the children of Minerva and Sarah Williams. Part of the old house where Minerva and Sam raised their family still stands behind the larger Conley house. Now owned by Ernest Powers.

A lot of the stories were ghost stories which seemed so real I was afraid to look out a window at night. One story which my Dad has told me was about a family that lived up the creek from the Williams home. The husband wasn't very good to the family and wouldn't try to work and provide for his family, the men of the creek gathered, put hoods over their heads to protect their identity and paid a visit to the home of their lazy neighbor. After a good tongue lashing and a good whipping, the men split up and each went different directions as they left. The man they had visited watched them depart - carrying torches to light their way up the hill. He called the

names of each man but not one of them would show recognition. Dad said he called each one correctly but the men went on their way. Then my question would be did the whipping and tongue lashing help. (They said it did). One of these men who participated on this was Sam Williams, husband of Minerva Adams.


Another story Dad related was one he hoped to pursue farther but didn't take the time. Sam Williams was a Private in the Civil War. Being born and reared in Letcher Co. he had many friends there. One a Mr. Caudill in particular was a very close friend. One night Sam was separated from his group, so trying to find his way in the darkness he just kept walking when he saw the light from a fire of an encampment of soldiers - thinking they were his buddies he went closer only to be captured by the enemy. Much to his surprise the Captain of the Regiment was his old buddy the Mr. Caudill. The rest of the night was taken up with the reminding of their younger days. The inquiring of families and old friends. As it was getting daylight and they were breaking camp, Sam prepared himself to be taken

along as a prisoner. Much to his surprise Mr. Caudill shook his head, wished him good luck and hoped they would meet again someday and left Sam alone.

Sam enlisted the 31st. day of Oct. 1863 and was discharged Feb. 14, 1865.

I would like to know the name of the Mr. Caudill from

Letcher Co. Maybe someday I will find out who the kind soldier was that believed in true friendship first before War.



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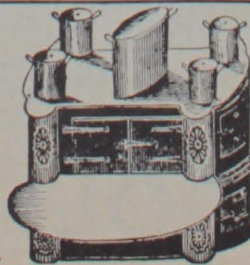
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# First Charge For Gun Meted Out

The first man in Magoffin County to be indicted for carrying a concealed deadly weapon shot a deer.

It was during a term of Magoffin Circuit court when an old hound dog was running a deer through town from Auxier Branch to a water hole near where Ramey Park now is.

It created such a commotion in town, the sounds of the cornered deer and hound dog fighting each other in the shallow water, that the circuit

judge decided to dismiss court for a short while so everyone could just go out and see what was taking place.

After a good sized crowd had been assembled on the river bank and was watching the dog and deer doing battle, a man from the crowd withdrew a pistol and shot the deer.

For his efforts he received the first indictment for carrying a concealed deadly weapon ever handed down in Magoffin County.



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# Three Family Members

## Share Same Birth Date


It was learned this week by the Adamsville Pioneer that three members of William and Lorinda Morton family were born on the same day of the year.

Florence, the second child, was born September 22, 1841 while their third child,

Isabelle was born September 22, 1843 and their fourth child, yet another daughter, was born September 22, 1845. All three are exactly two years apart.

The Mortons have four other children.

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# Poetry:

## "Not For Me"

By: Ruth Shook

When we were living those  
"good old days,"  
They didn't seem so good.  
We read by the light of a  
kerosene lamp  
And heated our homes with  
wood.  
We carried water up the hill  
To wash with, cook, and  
scrub.  
And we took our baths behind  
the stove  
In a galvanized Laundry tub.

I still can smell the old lye  
soap  
And feel the sting and hurt  
When some of it got in my  
eyes.  
But it really got the dirt.  
We slept on cornhusk  
mattresses--  
Sometimes three in a bed.  
If you were late you got the  
foot;  
The early ones took the head,

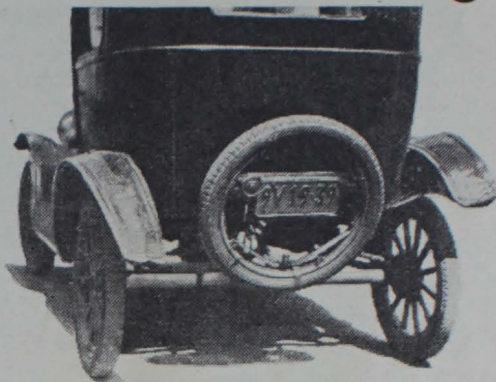
We waded snow, and ice, and  
mud  
To get the "seat of learning"  
With a potbellied stove that  
froze our backs

While our fronts were nearly  
burning.  
We drank from a cup by a  
water pail  
On a bench where the teacher  
put it;  
And whatever ailment any kid  
had,  
The rest were sure to get it.

In winter you milked in a  
drafty barn  
While the wind whistled  
through the cracks;  
And the swirling snow,  
while you were inside,  
Filled up your fresh-made  
tracks.  
A little house at the end of a  
patch,  
Half-hidden with brush and  
weeds,  
In summers' heat and winters'  
cold  
Served other family needs.

Now you may look with  
envious eyes  
To these times-if you are 20.  
But I've been through those  
"good old days."  
And once, my friend, is plenty!

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# Blacksmith

(From Page Four)

on his anvil. You might even persuade Tom to sell you one of the cap and ball "hog" rifles he has made.

Not only is Tom a noted Blacksmith but he is noted for his musical and artistic talents as well. The boys around town will gather at his shop and Tom will make flutes for them out of punkin vines. As for Tom himself he gives preference to the fife. The melodies that can be heard by the town's folk drifting down from high on the ridge North of Maple Street and down over the valley comes from the fife of "The Village Smithy" Tom Morton.

The following is a poem by Tom, the original contains sketches of birds and flowers, and is in the possession of Aunt Lizzie Rowe, daughter of Lee C. and Margaret Morton Prater.

"Remembrance of the Dead"

Lorenda B Morton Died October 16, 1887

Pernola Morton Died October 14, 1859

A sleep in Jesus, blessed sleep

From which nun never wake to weep

Tis sweet to rest in lively hope

That when the change shall come

Angels will hover round my bed

And waft my spirit home.

T.W. Morton

Pictured in the family group are from left to right: Tom's daughters Maragret Lurenda Morton Prater (b. 11-28-1862 d. 7-25-1945 m. 2-9-1879 to Lee C. Prater b. 7-8-1854 d. 7-10-35) and Alice Morton Adams (b. 8-7-1860 m. John Adams). Thomas W. Morton (b. 10-28-1873 was the son of William A Morton b. 10-12-1812 d. 10-8-1855, and the grandson of Mrs. Nancy Morton b. 12-26-1777 d. 5-11-1835). Tom's wife Levicey Elizabeth "Betty" McFadden (b. 8-26-1830 d. 1-1-1917). Tom and Betty were married on her birthday 8-26-1858 in Russell County Virginia. Tom's mother Lorinda B. Morton (b. 10-14-1818 d. 10-16-1887).

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In 1880 Visit:

## Preacher Converts All

### But Two In Revival

George Owens Barnes, born in Garrard Co., Ky. April 22, 1827, was a graduate of Centre College in 1845. He studied law for awhile, but interrupted in this as he marched off to the Mexican war, afterward to return to enter the ministry.

His ministry began at Jackson, Breathitt Co. His influence on the religious life of the ministry to mountain people was seen down through the years. One revival in Salyersville will be described herewith, beginning January 18, 1880, in the courthouse.

That first night after the invitation had been given, "A grave, thoughtful looking man of about fifty past" came forward at once. He was the town infidel. Salyersville was swept from its feet. That first night, seven of the local Baptist ministers aided in baptisms necessary to take the converts into the church. Assisting in baptizing the rapidly growing number was Rev. Wallace Bailey, founder of the United Baptist Church.

On January 29, Barnes went riding in an old Spring Wagon with one of the local preachers out on the Burning Fork Road and noted that "surely it was the prettiest valley in Kentucky." That night, filled with the usual fervor, he preached to a packed courthouse. Half a hundred persons were converted. Salyersville was now worked into an upheaval. The next evening, long before services opened, horsemen bringing their families filled the roads leading to town. Hitching room was at a premium. People crowded into the small courthouse long before the preaching began and during the progress packed at the doors seeking entrance. When White Arnett came forward to join, Barnes announced "that 500 people had been converted. The scene of shouting joy beggared discription" the evangelist wrote in his daily record.

Salyersville was a transformed town. One local minister said that previous to the revival "the popping of revolvers and the howls of drunken men made the night hideous and dangerous. Now all is still as death." When Barnes departed for Paintsville on February 2, he left 557 converts in and around

the county seat of Magoffin. He left just two unconverted in the town itself.

How many of the present congregations may be able to trace their "roots" to this early revival? We challenge you to search genealogy books now available, a history of each church in our county could be written, then all the histories placed in one book. Is this vision to mammoth? We think not. What better way to preserve our early history.



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Magoffin County Court May 31st. Special Term 1860

At a Court held and commenced in the county of Magoffin and in the State of Kentucky and in the Town of Salyersville on the 31st. day of May 1860 for the purpose of organizing said county.

Holloway Power County Judge present who was Who had (as is) took the oath required by Law

Wallis Baley being duly Elected Clerk of the Magoffin County and Circuit Court appeared in open court and give bond with Jilson P. Prater George W. Rice and William Blair his surities and took the oath required by law

John Lykins appeared in court and give bond with Brice Patrick, Asey Gullett, Harvey Wilson, William J. Lykins, J.M. Lykins his surities as Constable of Magoffin County and that the oath of office has been administered according to the Constitution and the securities was approved by the Court

Daniel J. Rice appeared in open court and entered into bond with John M. Salyer, Abner Salyer Sr, and Lewis Howard his surities as Constable of Magoffin County and took the oath required by law

A.J. Helton appeared in Open Court and entered into

bond with John M. Vanderpool and Gabrel Jackson his securities as Constable of Magoffin County which was approved by the court and Helton took the oath required by law.

David M. Cooper appeared in Open Court and entered into Bond with John Lykins and Gilbert Adams, Jr. his securities as Constable of Magoffin County which was approved by the court and said Cooper tool the oath required by law.

Wiley Adams appeared in Open Court and entered into bond with Gilbert Adams, Sr., Asey Gullett, and Gilbert Adams, Jr. his securities as Constable of Magoffin County which was approved by the Court and said took the oath required by law.

Joseph Dyer being duly Elected as Constable of Magoffin County Kentucky appeared in open court and entered into bond with William Craft, John Trusty and Michael Risner his securities as Constable of said county which was approved by the court and Dyer took the oath required by Law.

William Craft being duly elected as Surveyor of Magoffin County and entered into bond with William J. Salyer and John Power his securities which was approved by court and said

Craft took the oath Required by law.

Brice Patrick being duly elected as Corenor of Magoffin County appeared in court entered into bond with D.W. Allen and Gabril Jackson his securities which was approved by the court and Patrick took the oath required by law.

Stephen Howard being duly elected Sheriff of Magoffin County appeared in Open Court and entered into bond with Benjamin Howard and Charles Minix his securities which was approved by the Court and he said S. Howard took the oath required by law.

J.W. Helton being duly elected Jailor of Magoffin County appeared in Open Court and entered into bond with Stephen Howard and J.F. Gullett his securities which

was approved by the court and the said Helton took the oath required by Law.

R.G. Bayes being duly Elected Commissioner of Free Schools appeared in Open Court and entered into

bond with Abner Salyer, John M. Salyer, John Salyer, Sr., Samuel Salyer, Isiah Salyer and Lewis Howard his securities and the said Bayes took the oath required by Law.

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## Magoffin Pioneers Followed

By: Albert K. Moore

I don't exactly remember this, but it is a tale well known in the Prater and Moore families.

Mildred Moore and her two daughters, Louisa and Elizabeth, left Lebanon, Virginia one spring evening in 1864 to join her son, John W. Moore, who had established himself as a school teacher in newly-formed Magoffin County, Kentucky. They were accompanied by her nephew, Tom Morton, who hoped to establish a home in the Kentucky backwoods.

All the worldly goods of the Moore and Morton families were packed on the backs of two old mules, all that was left of their once plentiful livestock. Marauding bands of freed slaves, outlaws and Quantrell's guerrillas had taken all else, and had even burned down a modest cottage in which the Moore family had taken refuge. So it was decided to travel at night and camp during the day.

A week of hard traveling, over mountains and through dense underbrush of the Cumberlands, brought them to Pound Gap, near what is now Jenkins, Kentucky but then a tangled wilderness. Here they were fortunate in finding a large cave, where they decided to spend a day. Unloading only such meagre necessities as it took for their frugal meal and a well-worn blanket each, they tethered their decrepit mules near the

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Salyersville, Kentucky - Mouth of State Road Fork (Joins 355)

## Magonin Pioneers Followed

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entrance of the cave, still with the major portion of their household goods in the packs on their backs.

That evening at dusk when the party awoke from their deep sleep of exhaustion, they found that the two mules, along with their packs, had been stolen during the day - stolen at the only spot in their long journey where they felt absolutely safe. Freed slaves, Quantrell's raiders and the "ordinary" outlaws of the Civil War period were active in the Kentucky Mountains as well as in the home town from which they fled.

Faced with the alternatives of continuing on their journey some hundred miles through uncharted Kentucky wilderness or returning a like distance through a territory of which they had already experienced the difficulties, they chose to continue on their way. Arranging what little they had left into two roughly built backpacks, the stronger members of the group shouldered the packs, took a rough bearing from the stars, and set off to the headwaters of the Big Sandy River. Morton carried a mountain long-rifle, which he kept loaded with powder and home-cast lead bullets. He carried percussion caps in the pocket of his buckskin shirt.

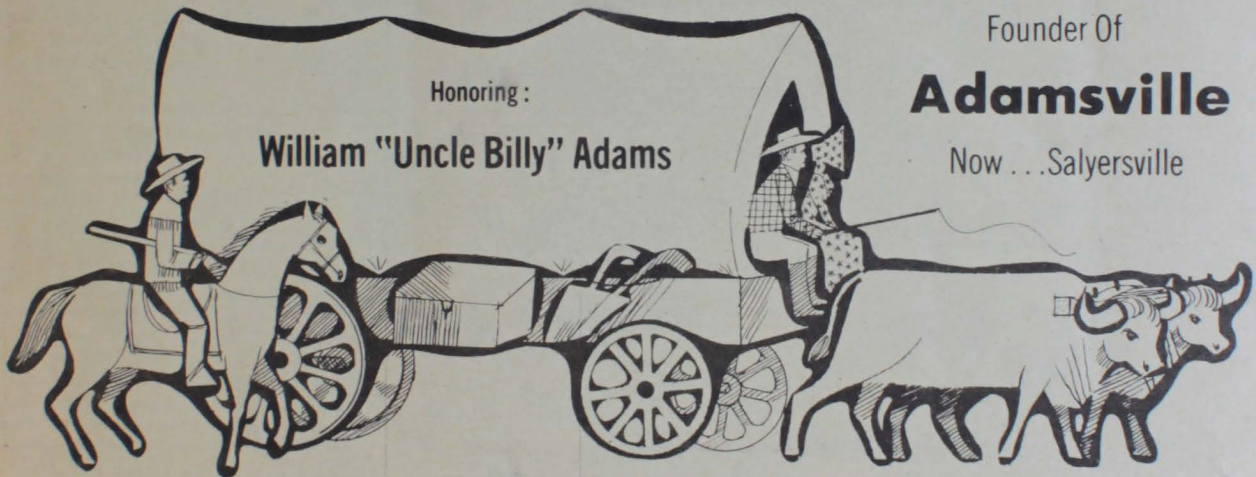
The party existed on game Morton killed or captured as he ventured out from their place of concealment each morning as the sun lightened the mountain-tops. Quail, rabbits and squirrels abounded, and most of the animals had no fear of man, never having experienced his ability to kill. An occasional deer was slaughtered, and the flint and steel with which every backwoodsman was equipped served to light a small, hot fire over which the game was cooked.

There or four days after losing their animals, they came to the forks of what turned out to be the Big Sandy, near what is now Shelbiana, and the going became a little easier. Occasional rough cabins were also encountered near the river banks, but as they were still traveling at night, there was no contact with their occupants. The river was followed on down through what is now the thriving city of Pikeville, then a collection of log cabins, with a trading post and store.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY'S FIRST ANNUAL

# FOUNDERS' DAY

Friday - Saturday - Sunday  
August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>



## —SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—

### Friday, August 31

2 p.m. Baby Contest  
At Community Center

7 p.m. Pie Social  
At Community Center

9 p.m. Disco Dance  
At Community Center

### Saturday, September 1

7 a.m. Old Fashion Country Ham Breakfast  
Prater Methodist Church

11 a.m. Soup Bean & Cornbread Dinner  
Prater Methodist Church

11 a.m. Downtown Parade Thru Adamsville

3 p.m. Unveiling Ceremony Of Founders  
Marker

7 p.m. The Life Of Billy Adams-Drama  
At Community Center

8:30 p.m. Old Fashion Street Dance  
In Front Of Courthouse

### Sunday, September 2

Special Church Service  
Local Church Of Choice  
1 p.m. Adams' Family  
Homecoming  
Pot Luck Dinner

8:30 p.m. The Life Of Uncle  
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## The Dream Of William Adams Still Growing

By: Todd Preston

The eastern Kentucky mountains were settled mostly by design rather than by chance. The first hard core of settlers were mountain men who were not strangers to the cove way of life. To them life in the mountains was an achievement because it represented a challenge.

This country will never know the stream of strength infused into it by the people who settled in the Appalachian coves and valleys instead of pushing on to the lush plateaus. In mountain people still lives this nation's leavening of self reliance, sturdy blood stock, a basic sense of justice and pride in ancestry. These are the qualities that made us a great nation and may God help us when these sparks die out.

A number of our early settlers remained here by pure chance. Perhaps, while enroute to some distant land, a horse died or a wagon broke down and there was no money for another horse or a wagon. It may have been that a family stopped while the good wife gave birth to a child or perhaps illness or a death in a family precipitated a stop in the journey. Perhaps these pioneers found a cove or valley they liked. At any rate they stopped, settled and took root.

The oldest human institution and, in many respects, the most important, is the family and the handing down of its customs, beliefs and history from generation to generation.

It is natural for descendants of a common ancestor to be curious as to who their progenitors were and to want to learn more about them. As the planting of a single seedling will expend and branch out into many different branches so has the Adams clan branched out into many different branches or

clans. It would be impossible in this short span-of time to incorporate the entire ancestry of the Adams family; therefore, we will attempt to delve into the lineage of William "Uncle Billie" Adams who was born in 1802 and died in 1881.

William Adams, as a child, was brought from North Carolina to eastern Kentucky by his father Stephen Adams. Stephen Adams' father Old John Adams had settled on the North Fork of the Kentucky River in what is now Letcher Co., Ky. This Adams colony was to help populate the whole of Eastern Kentucky as well as a good part of the west.

Stephen Adams and his wife Mollie Webb continued to migrate into the Middle Creek section of Floyd County. Their known children were Daniel, William, Gilbert, Zephia and perhaps Sarah.

William, the subject of this writing, is said to have visited with his grandfather back in Letcher County, while a young man. Here he met and courted one Elizabeth Mullins. Whether he married Miss Mullins is not known at this time but a son was born to them in 1824. This son was named Samuel Johnson Adams. Samuel Johnson was reared by William and a later wife. He became a noted Methodist minister and married Mahala Rice of Johnson County on July 23, 1846. The children of this marriage were: Farmer Adams, born in 1856, wife not known. They reared at least two children and lived near Pikeville, Kentucky; William Smith Adams, born 1858 married Mahala Jane Salyers, the daughter of John Salyers, in 1882. To them were born: Willie, Warrick, Flora, Prudie, Alta, and Johnie. Most of these children married in Washington. Another child of Samuel Johnson was Henry

Adams, born 1873, married twice and resided in Pikeville, Ky. Cynthia Adams, daughter of Samuel Johnson, was born in 1860 and married Charles Sheffied who was born in England. He was a shoemaker and became one became one of Magoffin County's early Jailors. This family moved west but later moved back to Midway, Ky. Children of this marriage were: Louida, Dora, Johnse, Nicholas, Luther, Claude, Frank, Carrie, Georgia, Ella, Bonnie. A descendent, Mrs. Ace (Bess) Pendleton lives in Mt. Sterling and gave this information. Samuel Johnson's daughter Malinda or Lena Adams, born in 1866, married Peter Caudill and lived on State Road Fork of Magoffin County. Their children: Maudie, Mollie, Nora, Wardie, Parrott, Curt, Brooklin and Cynthia. Many of their descents still live in Magoffin County. Louise Adams, born 1862, married Hamilton Conley and lived on State Road Fork. Their children: Daisy, Walter, Lizzie, Luther, Henry, Ruie, Tommy, John, Dewey and Ann.

Samuel Johnse Adams' first wife Mahala died in 1882 and is buried in the D. May cemetery, west of Salyersville. He then married Zephia Adams, the daughter of Preston Adams. Samuel Johnse is buried in the Ezel Cemetery in Morgan Co., Ky. His mother, Elizabeth Mullins, was married to James Roark in Letcher Co. Ky. Their children: Wesley, Jesse and Manerva Roark lived in Magoffin County. Elizabeth Roark was listed in the 1880 Magoffin County census in the household of Samuel Johnse Adams and was 75 years old.

William Adams married Elizabeth Williams on the 21st day of December of 1826 in Morgan County Kentucky. Isaac Lykins was the minister.



### Family History Traced

Elizabeth was the daughter of Isaac Williams whose wife may have been a kinsman of Stephen Adams. William's father, William and Elizabeth took up residence in Morgan County, Kentucky, a part that was later to become Magoffin County.

William, a shrewd and practical man, became quite prosperous and accumulated many thousands acres of land. He instituted many small businesses and industries on his land to take care of his family's needs and the needs of those who lived near him. The end result was a town with its own post office, called Adamsville, formed August 25, 1849. The first postmaster of Adamsville was James W. Prater. In 1860 William Adams played a leading role in having a new county formed from parts of Floyd, Johnson and Morgan counties. This new county was to bear the name Magoffin for the Governor of Kentucky in office at the time, Beriah Magoffin. Adamsville was renamed Salyersville in honor of Samuel Salyer who was Representative from the area at the time and who was a good friend of William Adams.

William Adams and his wife Elizabeth had a daughter Cynthia Adams, born 1828, who married Jilson P. Prater, son of Elijah. Their children

were: Elizabeth J., Mary E., William, Jefferson, Manda F., Metta E., Sarah J., Perlina A., and Isaac S. Their son Jeff Prater who married Lizzie May was widely known. They owned and operated the Prater Hotel. Captain Jeff, as he was called, organized a regiment of men during the Spanish-American War. Jeff and Aunt Lizzie are interred in the Bluegrass Cemetery, Salyersville, Ky. Sarah J. Prater, daughter of Cynthia, married Smith Adams, a son of Sarah Adams. Six children were born to them: Warrick and Willie died in infancy; Dr. Roscoe Adams, the oldest, married Lenore Patrick and had one son Richmond; Grace Adams married Ed Stephens and had one child Earl who married Margaret Kelly. Prater Adams married Una Howes and had one daughter Peggy who married Raymond Arnett. Kitty Adams married Fred Conley and had a son Charles. Cynthia's son Isaac Smith Prater married Nelis Carpenter and had a son Jeff who is not married and is living in Texas.

The family residence and cemetery of Jilson P. and Cynthia Adams Prater is on Mash Fork, known as the Smith Adams farm, lately owned by the Brack Hamilton

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# The Adamsville Pioneer

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## For Uncle Billy

*This special edition of the Adamsville Pioneer is being published by the Salyersville Independent. It is dedicated to the memory of William "Uncle Billy" Adams, founder of Adamsville which we now know as Salyersville.*

*When the idea of the Adamsville Pioneer was first conceived, it was hoped we would, in printed copy, try to capture some as some of the spirit of the mid 1800's.*

*Like today, men of that period were faced with national as well as local crisis. But it's obvious there were still a few, like Uncle Billy, who were determined to build a dream.*

*More than a century has passed since Magoffin County and the City of Salyersville were chartered and the dream of Uncle Billy Adams continues to grow. With his generous deeds and donations of land for construction of the county courthouse and a school building, where the Lloyd M. Hall Community Center now offers him an everlasting memorial, his presence will always be a part of Salyersville, which once was referred to exclusively as "Uncle Billy's Town."*

*The unfortunate part is it has taken so long to record the history and biography of William Adams. More has been learned about him in the past few months than the last fifty years. No doubt, additional stories, anecdotes and traces of history will surface long after the first annual Magoffin County Founder's Day is over.*

*The good part is happening right now. With all the information that has been collected and recorded concerning William Adams will stay with us forever. It may have taken nearly eighty years to get it together, but we all seem to know him a little better.*

*Publishing The Adamsville Pioneer has been no easy chore, but it has had its fun and interesting moments. Possibly some day it will be displayed as a part of Magoffin County's and Salyersville's history.*

*Without the help (resuming it gets off the press in time) and contributions of numerous people, especially members of the Magoffin County Historical Society, we couldn't have begun to put it together. We hope you enjoy it.*

## Salyersville Chartered

The City of Salyersville was officially chartered on March 2, 1867, some seven years after founder William Adams agreed to change the name from Adamsville to Salyersville in 1860, the year Magoffin County was formed.

A board of trustees, consisting of five members, were appointed by the governor to administer the city's fiscal affairs. The first trustees were W.S. Adams, J.M. Atkinson, W.J. Hagen,

William P. Hammons and Wiley Homes.

The aforementioned trustees were in charge of laying off the town and establishing the boundaries, provided that not more than 100 acres of land be included in the limit.

The initial trustees were appointed for one year.

The first townwide election in May, 1968 included the offices of police judge, marshal and treasurer.

# The Dream Of Adams

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family.

William Adams's daughter Lucinda Adams was born in 1833 was never married according to family tradition but the 1900 Magoffin County census shows her to be a widow with one child. It is assumed this child was Sarah E. or Sallie who was born in 1859 and married Byron Richards. Byron and Sallie had at least one child named William. This family moved to Washington D.C. where Byron was employed by the Government. Lucinda, when a child of about five, took sick with the fever and supposedly died. She was laid out for dead but her mother Elizabeth is said to have prevailed at her bedside in prayer. The people who were gathered were astounded when the coverlets began to stir and little Lucinda "came to life." Lucinda was left without the senses of hearing and speech after her illness. She spent some of her last days on Mashfork in her sister Minerva's home.

Minerva Adams was born to William and Elizabeth in 1836 and first married Thomas S. Reid. They lived near the mouth of Burton on Mashfork. Two children were born to them: William Reid who married Susan Patrick and had son Fred; dau. Perlian married a May; dau. Ida Belle married Charlie Hammond; son Curt married Elizabeth Helton and had children - Hazel, Fred, Curt, Elmer, Mable and Betty. Minerva and Thomas Reid's daughter Mary Reid married Newton Prater and had these children: George, Henry, Mandy, Willie and Maude.

Minerva Adams was married second to Lemuel Williams who is believed to have died in the Civil War. Their one child Elizabeth married Henry J. May. Children of this union were Add who died young; Lemuel P. who married Pauline Gentry; Lena married Lonzo Caudill; Stella, unmarried; Jess married Rellie Picklesimer; Leslie and Sammie, unmarried.

Minerva Adams' third marriage was to Samuel Williams, a veteran of the Union Army in the Civil War. Samuel was captured by the forces of the famous Confederate Colonel Caudill during the war. Although Samuel was a kinsman and a friend of Col. Caudill, he fully expected the usual harsh treatment meted out to prisoners of war. Upon being informed that Samuel was a

prisoner, Col. Caudill had an audience with Samuel. When the company broke camp the next morning, much to Samuel's surprise, Col. Caudill waved good-bye and informed Samuel that he would see him back in Letcher County.

Children of Samuel and Minerva Williams were: Sarah J. who married Edd Conley. They had no children of their own but made their spacious house a home for many youngsters and grown-ups alike. Son Newton married Priscilla Lykins and had one son Tony. Newton married second to Nora Wheeler and had children Fred and Edna. Minerva's dau. Dora married L.G. Fairchild. Their children: Hershell, Homer and Ida. Minerva's son Smith married Florence Wheeler. They had no children were born to this union. Minerva's daughter Ogie did not marry. She was postmistress of Mashfork for many years.

William Adams' son William Smith Adams was born in 1838 and married Paulina Adams. Their children were: John; Lorabell; Eugene J.; Emily and Sarah J. Little is known about these children or their descendants. Smith was a partner with his father in business and was a Captain during the Civil War. He later moved to Farmers, Kentucky.

William Adams' son Isaac was born in 1841 and married Sarah Waldeck in Morgan Co., Ky. It is not now known if they had children. Some researcher's believe Isaac gave his life in the cause of the Civil War.

William Adams' daughter Elizabeth Jane Adams, born in 1843, married Fleming May. A daughter Jennie married Richard Cooper and had daughters Gladys and Madge. We believe, at this time, that Mollie May was a daughter of Fleming and Jane. Mollie married Dan Preston and had children: Sylvia, James; Willa Mae who married Herbert Wheeler; Richard Preston and Theresa Preston. Rosabell, born 1863, married Leander Bays and Margaret Emily, born 1865, married Elijah Bays.

William Adams married second to Nancy Fuller in Floyd County, Ky. after the death of wife Elizabeth Williams. Nancy, born 1822, was the daughter of Hosea and Dorcus Cypers Fuller of Morgan County, Ky. The children of William and Nancy Fuller Adams were: Hosea Newton Adams, born 1855,

married Amanda Prater. Their children were: Richard Milton; George Winfield and Clarence who died young. Richard M. Had a daughter, Catherine Ferguson. Hosea Newton Adams is buried in the John Prater Cemetery on Burning Fork.

William and Nancy's son Greenville or Greenfield Adams, born in 1857, married Samantha Preston, dau. of Montreville Preston. Their children were: Anna, Helen and Will Mont. Will Mont or Bill moved west and served as Sheriff of Amarillo, Texas for 30 years. He had two sons and a daughter - Dorothy Ann Kinney.

Jennessee or Jennie Adams, born in 1860, married W.C. Kendall of West Liberty in 1881 in Magoffin County, Ky. They had two children: Willmoore, who became a noted writer and married Pearl Ann Garlick, Willmoore, Jr. and Yvnoa Pearl, wife of Joe Mason are descendants.

The Kendall family migrated to Oklahoma where Nancy fuller Adams and Jennie Kendall are buried, as well as another son of William Adams -- George.

William and Nancy's son George Adams, born in 1862, was never married. He went to Oklahoma and is buried in Ardmore.

Phyllis Williams Salyer, grand-daughter of Samuel and Minerva Adams Williams, has in her possession a small book entitled Sunday School Spelling and Reading Book. In this book, which may have belonged to Jennessee Adams Kendall, are the following names: "Eveline Sexton (?); C.A. Prater; Miss Williams; Mrs. May; Lucinda Adams; Jeness Adams; Johnson Adams; Smith Adams; H.N. Adams; G.F. Adams; G.B. Adams." On another page these same names appear with the added names of "Emilia Adams; James Adams." This inscription follows: "This is the names of all my children William Adams." Nothing further is known about Evaline Sexton, (spelling unsure), Emilia or James.

William Adams, who became widely known as "Uncle Billie" was a very remarkable man in many ways. Here we find a man who seemed to have the urge to have plenty of "elbow room" - a trait that many of our early settlers had, yet he chose to found a town. William





Magoffin County Courthouse built on land donated to the Magoffin County Court by Wm. "Uncle Billie" Adams. The touring car in front was a bus or taxi operated by Luther Conley, great grandson of Uncle Billie

## The Dream Of Adams

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accumulated about four thousand acres of land in this area. He could have set himself up as a large landlord; instead he chose to dispose of portions of his land for public buildings. He gave several tracts of land to people for the consideration that they maintain a business on that land. Some of his own businesses he sold with the restriction that, if the parties discontinued the business, the land would fall back to William Adams and his heirs. He built one of the larger lumber mills in this section. A by product of this mill - bark - was used in his tan yard. The tannery enticed those gifted in leathercraft. His brother-in-law, Bob Fuller, operated the first saddle shop. Charles Sheffield, of England, a shoe maker by trade, set up the first business of that type and married into the Adams family.

William Adams had a large general store that was located near the present site of the Methodist Church. He, perhaps by necessity, kept

travelers so that his home became termed the first Hotel in the area. Ruel was needed to heat the homes and businesses so he brought

men in to mine the first coal which was in abundant supply close by. William Adams had a desire to provide for his own family. In addition, he had a

vision of founding a town that would be the hub of industry in what was then a remote area.

William Adams may not have been formally educated except for what the backwoods offered at the time but he gave land to be used for school purposes where the present Community Center

now stands. He was a civic minded individual as attested to by the fact that he gave land for the County Courthouse. A reading of early Magoffin County court orders finds the names of William Adams on many important committees. His home was the meeting place for these committees.

William Adams died in 1881

and was buried in the churchyard of the Christian Church in Salyersville. Time

has only increased our admiration and respect for this man. William "Uncle

Bille" Adams left each of us a legacy. Indeed, he founded a town which will never die.



Making Stave Bolts, an early Magoffin County occupation

September 1, 1979



### Local Blacksmith Poses For Photo

Written by: Mike Prater great great grandson of Thomas W. Morton.

Thomas W. Morton, a local blacksmith, along with other family members pose for a family picture. Tom's blacksmith shop is located on Maple Street (Twentieth Century folks will know its location as the same as the

Prater and Dunn Funeral Home).

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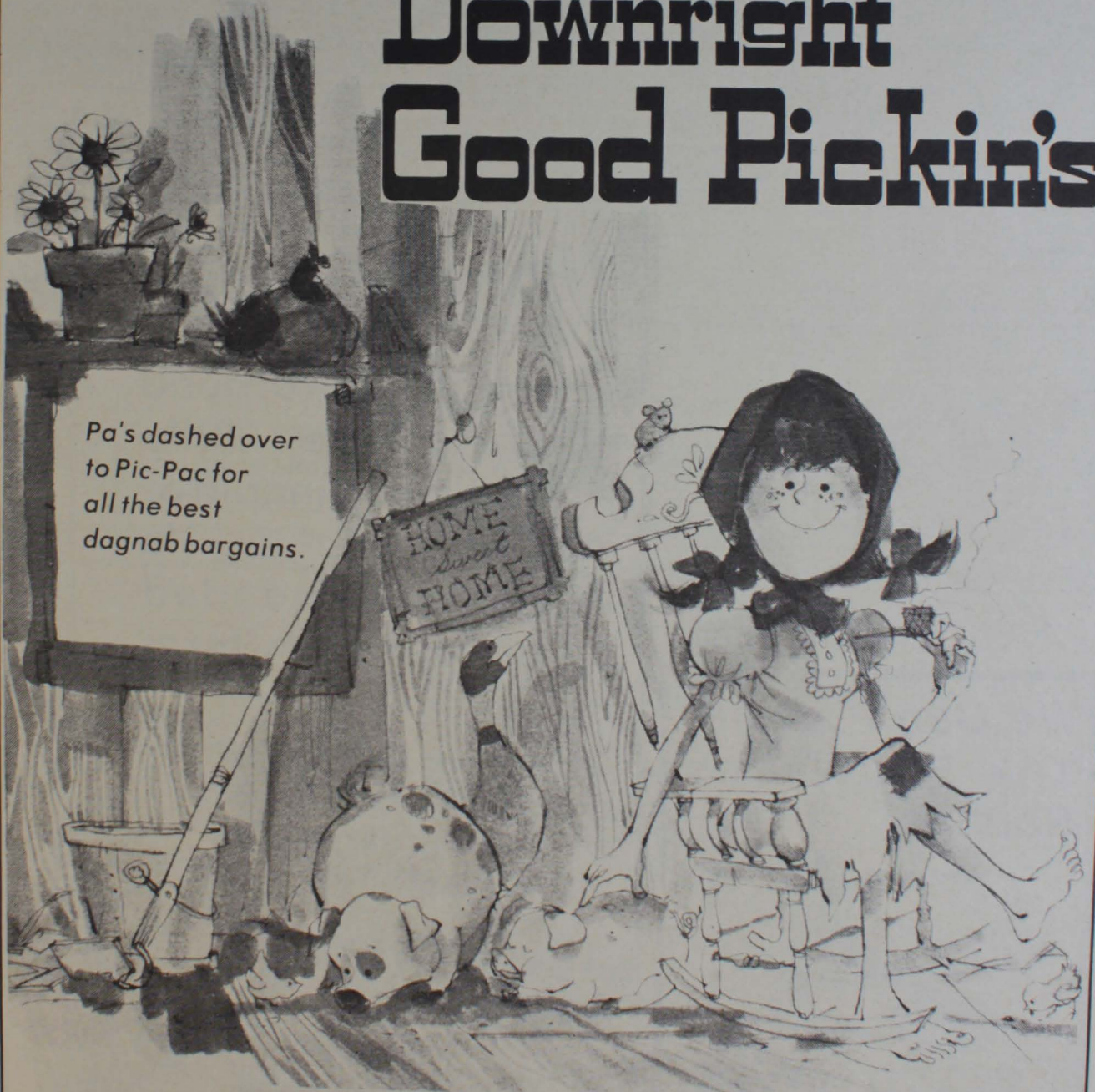


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From Robert A. Powell's Book on Ky. Governor's

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**BERIAH MAGOFFIN** (b. April 18, 1815-d. Feb. 28, 1818)

After taking office on the eve of Secession and because of his strong Southern sympathies against a Union controlled legislature, Governor Magoffin's turbulent three years in office ended with an unusual resignation after he was permitted to name his successor.

Beriah Magoffin was born at Harrodsburg, a son of Beriah, Sr. and Jane McAfee Magoffin. His father was a native of County Down, Ireland; his mother was a daughter of Samuel McAfee, an early Kentucky pioneer.

Following his education in the common schools of Harrodsburg, Beriah Magoffin graduated from Centre College in 1835. He pursued the study of law privately and then entered the Transylvania University School of Law, graduating in 1838.

He moved to Mississippi, where he began a law practice in Jackson. In 1839 he moved

back to Kentucky because of ill health, and practiced law in his hometown of Harrodsburg.

In 1840 Gov. Robert P. Letcher, a Whig, appointed Magoffin, a Democrat, police judge of Harrodsburg. On April 21 of the same year he married Anna Nelson Shelby, a daughter of Isaac and Maria Warren Shelby and granddaughter of Isaac-Shelby, the first governor.

He was elected to the State Senate in 1850 and refused to make the race for the U.S. Congress in 1851. In 1855 he was nominated for lieutenant governor, but the Know-Nothing party swept the state.

In 1856 he served as Democratic elector for Kentucky, and three years later he was elected governor over Joshua Bell by a vote of 76,187 to 67,283.

Governor Magoffin took office at a critical time, and realizing the dangers which could beset this strategic border state, did all he could to prevent disruption of the Democratic party.

Magoffin was a Southern sympathizer and believed in secession as a right, but he was opposed to the piecemeal process of leaving the Union.

Further believing that the people of his state should vote

on what they wished to do, he called the legislature to meet in January 1861. The legislature refused to call a sovereign convention whereby the people would decide their fate. In reaction, Governor Magoffin defiantly refused President Lincoln's call for troops on April 15, 1861. His telegram answer:

*President Lincoln, Washington D.C.  
I will send not a man nor a dollar for the wicked purpose of subduing my sister Southern States. B. Magoffin*

A week later he refused President Jefferson Davis's call for troops, though he secretly allowed Confederate recruiting agents to raise their banners in the state.

Governor Magoffin summoned another session of the legislature in May. They again refused to call a sovereign convention, but did work out a plan which resulted in the state's declaring its neutrality. This was not enough and Kentucky's position became increasingly more critical.

The legislature passed a resolution on Sept. 11, 1861

calling upon the Governor to order the Confederates out of Kentucky. Governor Magoffin's opposition to this policy and his interpretation of the state Constitution incurred extraordinary actions with political maneuvering from Federal sources.

Finally he voiced his intention of resigning provided James F. Robinson could succeed him. After resigning, he retired to Harrodsburg and did not re-enter politics except to represent Mercer County in the legislature from 1867 to 1869.

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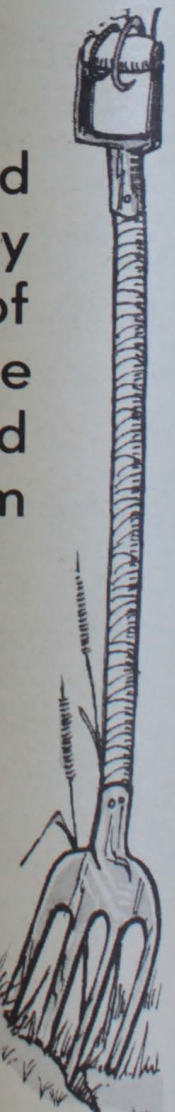
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# Murphy Gets Death Sentence

On October 17, 1891, Logan Murphy became the first man to be meted a death sentence by a jury in Magoffin County.

With the Honorable J.E. Cooper, circuit judge, presiding and M.M. Redwine serving as the Commonwealth Attorney, sheriff S.W. Brown was ordered by court to summon 50 "sensible, discreet" citizens and housekeepers of Magoffin County as prospective jurors.

Jurors accepted and who tried the case and rendered the verdict of death were: Henry Howard, W.F. Allen, John R. Day, James Conley, Alex Adams, Daniel Barnett, John Patrick, Harkless Allen, Mart Patrick, J.M. Dunn, D.C. Francisco and Allen Rudd.

The defendant was indicted for killing a cousin, Isaac Murphy, with the indictment handed down on October 15 th one day before the trial started on October 16, and read:

"The defendant in the said County of Magoffin on the 14th day of October, 1891, did unlawfully, wilfully, maliciously and feloniously and with malice aforethought murder and kill Isaac Murphy by shooting and wounding him with guns and pistols loaded with powder and lead balls and other hard and combustible substances,

from which shooting and wounding he the said Isaac Murphy did die."

Calloway Howard was circuit clerk. The judgement was attested by James P. Adams, deputy clerk.

The death sentence was reversed by the Court of Appeals on January 16, 1892.

However, written on the indictment and signed by M.M Redwine, Commonwealth Attorney, is the following notation:

"The defendant was sentenced to hang, appealed, the Court of Appeals reversed the case. The defendant was sent to Montgomery county jail where a mob took him out and reversed the Court of Appeals decision by hanging Murphy on the rail road bridge. For the above reason this case is filed away."

## Betty McFadden Gets Married On Birthday

When Thomas and Levicey Elizabeth "Betty" Morton celebrate their anniversary each year, they also celebrate Betty's birthday.

The couple were married August 26, 1858. Betty was born August 26, 1930.



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AT THE CABIN'S DOOR. . Winn Flynt and Cynthia Kazez poses for a wayback photo in front of the old Minerva "Nerve" Roark House, located on Burton Fork just down the creek from the Preachis Caudill House.

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## The Saga Of Billy The Kid

The day Bad Billy The Kid Brown straddled his fruit wagon into town, he immediately started shootin' those high prices down.

In order to fulfill a commitment he once made  
He built a big store on a hill and came to the workin' man's aid.

Along with his side kicks, Jean, Boyd and brother Guy  
He looked those high prices right dead in the eye.

His trigger finger itched as he gripped his flare pen,  
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When the dust had settled it was one more sight.  
Billy Brown had successfully completed his plight.

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# Memorial Day To Start In 1892

By Roy Preston

I would like to relate a few comments my mother has related to me heretofore. Memorial Day came into being on Mash Fork the year after her father died, which would have made it about 1894, as my records show Epherham Helton passed on in 1892.

Her recollections were that William (Hoehandle Bill) Tackett came up Mash Fork (and Burton) informing everyone along the way that flags were available to decorate the veterans' graves. Phyllis Salyers says that "Uncle" Sam Williams received them through the mail. Tackett, Williams, Rev. L.F. Caudill and others went on up toward the George Perkins Cem. passing Rev. John J. Prater plowing in his field. He unhitched his mule and went with the group. After services at the Perkins graveyard, they came back down the creek to "Uncle" Meniffee Prater Cem. for services, thence on down to the Williams Cem. where a larger crowd would be waiting to accompany them on down to the Penix Cemetery where another service was held.

An interesting bit of history happened here a few days later. There were Negro people buried here and a fence that split the point was still standing that separated the whites from the blacks. It is said that Rev. J.J. Prater informed the gathering one year that he would be delighted to be invited back the following year, but his request was that the fence be removed, if he were asked back. He was invited back the next year and the fence had vanished. After the services at the Penix graveyard, the party would continue up the ridge trail to the Helton Cem. on the Vanderpool. Folk. My mother said her mother would carry her on her back most of the way, and a box of flowers as well. Mom said the sight of the little flags were to her, in her young life, the most beautiful sight her eyes had ever beheld. She remembers her mother shedding tears of grief for her departed companion, which Mom could not understand at her tender age, but Mom said she shed tears too, but for the beautiful little flags placed on Uncle Jake Helton's grave. She said her mother never permitted her taking even a faded one, that

had been placed the year before.

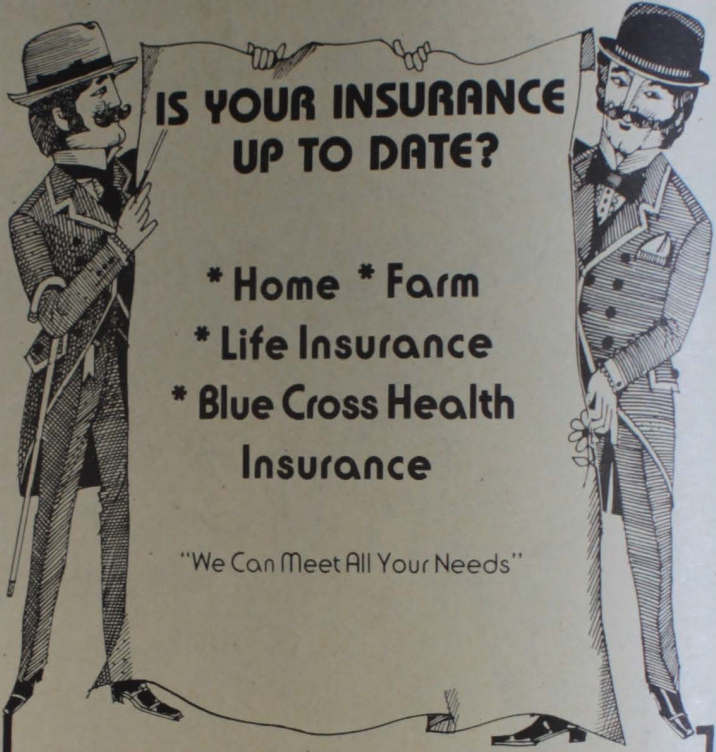
The group parted here, Preacher Prater going with some to the Pete Gullett Cem., now referred to as the Green Blanton Cem. and Preacher Caudill with the remaining people would go to the Rufus Kazee Cem., referred to as the Conley Cem. After services at these two, both preachers and others would continue up to the George Collins Cem. thence to the head of the creek, or Caudill Cem., after which up Horsepen to the Issiah Conley Cem. and then across the hill to Burton Fork and Home.

## Masonic Lodge Chartered Here

The first Masonic Lodge meeting in Magoffin County was held August 31, 1870 when the Ashlar Lodge 531 was chartered in Salyersville.

Charter officers include the following men:

J.F. Steward, Master, J.W. Moore, Senior Warden, J.M. Atkeson, Junior Warden, William J. Hager, Treasurer, D.M. Atkeson, Secretary, Reuben Patrick, Senior Deacon, Joseph Gardner, Junior Deacon and Thomas Porter, Tyler.



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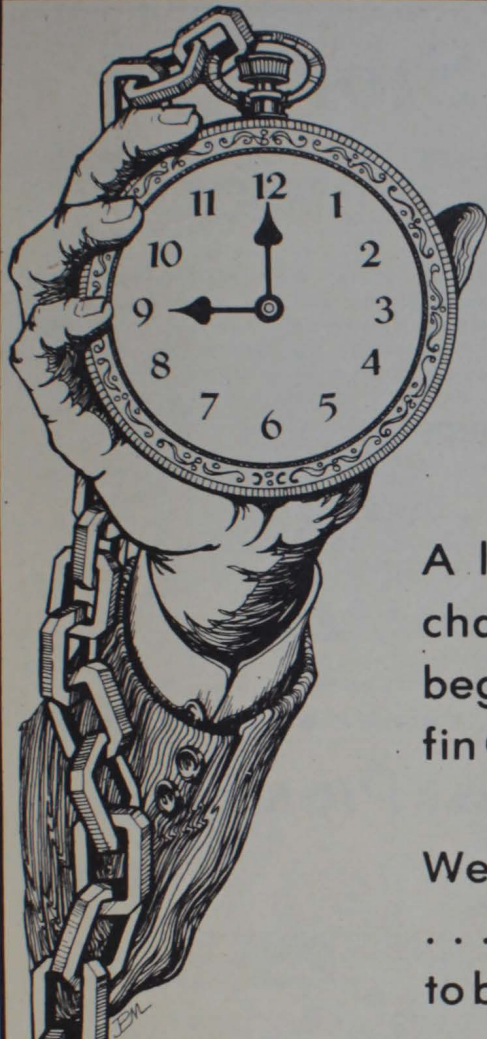


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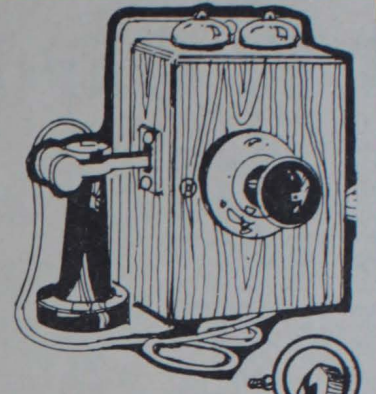
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# B.F. Gardner Opens Store

By: Stanley Gardner

During the early 1830s my great great grandfather, Benjamin F. Gardner opened a general store at Licking Station, (Morgan County) Kentucky. The store was located on the Gardner Farm about one mile west of Salyersville.

In going through his ledger for the year of 1848, the following persons had transaction at the store: Gilbert Adams, William Adams, Ambros Arnett, David Arnett - son of Ruben, Hiram Arnett, Ruben Arnett - son of Stephen, Stephen Arnett, Sr., Widow of Joseph Bailey, George W. Bayes, Joshua Bayes, John Burton, William Burton Sr., W.H. Cartmill, Benjamin Caudill, Benjamin Caudle, Stephen Caudle, Sarah Collins, Thos Collins Edmond Conley, Sr., Henry Conley, John Conley, Thomas Conley, David M. Cooper, David A. Cottle, Uriah Cottle, Wm. Craft, Ephriam Davis and Nelson Dykes.

Also Polly and Prescia Dykes, Henry Easterling, James Elam, Edwin Evans, John Fipps, George Fletcher, James Fugate, Jr., A.H. Gardner, Joseph H. Gardner, Elizabeth Gose, William Griffith, Christopher Gullett, Daniel Gullett, Sr., Franklin Gullett, Wm. Gullett, Thomas Hagans, Jackson Hammons, J.P. Holderby, Moses Hoskins, Moses Howard - son of James, Reuben Howard, William

Howard, William Howard, Jr., Isaac Williams Johnston, Thos. B. Keaton, Washington Keaton, Wm. Kenard and Joe Litteral, Jr.

Also John Lykins - son of Isaac, Blair May, Caleb May, David May, Harvey May, James May, Sr., James May, Jr., John May, Samuel May, Alexander McQuinn, Charles Minich, James Minich, John Montgomery, Ward Montgomery, James W. Nickell, Greenville Patrick, Jeremiah Patrick, John Patrick, Sr., John Patrick, Jr., Meredith Patrick, Kendall Patrick, Reuben Patrick, Sr., Thos. C. Patrick, Wm. Patrick Jr., Joshua Perkins, George D. Phillips, Archibald Power, Holloway Power, John Power, Lewis Power, Sr., James Prater, James Prater - son of Thos., Jilson Prater, John Prater, Sr., John Prater, Jr.

Thomas Prater, William C. Prater, William - son of Thos. Wm. Prater, Jr., David Reid, Sanford Reid, Samuel Rice, Washington Rice, Agner Salyers, Henry Salyer, John Salyer, Samuel Salyer, William P. Salyer, R.W. Sandrum, Benjamin Wages, Moses Wages, Francis A. Whittaker, Johnston Whittaker, Marcus Whittaker, Elijah Williams, Mason Williams, Andrew Wilson, Joshua Wilson and Shelby Wilson.

Some of the items offered for sale were: coffee, 20c lb.; factory - 16 and two-thirdc. yard; flannel, 50c yd calico, 25c oz; powder (gun, 50c lb.

lead, 12 1/2 c. lb. gun flints, 1c each; nails, 12 1/2 c lb.; indigo, 18 1/2 oz.; alum, 20c dozen; bed cord, 37 1/2c; domestic, 25c. yard; needles 12 1/2c dozen; shoes, \$1.50 and \$1.75 pair; fur hat, \$3.50 and \$5.50 each; pocket knife, 25c. and quart of whickey, 25c.

In addition to selling,

buying was also done with prices offered. Ginseng, 25c. lb; pint bottles, 12c. each; feathers, 25c lb.; wax, 20c lb.; deer skins, 12c lb.

These ledgers are now in possession of the B.R. Gradner family. If anyone has information concerning any of the persons named in this

article and would like to share it with the Historical Society or if you would like to have a list of persons published for another year, write either Connie A. Wireman, Fredville Ky, 41430. Todd Preston, Salyersville or Standley Gardner, Salyersville, Ky. 41465

## Homespun Superstitions

Phyllis Preston gathered and to the Adamsville Pioneer some of the superstitions handed down to the present generation:

If a dog comes to your door and howls, then somebody in the house will die in so many number days or weeks, depending on the number of

howls the dog makes.

If a rooster crows in the middle of the night, it spells disaster for someone.

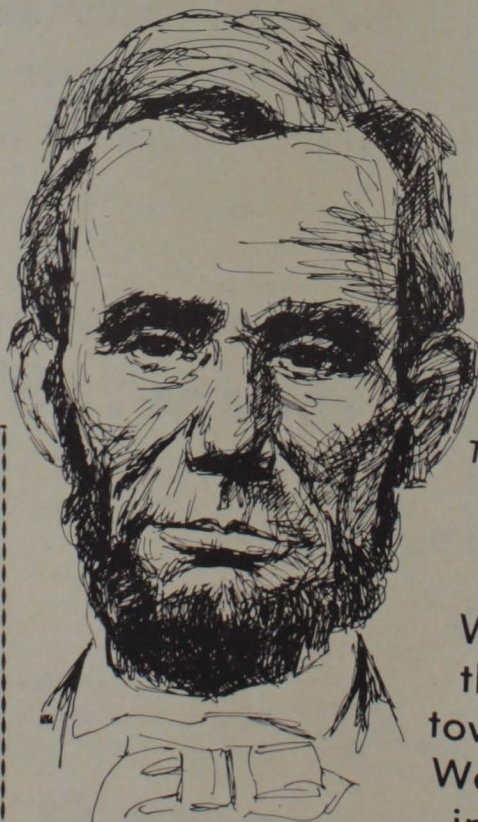
If someone dreams of a wedding there will be a death and if someone dreams of a death, there will be a wedding.

If you plant an evergreen in a cemetery, when it is big enough to shade your grave, you will die.

Bad luck prevails if a hen crows like a rooster.

It is bad luck to bring a hoe into the house.

## Lincoln was President When Adamsville Was Changed To Salyersville



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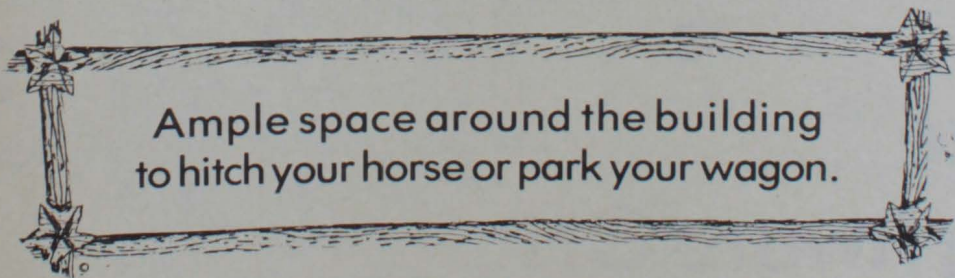
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# Amazing How Styles Have Changed Since The Days Of Uncle Billy



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1862



1888



1905



1926



1949



1964



**We're  
Very Aware Of It.  
But Then Again,  
We're Supposed  
To Be.**



## Are These The Good Old Days?

By: William Rowe

While I'm drinking my coffee and pop and eating potato chips. That's the standard diet these days. Watching T.V. or sitting at my old C.B. yelling breaker break till my tongue lolls out. Some old buddies yell come in there Wood Butcher. How are you and that Tin Lizzie doing these days. The bathroom takes the place of the old tin tub and the little house on the bank.

Push a button, turn a faucet and I have water, heat, and light. I get my milk from a plastic jug instead of a cow. I never walk to town.

Now some of you here remember the good old days. I would like to trade some of these present days.

To the good old days of long ago and live them over again. But nature and time don't permit.

So I'll be satisfied and enjoy life as it is.

### Remedies

The following are several home remedies established and frequently used before the turn of the century:

-Burns; Bamagily buds and frying tallow.

-Choking; Groundhog grease.

-Colds; Tea of old field pennyroyal and catnip, together with mullen.

-Diarrhea; Smart weed and boil it down.

-Ear Ache; Very warm groundhog grease.

-High Temperature; Tea from horsenip.

-Sores; Tallow and pine rosin.

### Cooking Notes

The following recipe appeared on the backside of an Arbuckle's Coffee postcard mail advertisement in the late 1800's.

#### Pigeon Pie

Cover your dish with puff paste crust. Let your Pigeons be tender and nicely picked; season with brown pepper and salt and a little chopped onion, and put a good piece of butter, with a little more pepper and salt, under the pigeon, lay them in your pan, with necks, gizzards, livers and pinions between; put a very tender beefsteak in the middle, and add the yolks of three hard-boiled eggs. Half fill the dish with water, lay on top crust, and bake well, taking great care not to burn the paste.



THE BUILDING OF CHURCH STREET. . .Goldie Prater provided this photo taken while WPA workers were building Upper Church Street in Salyersville. To the left is the Christian Church.



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# Kind Revolutionary War Soldier Frees Captive

At a time like this I wish I had listened more attentively to the older folks as they told their stories around the fireplace at night. As a young child I lived on Mash Fork in a ten room house with three of Billys grandchildren - Ogie, Sarah Jane and Newt. Smith lived across the creek and Dora down the road. They were the children of Minerva and Sarah Williams. Part of the old house where Minerva and Sam raised their family still stands behind the larger Conley house. Now owned by Ernest Powers.

A lot of the stories were ghost stories which seemed so real I was afraid to look out a window at night. One story which my Dad has told me was about a family that lived up the creek from the Williams home. The husband wasn't very good to the family and wouldn't try to work and provide for his family, the men of the creek gathered, put hoods over their heads to protect their identy and paid a visit to the home of their lazy neighbor. After a good tongue lashing and a good whipping, the men split up and each went different directions as they left. The man they had visited watched them depart - carrying torches to light their way up the hill. He called the

names of each man but not one of them would show recognition. Dad said he called each one correctly but the men went on their way. Then my question would be did the whipping and tongue lashing help. (They said it did). One of these men who participated on this was Sam Williams, husband of Minerva Adams.

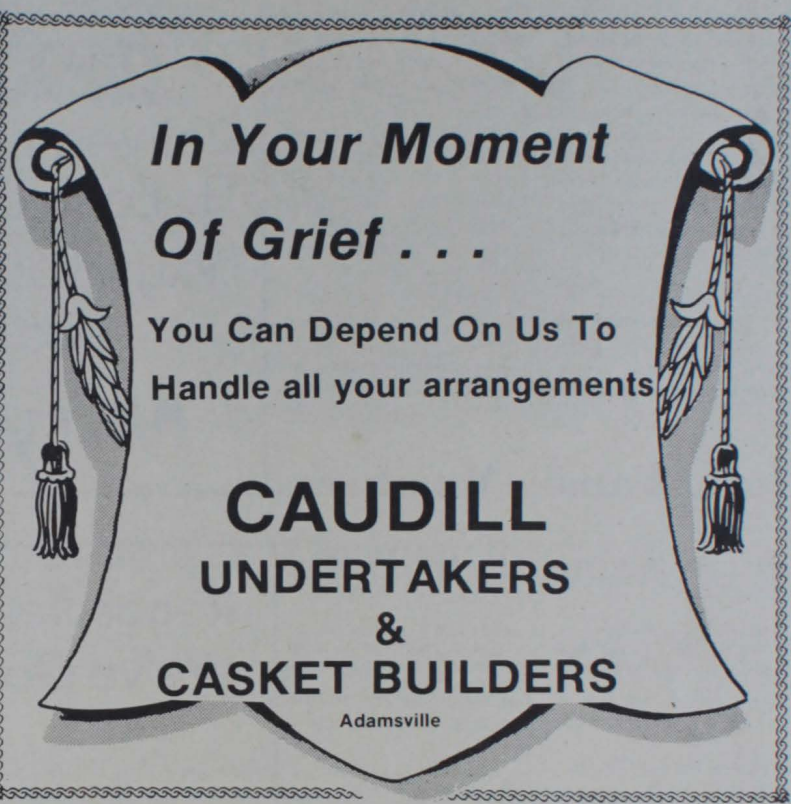
Another story Dad related was one he hoped to pursue farther but didn't take the time. Sam Williams was a Private in the Civil War. Being born and reared in Letcher Co. he had many friends there. One a Mr. Caudill in particular was a very close friend. One night Sam was separated from his group, so trying to find his way in the darkness he just kept walking when he saw the light from a fire of an encampment of soldiers - thinking they were his buddies he went closer only to be captured by the enemy. Much to his surprise the Captian of the Regiment was his old buddy the Mr. Caudill. The rest of the night was taken up with the reminding of their younger days. The inquiring of families and old friends. As it was getting daylight and they were breaking camp, Sam prepared himself to be taken

along as a prisoner. Much to his surprise Mr. Caudill shook his head, wished him good luck and hoped they would meet again someday and left Sam alone.

Sam enlisted the 31st. day of Oct. 1863 and was discharged Feb. 14, 1865.

I would like to know the name of the Mr. Caudill from

Letcher Co. Maybe someday I will find out who the kind soldier was that beleived in true friendship first before War.



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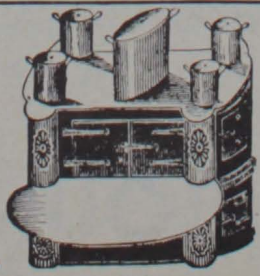
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# First Charge For Gun Meted Out

The first man in Magoffin County to be indicted for carrying a concealed deadly weapon shot a deer.

It was during a term of Magoffin Circuit court when an old hound dog was running a deer through town from Auxier Branch to a water hole near where Ramey Park now is.

It created such a commotion in town, the sounds of the cornered deer and hound dog fighting each other in the shallow water, that the circuit

judge decided to dismiss court for a short while so everyone could just go out and see what was taking place.

After a good sized crowd had been assembled on the river bank and was watching the dog and deer doing battle, a man from the crowd withdrew a pistol and shot the deer.

For his efforts he received the first indictment for carrying a concealed deadly weapon ever handed down in Magoffin County.



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# Three Family Members Share Same Birth Date

It was learned this week by the Adamsville Pioneer that three members of William and Lorinda Morton family were born on the same day of the year.

Florence, the second child, was born September 22, 1841 while their third child,

Isabelle was born September 22, 1843 and their fourth child, yet another daughter, was born September 22, 1845. All three are exactly two years apart.

The Mortons have four other children.



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# Poetry:

## "Not For Me"

By: Ruth Shook

When we were living those  
"good old days,"  
They didn't seem so good.  
We read by the light of a  
kerosene lamp  
And heated our homes with  
wood.  
We carried water up the hill  
To wash with, cook, and  
scrub.  
And we took our baths behind  
the stove  
In a galvanized Laundry tub.

I still can smell the old lye  
soap  
And feel the sting and hurt  
When some of it got in my  
eyes,  
But it really got the dirt.  
We slept on cornhusk  
mattresses--  
Sometimes three in a bed.  
If you were late you got the  
foot;  
The early ones took the head.

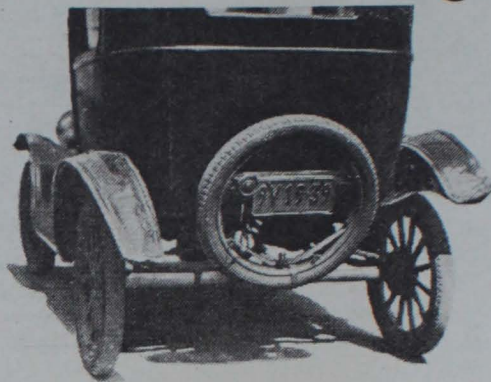
We waded snow, and ice, and  
mud  
To get the "seat of learning"  
With a potbellied stove that  
froze our backs

While our fronts were nearly  
burning.  
We drank from a cup by a  
water pail  
On a bench where the teacher  
put it;  
And whatever ailment any kid  
had,  
The rest were sure to get it.

In winter you milked in a  
drafty barn  
While the wind whistled  
through the cracks,  
And the swirling snow,  
while you were inside,  
Filled up your fresh-made  
tracks.  
A little house at the end of a  
patch,  
Half-hidden with brush and  
weeds,  
In summers' heat and winters'  
cold  
Served other family needs.

Now you may look with  
envious eyes  
To these times-if you are 20.  
But I've been through those  
"good old days."  
And once, my friend, is plenty!

# Horse Need Shod? Front End Out Of Line? Rearend Wobbly?



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ALENE S. ALLEN - SALESMAN  
Real Estate Salesman  
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September 1, 1979

# Blacksmith

(From Page Four)

on his anvil. You might even persuade Tom to sell you one of the cap and ball "hog" rifles he has made.

Not only is Tom a noted Blacksmith but he is noted for his musical and artistic talents as well. The boys around town will gather at his shop and Tom will make flutes for them out of punkin vines. As for Tom himself he gives preference to the fife. The melodies that can be heard by the town's folk drifting down from high on the ridge North of Maple Street and down over the valley comes from the fife of "The Village Smithy" Tom Morton.

The following is a poem by Tom, the original contains sketches of birds and flowers, and is in the possession of Aunt Lizzie Rowe, daughter of Lee C. and Margaret Morton Prater.

"Remembrance of the Dead"

Lorenda B. Morton Died October 16, 1887

Pernola Morton Died October 14, 1859

A sleep in Jesus, blessed sleep

From which nun never wake to weep

Tis sweet to rest in lively hope

That when the change shall come

Angels will hover round my bed

And waft my spirit home.

T.W. Morton

Pictured in the family group are from left to right: Tom's daughters Maragret Lurenda Morton Prater (b. 11-28-1862 d. 7-25-1945 m. 2-9-1879 to Lee C. Prater b. 7-8-1854 d. 7-10-35) and Alice Morton Adams (b. 8-7-1860 m. John Adams), Thomas W. Morton (b. 10-28-1873 was the son of William A Morton b. 10-12-1812 d. 10-8-1855, and the grandson of Mrs. Nancy Morton b. 12-26-1777 d. 5-11-1835). Tom's wife Levicey Elizabeth "Betty" McFadden (b. 8-26-1830 d. 1-1-1917). Tom and Betty were married on her birthday 8-26-1858 in Russell County Virginia. Tom's mother Lorinda B. Morton (b. 10-14-1818 d. 10-16-1887).

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George Owens Barnes, born in Garrard Co., Ky. April 22, 1827, was a graduate of Centre College in 1845. He studied law for awhile, but interrupted in this as he marched off to the Mexican war, afterward to return to enter the ministry.

His ministry began at Jackson, Breathitt Co. His influence on the religious life of the ministry to mountain people was seen down through the years. One revival in Salyersville will be described herewith, beginning January 18, 1880, in the courthouse.

That first night after the invitation had been given, "A grave, thoughtful looking man of about fifty past" came forward at once. He was the town infidel. Salyersville was swept from its feet. That first night, seven of the local Baptist ministers aided in baptisms necessary to take the converts into the church. Assisting in baptizing the rapidly growing number was Rev. Wallace Bailey, founder of the United Baptist Church.

On January 29, Barnes went riding in an old Spring Wagon with one of the local preachers out on the Burning Fork Road and noted that "surely it was the prettiest valley in Kentucky." That night, filled with the usual fervor, he preached to a packed courthouse. Half a hundred persons were converted. Salyersville was now worked into an upheaval. The next evening, long before services opened, horsemen bringing their families filled the roads leading to town. Hitching room was at a premium. People crowded into the small courthouse long before the preaching began and during the progress packed at the doors seeking entrance. When White Arnett came forward to join, Barnes announced "that 500 people had been converted. The scene of shouting joy beggared discription" the evangelist wrote in his daily record.

Salyersville was a transformed town. One local minister said that previous to the revival "the popping of revolvers and the howls of drunken men made the night hideous and dangerous. Now all is still as death." When Barnes departed for Paintsville on February 2, he left 557 converts in and around

the county seat of Magoffin. He left just two unconverted in the town itself.

How many of the present congregations may be able to trace their "roots" to this early revival? We challenge you to search genealogy books now available, a history of each church in our county could be written, then all the histories placed in one book. Is this vision to mammoth? We think not. What better way to preserve our early history.



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Holloway Power County Judge present who was Who had (as is) took the oath required by Law

Wallis Baley being duly Elected Clerk of the Magoffin County and Circuit Court appeared in open court and give bond with Jilson P. Prater George W. Rice and William Blair his surities and took the oath required by law

John Lykins appeared in court and give bond with Brice Patrick, Asey Gullett, Harvey Wilson, William J. Lykins, J.M. Lykins his surities as Constable of Magoffin County and that the oath of office has been administered according to the Constitution and the securities was approved by the Court.

Daniel J. Rice appeared in open court and entered into bond with John M. Salyer, Abner Salyer Sr. and Lewis Howard his surities as Constable of Magoffin County and took the oath required by law

A.J. Helton appeared in Open Court and entered into

bond with John M. Vanderpool and Gabrel Jackson his securities as Constable of Magoffin County which was approved by the court and Helton took the oath required by law.

David M. Cooper appeared in Open Court and entered into Bond with John Lykins and Gilbert Adams, Jr. his securities as Constable of Magoffin County which was approved by the court and said Cooper tool the oath required by law.

Wiley Adams appeared in Open Court and entered into bond with Gilbert Adams, Sr., Asey Gullett, and Gilbert Adams, Jr. his securities as Constable of Magoffin County which was approved by the Court and said took the oath required by law.

Joseph Dyer being duly Elected as Constable of Magoffin County Kentucky appeared in open court and entered into bond with William Craft, John Trusty and Michael Risner his securities as Constable of said county which was approved by the court and Dyer took the oath required by Law.

William Craft being duly elected as Surveyor of Magoffin County and entered into bond with William J. Salyer and John Power his securities which was approved by court and said

Craft took the oath Required by law.

Brice Patrick being duly elected as Corenor of Magoffin County appeared in court entered into bond with D.W. Allen and Gabril Jackson his securities which was approved by the court and Patrick took the oath required by law.

Stephen Howard being duly elected Sheriff of Magoffin County appeared in Open Court and entered into bond with Benjamin Howard and Charles Minix his securities which was approved by the Court and he said S. Howard took the oath required by law.

J.W. Helton being duly elected Jailor of Magoffin County appeared in Open Court and entered into bond with Stephen Howard and J.F. Gullett his securities which

was approved by the court and the said Helton took the oath required by Law.

R.G. Bayes being duly Elected Commissioner of Free Schools appeared in Open Court and entered into

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## Magoffin Pioneers Followed

By: Albert K. Moore

I don't exactly remember this, but it is a tale well known in the Prater and Moore families.

Mildred Moore and her two daughters, Louisa and Elizabeth, left Lebanon, Virginia one spring evening in 1864 to join her son, John W. Moore, who had established himself as a school teacher in newly-formed Magoffin County, Kentucky. They were accompanied by her nephew, Tom Morton, who hoped to establish a home in the Kentucky backwoods.

All the worldly goods of the Moore and Morton families were packed on the backs of two old mules, all that was left of their once plentiful livestock. Marauding bands of freed slaves, outlaws and Quantrell's guerillas had taken all else, and had even burned down a modest cottage in which the Moore family had taken refuge. So it was decided to travel at night and camp during the day.

A week of hard traveling, over mountains and through dense underbrush of the Cumberlands, brought them to Pound Gap, near what is now Jenkins, Kentucky but then a tangled wilderness. Here they were fortunate in finding a large cave, where they decided to spend a day. Unloading only such meagre necessities as it took for their frugal meal and a well-worn blanket each, they tethered their decrepit mules near the

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## Magoffin Pioneers Followed

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entrance of the cave, still with the major portion of their household goods in the packs on their backs.

That evening at dusk when the party awoke from their deep sleep of exhaustion, they found that the two mules, along with their packs, had been stolen during the day - stolen at the only spot in their long journey where they felt absolutely safe. Freed slaves, Quantrell's raiders and the "ordinary" outlaws of the Civil War period were active in the Kentucky Mountains as well as in the home town from which they fled.

Faced with the alternatives of continuing on their journey some hundred miles through uncharted Kentucky wilderness or returning a like distance through a territory of which they had already experienced the difficulties, they chose to continue on their way. Arranging what little they had left into two roughly built backpacks, the stronger members of the group shouldered the packs, took a rough bearing from the stars, and set off to the headwaters of the Big Sandy River. Morton carried a mountain long-rifle, which he kept loaded with powder and home-cast lead bullets. He carried percussion caps in the packet of his buckskin shirt.

The party existed on game Morton killed or captured as he ventured out from their place of concealment each morning as the sun lightened the mountain-tops. Quail, rabbits and squirrels abounded, and most of the animals had no fear of man, never having experienced his ability to kill. An occasional deer was slaughtered, and the flint and steel with which every backwoodsman was equipped served to light a small, hot fire over which the game was cooked.

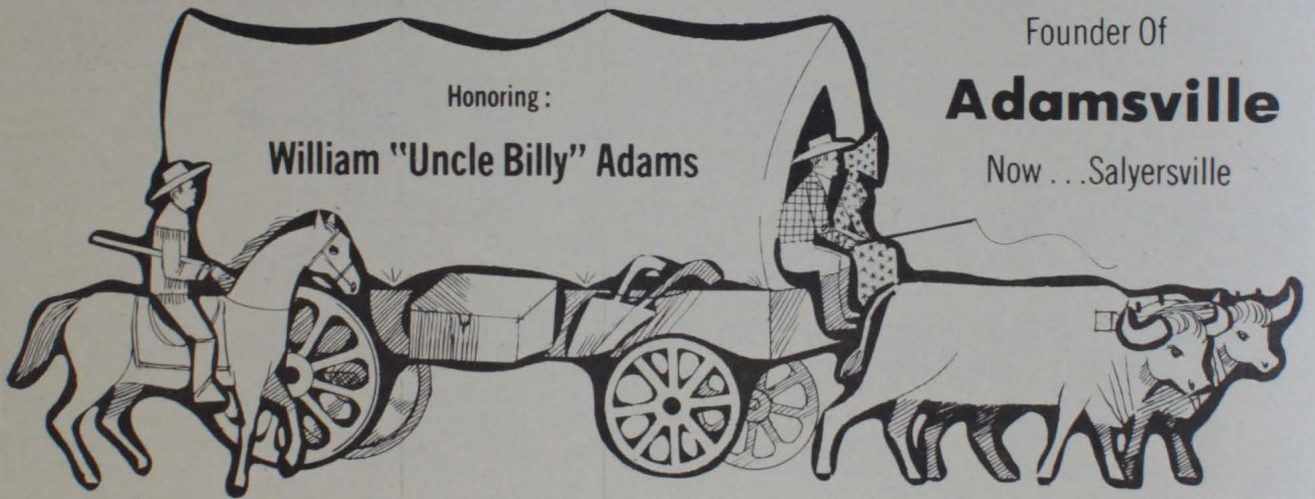
There or four days after losing their animals, they came to the forks of what turned out to be the Big Sandy, near what is now Shelbiana, and the going became a little easier. Occasional rough cabins were also encountered near the river banks, but as they were still traveling at night, there was no contact with their occupants. The river was followed on down through what is now the thriving city of Pikeville, then a collection of log cabins, with a trading post and store.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY'S FIRST ANNUAL

# FOUNDER'S DAY

Friday - Saturday - Sunday

August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>



## — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS —

### Friday, August 31

- 2 p.m. Baby Contest  
At Community Center
- 7 p.m. Pie Social  
At Community Center
- 9 p.m. Disco Dance  
At Community Center

### Saturday, September 1

- 7 a.m. Old Fashion Country Ham Breakfast  
Prater Methodist Church
- 11 a.m. Soup Bean & Cornbread Dinner  
Prater Methodist Church
- 11 a.m. Downtown Parade Thru Adamsville
- 3 p.m. Unveiling Ceremony Of Founders  
Marker
- 7 p.m. The Life Of Billy Adams-Drama  
At Community Center
- 8:30 p.m. Old Fashion Street Dance  
In Front Of Courthouse

### Sunday, September 2

- Special Church Service  
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- 1 p.m. Adams' Family  
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Pot Luck Dinner
- 8:30 p.m. The Life Of Uncle  
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## Archibald Prater...Freedom Fighter

By Roy "Todd" Preston

The history of the human race discloses a continuous struggle for political freedom, even from the dawn of earliest civilization to this good hour.

Our nation has become the envy of practically every other country on earth because of the principles set down by our forefathers who settled the eastern seaboard many years ago, many of which paid with their lives to see these principles were protected.

The patriots who fought in that great revolutionary conflict have been revered by all in the history of our country and all through this history, our citizenry have many times hence laid down their lives to protect those original Articles of Confederation that gave birth to our present Constitution.

Archibald Prater, born 1755 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, was one of those patriots who perhaps loosed the plow handles and took up arms in this great conflict of freedom. Archibald and his brother, Johnathan, enlisted in the revolutionary forces in Henry County, Va., on September 11, 1780. Both men were described as being over 6-feet tall with brown hair, fair skin, and blue eyes.

Archibald, only a few months out of the Continental Army, took for a wife, Sarah Fugate of Montgomery County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth Fugate who, like many of our ancestors of Eastern Kentucky, resided in the New River section of Southwest Virginia. They started house-keeping in Russell County, Virginia, and their first child was born in 1785.

Kestless, indeed, were the settlers on the east side of the Cumber-

lands. They had heard of the vast hunting grounds west of their mountain range. People began the

trek over the mountain barrier by using the game and Indian trails through the lower gaps,

to find bountiful game and homesites.

Such was the case of Archibald and his

brother Johnathan, along with Clayton Cook, John Williams, Ebenezer



**CLOSEST LOCAL DESCENDANTS OF ARCHIBALD...** These four great-great grandchildren of Archibald Prater are reportedly the closest descendants presently living in Magoffin County. Top, left to right, Lizzie Rowe and Alma Prater. Bottom row, Charles K. Prater and Fanny Prater.

## Editorial:

# A Place In History For Archibald

By Tim Bostic

Nearly 200 years have passed since Archibald Prater established himself as one of the first settlers in what is now Eastern Kentucky and the first for what was to become Magoffin County.

While two centuries have passed since the father of possibly the largest related clan made his way through the hills of Pennsylvania and Virginia to stake his claim, as well as his future, for what was to become a cornerstone for literally hundreds of descendants, we are just getting around to recording, as much as possible, the history of this true pioneer, in every sense of the word.

Let's not overlook the important role Archibald Prater played, not only in laying the groundwork for these parts of unfamiliar territory for what was known at the time of history as the Colonies, but for his deeds and services in fighting for the Independence for what was to become the greatest nation on earth.

It's really hard to imagine, but this man being honored here this week, one of our own, must have exercised the same sense of pride as those

other great men of that time who have been recorded in this nation's annals of history.

Although we have no proof, we like to think he may have marched along with General Washington in the Colonial Army during the Revolutionary War...maybe he conferred with Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson or John Adams. He just might have known the inside dope about Benedict Arnold. This is total speculation of course, but for a county to have such a distinguished ancestor allows us to exercise our imaginations.

All the hullabaloo planned around the honoring of this man is designed for light-hearted fun, but the facts available that have been compiled about Prater and his descendants are not to be taken for granted...but appreciated.

Although it seems like it has taken 200 years to put it together, the story of Archibald Prater will be even more appreciated one or two centuries from this day. The Independent is glad to have played a small role in learning more about Magoffin County's most distinguished ancestor.

## Preston Goes To Battle

Mr. Moses Preston was a Private in the Virginia Line. He entered the service in 1779 as a substitute for William Hallegin, under Major Hill, under the command of Colonel Abraham Bluford, under General Gates. He was marched to Hillsborough, N.C. He was then placed under the command of Captain Bowyer, under Colonel Campbell. The battles he was in included the Battle at Guilford, the Siege of Camden, and the Battle of Ninety-six. He remained in the service until the war ended at which time he was guarding General Huges House. He was honorably discharged in South Carolina by Captain Crawford, who was a regular officer in the army.

At the time of the war, Mr. Preston resided in the County of Bedford in Virginia.

Moses Preston and his wife, Fanny Authur married July 9, 1783 in Bedford County, Va., being married nearly a span of forty years.

## Miss Prater Weds Patrick

Miss Nancy Prater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Prater, became the bride of Mr. William Patrick on the 11th day of April 1814. The wedding was solemnized in Floyd County, Kentucky, by Samuel Hanna, a minister of the Gospel.

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**Thomas Prater Gets Hitched**

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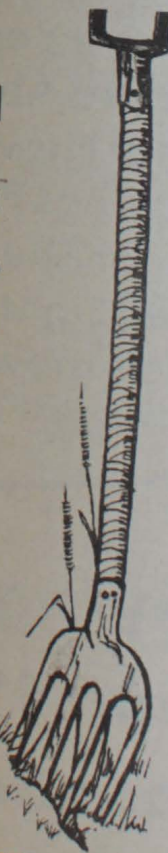
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## More Marriages

Miss Cealey Prater, daughter of Archibald Prater, and Mr. David Cooper were married by the Rev. William Coffee on the 17th day of April, 1823, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Sally Prater became the bride of David Picklesimer on April 15, 1817 in Floyd County, Kentucky. The bride is the daughter of Archibald and Sarah Prater.

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# Stone's Battles Recalled

Interview by Judge Benjamin Mills in 1818.

Mr. Cudberth Stone enlisted March 29, 1780 in the St. Marys County, Maryland for 3 years as a Private by Sergeant Enoch McClare in the Company of Captain Jones of the Seventh Maryland Regiment. The regiment was commanded by Colonel Gunby. He also served in Captain Richard Anderson's Company, Colonel Howard's Regiment. He fought in the battle of Gates' Defeat & Cowpens during the 11th month of service. The battle of Cowpens in S.C. was fought and during this battle a Musket Ball wounded his thigh so severely that he was never able to return to the army before the war ended. He still bears the scars of his wound.

Cudberth and Sally married March 17, 1784 in South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone's daughter, Sally, wife of Jesse Spraudlin, lives nearby.



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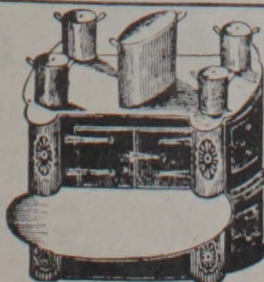
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# Another Revolutionary War Hero, Jonathan Pytts

June 5, 1833 Joel Martin, Justice of Peace, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Mr. Jonathan Pytts was born April 12, 1756 in Rowan County, North Carolina. Volunteered as a Private for the term of one year on 22nd day of October 1779 in Rowan County, N.C. under Colonel Davidson and Capt. Crawford to defend the counties adjacent from attacks by the torries. In February 1780 Colonel Davidson's company marched to South Carolina. They marched until they arrived at a Mr. Smith's house 4 miles from the state line. During the fight the army scattered, but in a short time they all came back in.

They returned to Salsbury, N.C., where there was nothing but recurring fights at the great mill with some torries. About the 15th of July 1780, after having marched to S.C., we arrived at Regency Mills. On the night of the attack, Jonathan was transferred to the Regiment of a Continental Col. By the name of Howard. During the battle our General

Ruthingford was taken prisoner and Jonathan was wounded by a musket ball. After we were defeated, we all retreated to Hillsboro. He was at Salsbury with Captain James Black. He remained in the service until 23rd day of October 1780, when he returned home. After being home only about 15 days he was marched by General Davidson still commanded as Colonel although he was called General. He was part of the 18 months men, as he had joined for a term of 18 months. He was again under Capt. Crawford and General Davidson. We first were called to assist Morgan who was then running from the British. We made a stand at Bashy's Fort to prevent the British from crossing. The battle commenced with great fury on both sides as the British reached the opposite bank. Capt. Crawford was mortally wounded and General Davidson was shot down within 20 feet of Mr. Pytts. A great many of the troops never returned to the main army.

Mr. Pytts retreated with General Greene until they arrived at Guilford County Court House, where he was dispatched to Burkes County, N.C. and because of his knowledge of the country he was able to arrive safe in Burke in March 1781.

After the news of the Battle of Guilford, the army took a circuitary route and effected a junction with the rest of the army the day before the battle of ninety-six in the Spring. After the

siege lasted for some-time, the Americans had to retreat. He remained with the army until a fight at Eulaw Springs where his company commander was Oaks & Colonel Campbell.

After the battle, the forces followed the British and torries over the country until the troops heard that peace was about to be made and that Cornwallis had surrendered. He had been marched to Charlestown, but was per-

mitted to return to his friends the day before Christmas, 1781.

On March 2, 1782 he volunteered to go to Kentucky. He arrived at Boone's Station in April 1782 and was placed under Colonel Metler and General Cauderclay. Shortly after he was put in Ashton's Fort the Indians attacked and he was taken prisoner. He was taken to Rinlope about 40 miles from Ochavit where he was kept until he escaped in June 1783.

Mr. Pytts and his wife, Winney, have the following children:

John Pitts, born about 1810; Mexico Pitts, born about 1818; Alfred Pitts, born about 1812; Sarah Pitts, born about 1816; Thomas Pitts, born about 1817; Washington Pitts, born about 1820; Rebecca Pitts born about 1822; and Izana Pitts, born about 1824.

**Postscript:**

Mr. Pytts died March 1849, leaving behind his grieving widow and children.

## The Prater House, Becky's Dream

Taken from Colonial Homes

Hailing from Kentucky, Becky Prater grew up surrounded by the folksy, hand-hewn log structures that dot the wooded countryside; since she was a little girl she dreamed of living in one. Becky eventually married David Prater, a builder in Lexington. The couple purchased a lot and set about turning Becky's dream into reality.

David Prater's hunting forays led him into the eastern Kentucky hills, where he purchased several log houses dating from 1790 to 1820. He

dismantled them, brought them to Lexington, and stacked the logs in his yard. Without benefit of blueprints and using only a rough floor plan scribbled on an envelope, he began his log house. The first step was to re-notch all the logs, using the dovetail notch familiar to eastern Kentucky. Construction got off to an inauspicious start: Mr. Prater broke his finger while setting the very first log on the foundation! But minor tribulations did nothing to deter the Praters. For interior and

exterior chinking they used a mixture of Portland cement, brick mix, sand, and wood-fiber binder laid around a core of insulation. The Praters sanded the logs inside with an auto-body disc sander and coated the wood with a sealer to cut down on dust inside the house.

The completed structure eventually proved too small for the couple and their children; they lacked a room where the family could relax. David Prater's ancestor, Archibald Prater, had lived in a 1790 log cabin

in Magoffin County. The Praters disassembled it, numbered the logs, and reassembled three walls and the stone chimney adjacent to the main structure. They dubbed the resulting family room "Archibald's Room".

The interior of the house radiates the talents and enthusiasm of the young couple. Becky Prater, an antique dealer in Lexington, mixed country pieces, family heirlooms and reproductions with spended results that speak for themselves.

### Wakins Battles British

February 17, 1834

Mr. Thomas Watkins, who was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1750 or 51, was drafted from Rowan County for the term of nine months in December of 1780 under Colonel James Tacke and Captain Charles Gordon. He was first marched from Salsbury in December 1780 and participated in the battle of Crop Creek in the Highland County with the torries. After the battle they returned to Salsbury where he was placed under the command of General Summer. He was in several fights with Cornwallis's advance guard near Salsbury, before he was marched with the main army into Virginia. On the way he was at the "hacking

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## Watkins Battles...

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frolic" against the torries in North Carolina, where the torries were put to flight and many were slain. In the spring of 1781 he was in the battle of Guilford Court House, after which he was marched to South Carolina. After the battle of ninety-six he was down on the Peedee with Captain Wexhill. A few torries at a ferry on the river destroyed their boats. After they reached their destination, the Captain was warned by some Whigs that the torries were reinforced from manclorough and they decided to return to the main army. Much of this march was at night.

He was in the battle at Camden, which occurred shortly after the army came from Virginia. Just before the battle of Eulaw Springs' he was in a running fight on the Santee River with some British Dragoons. He was transferred to serve under Colonel Hill and Captain Smith. During the battle of Eulaw Springs he was commanded by General Pickens, Colonel Belle, and Captain Clark. After the battle of Eulaw Springs, he was marched up the County to Camden. The British having abandoned the first, he returned to the ninety-six, where some prisoners were kept. While here he was discharged for his nine months of service.

Since many of his acquaintances were still in the service, and it being too dangerous to get home, because the country side in North Carolina had many torries in some places, he re-enlisted for 18 months at Nebrom Ferry on the Santee River in South Carolina under Colonel Ben Hemen and Captain William Service. In October of 1781 he was engaged to Georgetown, near the sea land at the mouth of the Peedee River, he remained there till the following spring guarding some prisoners.

In June of 1782 he was marched by Major Cawby and Captain Allen up to a little river to attack some torries that were stealing and plundering near the Georgia line, about 10 miles from Augusta. We then marched to Edgefield and on to Captain March's place on a river.

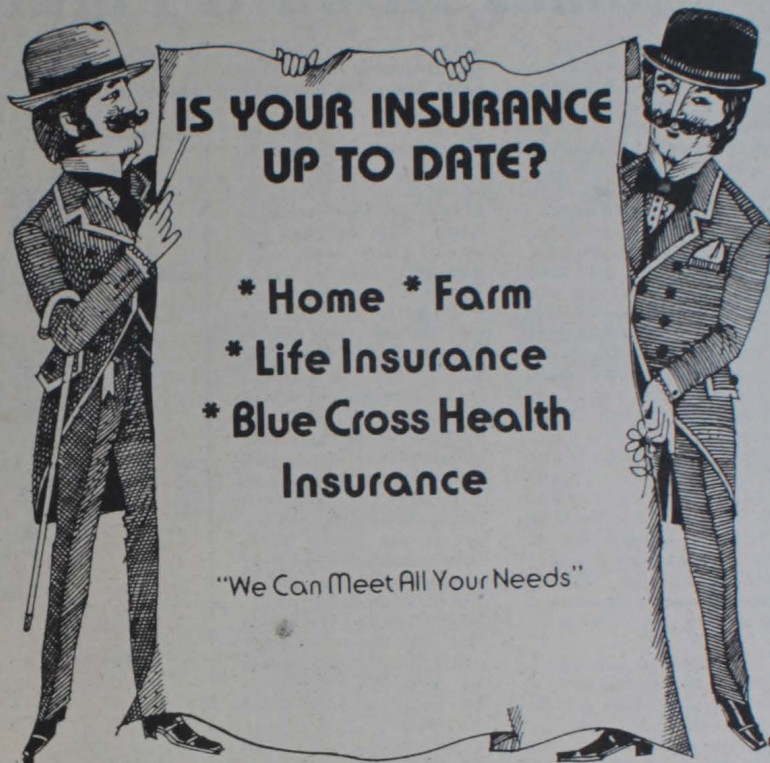
In July 1782 on the Saludee River they won a battle against the torries, where most of them fled

into the swamp a few days before reaching Camden where the Americans had several bunched men stationed. They rested at Camden for a week because they had marched such a long distance.

They proceeded from here to Eulaw Springs in August of 1782. They went on to Orangeboro, which had been taken from the torries and British. He remained here till the middle of November 1782, when he was marched to Fork Walson, where he remained until the army won Charlestown. A few days after the main army had entered Charlestown he was marched into Charlestown. While in Charlestown he became ill and was confined in the hospital in the winter and spring. He remained in Charlestown or sometimes on the Island until the forces broke up in May 1783 as their services were no longer required.

**Postscript:**

Mr. Watkins died Nov. 4 in 1854, leaving behind his widow, Elizabeth Shepard Watkins, whom he was married to on the 29th day of March, 1845 by the Reverend John Morris.



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# James Howard Fights In Revolution

On this 27th day of December, 1833, Mr. James Howard, born September 13, 1752, in what is now Wilkes County, Georgia, gave a record of his service in the Revolutionary War.

In the month of June, 1777, Mr. Howard enlisted for six months in Montgomery, County, Virginia, under Captain McClanahan at Fort Chase, and Lieutenant Edwards to go against the Cherokee Indians. He was however, immediately placed under the command of Capt. Buchanan, Joseph Drake, Lieut. Col. Boman, Major Boman and Ensign Drake. While General Christy commanded—we marched to Abington, on to the Long Islands of Holstein, and on to the Cherokee country, we crossed the "French Broad" River at the mouth of a creek called Cumplin.

While Gen. Clark from the south was endeavoring to form a junction with the army from Virginia, the Indians sent the army a flag for peace, which was not accepted. The army then destroyed an Indian town called Big Island Town. The army marched back, with a part of the army going to Eatons Fort, while some went to a fort on Clinch River, known as Blackmon's fort, where Mr. Howard remained until after the treaty was made with the Cherokees at the islands. In January, 1778 he accepted a discharge and left the service.

In the month of June of 1778, he enlisted for three years to fight the Indians in Kentucky and on the Wabash under Col. John Montgomery, Capt. Jesse Evans, and Lieut. Crockett. The army rendezvoused at the Long Islands and there we took boats, and

descended the river to the Tennessee River. They went down the Tennessee River to the mouth of the Ohio River, up the Mississippi River, then up the Illinois, till we reached an old town settled by the French on the Kaskaskia River. After arriving the whole army was commanded by Gen. George R. Clarke. After a while we all marched to Vincennes on the Wabash river. After remaining here for awhile Mr. Howard was marched to the Illinois River where he remained there into April, 1779. He along with the army was transported back the same way he came to the mouth of Ohio River. He remained here at a little fort at the yellow banks until he ascended the river in August. He marched to the falls of Ohio where Gen. Clark had previously gone with the most of the army. He marched then to the Kentucky River at Boonsboro, to help guard the fort.

During the year of 1780 the inhabitants were very much annoyed by the Indians so this year I was again marched to the falls. Directly after the French came from Canada and the Indians took Martins and Riddles' stations, General Clark marched against the Indians on the Miami at Pascays Plains. Here we had a battle with them near where the Indians had compelled the Kentuckians to retreat the year before 1779. After this engagement the Shawnees did not venture out much. He then returned with the army to the falls where he remained the winter of 1780.

In April, 1781, two companies marched to the mouth of Licking River and built a block house. He

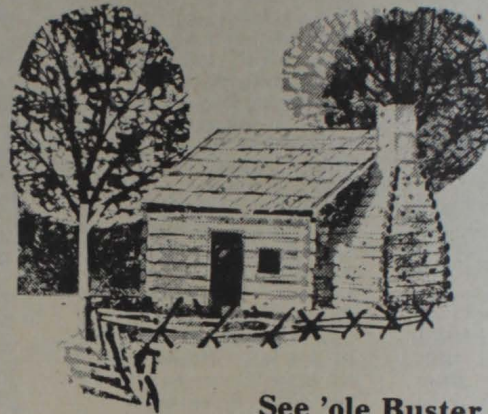
served out his time in June of 1780, and he received his discharge for three years service. He went by

Harrodsburg on his way home to Virginia.

Postscript:  
Mr. Howard died on

January 11, 1857, having been preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth Green on July 7, 1855.

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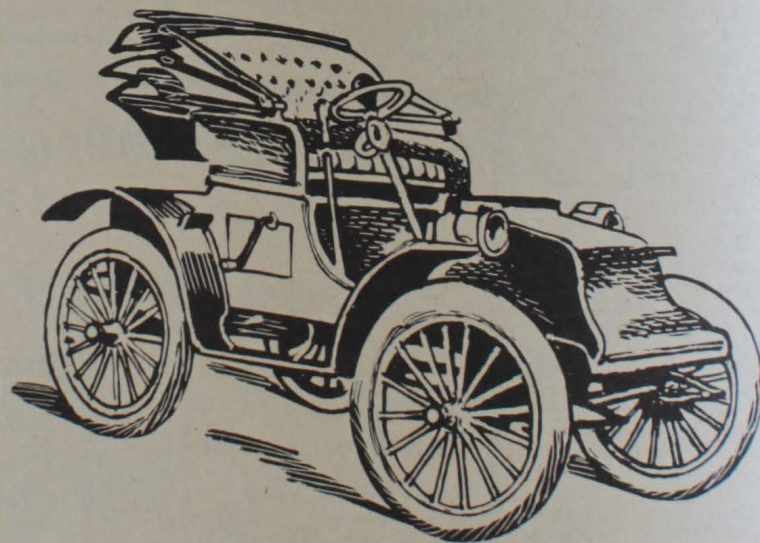
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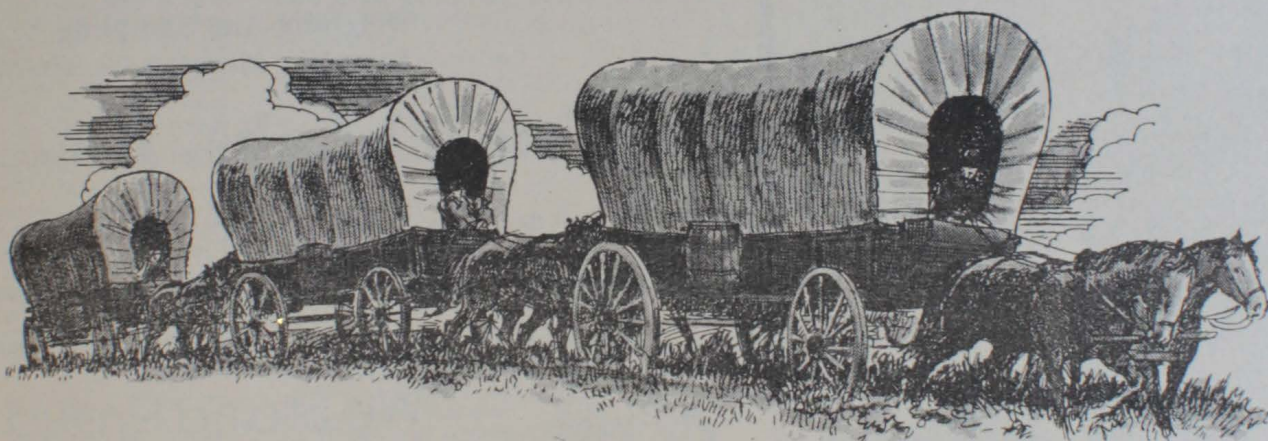
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# Prater....

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zer Hanna, and perhaps others, as a group began the journey westward by way of Cumberland Gap, into this hunting ground.

They then traveled to the head waters of Licking River looking for a place to settle. The group are said to have taken temporary refuge in the rock cliffs, but wandering bands of Indians forced the little party of men to retreat back to Virginia or plunge deeper into the unknown forest westward. They chose the latter and set down in present Nicholas County, Ky.

We believe that his wife and children joined him there and settled down to farming. Tradition bears out that a dry year caused the party to journey back to the lush Licking River bottomland to raise a crop to take back to his family, who had stayed behind and made the best of it during the drought. Another folk tale is that he had heard of the famous Swift Silver Mine, that has been the quest of many down through the years, and was hopeful of finding it, causing him to journey eastward to the Licking River.

We like to believe that he wanted to get back to the beautiful Licking River Valley hills with the urge to till the river bottomlands and perhaps build a home in this land of plenty. What his intentions were have been lost to history, but he, along with the same little party that had made an attempt at settling a few years earlier, did put down roots, again near the turn of the century.

They built a fort about a mile below the present site of Salyersville on a low hill near a bountiful mountain spring of good water. Great consideration was taken in the selection of the site as a precaution against the Indians, for they did not know but that their Redskin neighbors had been subdued by Wayne's victory at Fallen Timbers.

The inhabitants of this first settlement on Upper Licking named it Prater's Fort, although neighboring settlements on the Sandy River called it Licking Station. The great vast canebrakes in the nearby bottoms grew green all winter and attracted elk, buffalo and deer. It has been said that these Licking River bottoms supported more elk per acre than was to be found at any other place in Kentucky.

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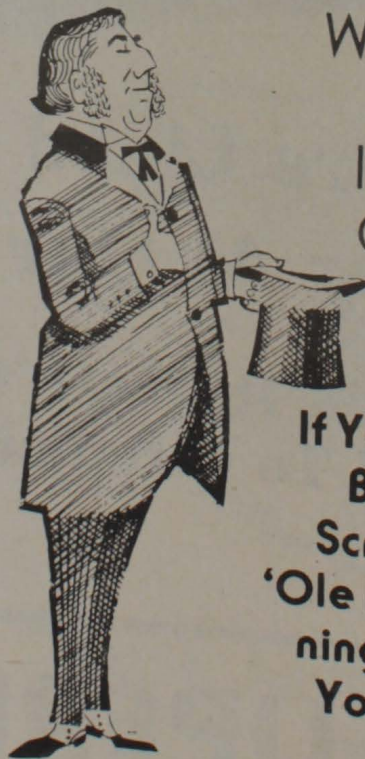


Elder John J. Prater was ordained as a United Baptist Minister in April of 1891. He had the distinction of serving as Moderator of the Paint Union Association for 54 consecutive years.

Elder Prater was a farmer, a logger and a timberman by trade all the while he was ministering the gospel.

He was married to the former Emilyn Pace who preceded him in death in 1941. Elder Prater died in 1943. He also served as grand master of the Salyersville Masonic Lodge.

Five sons and four daughters were born to the Union of John J. and Emilyn Prater; Lawrence, Tommy, Johnny, Glen and Solan; also, Allie Fairchild, Alka Litteral Kelley, Minnie Caudill Higgins and Fannie Conley.



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# Tracing The Prater Family...

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neighboring settlements, word was sent to the men of Praters Fort, who would quickly respond by helping their neighbors. Such a call was made by the inhabitants of Harmons Station when a call went out for help in searching for the young Auxier lad that had become lost in the forest and was never found.

These mountain men became interested and took part in the government of this new land, serving as Magistrates, Constables, Surveyors, and Deputy Clerks.

Elder Daniel Williams had by this time settled downstream on Licking, but established a Church near Praters Fort, becoming known as the Burning Springs Church, in 1810. Archibald and his wife, Sarah, were the first to come forward to join themselves to this old Church, that has carried a message of divine guidance even unto the present generation. So, we can safely say, it was founded on solid principles as it has sailed through many a conflict.

Later in life, Archibald moved further upstream to what is now known as the Cheyenne section of present Salyersville, on what was later referred to as the Judge Gardner property. Sometime later, the first Christian Church in our county was founded on this same property.

Tradition states that Archibald built, or helped his son John build, a log structure about three miles upstream on Burning Springs Fork. One room of this log cabin was dedicated to the Lord and preachers of different faiths were welcome to hold services in this room. This, then, may have been the birthplace of Methodism, in our country, as the old Methodist Circuit riders were constantly using this log room. The old log home withstood the rigors of many years, until recently when it was torn down because of its deteriorating condition. However, Fannie and Alma Prater gave the site for the Burning Fork Community Church, and, indeed, the lumber in the room that was dedicated to the Lord was used on the inside as paneling for the walls. What a memorial to Archibald Prater and his descendants.

Right about the site of the old homeplace, the Daughters of the American Revolution have erected a Memorial, in the Prater Cemetery.

Another landmark that could be a memorial to the Pioneer Prater is the present Prater Memorial Methodist Church, because these Prater descendants helped to organize it and she also prevailed through the years. The present Christian Church could also be a memorial, as Prater descendants were also instrumental in helping to set its course and she is still standing through the many storms throughout the years.

Archibald is said to have passed to his reward in 1831 and is buried near the site of the Grade School. The Magoffin Baptist Institute was built in, or very near, this old cemetery. Some students of the Institute claim to have sat on huge slabs of stone that were layed over the graves while they were studying, to rest, or while eating their lunch. Afterwards, these huge stones were carried away and destroyed. This could be likened unto another memorial, to have an institution of learning built near his final resting place. Some of the graves from the old cemetery were moved to the Bluegrass Cemetery, though it is not known which ones.

Space will not permit more than a mere mention of the sons and daughters of Archibald Prater, but the children did much in the population and development of Eastern Kentucky and the nation as a whole. They have carved for themselves distinction, worthy of the respect of the descendants, down through the years to the present time.

John Prater, the eldest child, was born in 1785. He was married to Mary Brimton and reared eight children.

William B. Prater was born in 1787, married to Nancy Cope. Two or more children were born to this union.

Elizabeth Prater was born in 1891, married Lewis Power, twelve children were born to this union.

Thomas Prater was born in 1793, married Rebecca Cope, and only two children have been identified at this time.

Archibald Prater II

was born in 1794, married to Elizabeth Powell, and lived and died in Nicholas County. Little is known of him.

Elijah Prater was born in 1795, and was married to Jane "Jiney" Patrick, and reared sixteen children.

James Prater was born in 1800, married to Nancy Patrick, and had three children.

Nancy Prater was born in 1802, married William Patrick, and had four children, or more.

Sarah Prater was born in 1804 and was married

to David Picklesimer. Only about four children have been identified.

Celia Prater was born in 1804, married to David M. Cooper, and twelve children were born to this union.

Mary Prater was born in 1810, married Hugh Patrick, and nine children were born to this union.

Josiah Prater was born in 1812 and was never married.

We have spent many hours doing research in this family of Praters, assisted by a multitude of

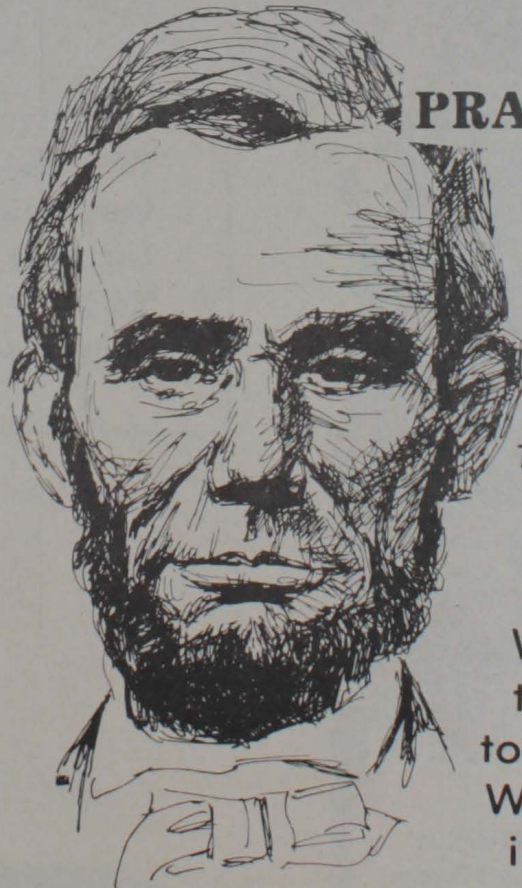
interested descendants. We pray we have aided somewhat in the understanding of the Prater geneology. We urge that this research will not falter, but that we have rekindled the desire in the descendants to add to this work. We will be pleased to keep working with you and to aid you in any way we can. Let us, together, dig a little deeper in the heritage of all our family lines.

Thank you, and, until next Labor Day, God willing, we shall explore another early family.



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1964



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We're Supposed  
To Be.**



## Obituary Of E. H. Prater

E. H. Prater, the son of R. M. and R. F. Prater, was born December 18, 1860. He was married to Synthia E. Litteral, May 19, 1882.

He joined the United Baptist Church, and was baptized by Walter Bailey, the third Sunday in March, 1883. He took membership with the Burning Spring Church until the organization of the Lick Spring Church.

At the organization of the Lick Spring Church, my wife and I were ordained deacons, April 26, 1889. Served the church until she deceased this life December 21, 1890. Born to this union two boys and two girls.

## Short Stories By Bob Prater

**Editor's Note:** The following short stories were compiled in longhand by the late Earl C. (Bob) Prater shortly before his death on October 6, 1976. Earl C. was former editor of the Salyersville Independent and a renowned story-teller. He was the great-great-grandson of Archibald Prater.

### My First Animal

When I was about 12 or 13 years old, (1933 or 1934), my first animal was procured by a long, all-day journey.

The Jim Frazier family, had sometime before, moved from the Short Fork section of the county and town and lived across the street from the Prater Memorial Methodist Church.

Mr. Frazier kept a cow in a barn near the house in town. When a cow would go "dry" he would take her to his farm on Short Fork and bring back a "fresh" cow so that the family would have fresh milk and butter.

It was for one of these "exchanges" that I was hired to take a "dry" cow to Short Fork and bring back a "fresh" cow.

Getting up early in the morning I left the Fraziers barn soon after breakfast with the cow in tow. I must have walked four or five miles to the farm.

There was a dirt road part way and the rest of the way was a creek road. Late afternoon I returned with the "fresh" cow and was rewarded with a pig for my trouble.

Married to Mary A. Pace, April 9, 1891. Ordained to the ministry April 22, 1899 by laying on hands Presbtery J. R. Caudill, J. J. Prater, and Charles Wheeler.

Served the State Road Church as Pastor. Born to this union three boys. Wife deceased this life Jan. 10, 1910.

Married to Laura Dixon McKenzie, February 20, 1913. Came to Johnson County March 4, 1913. Elected pastor of Fish Trap Church third Saturday in May, 1920. Still contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

Deceased this life May 12, 1929, age 68 years, 4 months, and 24 days.

The time was late summer and by real cold weather my pig had grown into a good-sized hog.

I cannot remember our killing the hog, but I'm sure we had fresh pork that winter.

### THE SAFETY VALVE

For several years the name Dale Sublett was a household name in and around Salyersville. He was affectionately known as "Bean Cat", the old watch repairman who had made several parts for watches he was trying to repair.

One of the pieces he made was the balance staff. These were made from used stitching' maching needles. When I worked in the Shoe Shop I used to save the broken needles and take them to him.

On one of the trips to his office we found him to be slightly intoxicated. After some small talk he asked if I would like to have a drink of whiskey.

I told him I didn't drink but it would be fine if he wanted to drink. After opening a small safe, by working the combination, he removed a quart fruit jar that contained about 1½ pints of liquor, took a long drink and returned same to safe, closed the door and locked it.

As I sat and talked with him, he removed the jar the third time, took a swig, returned it to the safe and locked it. At that point I

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## James Camron Joins Up To Fight Revolution

The 17th day of September 1832, James Camron, age 74 (born 1785) reported that he enlisted in The Army of the Revolution in the year 1779 with one Abraham Tipton, (a recruiting office) and served in the Western (?) Regt., known by the name of Western Battalion.

He was mustered into the service in Continental line under Joseph Crockett, Col. Abram Tipton, Capt. Henry Dearvin (?) Lieutenant. He was enlisted 12 years and secured the bounty in Continental money. He left the service some time in November 1781.

He resided, when he enlisted, in Shenandoah, Va., five miles from Millerstown. When he first enlisted, and the regiment was assembled to duty he was marched to Winchester, Va. He remained there till the next spring and from there he went to Albemarle Barracks.

He then guarded the prisoners all the fall

following and from there he marched to Frederickstown, Maryland.

The soldiers took with them the prisoners from the Albermarle Barracks and delivered them up there. They remained in Frederickstown that winter until Spring, and from there the Regt. marched, early in the spring, to Shepherdstown, Va., and remained there till May or June, from there they marched, to the Monongahala, keeping the greater part of Braddock's road.

From there the regiment went to Fort Pitt, from a place called New Stone. From Fort Pitt, they raised the boats, which were sunk at Ft. Pitt, and then proceeded down the river. They stopped at an Island, below Ft. Pitt, and three of the soldiers were killed by Indians.

They had scattered off from the army to shoot at a mark and while culling the bullets out, all three were shot down. The Indians

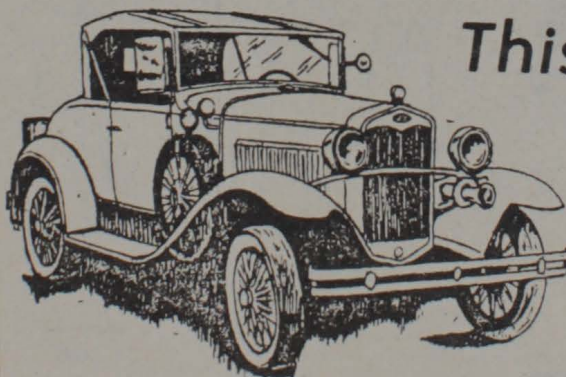
escaped and crossed the river in a canoe before they could be over-taken. The regiment then moved to the falls of the Ohio (present day Louisville, Kentucky) while General Clash continued.

They remained there till James Cameron's time expired.

He received his discharge, and took the Kentucky trail after leaving Logan's Fort, and returned by the road which went by the Crab Orchard; he reached home in January, (vicinity of Lexington, Ky.). He states that during the time he stayed at the Falls of the Ohio, Captain Tipton and Captain Charman, both got killed by the Indians in passing Logan's Fort to the Falls.

A family Bible in the possession of Duncan Cameron was produced in 1846 which gives us the names of the children of James Cameron, who died October 25, 1838 and Anne C. Cameron.

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(Continued from last page) asked why. Why he returned it to the safe.

"That", he said, "is my safety valve-when I get so drunk I can't open the safe, I've had enough."

## Shaving The Dead

Uncle Bill Rowe's father was both an ordained Methodist minister and barber so it was nothing but natural that Uncle Bill became an amateur barber.

Several of his friends were regular customers of his prowess as a cutter of hair and shaving of beards.

My grandpa "Chick" Patrick and James B. "Jim Tom" Prater were the local undertakers and several times they would call on Bill to shave a deceased man before burial.

When "Uncle" Rube Patrick, a close neighbor of Uncle Bill became very ill and "took his death bed" his sons came to Bill's house and told 'Pa is dying'. "We would like for you to come and shave him after he dies."

Arriving at his home Bill asked the sons where Uncle Rube's shaving supplies were located, and all talking very quietly they began searching and found the shaving mug and brush, starting to heat water, and continued looking for the razor.

All the while they watched for Uncle Rube to die at any moment.

Finally Uncle Bill said, "I shaved him about two weeks ago but I don't know where he put the razor." Where upon Uncle Rube opened his eyes and said, "Bill, I put it in that dresser drawer right there."

Needless to say they didn't have to shave Uncle Rube for quite a few weeks later.

## Digging A Water Well

When the early settlers came to Magoffin County they would usually settle near a good spring to save the trouble of digging a water well.

Later on as the demand for water grew, they dug wells near the house and used a rope and bucket to draw up water.

This tale is about digging of a well by Rousseau Patrick and a helper, Rousseau was one of those fellows who liked to play jokes on his fellow man.

So, while digging his well, Mr. Patrick played

one of his pranks. When they had reached a deputy of about 15 feet and no water, they struck rock which necessitated putting a charge of powder in the well and blowing the rock aside.

After drilling a hole in the rock, loading the hole and preparing to light the fuse, he asked his helper if he had a match-"Yeh, I've got a match, you go up on the ladder and I'll light it," he said.

Up the ladder went Rousseau while his helper prepared to light the charge.

But, lo and behold, after lighting the fuse and turning around, he discovered the ladder gone. After a short prayer, and some tall cussing he found that Rousseau hadn't put any powder in the "hole".

## Proving A Point

Back in the later 20's and early 30's several so called "characters" lived in and around Salyersville. Three of these were Charley "Goosebite" Arnett, Rousseau Patrick and Wiley Rice.

One time Rousseau was bragging to a group of townsfolk of the size of turnips he had grown that year. In relating the tale he said, "The turnips were so big they wouldn't go into a quart cup," and tried to prove it by Wiley Rice. But, Uncle Wiley hedged for a moment and started to say, "I'd say they were big turnips all right but...At this point Rousseau interrupted him, saying, "I can't prove nothing by you, if I had old "Goosebite" here, I could prove they wouldn't go into a half bushel tub."

## Speaking On The Bible

Charley "Goosebite" Arnett was well known for some of his astute observations.

One time while visiting my Uncle Frank L. Prater he was introduced to a lady from another area of the state.

When she told "Goosebite" that she too was part Arnett he remarked-- "Honey, Let me warn you about the Arnetts. When one of them gets to talking on the Bible, get away from him as soon as possible. He is fixing to go home and set his fence over on his neighbor."

## Killed A Bear

My grandfather Lee C.

Prater was born July 8, 1850 and died July 10, 1935. He used to tell a story of his father, Irvin Prater.

He told that when he was very young his father had built a log cabin near the sulphur spring in the Blue Grass area where the new high school is now located. His Dad owned all the land on both sides of the Licking River from the Blue Grass Cemetery at Lakeville.

Anyway, grandpaw said that one morning he was awakened by a pounding on homecoming on the side of the cabin. He went outside and found that his Dad had killed a bear-skinning it and was tacking the hide on the side of the cabin.

## The Itch Cure

In the early 1900s most of the medicine, people used, was home cures, as not much 'brought on' medicine was readily available.

One of the cures for itch was to boil poke berry root in water, then dilute

with more water and bathe in same. Although this was a "sure cure" it was very painful to say the least.

Grandpa Prater (Lee) had contacted a case of itch and prepared the boiled pokeberry root in a tub of water and locked himself up in the little sideroom. He told his wife (Aunt Sis) that no matter how loud he hollered for her not to open the door.

After undressing and setting down in the tub, he began to wash in the "juice" and the longer, the hotter, til finally he thought he was "on fire". He begged to be let out, but no one would help-later he said, "I didn't know a fella could fall so fast."

## April Fool Joke

My grandfather Ruben "Chick" Patrick died in the late forties at age 77. He was for most of his life, an undertaker. Although he dealt n death, he was known as somewhat of a practical joker. One of his best jokes secured on April

Fool's Day away back in the 20s.

Johnse Adams and his father-in-law, Wayne Cooper, were partners in a small general store. One April Fool's Day, grandpaw got up real early and went to the home of Adams, who lived just out the alley from him and yelled him out to say his store was on fire.

Getting excited, Mr. Adams ran out of the house in his long underwear, carrying his trousers, shirt, and coat hollering "Get up, Wayne, get up doggone it all, the store is on fire." But, when he got to Wayne's house down on Paintsville Street, he had to "holler him out" of the house while putting on his own britches.

Out of the house came Cooper and down the street they both ran in the ankle deep mud.

Grandpaw had made it to the mouth of the lane leading to his house and as they passed, he hollered "April Fool, whereupon they turned on him and ran him all the way home.

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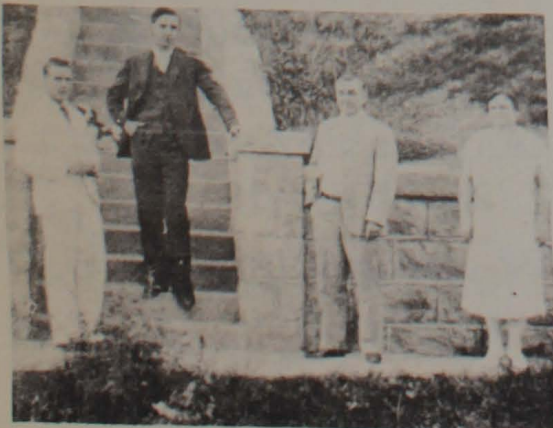
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with daughter Jean Prater.



Judge Walter R. Prater  
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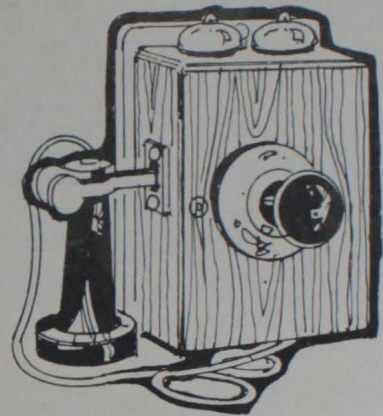


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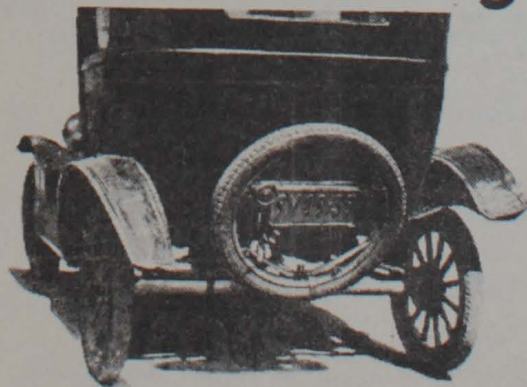
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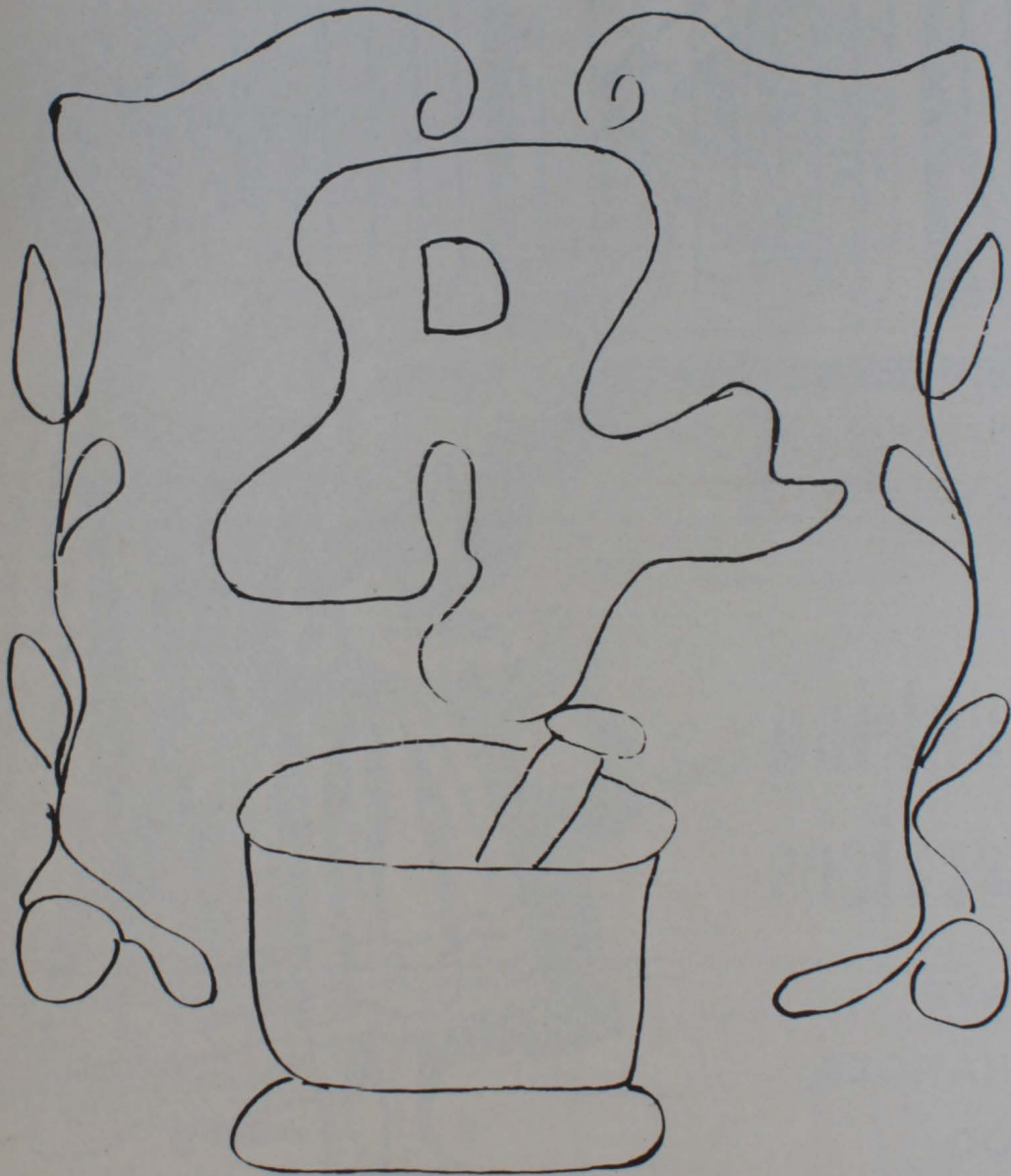
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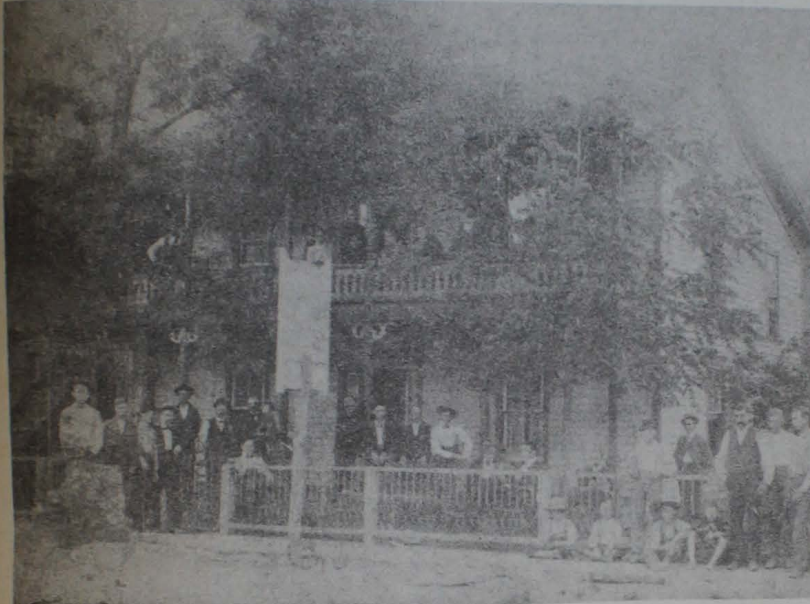
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# The Old Prater Hotel



THE ARCHIBALD PRATER HOME, The old Prater Hotel originally located in Downtown Salyersville was a favorite gathering place for conversation as well as providing a place of lodging for passersby. (Contributed by Marjorie Huff Reamy)

Elijah Prater and Jean Patrick were married by Samuel Hanna on the 22nd day of June, 1815 in Floyd County, Kentucky.  
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## Marriage Vows Said

Cynthia Emily Litteral married Elijah Hamilton Prater at Wiley Litteral's

home in Magoffin County, Kentucky on May 18, 1882. The marriage was performed by Wallis Bailey and the witnesses were Richard M. Prater and Wallis W. Adams.

Elijah was the son of Richard M. and Rachel F. Caudill Prater, and the grandson of Elijah and Jennie Patrick Prater.

**Archibald May  
Have Relaxed  
In A Chair Like  
This One.**



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## Ceremony Held

John Prater married Mary Brenton at Bethel in Nicholas County, Kentucky.

Archibald Prater married Elizabeth Powell.

Elizabeth Prater married Lewis Power.

William B. Prater, son of Archibald, married Nancy Cope on November 6, 1808, in Floyd County, Kentucky by Rev. Daniel Williams.

James Prater, son of Archibald, married Nancy Prater on March 20, 1823, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Mary Prater, daughter of Archibald, married Hugh Prater, on June 3, 1826, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

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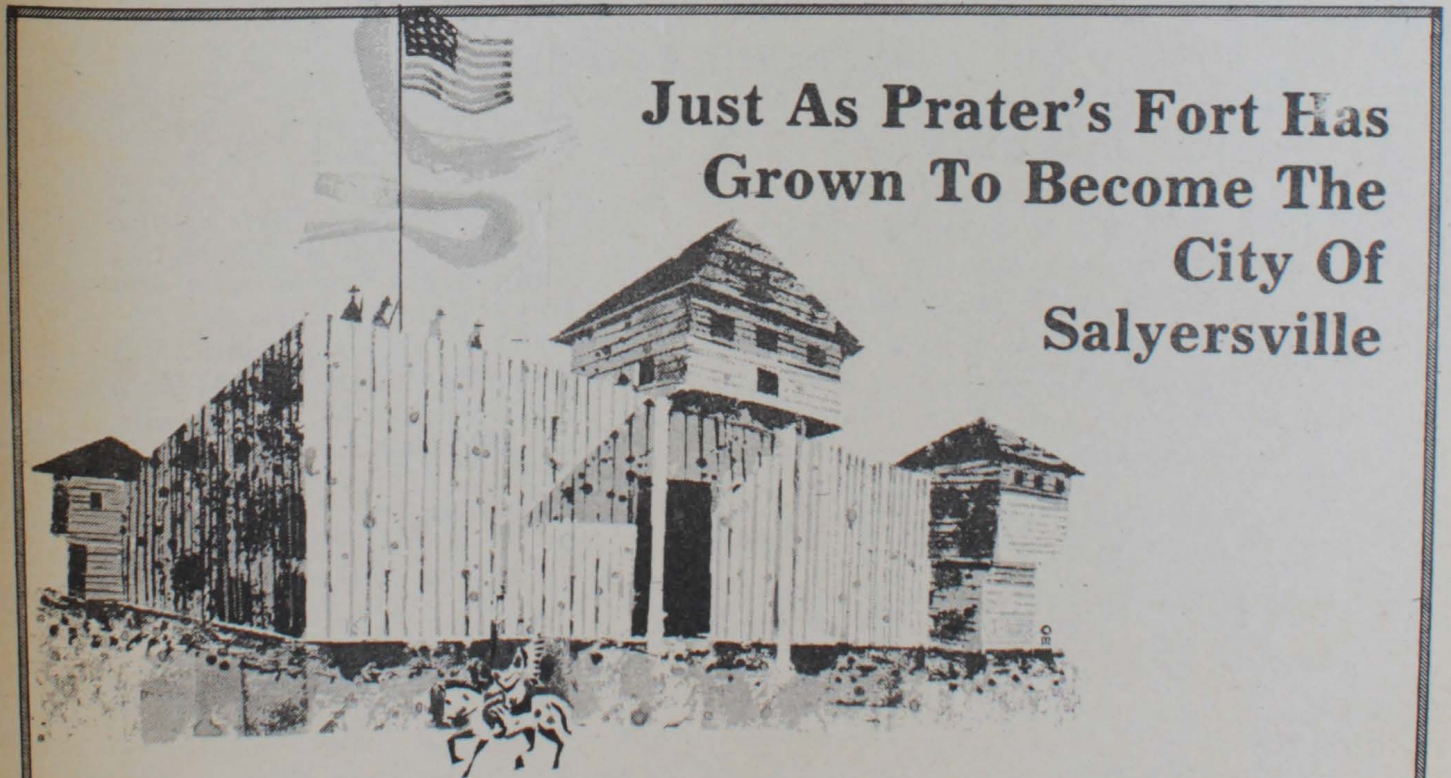


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### Dedication Of Archibald Prater Memorial



**Just As Prater's Fort Has  
Grown To Become The  
City Of  
Salyersville**

**We hope our services to the area will also grow**

# **Salyersville Health Care Center**

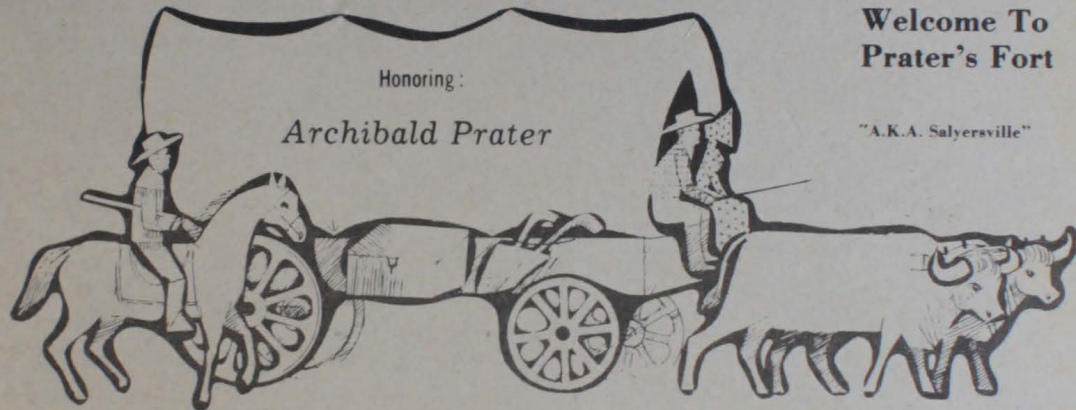
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Prater's Fort

Magoffin County's Second Annual

# FOUNDERS' DAY

Friday, August 29 and  
Saturday, August 30



Prater's Fort

## —SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—

### FRIDAY

12:30 p. m.-Senior Citizens  
Community Center  
3:00 p. m.-Baby Contest at the  
Lloyd M. Hall Community  
Center. Old fashioned clothes  
featured. Sponsored by the  
Woman's Club.

**SALYER COAL  
COMPANY**

Marcella  
Paul Hudson  
Steve

Joe  
Donnie Paul  
Stan

### SATURDAY

7:00 a. m.-Breakfast at the  
Prater Methodist Church.  
Ham, eggs, hot biscuits and  
gravy. Lunch follows.  
9:00 a. m.-Dedication of  
Magoffin County Flag by Tom  
Call, county 4-H agent. and  
Russell Sparks, agriculture  
agent.  
11:00 a. m.-Parade  
12:30 p. m.-Fashion Show  
sponsored by the D. A. R.  
2:00 p. m.-Dedication at the  
community center.  
Saturday and Sunday nights-  
Drama featuring the life of  
Archibald Prater.  
1:00 p.m.-Prater Clan  
At Community Center.  
4:00 p.m.-Services at Burning  
Fork Community