

Brief history of Nicholas County--175 years old

This year, 1874, the county of Nicholas, situated in the northeastern corner of the northern central part of Kentucky, is celebrating its 175th Anniversary—the same year as Kentucky's Bicentennial. It was founded in 1799, to become effective June 1, 1800, from territory taken from Bourbon and Mason counties. Nicholas, the 42nd county in order of creation, was named in honor of Col. George Nicholas, a soldier in the Revolutionary War who later took a prominent part in the convention which formed the first constitution of Kentucky. A portion of Nicholas County was taken to form Robertson County in 1807.

From pre-historic man to the present day in a giant leap—but yet it is the history of Nicholas County. We will only concern ourselves here, and briefly at that, with this territory for the past two hundred years.

What is now Kentucky was first settled in 1774 at Fort Harrodsburg, but at that time was part of Fincastle County, Virginia. A Virginia law passed that same year donating 400 acres of

land in Kentucky to every person who made an improvement, built a cabin, cleared a piece of ground and raised a crop of Indian Corn. This law brought many adventurous persons into Kentucky in the years 1775-78.

In 1778, this land became known as Kentucky County, Va., and in 1793 was subdivided into Jefferson, Lincoln and Fayette Counties. This section remained Fayette County until 1795, when it became Bourbon County and remained Bourbon County until Nicholas County was formed in 1799, only seven years after Kentucky entered the union as a state in 1792.

The Indians roamed here happily until the white man came. The time he first came is a matter of conjecture. Collins credits the exploring party consisting of Major John Finley, Col. James Perry, James Hamilton and Joshua Archer of Pennsylvania, who discovered the Blue Lick Springs in 1761, as being the first. However in the chronicle annals of Kentucky we find as early as 1736, that John Salinger, of Williamsburg, Va., while on a hunting

party to the Salt Licks of Kentucky, was captured by the Indians, taken to Kansas, was later ransomed, and after six years absence reached his old home.

Tradition credits the existence of white men in this section as far back as 1800, claiming that a party of Spaniards belonged to the exploring expedition of DeSoto was captured by the Indians and brought to the salt wells, the chief endeavor of the wandering and man.

Among the first of these hardy woodmen to lay claim to this section as home, regardless of conditions suggestive to the negative, was the intrepid Daniel Boone, who with a party in the year of 1780 began an extended exploration of the State, and who in the westward of the settlements of Virginia and North Carolina.

In 1774, Fort Harrodsburg was founded. The following year Fort Boonesborough and Logan were established. The indispensable commodity, "salt," however, was an object

sought more as a luxury than a necessity, and it was then the Blue Lick Springs on the beautiful Licking River attracted special attention.

In a crude way salt was manufactured at the springs at intervals and carried to the forts situated miles away. Collins relates that in the year of 1778, in the month of February, Boone and 30 of his men, while making salt, were surprised by 300 Indians, taken prisoners, and were carried to Detroit, Mich., where all except Boone were delivered to an English commandant.

Boone's subsequent escape and return to Boonesborough is a matter of history, familiar to all, therefore to recite would only be flagrant tautology.

With no undue pride we link the name of these brave woodmen, to whom belongs credit for the first industrial representation of the county—salt works, with the early history of Nicholas. Blue Licks Battlefield State Park is the site of the famous Indian battleground, where on the 18th of August, 1782, one of the most

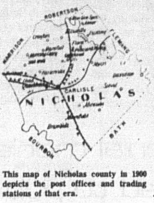
sanguinary battles of the Revolutionary War was fought. The whites, under the leadership of Col. Todd, Col. Trigg and Daniel Boone, against the wise council of Daniel Boone, made an attack, and were led into an ambush, resulting in nearly a complete annihilation of the

white forces. Col. Todd, Col. Trigg, Major Harlan, Major McBride, Major Bulger, Major Gordon and Daniel Boone's sons were among those killed on the field of battle. The great fight at the Blue Licks was the last of any consequence on Kentucky soil, and soon thereafter settlements were formed and civilization became thoroughly entrenched.

The first session of county court was held at the home of Martin Baker Jr., at the Lower Blue Licks in June, 1800. The act for county formation passed the previous year, was produced bearing Gov. James Garrard's signature, and appointing as Justices of Peace Marvin Dowell, Cornelius Hall, Ed Metcalfe, John Collier, David Gray, William Thompson, Thomas Vaughn, Henry Dawson and Martin Baker Jr.

Other first county officials were: Nathan G. Standiford, Sheriff; Lewis H. Arnold, Clerk; George M. Redinger, County Surveyor; Thomas Cobell, Constable; David Travis, County

This map of Nicholas county in 1800 depicts the post office and trading stations of that era.



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200th Anniversary

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175th Anniversary

Historical Society replaces Bicentennial Committee to continue historical projects

The Nicholas County Historical Society, Inc. has been formed as part of the county's observance of its 175th Anniversary and the State Bicentennial.

The Society will replace the Nicholas County Bicentennial Committee in sponsoring the county celebration to be held June 23-30.

Officers and directors of the Society are Katherine T. Fisher, president and director; Joseph H. Conley, vice-president and director; Jessie Conley, secretary and director; Bill Donovan, treasurer and director; and Rev. H. Dallas Sugg, director.

A membership drive will be held later in the year. In addition to the celebration some of the Society's projects will be publication of a county history, restoration of historical sites, and placement of historical markers.

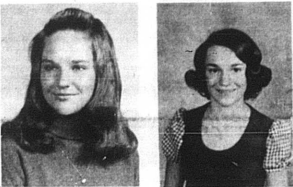
Cancer Clinic date changed

A Cervical Cancer Clinic will be conducted by Dr. W.L. Kingolver at the Nicholas County Health Center on Wednesday, July 2.

Please note it was necessary to change the date from the one originally scheduled.

Clinic hours are 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Ten candidates vie for Bicentennial crown



CATHY SMALL



KATHY DUNCAN



PEGGY TABOR



CHEERY LOWE



SANDYE COLLINS



ROXANNE BOW



CYNTHIA KAY WILLIS



SHARON ELAINE DUNCAN



JUDY HUNTER



RAGENA MATTOX

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PROGRAM OF CELEBRATION EVENTS JUNE 23-30

- Nicholas County Bicentennial Co-Chairmen—Mrs. Warren Funder and Joseph H. Conley.**
- Sunday, June 23, Faith of Our Father's Bendle (Nicholas County Wheelwright Association)**
- 11 a.m. Community Meeting—Countryside Park
- Family potluck picnic lunch after services
- 2:30 p.m. Sing—Countryside Park
- All day Fair—Countryside Park
- In case of rain services will be held at High School
- Monday, June 24**
- 10 a.m. Local Crafts—American Historical Society
- 11 a.m. American Historical Society—Countryside Square
- 12 p.m. Lunch—Countryside Square
- 1:30 p.m. American Historical Society—Countryside Square
- 2 p.m. American Historical Society—Countryside Square
- 3 p.m. American Historical Society—Countryside Square
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- 9 p.m. American Historical Society—Countryside Square
- Tuesday, June 25**
- 10 a.m. American Historical Society—Countryside Square
- 11 a.m. American Historical Society—Countryside Square
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- Wednesday, June 26, Youth Day (Rev. Bailey Duncan, Chairman)**
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- Thursday, June 27**
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- Friday, June 28**
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- Saturday, June 29**
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- Sunday, June 30**
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