

### Obituaries

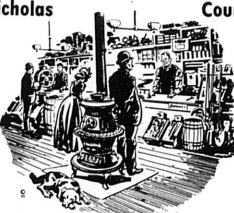
**MRS. WALKER WARD**  
Mrs. Grace Lee Damper Ward, 74, of Mayville, died Sunday, June 9, 1974 at Haywood Hospital where she had been a patient since April 19. She was the widow of Walker Ward.  
Mrs. Ward was born in Mason county and the daughter of the late Thomas and Edna Lawrence Damper.  
Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. W.C. (Marie) Finch, of Hooie 2, Mayville; Mrs. William (Pauline) Stagner, Covington; Mrs. Michael (Loretta) Donahoe of Mayville; and Mrs. Russell (Mildred) Boucher Jr., of Mt. Washington, Ohio; a step-daughter, Mrs. Thelma Fryman, Carlisle; three brothers, Herold, Hubert and Elmer Damper, all of Carlisle; two sisters, Mrs. George (Maggie) Huber and Mrs. Raymond (Lorene) Hall, both of Carlisle; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
Services were held at the Higgins-Buill Funeral Home, Mayville, Wednesday, June 12 by the Rev. Frank Tindler of Mayville. Burial was in the Carlisle Cemetery with brief services held by the Rev. Eugene White of Carlisle.

**WILLIAM W. STAGER**  
William W. Stager, 61, of Covington and formerly of Mayville died Tuesday, June 18, 1974 at the home of Mrs. Mitchell Donahoe of Mayville.  
Mr. Stager, who was employed with the C&O Railroad in Mayville before being transferred to Cincinnati, had accompanied his wife, the former Pauline Ward to Mayville, to attend funeral services for her mother, Mrs. Grace Lee Damper Ward of Mayville. He became ill early Tuesday, June 11 and was rushed to Haywood Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr. Stager, a native of Kenton county was the son of the late John and Maude Stager. At the time of his death he was still employed by the C&O.  
Survivors, other than his wife, include a brother, John Stager; a sister, Mrs. Louise Peake, of Ft. Wright; several nieces and nephews.  
Services were held June 13 at the Allison and Rose Funeral Home, Covington.

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### Ten candidates vie for Bicentennial queen

Ten queen candidates have been entered into the queen pageant. One girl will be selected by voted-down judges as Bicentennial Queen. She will be crowned by State Senator Tom Ward during the parade on Monday, June 24.  
The queen will reign through October 1975 and a member of the 1975 Year. She will appear at many county events during the three years. Next week she will be guest of honor at the County Women's Club dinner and Tuesday, June 25, she will be guest of honor at Simon Kenton on Wednesday; and she will reign during the parade on Saturday afternoon.  
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy Robinson Markland; one daughter, Mrs. Talmadge Hatten, Nicholas county; two sons, Thyraby and Donald Markland, both of Nicholas county; and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Nickole, Cleveland, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.  
Services were held 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Mothers-Shearer Chapel, Carlisle, by the Rev. Eugene White. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery.  
Palldressers: Charlie Ward, Paul and Rose Snow; W.J. Clark, Paul Hind, Clarence Baupis, James Stone, Bill Collins, and Henry Brammstedt.

**CHARLES RICHARDS**  
Charles Richards, 61, of San Francisco, Calif. died suddenly 9:57 P.M. June 14, 1974 at 715 p.m. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Richards, and two daughters of San Francisco. He is the brother-in-law of Mrs. Edgar V. York, 76, died Tuesday, June 18, 1974 at the home of Anderson Funeral Home in San Francisco at 2:38 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 1974.

**MRS. EDGAR V. YORK**  
Mrs. Edgar V. York, 76, died Tuesday, June 18, 1974 at the home of Dayton, Ohio after a long illness. She was a native of Nicholas county and a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Dayton.  
She is survived by her husband, Edgar York; one son, Vance York, Des Plaines, Ill.; one brother, Cecil H. Gillespie, Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. C.J. Ross, Flemingsburg; Mrs. B.G. Outfitt, Waycross, Ga.  
Services were held Sunday from the Mothers-Shearer Chapel, by the Rev. David Ross. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery.  
Palldressers: Elsie Outfitt, Waycross, Ga.; Sterling Blak, Kimball Booth, S.W. Campbell, Dr. Paul J. Ross and Charles York.

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**CHERYL LOWE**  
Cheryl Lowe, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lowe. She is sponsored by the "Gussie What's" Teen 4-H Club. She is a junior at Nicholas County High School. She is an active member of the Teen 4-H Club, F.H.A., Drama Club, Math and Chessa Clubs. She has served as vice president of her 4-H Club, and second vice president of the F.H.A. organization. She was selected as Homecoming Queen attendant for basketball and football during 1972, and as the Football Homecoming Queen attendant in 1973.  
Miss Tabor attends the Baptist Church and will be a junior at Nicholas County High School this fall.

**SANDY COLLINS**  
Sandy Collins is 16 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spears Collins Jr.  
She is an active member of the Math and Chess Club, "Gussie What's" Teen 4-H Club, Pep Club and F.H.A. Club. She is a variety cheerleader and a member of the Headquarters United Methodist Church. Miss Collins has been showing three-gaited and five-gaited horses on the Central Kentucky Horse Show Circuit for three years. She will be a junior at Nicholas County High School this fall.  
She is sponsored by the Carlisle Junior Woman's Club.

**ROXANNE BOW**  
Roxanne Bow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Bow of Catherine Street in Carlisle. She was the 1974

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Valdettaria of the Nicholas County High School. She was the state runner-up D.A.R. Good Citizen. She was chosen as Who's Who of American High School Students and as an Outstanding Teenager of America.  
Miss Bow was the 1973 delegate to Kentucky Girls' State and a 1972 delegate to the 4-H Older Youth Conference in Washington, D.C.  
While in high school, she was active in the Math and Chess Club, Speech and Drama Club, 4-H Club, Pep Club, F.H.A., French Club, National Honor Society, and APES of 1973. She was also on the 1974 Basketball Team.  
Miss Bow is a member of the First Christian Church where she is a Sunday School pianist and leader.  
She plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University in the fall, where she will be a math major.  
She is sponsored by the Carlisle Community Woman's Club.

**CYNTHIA KAY WILLIS**  
Cynthia Kay Willis, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Will of Douglas Court. She is sponsored by the Headquarters Homemakers.  
She is a member of the Senior year, 1973-74, a member of F.H.A., Future Business Leaders of America, Drama Club, the National Thespian Society, the National Honor Society; Editor of the school newspaper, "The Spirit"; and attended Youth Seminar at U.K.  
While a Junior, took a college course from Morehead State University.  
Member of APES, 1971 president; Member of APES in F.H.A. and has served as chairman for various F.H.A. activities.

**KATHY DUNCAN**  
Kathy Duncan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cecil Duncan, Route 2, Anderson, Pa.  
Her activities include: member of Morehead Christian Church, Sunday School and the Carlisle Community.  
Member of APES, 1974; Girls State, 1974; F.H.A., 1973-74; President of F.H.A., 1972; President of F.H.A. Sectional meetings, 1972; Football Homecoming Queen attendant, 1972; Farm Bureau Queen candidate, 1973; Student Council member, 1972; Candy Stripper, 1972-73.  
She is sponsored by the Kentucky Rescue Squad.

**PEGGY TABOR**  
Peggy Tabor, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Tabor. She is sponsored by the Nicholas County 4-H Council.  
Miss Tabor is an officer in the High School F.H.A. organization and is a member of the Pep and 4-H Clubs. She has attended the "Kentucky 4-H Week", and has modeled in the 4-H County and Area Fashion Shows.  
She will serve as a 1974-75 Variety cheerleader and was selected as Homecoming Queen attendant for basketball and football during 1972, and as the Football Homecoming Queen attendant in 1973.  
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**SHARON ELAINE DUNCAN**  
Sharon Elaine Duncan, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duncan of Carlisle.  
Her activities include: member of French Club, F.H.A., Library Club; member of Stony Creek Christian Church where she plays the piano for the church and teaches the Beginner Class.  
Miss Duncan plans to attend Mayville Community College as a nursing student after graduation from Nicholas County High School next year. She is sponsored by the Nicholas County Fair Game Club.

**JUDY HUNTER**  
Judy Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter, is sponsored by the Carlisle Rotary Club.  
Her activities include: Variety cheerleader, three years; attended National 4-H Older Youth Conference in Washington, D.C.; Blue Grass Fair model; attending 4-H Congress at University of Kentucky Senior year.  
In F.H.A. she has held several offices, received State Degree.  
She is a member of the Pep Club and Pep Club Executive. Student Council secretary; "APES" 741 president; attended Youth Seminar at U.K.  
While a Junior, took a college course from Morehead State University.  
Member of APES in F.H.A. and has served as chairman for various F.H.A. activities.

**RAGENA MATTOX**  
Ragena Mattox, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox of Hooie 2 is sponsored by the Nicholas County Elementary P.T.A.  
Miss Mattox was a student at Morehead State University majoring in Elementary Education. She is a member of Saltwell Methodist Church, M.Y.P., and Holy Riders Bowling Team at M.S.U. and a member of the Breakers softball team of Nicholas county.  
Her hobbies are music and athletics. In high school she was a member of the French Club, F.H.A., Speech and Drama Club, F.H.A. and track team.

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### Section Two - Special Edition

### History and memories of Old Stone Tavern

by Harry D. Galbraith

**History of the Old Stone Tavern**  
The Old Stone Tavern was built in 1817 by James Ellis, a Revolutionary War veteran. The venerable building stands near the side of the road, which is now Route 66, Elliptical, the county seat of Nicholas county. The courthouse stood directly across the road from the tavern; the wall that was up on the hill, behind the courthouse.  
The tavern served as a waystation for those who traveled; what was then called Smith's Wagon Road. Many weary travelers, among them notables, who traveled by stagecoach and horseback, foundered and rest in the tavern. Kentucky, was then, in her tender years; and the people who



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slept there were descendants of the businessmen who fought for the land and built the settlements.

The Old Tavern is two stories high; from 11 to 16 steps are required to reach the first floor from the front. The walls, built entirely of rock, are 28 inches thick, the ceilings of the ten rooms and two halls which it contains, are about eight feet high. The front porch is very attractive, even today. The woodwork, hand carved is something to behold, being at this time in good condition. The ceilings and partitions are poplar and the floors are ash. The rafters, which are poles, placed on the upper side are held together with wooden pegs, as are the joints and window frames.  
A big kitchen, later weatherboarded is connected to the main structure by what was then called, "a dog trot"; it too, being weatherboarded. The tavern, the jail, and the courthouse will serve the people of the community during the annular days. Needless to say, the tavern has withstood the elements for 167 years.

The Old Tavern possesses a tradition that is not excelled by any of its contemporaries, due to the fact that it was in the possession of the McClaughan family for well over 100 years. The Old Tavern was purchased by Charles McClaughan from the Ellis heirs sometime in the early 1800s.

John McClaughan, son of Charles, was born in the Old Tavern, March 2, 1828. He lived in the tavern, which was eventually called the Old Stone House for 81 years and died in it. He never left his place else. John McClaughan and his wife, nee Susan Perry, had nine children and of course, the Old Stone House was the birthplace of all the children. Upon two occasions the third generation was born in the Old Stone house; John McClaughan, Ida Galbraith and their son, Harry Galbraith. The other third generation

born in the Old Stone House was John McClaughan, Elizabeth McClaughan, who married Dan E. Wells and their daughter, Lucille, who married Robert French. Ida Galbraith, nee McClaughan also died in the Old Stone House. She only lived there about 20 years, having spent the rest of her life in Bourbon and Fayette counties. She and her husband and children moved back to the Old House in the spring of 1928.

after it had been deserted. We walked from room to room and reminisced. I shall never forget, as he looked from the hall towards the front door, and said, "Still seems like home!" I turned

my head and answered, "Yes, it does!" I could say no more because it seemed to me the Old House had been deserted and forgotten, but the two men who stood there, surrounded by emptiness, remembered.  
I hope that some person or group of persons will purchase the "Old Stone House" and renovate it, so that it might stand forever as a shrine and a beacon



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It is remembered the Old Stone House I met my infant fiancée under the memory of the Old Stone House. There are memories of happiness, and of sadness. The Old House was my home during my four-year tenure at Carlisle High School. My mother and father purchased the Old House and the farm which consisted of about 160 acres. We moved from Fayette county to our new home in the spring of 1928.

The many stories, handed down by my forebears are so numerous, it would be hard to remember them all. Undoubtedly, if one would want to compare the goodness of the Old House he would have to think of the foundation as faith; the walls as hope and the roof as love. Could the Old House talk, it could tell stories of happiness, love and faith. All down through its 167 years of existence, it has sheltered mankind. If the walls of the Old House could speak, they could tell stories that would reverberate against the hills of Nicholas county, and the echo of its voice could be heard all over the nation.

The Old House holds cherished memories for me; having stories of happenings in its domain. It was while living in the Old House that I met my wife, nee Martha Ritchie. When I returned home from paying court, especially in the winter months, I knew I could find a huge fried apple pie placed before the fire to keep warm, and a glass of milk in the window; also in the window my mother placed the cool-oil lamp, whose light was a beacon and welcome to me as I came home.

My brother and I slept upstairs where there was never any heat. It would muddle my eye and milk, undress and head for the stairs. Upon reaching the door to our room I would open it in the middle of the stiff featherbed, slide under the covers and then proceed to push him out of his good warm place and take over. I, being older and stronger, there was nothing he could do about it, except raise "Holy Cain", and come to think of it, I can't much blame him; it was a dirty trick.

The Old Stone House was, indeed, a haven of rest. In the cold winter it afforded protection from the icy winds; in the heat of scorching summer, its rooms were cool and refreshing to me, as I came home from school or from doing the chores.  
One occasion married the happiness I experienced in the four years I lived in the Old House—my mother's death. Shortly after her death, June 20, 1951, I married and left the place I loved so well. Occasionally I would go to see my father; he left the Old House in 1933 and moved to Carlisle. The John Sopers were kind enough to let me visit two or three times over a period of several years. My brother and I refreshed old memories by visiting the Old House

for those who are interested in things which related so long ago. I shall you, "Old Stone House", as you are today, may you stand forever, as you so richly deserve.

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