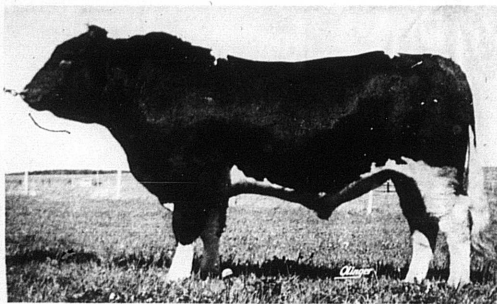


We Are Proud of Nicholas County and want to be a part of Nicholas County's 175TH CELEBRATION

On our farm stands the Rigg House, one of the oldest stone houses in the County, now being restored, and The Old Piper House, also on the farm, is being used as the farm business office.



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Carlisle founded 158 years ago

Brief History of the City of Carlisle

In 1816, Samuel Kincart built a substantial brick house, on his 300 acre farm along the great public road about 12 miles from Upper Blue Licks and eight miles from Millersburg. The site of the Kincart home was later Lot No. 1 in the Town Plat of Carlisle. In 1811, he died and was buried in the northeast corner of his peach orchard. The grave is still located in the original spot behind the Court House. His son, John, succeeded to the farm.

Discontent with Elliptic
About this time there was manifested by the people of Nicholas a growing dissatisfaction at the location of the county seat at Elliptic. The farmers, especially those at Hinton and Somerset Creeks, wanted the county seat to be more centrally located in the county.

These matters of discontent grew louder and louder as the years rolled on, until in 1815 the Kentucky Legislature passed a bill authorizing the location of the county seat to be moved to a more central point. Commissioners were appointed to study and decide on the best site. Various sites were considered, and they finally narrowed the question to two—Forest Retreat and the Kincart farm. The charter was granted by the legislature under the name of "Carlisle"—probably in honor of Carlisle, Penn.

50 acres for town lots
On June 15, 1816, 50 acres of the Kincart farm, having already been laid off into streets, lanes and alleys, was thrown open for the first regular auction sale of town lots. The lots were all laid off fronting the streets, and averaged about 60 x 130 feet. The lots were numbered consecutively from one

to 130. The streets were made 60 feet wide, and all alleys or lanes 15 feet wide.

As above stated, these 130 lots were thrown open to public auction on June 15, 1816, but before we go on with our sale, let us go back a few days and note some of the events which were occurring in anticipation of that great event.

Town Council proceedings
On June 5, 1816, the following proceedings of the town council appear recorded in the archives of the town: "At the house of John Kincart, in the town aforesaid, the placed fixed by the commissioners as the permanent seat of justice of Nicholas County, a majority of the trustees of said town met according to appointment. Present, James Byrnes, James Thomson, Andrew S. Hughes and Lewis H. Arnold."

"1st. Resolved, that Elijah Mitchell be appointed Clerk of this Board."
"2nd. Resolved, that David Byrnes be appointed President of this Board."
"3rd. Resolved, that David Byrnes be appointed Treasurer of this Board."
"4th. Resolved, that James Thomson be appointed Surveyor, for the purpose of laying off the fifty acres of land mentioned in the commissioners' report, appointed to fix the seat of justice for the county aforesaid, and that he return one plat and survey to this Board."

"5th. Resolved, that the Clerk of this Board be directed to give notice (by advertisement) to the several subscribers who have subscribed money to aid in the erection of the public buildings in the town of Carlisle, to make payment against the third Monday in June next, to David Byrnes."
On the 14th day of June following, a

full meeting took place which included Mr. James Arbery in addition to the four councilmen already named. At this meeting plat and report were filed by Surveyor Thomson, which were approved by the Board. At this meeting John Kincart filed a deed for the property to the trustees and selected the odd numbers of the lots upon the plat of the town as a consideration for the purchase of the land. At this meeting also Michael Letton was appointed the town clerk for the sale of the lots and to receive two dollars per day as a compensation for the same. The morning of the memorable 16th of June dawned bright and clear, and buyers from all parts of the surrounding country flocked in to attend the sale.

Sale almost stopped
But just here a hitch took place which threatened the sale of lots. Thomas Jones, a farmer living nearby, laid claim to the whole 50 acres—and hundreds of acres more. In fact, suit was then pending in the Federal Court at Frankfort, he stated, as he forbade the sale!

Finally a compromise was effected: Kincart, the owner de facto, proposed to Jones, the owner de jure, to give him one-half the proceeds of the sale. This was agreed upon, and the sale went on.

The old log court house at Elliptic was moved to Carlisle and erected temporarily on the east side of the public square, on lot 27, Second Street. This was, however, soon superseded by a new, and for those days, elegant brick court house, built in the center of the public square, under the supervision of Gen. Thomas Metcalfe.

quarters. Hotels, stores, offices and dwellings were rapidly and speedily erected.

The first court convened in Carlisle to consider questions pertaining to the welfare of the county, assembled at the house of John Kincart (the old farm-house first named), on the 16th day of July, 1816. There were present the following Magistrates: Late Tarver, Thomas Davidson, Samuel M. Waight, James H. Thompson, Hugh Wiley, Morris Morris, John Throckmorton, Thomas S. Jenkins, John Baker and A. Marshall; Clerk, Andrew S. Hughes. The first session of the Circuit Court was held Sept. 1, 1816, Judge John Trimble of Harrison County, presiding; Lewis H. Arnold, clerk; Judge Trimble presided as Judge several years, and afterward practiced law in Nicholas Circuit Court.

On the 16th day of April, 1822, an order was issued by the trustees for the first paved sidewalk.

In 1830, Carlisle encompassed a brick jail, clerk's office, court house, bagging factory, 3 tan-yards, 2 hatter shops, 3 cabinet shops, 3 tailor shops, 2 hotels, 2 carting factories, 3 saddle shops, 3 smith shops, 2 shoemaker shops and 12 or 15 stores and groceries. The population was over 600.

A turnpike from Carlisle to Forest Retreat was chartered in 1842—a distance of about three miles. About \$9,000 was subscribed by citizens, and in 1846 the work was begun. It was completed in 1848.

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This is the original town plat of the City of Carlisle, showing the locations of the original 130 town lots, the names of the streets of Carlisle in 1816 are in parentheses. The present street names are listed beside, if they are different. The plat was submitted for "The History of Nicholas County" by Col. Roy Shannon of Lexington.

Yesterday Was Good For Carlisle

But - -
We are looking ahead to
A Better and Brighter Future
For Carlisle.

- - We Pledge Ourselves

To This Task - -

Carlisle City Council

- Bill Power-Mayor Raymond Hall-Police Judge Robert Chanslor-Clerk-Treasurer Billy G. Hopkins-City Attorney
CARLISLE CITY COUNCILMEN
Charles Fay Clarence Cord Veach Berry Alex Crawford Calvin Wills



City officials, standing, Police Judge Raymond Hall, City Attorney Billy G. Hopkins, Clerk Robert Chanslor and Mayor William Power; seated, Councilmen Alex (Manuel) Crawford, Clarence Cord, Calvin Wills, Charles Fay, and Veach Berry.