

Brief history

Original Carlisle lot purchasers and amounts

By Roy Lee Shannon

No manufacturer until 1940 Carlisle until 1946, that no manufacturers to always to anything were established since the burning of the hemp factory in 1872. Blue Grass Industries, then Giffin Manufacturing was established in Carlisle in 1948. Other factories have since been established here—Clay Seed, Carlisle Manufacturing, Wagener & Wilson, Wallon & Vice, and Blue Grass Knitting. These add greatly to the economy of the city and county.

Southward the fire spread to the alley in the rear. Westward it consumed the row of frame buildings, and was only arrested by pulling down a one-story brick building, which alone saved the county jail and the residence of J. M. Christ. Northward the fire crossed the street, and the entire row of brick buildings extending westward fell a victim to the devouring flames. In this fire no less than fifteen firms were thrown out of business for the time being. Prominent among these were the Mercury office, three dry goods stores, one boot and shoe store, one millinery store, a restaurant, etc., etc. On the morning of the 20th of May, a fire broke out in the large three-story frame building owned by Parks, Dorsey & Co., situated upon the railroad, at the corner of South and Second streets. This large structure was completely destroyed, and the fire crossed the street and reduced to ashes a row of three or four other frame houses.

Another great fire occurred on March 14, 1873. It originated on Front Street in a one-story frame house used as a ten-pin alley. It destroyed two livery stables, a tin-ware shop, a carpenter shop, and a blacksmith shop. In the late 1920's, the Kimbrough Hotel, on the southeast corner of Broadway and Main, was destroyed by fire. In later years, in the late 1890's, the Stockyards

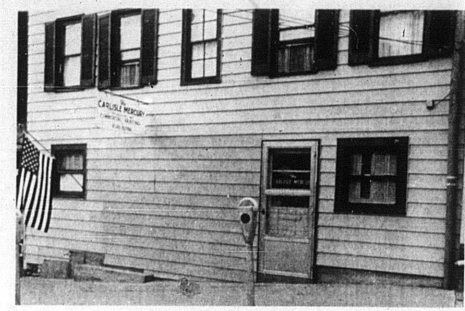
LOT	PURCHASER	AMT.
1	John Kincart	2000
2	Michelle Letton	100
3	John Kincart	100
4	Thomas Jones	100
5	Thomas Jones	100
6	C. A. Collins	100
7	Will Clayton	100
8	John Kincart	100
9	Joe Paxton	100
10	High Nisbet	100
11	Thos Marshall	100
12	Henry D. Bell	100
13	Schwartzider	200
14	H. Hamilton	62 78
15	John Kincart	62 78
16	Elijah Ashby	93 80
17	John Kincart	120 67
18	Hugh Talbot	240 62
19	Sam M. Wraight	200 63
20	Thomas Jones	200 63
21	John Kincart	151 63
22	Alex Blair	140 66
23	Alex Blair	100 67
24	Don Talbot	92 68
25	Amos West	38 68
26	Will Davis	101 90
27	Peter Tuttle	81 91
28	Anson McCoy	72 92
29	Will McMetall	80 93
30	M. Letton	81 94
31	Joe Delaney	110 95
32	Jim Fugate	120 96
33	Joe Hughes	100 97
34	Joe Kincart	120 98
35	H. Haddock	120 99
36	Joe E. Cotton	91 100
37	J. J. Hamilton	92 101
38	M. Letton	124 102
39	Gibson Baker	133 103
40	Gibson Baker	122 104
41	Joe Hopkins	172 105
42	Jim Turner	80 106
43	Adam Kerr	100 107
44	J. Parazon	86 108
45	Jim Baskett	100 109
46	Joe Lockridge	126 110
47	Tom Davidson	122 111
48	Rob Shields	102 112
49	Z. Murphey	60 113
50	Tom Malberry	60 114
51	Rob Shields	77 115
52	Peter Cook	110 116
53	Joe Foster	84 117
54	W. R. Jones	111 118
55	McClintock	220 119
56	Throckmorton	100 120
57	Jim Parks	142 121
58	Jim Parks	140 122
59	Jim Parks	114 123
60	L. Arnold	104 124
61	Tom Jones	115 125
62	J. Boulder	171 126
63	McCasaban	93 127
64	L. Arnold	81 128
65	Jim Berry	82 129
66	W. Antroub	80 130
67	W. Ellett	102 131
68	J. Carnahan	102 132
69	N. Nisbet	171 133
70	J. Thompson	57 134
71	Joe McVay	66 135
72	Geo. McCoy	83 136
73	Don Talbot	73 137
74	McClintock	56 138
75	Low Massau	40 139
76	Rob Shields	50 140
77	John Kincart	26 141



Best of Luck
Nicholas
County
Garrett's
Restaurant

The Carlisle Mercury

is proud to have had the opportunity to serve
Nicholas County for 107 years of its 175 year existence.



The Carlisle Mercury
EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS

- Dr. Preston Lindsay 1867-1869
- William R. Anno, editor 1867-1868
- Judge Thomas F. Hargis 1869-1870
- John B. Scudder and Calvin W. Damell 1870-1878
- W. J. Kehoe and T. C. H. Vance 1878-1879
- W. J. Kehoe 1879-1890
- Keller & Sons 1890-1912
- Green R. Keller, editor 1890-1912
- Carlisle Mercury Co., Inc. 1912-?
- Warren R. Fisher Sr., editor 1912-1938
- Mrs. Warren R. Fisher Sr. 1938-1944
- Frank Borries, editor 1938-1941
- Walter S. Boyd, editor 1942-1943
- R. M. Feese, editor & publisher (leased) 1944-1945
- Paul Brannon, editor & publisher (leased) 1945-1947
- Warren R. Fisher Jr. 1947-present
- Sag Kash, editor 1947-1949
- Warren R. Fisher Jr., editor 1949-1951
- William J. Fluty, editor 1951-1953
- Warren R. Fisher Jr., editor 1953-1972
- Mrs. Joseph H. Conley, editor 1972-present

The Carlisle Mercury is one of the oldest, yet one of the most modern, newspapers in the State of Kentucky. It is also one of the oldest businesses still remaining in Carlisle-Nicholas County. It was established in 1867, and has served the people of Nicholas County for 107 years of the 175 years the county has existed.

Fire destroys The Carlisle Mercury
On the morning of Jan. 5, 1873, the Mercury office was completely destroyed by fire. Nothing was saved but the subscription list. Never was public sympathy more thoroughly aroused. The Kentucky Press Association hastily responded by a liberal contribution. New subscribers by the score came flocking in, offering to pay one and even two years' subscriptions in advance. Within a few days after the fire, with the purchase of a new power press and other equipment, the Mercury rose from the ashes to enter upon a new career. This office was located on the third floor of the F. M. Peate and Company Building.

Locations
The last three places the Mercury has been located are as follows. The first was upstairs at 105 W. Main Street. Next the office was moved to a building on the corner of Sugartree Alley and South Locust Street. And finally in 1947, Warren R. Fisher Jr., the present publisher, moved his newspaper plant to 232 N. Locust Street, its present location. The latter move in 1947 represents the first time that the newspaper office was ever located in a building owned by its publisher.

Mercury offices remodeled
An interior and exterior remodeling of the front portion of the building housing The Carlisle Mercury was begun in early January, 1972. Two doorways across the front of the building were removed, and the front of the building was covered with grey aluminum siding. Inside the building, an old storage room was remodeled into an office, making space for two make-up rooms elsewhere. The inside walls were packed with insulation, ceilings lowered, and the old plastered walls paneled. The floors were tiled or carpeted. The wash room was modernized and enlarged. Air conditioning was installed throughout.

Offset adopted in 1962.
The Mercury adopted offset as a method of reproduction in August, 1962, and the newspaper was printed entirely in its own plant until April 27, 1967, when the press operation was moved to Paris. In June, 1971, the printing of the newspaper was moved to Cynthia where it is printed today.

A 7200 computerized desktop phototype machine was acquired in 1970, and a Compuwriter text machine replaced just-writers in 1972. The installation of this offset equipment elevated the newspaper to one of the best equipped in the state. The Carlisle Mercury is one of only 11 newspapers in the state using a Compuwriter for setting text.

Over a century of service
This most modern and up-to-date offset equipment is used by the Mercury staff in producing the weekly newspaper through the page-negative stage here in Carlisle. The Mercury staff is proud to be associated with such a modern newspaper. And, we are proud to have had the opportunity to contribute to the service The Carlisle Mercury has provided the fine community of Carlisle-Nicholas County for over a century.



The Carlisle Mercury Staff

This edition of The Carlisle Mercury, celebrating Nicholas County's 175th Anniversary and Kentucky's Bicentennial, is submitted to its readers as a sample of what can be done by a first-class weekly newspaper. The staff should not care to have it compared with what can and will be done in the year 1999—Nicholas County's Bicentennial year.

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William Dismore, partner of Taylor B. Mathers, taken around 1900. Taylor B. Mathers was the grandfather of Taylor T. Mathers who has carried on the Mathers' tradition at the Mathers-Shearer Funeral Home.

HISTORY OF MATHERS-SHEARER MORTICIANES

W.T. Henry - Cabinet and Coffin Maker
W.W. Howard and John Meck - Furniture and Undertaking 1867
W.W. Howard, William Dismore and B.F. Adair - Furniture and Undertaking
W.W. Howard and William Dismore & Co. Furniture and Undertaking 1898
William Dismore and Taylor B. Mathers Furniture and Undertaking 1900
Taylor B. Mathers & Co. (H.R. Ewing, Assistant) 1941
Taylor B. Mathers and Henry Potts & Co. 1949
M.T. Mathers, Henry Potts and M.C. Shearer 1943
M.T. Mathers and M.C. Shearer 1948
M.T. Mathers and Ralph E. Shearer 1949
Taylor T. Mathers and Ralph E. Shearer 1966



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In acceptance of our responsibilities, and as a condition of our membership in National Selected Morticians, we affirm the following standards of good funeral practice and hereby pledge:

- To provide the public with information about funerals, including prices, and about the functions, services and responsibilities of funeral directors.
- To afford a continuing opportunity to all persons to discuss or arrange funerals in advance.
- To make funerals available in as wide a range of price categories as necessary to meet the need of all segments of the community, and affirmatively to extend to everyone the right of inspecting and freely considering all of them.
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- To respect all faiths, creeds and customs, and to give full effect to the role of the clergy.
- To maintain a qualified and competent staff, complete facilities and suitable equipment required for comprehensive funeral service.
- To assure those we serve the right of personal choice and decision in making funeral arrangements.
- To be responsive to the needs of the poor, serving them within their means.

We pledge to conduct ourselves in every way and at all times in such a manner as to deserve the public trust, and to place a copy of this Code of Good Funeral Practice in the possession of a representative of all parties with whom we arrange funerals.

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