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Forest Retreat home of Kentucky's tenth Governor, Thomas Metcalfe

Forest Retreat Farm and Tavern, located at the junction of U.S. 68 and Ky. 24 in Nicholas county, is composed of four buildings owned by the 10th Governor of Kentucky, Thomas Metcalfe: his residence, built in 1820; the tavern, 1818; the stable, circa 1820-1830; and Daniel Boone's cabin built in 1795.

Governor Thomas Metcalfe, whose nickname was "Old Stone Hammer" was born in Fauquier County, Va., in 1780. Apprenticed to an older brother to become a stonemason, in 1797 Thomas Metcalfe built the thick foundation of the "Old Governor's" Mansion in Frankfort. He is credited with erecting a number of stone buildings throughout the state, including the old courthouse at Greenville, which is still standing. Metcalfe was a Captain in command of a company of volunteers in the War

of 1812. He served in the Kentucky House of Representatives and was elected as representative in the U.S. Congress from 1819 to 1820 and United States Senator from 1848 to 1849.

In 1828 he was elected Governor of Kentucky. However for a few days after the inauguration, outgoing Governor Joseph Desha did not allow him to move into the Governor's Mansion. Desha disliked turning it over to the stonemason who had helped build it.

Metcalfe died of cholera in 1855 at age 75. He is buried in the family graveyard at Forest Retreat, Metcalfe County, Ky., is named in his honor.

Forest Retreat House

Forest Retreat, a large story-and-a-half brick house, was built by Governor Metcalfe around 1817-1820. It was named by Henry Clay when he first visited the newly-built house. He said to Metcalfe, "Tom, you have here a

veritable Forest Retreat." Other famous visitors who stayed overnight at Forest Retreat included Andrew Jackson and William Henry Harrison.

Also originally owned by Metcalfe were the post barn and the tavern. The well-known Forest Retreat Tavern was built by Metcalfe and served as a stagecoach stop and early post office. On the farm is a log cabin allegedly built circa 1790 by Daniel Boone with the help of Simon Kenton, Boone and his wife are said to have lived in the cabin from 1795 to 1796.

Forest Retreat is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Effie Asbury of Cincinnati, Ohio, who have spent nearly 30 years restoring three of the buildings, and plan restoration of the fourth, the tavern, in the near future. Forest Retreat Farm and Tavern have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

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(These people have made it possible to have the county's 175th celebration next week. All proceeds during the June 23-30 week will be donated to the Historical Society for publication of our "Nicholas County History.")

The Best Of Kay's Kitchen

By Kay Fisher



First copies

Bess Brommagen and Miss Effie Clinkenbeard are shown purchasing the first copy of Kay's Kitchen from Mrs. Warren Fisher (Kay Fisher).

Kay's Kitchen is on sale now at The Mercury Office and at the Hospitality Center and the Commemorative Merchandise Booth during the week of June 24-29.

Price is \$5 tax included.

Proceeds from the sale of The Best of Kay's Kitchen will go to the Nicholas County Historical Society through 1974.

The column, Kay's Kitchen was started in the Carlisle Mercury on Feb. 19, 1970. That year Kay's Kitchen was awarded 3rd place in the Kentucky Press Association Newspaper Promotion Contest on Locally Written Column, Single Subject.

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