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Old homes subject of 'History of Nicholas County' section

Old Hayden brick house may be oldest in county

John Carter's Store Stand's John Carter's Store Stand

By Robbie Lane



DARK PICTURE

HARRI HOMEHEAD—The house above located about 4 1/2 miles from Carlisle on the Upper Jackson Road was built in 1828 for Robert Wesley Harr and his bride Rachel Jane Shroy, parents of A.J. Barr. The land upon which it was built was a land grant from Patrick Henry, Esquire, Governor of Virginia, dated Nov. 22, 1771. In the photo foreground, 1st Lt. A.J. Barr, Harry seated on the horse is Charles his daughter Ida, Lettie Hostetter, Mrs. Will Workman, Mrs. Barr (Sarah Ellen Jones) and infant son "Buddy". Directly behind Mr. Barr is Dora Jones and leaning against the tree

in Ora Jones, twin brothers of Mrs. Hostetter, brother of Mrs. Workman. At left holding horse is Sant Baxter and on the extreme right an unidentified man who was in charge of the horse barn.

Trail into Kentucky. She stuck it in the ground when she reached Bryan Station and it sprouted and grew there. When her daughter moved to the brick house which Lot Hayden had built for her in the Old Hayden Brick House, about 1860, she brought a slip from this tree to plant at her side door.

Miss Evelyn Brerly, a teacher at Nicholas County Elementary, lives in a house near East Union which is the oldest house still standing in Nicholas county. This house was known as the Old Hayden Brick House, and has an interesting history.

Mary Bryan, first child born at Fort Bryan Station, about 1796, married Lot Hayden around 1796 when she was 16 or 17 and moved to Bourbon county—now Nicholas. Lot Hayden built the second brick house in Nicholas county on the north bank of Hinkola Creek, about one-half mile above the mouth of Somerset Creek. Both are buried in the graveyard on the ridge above the spring where their first log cabin stood.

Mary Hayden, their daughter, married Robert Young. They are buried in the old graveyard. Their son, Lot Young, lived at the Old Hayden place until it was sold to Robert Brerly, Miss Brerly's grandfather, in 1896.

Robert later lived there until 1915 when William Brerly bought it. Of the many stories told about the Hayden place there are those that stand out.

A pear tree in the yard of this house, still bearing fruit after 150 years, grows from the riding which which Mary Boone Bryan cut in her old home in the Yadin Valley in North Carolina before she started over the Wilderness

Two deep gashes in the door of the "waiting room" are said to have been made by Robert Young, husband of Mary Hayden, when he threw a butcher knife at a slave who dodged it.

A dark room back of the front bedroom, was said to be kept for discipline unruly slaves, who were told that snakes were kept there. No windows are in this room.

One of Lot Hayden's daughters, Ellen, married Joseph Butler. Butler was anxious to marry the girl before he went to the War of 1812, but Hayden persuaded him to wait and promised to give his consent to the marriage when Butler returned. Hayden not only kept his promise, but gave him a farm—the land of Norwood Axtell—on which Butler built a brick house with beautifully carved mantle pieces. He

The house has four rooms upstairs and six rooms downstairs. The walls are a foot thick. Signatures are all over the wall in one of the rooms upstairs.

There was no direct path from the kitchen to the dining room but only a dumbwaiter through which servants could pass food. The dining room was kept locked at all times to keep valuable silverware from being stolen and the room was cleaned only when the owner could watch. There was a window facing the back porch and Lot Carter could keep a watchful eye on his food for the kitchen. On the outside, each corner of the front had brass eagles and the date 1822.

This building was not the only place of business located there. There was also a warehouse, blacksmith shop and the Union Meeting House. Although it is unknown when they were, two log structures, each two stories high, still remain in a barn near the house.

Carter's wife's first name was Catherine. Legend has it that Carter had four daughters, and getting these girls married plus looking after the house broke him up. Whatever happened, Carter died in 1822. His son, John, sold the Upper Blue Licks Road (as the old tract was called) ran in front of the house) to James Hill in 1824, and the parcel containing the house to James Hill in 1825, both at a considerable loss. Jones sold his part to L.M. Stone in the same year.

In 1857 Caleb Ratliff and R.G. Sharp purchased the 218 acres on the south side of the road from Hill and Ratliff and Sharp fell out. James Hill, who had purchased the house and land on one side of the road, sold the other side to Jones and brought his family to live there. Ratliff or "Cabe" as he was known, was an outstanding member of the community. He was described as entirely a self-made man... an enterprising and prosperous farmer, and he held in high esteem by all who knew him." In Henry Perry's History of Nicholas County (1841), Ratliff had one child. One incident is told that one of his children slept on the dining room floor with a black "mummy." During the night a snake crawled up and bit the child, leaving her blind for the rest of life.

Upon Ratliff's death in 1848, the farm was divided into two halves by the wife and the other half divided in two. By this time a new road, the present Lower Sharpburg, had been built, which split the farm. One son, Charles, continued to farm the portion of the farm with the house. He and his wife and children lived there until his death in 1897. His wife, Lavonia, had to the farm until 1901 when she was forced to leave it. But before the farm was sold to her, she was married to H. H. Henry in the front hall while practically all the county whites had the farm in that year to W. P. Edwards. The foundation for being a gambler. It was scarcely three years before the farm slipped through his fingers and was sold to Charles Smith.

By 1904 the "Old Brick" had settled into quite a state of disrepair. Smith had the foundation reworked, replaced the roof and did other extensive repairs. He sold it to John Henry in 1907.

Henry lived there until 1912 when it was sold to J.W. Lane, former Bath county judge and sheriff. Lane's son, W.C. bought the farm in 1920 and his son James W. Lane bought it in 1963. Soon after, the house was modernized and the Lanes currently reside there.

At that time, he owned and lived in the house on page 9, Section 4

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Mrs. Lewis Robbin house was built in 1840 by Anderson Corwell. The story goes that there's a Civil War musket somewhere in the walls, left by one of the workers, a member of the local militia who came around, in case a skirmish broke out. It was concealed in a

the studding and another workman built it in a graceful curvy stairway of cherry.

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INTERESTING RELATIONSHIPS CONNECTED WITH HAYDEN HOUSE

Squire Boone married Sarah Morgan in Maryland in 1772. Their daughter, Mary Boone (Daniel Boone's sister) married William Bryan (uncle of Rebecca Boone) in 1773.

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Ray Flora, Broadway. Old Dr. Dilla Home. Hayden House, near East Union, 1796. Evelyn Brerly. Barr Farm, upper Jackson Road. Built 1823 for Robert Wesley and Rachel Jane Shroy, parents of A.J. Barr.

Bill Mann, Pleasant Springs Road, 1792 by Benjamin Myers, grandfather of Sterling Blake. John Hamilton, Pleasant Springs Road. Thompson, between 1785-1790. Ockerman, Old Daltell house. James Lowe, 1832. Redinger, 1791. Old Spannum house. Col. Jim Billy Lee and Old Lane. Santa Anna stopped there on his way to Washington for 1841. Fretz Retreat, 1816.

Old Stone Inn, 1807. Owned by J.E. Soper. First court was held there. Built by James Ellis, a Revolutionary War soldier. Half-way station for stage coaches. Old Inn—Owned by Williams—1852.

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Some homes to be open on Eastern Star tour Historical homes to be included on auto tour June 27 at 2 p.m.

- Wilson Apartments, 544 North Broadway. Around 1894. One apartment opened.
- Billy Jones, Locust Street. Ben Adair lived in home and owned the whole block. Opened.
- Mayme Mann, North Street. 1871. Land purchased from Joseph F. Turman.
- Sarah Fryman, Sycamore Street. Old Methodist parsonage.
- Flandrich, Kenneth Ishmael, Pipers—Nicholas County School Board. These three houses built by W.F. Chestnut. Bricks fired on the Piper land.
- Joe F. Conley, Sycamore. Old Sam Owings house.
- Bush Lambert, Chestnut Street. Old Fishback home. Opened.
- Old Heyman House, built in 1884. Custer Blair owns.
- Frankie Hughes, Elm Street. Old Bostala home.
- Wille Swartz, Elm Street. Mrs. Mary George Harris.
- Mrs. Gay Neal, Chestnut Street. Old Frank Goughlin home.
- Mrs. James Harlan, Chestnut Street. Wallis Howe home. He ran store on Main Street.
- Mrs. James Williams, Locust Street. The Old Tucker home. May be opened.
- Annie K. Buckley, Locust Street. Harry Pickard home. Four generations have lived in house. Ben Waggoner, Locust Street. One of earliest homes. Otto Fryman.
- Locust Street, was Saddle Shop.
- Barr, 188 Locust Street. Built before 1873. Owned by Mrs. Gaylard Barton, Mrs. Paul Brannan.
- Hull Croycraft, Locust Street.
- 1823 Academy for girls.
- Dr. Kingsolver's office, Chestnut Street. Old Fritts home. Been occupied by three doctors.
- Everett Deatley's, Locust Street. (Not old). Built by Ronald Oldham. First Aladdin (pewee) home to be built in town. People docked to see it.
- Otto Pysman, Main Street. (Cap. Fulton's Barber Shop). Old Chevy Home. The story goes a family living in the house had a child to pull a coffee pot over and scalded as he died. There being no cemetery closer than Concord, they asked a Staley Galbraith now lives to bury the child in his pasture. He consented and hence the beginning of Carlisle Cemetery.
- Mrs. William Layton, East Main Street. Built by John McMurtry, Flemish Bend. Pure Georgian architecture. Mantles and window frames carved by John Gettys.
- Vaughan Apartments, Main Street. Freeback Hotel—1880. In possession of Peaback's until sold to Mrs. Ray Flora.

John Will Clay house in family 102 years

Signatures on wall in upstairs bedroom of Hayden House.

The John Will Clay house on the Moorefield Road was in the Clay family for 102 years. It was sold by the late John and Letha Clay to J.W. Eaton in 1971.

The log house had two large fireplaces, each with double chimneys from the second floor. The high narrow mantles are reeded. John Will Clay bought the farm in 1869 which was land grant to R.C. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards ran a still. The Mill Stone is still on the farm of J.W. Eaton. Park Stone now owns the land where the still stood. Mr. Edwards stored the whiskey in the cellar and kept a lock on the door which had a small square opening for air. The story goes that the whiskey in the cellar was a little colored boy through the hole to get the whiskey for them.

Besides the still, the little village,

Let Us Be Thankful

For The Faith Of Our Fathers

By Attending The Faith Of Our Fathers Worship Service Sunday, June 23, at 11:00 A.M.

To Be Held in Front Of Carlisle United Methodist Church

(in case of rain at the Nicholas County High School Gym)

Sponsored by the following Churches:

- Assembly of God Walnut Street Carlisle, Kentucky
- Carlisle Wesleyan Church East Main Street Carlisle, Kentucky
- Wesley Chapel CME Church North Broadway Street Carlisle, Kentucky
- Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe East Main Street Carlisle, Kentucky
- Locust Grove Baptist Church Locust Grove Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- First Baptist Church Locust and Chestnut Streets Carlisle, Kentucky
- Carlisle United Methodist Church Chestnut Street Carlisle, Kentucky
- Headquarters Methodist Church Headquarters Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Moorefield Methodist Church Moorefield Road Moorefield, Kentucky
- Oakland Mills Methodist Church Maysville Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Saltwell Methodist Church Saltwell Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- East Union Christian Church East Union Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Bobtown Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Moorefield Christian Church Moorefield Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Carlisle Christian Church Chestnut and Locust Streets Carlisle, Kentucky
- East Union Christian Church East Union Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Mt. Zion Christian Church Mt. Zion Road Moorefield, Kentucky
- Barterville Methodist Church Barterville Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Myers Christian Church Myers Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Ishmael Chapel Methodist Church Ishmael Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Cassidy Creek Methodist Church Cassidy Creek Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- First Christian Church Catherine Street Carlisle, Kentucky
- Moorefield Christian Church Moorefield Road Carlisle, Kentucky
- Carlisle Presbyterian Church Broadway and Mulberry Streets Carlisle, Kentucky

Before There Was A County There Was A Church.