

Farm and stock raising in 1900 compared to agriculture today

Farm and Stock Raising in 1900

Farm and stock raising in the chief industry of the people. Tobacco is the king product, the yield being approximately near 1,000,000 pounds annually. Wheat, oats, rye, barley, potatoes, millet, timothy, blue grass and clover are raised in large quantities. The farmers are of a thrifty, energetic class of people, reside more generally in beautiful homes and have at service commodious buildings. The roads are nearly all macadamized and free. The apple, pear, peach and plum fruit trees are especially prolific, as are the various kinds of small fruits, such as cherries, grapes and berries.

In late years considerable attention has been given to stock raising. Nicholas, bordering on the Blue Grass belt, can be properly classed as a Blue Grass county, from the fact that many of our blue grass farms challenge in strength those found in the very heart of the belt. The horse, especially, is given due attention and bred to a high standing of excellence. There are several horse dealers in the county, and good prices are always to be had for first class stock. Beef cattle has within the last four or five years received marked consideration, and the time is not far off until cattle raising will be one of the principal industries. Sheep and hogs come in for a share of attention, as they are far from being items of lesser moment.

It is said that Nicholas county last year sold to outside markets more than 100,000 worth of poultry and eggs. Carleisle is the principal shipping point, several reputable dealers being found at the county's capital.

It's safe to say that 90% of Nicholas county is under cultivation or set in grass.

Industry and Agriculture Today
In 1900 there were 3534 farms in Nicholas county. By 1970 this number had dropped to 700 farms. Barley tobacco is still the main cash farm enterprise with about 5,250,000 pounds produced annually. The crop brings in over 4 million dollars. The main changes in barley production over the years has been in the selection of varieties. Much of the crop today is in hybrid varieties with Barley 21 x Ky 10 one of the popular hybrids. Other varieties being produced are Ky 10 and Ky 14. There is still much hand labor used in barley production with a small amount of mechanization just starting in machine cutting and housing of the

crop.

A great change has come about in livestock production in the county. Sheep-ranglers have dropped from over 17,000 head to less than 1300 today. Cattle numbers have gone up over 21,000 head as of Jan. 1, 1974. The main change in cattle production has been in breeds being grown. From pure Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn breeds of early years, nearly all farmers cross bred by using a bull of a different breed from the cows. One of the first crosses was Hereford crossed on Angus to get a black white faced calf. Now bred to be used to a great extent was the Maine Anjou. The last two breeds are just being developed in the county and are bringing fabulous prices for breeding stock. Marketing of livestock has changed very much. Feeder calves are sold in group lots by weight, grade and sex through farmer cooperative sales. Breeding stock is sold often by private owners through auction sales.

There are two types of production testing for beef cattle conducted by the Extension Service of the University of Kentucky. One is on-farm testing program to determine the rate of gain while the other program is the performance test conducted at a Central Bull Testing Station in the area. Several Nicholas county producers are taking part in these programs.

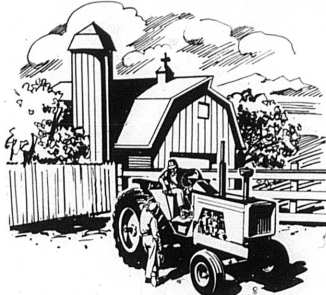
While Nicholas county's main industry remains agriculture today as it was in 1900, manufacturing plants are a very important industry compared to go similar industries in 1900. Nicholas county is now a mixture of rural and urban living.

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John Will Clay House

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the home where Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shepherd now reside. Mrs. Shepherd told me when she and her husband remodeled the house several years ago, they replaced the window frames and carved on the back

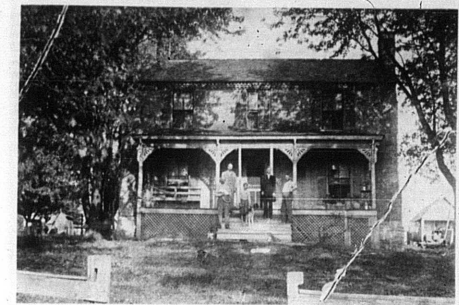
of it was "John Gettys 1823." The bricks for this house were made and fired in a kiln across the railroad tracks. A part of the kiln is still visible. The high narrow red brick chimney is also hand-carved by John Gettys. It has

wide ash floors.

The Civil War was going on at the time and a troop of Confederates under the command of Pete Everett made two trips to Carleisle taking all stock and anything of value. The last time a body of "Home Guards" set up a blockade near the Cemetery and when they saw them advancing over the hill into town, they pressed so close that they turned back with exception of two men who came into town. One fled to a barn on the Clay Scott farm, the other to the Charles Linville farm on the Scrub Grass road. They tried to make their escape, but a man on a horse rode to a gate and killed both of them.

Mr. Clay was not harmed as he was recognized as the Law. John Will, his son, becoming dissatisfied at home, went to work on a farm near Millersburg. During the time he made 13 trips to New York City on horseback driving mules to market. He married Fernald Alice Haddleton in 1882 and came to live at the Moorefield Road home.

Old George Standfield home, built in 1822. Taken April 23, 1968. Submitted by Mrs. J.A. Standfield.



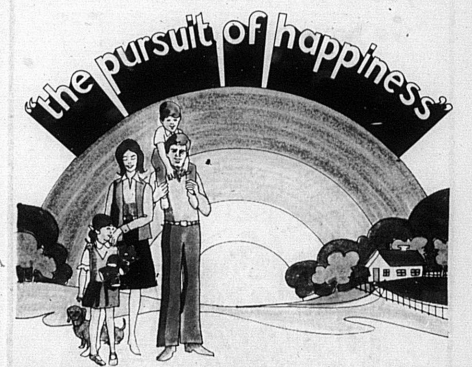
Inscriptions on back of this picture which was taken Sept., 1911, reads: "Charles Royal Caldwell—This is the picture of your grandfather Caldwell's old home, 5 miles east of Carleisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky. It was built in 1825 and where your father, Robert

L. Caldwell was born, Nov. 13, 1828, and he was baptised in the new Concord Church, March 13, 1829, being 4 months and 2 days old. Trusting you will appreciate this token of love from your Loving Sister, Nancy, P.O. cousin

Robert Grandy Caldwell stands behind Mr. Owens, the man with his arm bound up." Does anyone know if this house is still standing, and where? Photo submitted by Mrs. Gladys Kennedy

Home of Mrs. William Layman, East Main-Street. Built by John McMurtry. Flemish Bond and only one in Nicholas county. This home will be one of many to be seen on the Eastern Star auto tour Center. See page two for other homes to be toured.

Thomas Jefferson called it...



Today we call it "quality of life"

Fort Harrod was a thriving settlement when Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence. Kentucky's first frontier post was mere evidence of our pioneers' awareness of the difficulties they faced. On its stockade they bet their lives that they would succeed. Surely better than anyone they understood Jefferson when he wrote that among their unalienable rights was the pursuit of happiness. The millions who followed went on and on, in their pursuit, to Texas, to California, to Oregon. They simply wanted a better life. Their vision and toil yielded decade after decade of growth.

Today we are re-defining our concepts. We are seeking a "quality of life." We are weighing the value of materialistic growth against total growth. We are weighing the value of a man on the moon against man free of cancer. This in itself is a "giant step for mankind." Actually, nothing has really changed in America. She still pioneers, still marches with the sunrises. Yesterday and uncharted wilderness and prairies. Today a fuel and energy crisis. Tomorrow new values, new energy from the atom, from the sea and the sun. The pursuit of happiness never ends.



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