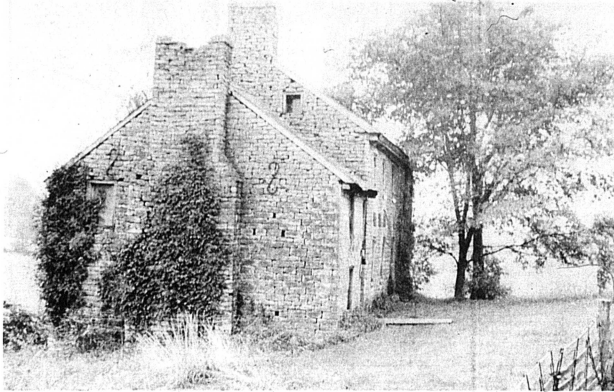


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Thompson house, built between 1785 and 1890. The house is in three sections with the kitchen wing in the foreground. The middle section was begun in 1785, while the two-story, two bay wing at right was added in 1820. The house is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Wooley of Lexington.—Mercury photo

## The Henry Thompson stone house on the Arthur Pike is placed on the National Register of Historic Places; 7 miles from city

### Sheriff Smoot reports finding car with body

Reeve Smoot, Nicholas County Sheriff, reported that he received a call on Thursday morning, Sept. 25 from Gary Craig of Route 1, Carlisle saying that he'd found a car with a body in it. He said that the car was parked about a mile off U.S. 60 on the road by the old Toll Gate house near the Nicholas-Bourbon County line.

Sheriff Smoot went to investigate and found Ralph Keaton, 44, of Bourbon county. He was pronounced dead at 10 a.m. Mr. Smoot reported that there was no foul play involved.

Mr. Keaton made his home with a sister, Mrs. Ruth Wolfenbarger of Paris. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Keaton, Morgan county.

His body was taken to Clark Funeral Home, Morefield and then removed to Herald and Stewart Funeral Home in West Liberty.

### Area school boards to meet in Richmond

Don Elder, superintendent of Nicholas County Schools and the members of the Nicholas County School Board, along with school board members and administrators from 29 school districts plan to meet in the Keene Johnson Building on the Eastern Kentucky University Campus, Richmond, on Wednesday, Oct. 8 for the annual meeting of the Central Kentucky Region of the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA).

Darrell Wells, chairman of the Madison County Board of Education and chairman of the Central Kentucky Region will preside at the dinner meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Meeting topics will include presentations on legislative matters and Association programs and services. KSBA officers state they view this meeting as an opportunity for local school board members and administrators to discuss their local concerns, problems, and issues of interest.

School officials attending the meeting will elect officers of the Central Kentucky Region for 1976.

### Legion meet set

American Legion Post 117 will hold a meeting Friday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall. All members are asked to attend. Commander Wayne Hardwick.

The Arthur Pike has recently been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Wooley of Lexington.

Mrs. Wooley who is the executive director of the Bluegrass Trust for Historic Preservation submitted the application in August of 1974. The house is located on its original site. The following is taken directly from Mrs. Wooley's description of the house.

The Henry Thompson house is located about seven miles west of Carlisle in Nicholas county. The house was built in three sections. The central portion, the oldest, was built "soon

after" 1784, according to court testimony. It is 28 feet deep and 30 feet long, and was built on the hall and parlor plan. An enclosed corner stair was built into the board wall that divided the two main rooms. Chimneys built flush with the outside end walls served the fireplaces in three of the four rooms. There is a full attic, lighted by a single window in each gable end. The cellar opens onto ground level at the rear of the house.

The kitchen wing, on the left of the front elevation, was added about 1800 by Thomas Metcalf, one of the most famous stone masons in Kentucky, who had become governor. The front wall portion, the oldest, was built "soon

carefully-shaped stones laid in Flemish-bond pattern. The kitchen has a cooking fireplace five feet tall, seven feet wide, and two feet deep. The lintel is a walnut timber over nine feet long, 12 by 14 inches thick. The only access to the house from the kitchen is along the back porch, onto which also opened the stair to the room above the kitchen. The cellar was reached through a trap door in the porch floor.

About 1820, the two-story, two-bay wing on the right was added, at which time the central door and right window of the main house were transposed, forming a hall where the parlor had been. This is the only structural change to the house.

The entire house was built without mortar, three-feet-thick stone walls at ground level, two-feet-thick at the roof line. The cracks between the stones were then filled with a mixture of crushed limestone, sand, and soil, and the inside walls were plastered with the same mixture, using buffalo hair as a binder.

The house contains an arched pressed and reeded mantels, chair rail, paneled and battered doors, and other woodwork typical of early Kentucky houses. These details have the same kind of simplicity yet grandeur supplied on the exterior by the shaped-stone arches and raised

keystones over the openings. The house sits fairly close to the road. The ground drops off behind into farmland. The one-story porch that formerly extended across the rear, providing the main circulation route between the different portions of the house, has been removed. A small shingled well-house exists behind the kitchen wing.

The Henry Thompson House is a good example of the stone houses that were built during the years of the settlement of Kentucky. It is one of the oldest and is typical of a type that was built until about 1820 in Kentucky, the type having evolved during the 18th century on the frontiers of the middle colonies where the Scotch-Irish settled.

Henry Thompson first came to Kentucky in 1776 from Westmoreland County, Pa., in company with John Miller, Joseph Houston, William McClintock, William Steele and others, a party of 14. Reaching the rolling land now known as the Bluegrass Region, they selected springs suitable for locating land claims and drew lots for them. The location which fell to Thompson became the basis for his 100-acre land grant which he received from Virginia in 1783. The crop of

platoons which he and William Steele planted in 1775 was the first ever grown in Kentucky. Because of the danger of Indian attack, Thompson could not bring his family to Kentucky until 1784. At first they lived in the "rude cabin in the howling wilderness," which Thompson had built as part of his claim in 1775, until the "mansions house" (so called in Thompson's will) was built.

Thompson was one of the founders in 1801 of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church, pastored by Adam Rankin. Thompson was a ruling elder for 24 years. He had an interest in the mills at Millersburg, built at the site of the "great buffalo crossing" of Hickman Creek. He is buried in the old Nicholas-Bourbon county line.

In spite of its present condition, the structure—both the fine masonry, some of which was laid by Thomas Metcalf, the virtuoso stone mason who later became governor of Kentucky, and the millwork—is remarkably intact. It is an interesting example of the early agglomerative evolution of residences, prior to the imposition of formal symmetry for most residences in the early 19th century.

Sam Reynolds of Carlisle, will represent Southern States Cooperative members in the Carlisle area at the cooperative's district election meeting to be held Oct. 10 at Jerry Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg. Franklin Bell Vaughan, Jr., manager of the Southern States retail outlet will also attend.

To select three-year members. The session will elect a number of the cooperative to serve on its Board of Directors for the next three years. The telephone pole will be confirmed at the cooperative's 25th annual stockholder meeting in Richmond, Va. Nov. 12 and 13. The group will also select a nominating committee for the 1978 election meeting.

The program for the Prestonsburg meeting will include a talk by N.W. Bryan, the cooperative's director of member and institutional relations, who will discuss "Why Cooperatives? Volstead!"

Kenneth J. Burgess of Huntington, a regional manager for Southern States will be in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

### New employee

David Wilson has recently been hired by the Depot Bank to work in the taught Junior High Social Studies installment loan department and during the 1974-75 school year at general bookkeeping. Wilson, son of Millersburg Military Institute in Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Millersburg. He is a member of the Cliffway Drive, is a 1970 graduate of Carlisle Presbyterian Church—Dun Nicholas County High School, and a 1974 graduate of the University of

### Kidney Foundation annual candy sale has begun

The Kidney Foundation volunteers are once again selling Tootsie Roll Midgees throughout Nicholas county, kicking off their seventh annual candy sale, the volunteers are determined to exceed last year's sales.

"An increased number of volunteers selling candy and a more organized selling program assures us of the most profitable results ever," says Martha Taylor, Nicholas county chairman.

The nine ounce bags of Tootsie Rolls are being sold for \$1 each. Proceeds from the sale are channelled to research efforts seeking cures and prevention of kidney disease. Also, a large percentage of the profits are used in local programs aimed at increasing the

number of transplants and services to those with kidney disease.

One of the many programs which will benefit from the candy sale is patient services. This program provides money for dialysis and transplant patients for medicine, patient identification tags and some transportation costs for those patients commuting from outlying counties to a transplant and dialysis center.

If you are interested in selling or purchasing candy to support the Kidney Foundation, please contact Martha Taylor, Nicholas county chairman, or a member of the Nicholas County High School FHA.

### City fire dept. to collect toys

Bob Barnett, chief, Carlisle Fire Department, announced Tuesday that the fire department will be collecting toys for children 15 and younger for Christmas. Toys must be in good condition.

You may have toys picked up at your home by calling Barnett at 298-2610. Or, you may bring toys to the Fire Department.

### Last call?

Why not write an editorial or poem for The Carlisle Mercury? We will print the best editorial in the Oct. 16 issue of The Mercury. Poems will be included in one of the October issues of The Mercury.

Editorials and poems must be in by Wednesday, Oct. 8.

### One car accident Sept. 25 on Ky. 32

Mrs. Rosie Hughes, 25, Route 4, Carlisle was involved in a one car accident on Thursday, Sept. 25. She was traveling southwest on Ky. highway 32 towards Myers Station when she ran off the shoulder of the road and lost control of her car. She then went over an embankment, hit a telephone pole and landed in a corn field, causing considerable damage to the car.

She was taken to the Nicholas County Hospital, treated and released.

### SEN. BLAKE, JUDGE CLARK HEAD CARROLL CAMPAIGN

The Nicholas County Re-elect Governor Carroll Governor headquarters will open Saturday, Oct. 4, at the corner of Main and Locust Streets next to Abraham's.

Senator Stanley Blake has been chosen Carroll campaign chairman for Nicholas county with Judge Floyd Clark, co-chairman.

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