# Nicholas County soldiers remembered for supreme sacrifice

*The following information is researched and compiled by Charles Gates of Carlisle and his daughter, Bonnie Lou Saunders. The father-daughter writing/research team are interested in recording the history of Nicholas County.*

*The subject of the following text is to supply information about the fallen Nicholas County soldiers who gave their lives for their country.*

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Sources of the test include;

1) Records of the University of Kentucky's Memorial Coliseum, which was built to honor all fallen soldiers of all wars up to and including the Korean War.

2) State Adjutant General's Reports of Wars, 1812, 1847, 1861, C.S.A. & Union, 1897, World War I.

3) Histories of the Wars 1812, 1847, 1897 and World War I filed in Nicholas County Clerk's Office.

4) Pension Lists of Soldiers and Families of all wars, which also includes confederate list of the Kentucky War 1912.

5) Draft Lists (from Louisville), Volunteers List, Career List, and Reserves and National Guards's Lists, the Militia List.

6) Cemetery Records, Memorial Stones and interment records.

7) Families and relatives of fallen soldiers.

8) Offical Public Relation releases from the Military.

World War I. Seven men were killed in action.

**William H. Brooks** of Carlisle, Silver Star.

**Leslie Huntley**, (Missing in Action) Myer Never Recovered Public Law 490.

**Michael Ryan Laughlin** of Carlisle.

**Eddie K. McGinley** of Carlisle.

**Earl Payne** of Carlisle.

**Jesse Garrett Vice** of Moorefield.

**Samuel F. Watkins** of Oakland Mills.

The following Nicholas County fallen soldiers of World War I died of diseases:

**James Spenser Huffsteller**, France, 1918.

**James William McCracken**, Germany, 1918.

**George Roberts Clark**, Great Lakes, 1918.

**Ernest Harmon**, Camp Mead, 1918.

**Orville Edward Mann**, Kansas, 1918.

**Walter Purcell**, Camp Taylor, 1918.

**Acquillar Durham Stone**, Great Lakes, 1918.

**Elmer A. Vice**, Campp Hoffokien, 191.

The 15 men listed from World War I who lost their lives were seven killed in action, and eight died of disease. Two of the men who died of diseases die din Germany; the remaining eight died state side.

**William H. Brooks** was the only man from Nicholas County to receive a high level award during World War I. He as awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action.

**World War II 1941-1945**

*Except* where noted, they were killed in action:

1) **Gaylord Anderson**

2) **E. Hampton Barnett Jr.**

3) **Donnell Baugus**

4) **William W. Bealert**

5) **Ollie Bussell**

6) **McClure M. Caswell**, second man killed from Nicholas County, 1942

7) **Eugene Collin**

8) **Everett Cook**

9) **Allie Craig**, Awarded the Silver Star, but died from a hit and run driver in Paris, Ky in 1946 after the war.

10) **Emrie W. Denton**

11) **Lloyd F. Duncan**

12) **Edward J. Fay**

13) **Nick W. Fechack**

14) **Raymond Fredrick**, killed in Okinawa in a training accident in 1943.

15) **Lloyd J. George**, third man killed from Nicholas County, Jan. 1943.

16) **Robert George**, (killed by accident or disease).

17) **Edsel H. Gray Jr.**, killed in a car wreck.

18) **Harold Raymond Gray**, Silver Star.

19) **Ollie Guthrie Jr.**

20) **James Harper**

21) **Edgar Ham**, killed in excavation ditch cave in in Italy.

22) **George Keenon Hinton**

23) **William R. Hopkins**

24) **William Leonard Jenkins**

25) **Cecil K. Jolly**

26) **Capt. Fred Kendall**, Silver Star.

27) **Martin Marion Letcher**

28) **John W. Melbourne**

29) **Andrew B. Metcalfe**, Silver Star, killed in jeep accident.

30) **Clyde Emerson Mitchell**

31) **William Louis Morris**

32) **Ben Wilmer Murray**

33) **Gordon Garnett McCarty**

34) **George Mason McCord**

35) **Leslie B. McVey**

36) **Frank Ward Rigden**

37) **Thomas R. Tiley**

38) **Cecil Clay Risen**, from Bourbon County.

39) **Howard Ritchie**, Silver Star.

40) **Robbie Burns Roberts**

41) **Edwin R. Saunders**

42) **Joseph J. Shea**

43) **George Tilman Smart**, **Silver Star**, first man killed from Nicholas County, 1942.

44) **Ernest Clay Snapp**

45) **George Williams Snelling**, from Indiana.

46) **Gilbert Standfield**

47) **Luther Lloyd Waugh**, went down with his ship.

48) **Kenneth Fowler**, Silver Star.

**Kenneth Fowler** was a resident of Carlisle and lived on School Avenue.

He attended Carlisle School up to 1934 when his father died. His mother remarried to James Wilson of Bourbon County. They moved from Carlisle to Convict Road in Nicholas County where they lived until their home was destroyed by fire.

At this time, they moved to Little Rock and later to Fishback Ridge in Bourbon County and he would finish his schooling at Little Rock High School.

He later joined the Marines and was killed in action in Saipan in 1944. His body was returned to Carlisle for burial. He is buried in Section I of Carlisle Cemetery.

Fowler will be carried as a resident of both Nicholas and Bourbon counties due to circumstances of him living most of his life in Nicholas County.

**Harold Raymond Gray**, a Silver Star winner who was killed on Guam, will be carried as a Nicholas County and Fleming County resident. Most of his life and schooling was in Nicholas County.

As a young man he attended school at East Union and high school at Carlisle. He dropped out of the Carlisle School when a 10th grader and was working in Clark County when he and brother Kenneth joined the Marines.

His brother Kenneth was wounded on Iwo Jima during the Famous Flag raising on Mt. Suribichi in the invasion of the Island Atoll. Gray's body was returned to Carlisle for funeral services. He was interred at Elizaville in Fleming County along with all his family.

The Gray family would suffer two sons killed and one son wounded in World War II. The third son, Zane Gray, would be wounded in the Korean War.

Mr. Gray, father of the Gray boys, was also wounded in World War I. As of Dec. 31, 1992, all the Gray men are buried in the Elizaville Cemetery in Fleming County near the Memorial of Benjamin Sousley, one of the men who raised the Flag on Mt. Suribichi, Iwo Jima, in World War II.

The Gray family suffered and sacrificed more to our Country than any families of the North Central Kentucky area. Even though not recognized for their great sacrifices in local history of Nicholas County they will in the end be featured in the resident of Nicholas County who gave, above and beyond, more to our county than the average citizen.

Harold Raymond Gray was not engraved on the Memorial Stone at the Nicholas County Courthouse lawn. He was killed in action in Guam and won the third highest award - the Silver Star. He gave his life was not honored locally for his supreme sacrifice. He was also awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

The man killed in World War II as listed were taken from many sources.

The Memorial Arena at UK was the greatest source of names and families. There are some names of which people didn't know, yet they served their country and lost their lives. These names do not agree with the Memorial Stone in their honor which was erected on the Nicholas County Courthouse law.

A total number of men who served their country from Nicholas County was 1,050. This includes Guards, volunteers, draftees and those who were career men.

The first man killed from Nicholas County was **George T. Smart** of Moorefield. He lost his life in North Africa in Tunisia in December 1942.

The second man was **McClure Caswell** of Barterville and was the son of the Rev. Carry Hanson Caswell of Barterville, date of birth 1917 - date of death 1942.

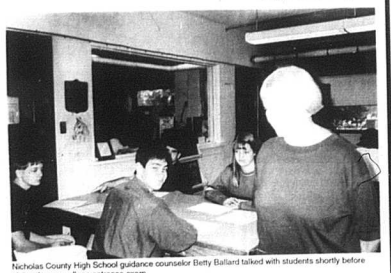
The third man killed was **Lloyd George** of Myers Station who was killed in January of 1943.

The bodies of Smart and Caswell were not returned for burial in the United States, but were buried in American cemeteries in foreign countries.

A man by the name of Leslie Berryman on the Memorial Stone in the Nicholas County Courthouse lawn in honor of men who lost their lives for their country was killed in July 25, 1946.

This was one year after the end of World War II in Europe. He is buried in North Middletown Cemetery. He was born on Jan. 19, 1924 and was killed in Germany on July 25, 1946 of his own doing and not by the enemy.

His return for burial was in September 1946. He returned to the U. S. in 1945 and rejoined the military and was shipped back to Germany where he met his fate. He is filed in the Veteran's Military Books in the Nicholas County Clerk's Office, Book 3, page 469. This DD 214 shows his military history.



Nicholas County High School guidance counselor Betty Ballard talked with students shortly before giving the pre-college entrance exam.

Kevin Vice of the Carlisle City Fire Department instructed Nicholas County Elementary students about fire safety Friday morning.

## FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

NAPS - Rural communities who have lost a physician don't have to go it alone when trying to recruit another practitioner. The National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network is available on the Internet at www.hostal.wvu.edu/ruralrecruitment or through a toll-free number 1-800-RURAL12 (to for more information about resources for helping rural communities contact the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy at 301-443-0835 or phone their Rural Information Center Health Service - RIHS - toll-free at 1-800-633-7701.

Findings from a study by the U. S. Department of Education indicate documents made closest to students are the best. The study, Assessment of School-based Management, is one of twelve completed by the Education Department. Persons interested in obtaining free information from this or other studies in the series may call 1-800-424-1616.

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97 Pontiac Grand AM SE, 4 Dr $12,995
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