

GENERAL NEWS

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

Reflections on the battle at Blue Licks

I wandered around the Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park Saturday thinking about my column's name "HEAVEN IS A LOT LIKE KENTUCKY."

The title comes from a quote of frontiersman James Andrews, a participant of the Aug. 19, 1782 Battle of Blue Licks.

Andrews had survived an attack on his Fayette County cabin a week prior to the battle. As Native American warriors broke through the cabin door, James jumped out of the cabin left window with his infant daughter Elizabeth tied in a feed sack around his neck. His wife Eliza had hidden in a pile of corn beneath the floorboards.

James was savagely attacked and suffered several deep wounds but managed to escape to his brother Andrew's blockhouse.

Little Elizabeth was safe. When James returned to the cabin, all he found were charred logs and a badly burnt and destroyed skeleton in close proximity to the cabin's cellar.

He buried the remains and sought refuge against the enemy. James was among the 182 Kentuckians that pursued a British-led army when that army vacated their siege of Bryant's Station.

James was wounded in the ensuing battle at Blue Licks, but hid for five days. When he decided to accept his fate and meet death, he felt a cooling sensation on his forehead and believed he was in Heaven, being administered to by Angels.

He opened his eyes to see the beautiful face of his dear Eliza and was then convinced that he was indeed in Heaven. As he looked around, in his state of delirium he said aloud "Heaven is a lot like Kentucky."

His wife had been the object of desire between two warriors who found her in the Andrews cabin and one had killed the other. Eliza had made her escape from the enemy encampment as the battle drew nigh. After the battle she searched the field secretly for her husband and eventually found him. They were rescued by a force of 500 frontiersmen led by Benjamin Logan that arrived five days after the battle to bury the dead.

Park officials did a great job with the weekend festivities this year, as they always do. I believe everyone that attended had a great time.

I have studied the Battle of Blue Licks for over three decades and continue to be amazed at the facts surrounding the "last battle of the Revolutionary War," as historical scholars have labeled the engagement.

I am drawn to the combatants of both sides. Warriors from several Native American tribes joined British-led Canadian Rangers during the battle to crush the Kentuckians.

Black Wolf, a Mingo sub-chief, was one of the Native American leaders. He was chasing a frontiersman toward the Licking River when the frontiersman turned and fired his musket at point-blank range at Black Wolf. Black Wolf grabbed the end of the barrel just as the musket fired and the discharge blew a circular hole through Black Wolf's hand. I learned this by reading a deposition of James Crawford, a prisoner of Black Wolf in 1786 who talked with the Mingo chief himself about the battle.

I am also fascinated with the actions of the frontier spies during the battle. The spies were Major



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Bulger was wounded and actually lived in agony for a month before he died, although he is listed as among those killed in most battle reports.

James Hays was wounded in the chest but survived. George Corn was shot in the mouth as he stood next to Stephens.

The shot took all of the teeth out in his right jaw, Stephens said in an interview now located in volume 125C of the Lynam Draper Manuscripts. "I saw him spit the lead ball out into his hands as he fell to his knees."

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in the battle in all reports and his name appears as such on the obelisk inside the park, but I have found testimony that he lived. It was taken to the village of "Mackinac" and did not escape until late in the summer of 1783 when he also returned to his Kentucky home.

He arrived on the eve of his widow's remarriage and interrupted the wedding rehearsal.

Harsh conditions of captivity had altered his appearance to such a degree that no one, including his wife, recognized him at first.

Joe Jackson, who was captured with salt makers in 1778 actually fought with his adopted Shawnee brothers against the Kentuckians at Blue Licks.

I will close from another quote taken from a frontier family. Anthony Sodowski was also a frontiersman in the battle. I feel pain each time I read the words of his aunt as they appear in the Draper Manuscripts in volume 11 CC.

Those words say so much. So much. "Anthony Sodowski was saved at the Blue Licks defeat by Israel Boone's death. He got away on young Boone's horse."

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- 8/26/07: What the Bible Says About Death (Hebrews 9:27-28)
9/2/07: The Minute After You Die (Luke 16:19-31)
9/9/07: Heaven is Better Than You Can Imagine (Luke 16:19-31)
9/16/07: Hell is Real and It's Funny (Luke 16:19-31)
9/23/07: Transformed for Life in Heaven (1 Corinthians 15:35-52)
9/30/07: Life in the Heavenly City (Rev. 21:1-23)
10/7/07: Living in the Light of Eternity (2 Peter 3:11-14)

Carlisle Christian Church 242 Locust St. Morning Worship - 10:30am

OBITUARIES



Adena Toadivne Earlywine 1928-2007

Adena Toadivne Earlywine, 79, Millersburg, died Sat., Aug. 18, 2007.

She was the former Adena Mae Clough, born July 2, 1928 in Robertson County to the late Gus Thomas and Sue Ethel Kern Clough.

She was a former seamstress and inspector for Hansley Mills, where she worked for 22 years, commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel and a member of the Millersburg United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her loving husband of 34 years, Clark's Earlywine, Millersburg; three daughters, Judy (H.B.) Rice, Lexington, Sandy Shannon, Lexington and Bonnie (Bill) Wells, Bourbon County; one brother, George Clough, Paris; two sisters, Robbie (Dave) Fina, Miami, Ohio and Minnie McIntyre, Lexington; four great-grandchildren, Britany Martin, Isabelle Martin,

Hannah Wells and Brightyn Martin; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gus T. and Ethel Kern Clough and two brothers, Carr and Paul Clough.

Funeral services were August 21, 2007 at the Millersburg United Methodist Church with Bro. Jim Gaunce officiating. Burial followed in the Millersburg Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the National Arthritis Foundation or to her church. The M.E. Pruitt Funeral Home, Millersburg is in charge of the arrangements. www.lusk-mcfarland.com

Norma Jean Buswell 1939-2007 Norma Jean Buswell, 68, M. Sterling died Sun., Aug. 19, 2007 after a long illness.

She was born in Fleming County May 28, 1939 to Ernest and Gladys Hollar. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her loving husband of 34 years, Clark's Earlywine, Millersburg; three daughters, Judy (H.B.) Rice, Lexington, Sandy Shannon, Lexington and Bonnie (Bill) Wells, Bourbon County; one brother, George Clough, Paris; two sisters, Robbie (Dave) Fina, Miami, Ohio and Minnie McIntyre, Lexington; four great-grandchildren, Britany Martin, Isabelle Martin,

County, Peggy Moser, Newark, Del., Timmy Roberts, Nicholas County, Charles Buswell, Nicholas County, Shane Buswell, Montgomery County; two sisters, Wanda Earlywine, Nicholas County and Judy Wallingford, Fleming County; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edna Bassell and her brother, Billy Hollar.

Funeral services were August 21, 2007 at the Millersburg United Methodist Church with Bro. Jim Gaunce officiating. Burial followed in the Millersburg Cemetery.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wed. Aug. 22, 2007 at Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Julius Hammons officiating. Burial will follow in the Carlisle Cemetery.

Clark Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She was preceded in death by her father Earl "Boobie" Watkins and a brother, Dennis Watkins.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Fri. Aug. 24, 2007 at the Clark Funeral Home.

Rodney Harrison McDonald 1933-2007 Rodney Harrison McDonald, 74, died Mon. Aug. 20, 2007 at his home.

He was born March 23, 1933 in Harrison County

to the late Benjamin C. and Leona Whitaker McDonald. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a former employee of Ford Implement in Lexington.

Survivors include a son, Mark (Teresa) McDonald, Brookville, Fla.; three daughters, Julie (Donald) Brewer and Teresa (Norman) Shroat, Carlisle and Cindy (Johnny) Stone, Carson City, Nev.; two brothers, Buford McDonald, Lexington and Dennis McDonald, Carlisle; two sisters, Dora Norwell, Lexington and Evelyn Abnee, Carlisle; five grandchildren, Rebecca (Todd)

She was born in Fleming County Aug. 18, 1968 to Wanda Mitchell and the late Earl "Boobie" Watkins. She was a former employee of Kentucky Textile, Paris.

Survivors include her children, William Gobel Chaney, Lawanda Ann Watkins, Goldie Rena Chaney, all of Lexington; her mother Wanda Mitchell; one brother, Ferlin Watkins; one sister, Serona Finch; three grandchildren, Austin Ray Chaney, Brady Thomas Reed, and Kyle Shane Reed, and a host of aunts, uncles,

cousins and friends.

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