

GENERAL NEWS

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

MICHAEL'S MENDING

December 1784, inside the small and dimly lit cabin of the Mathias Spahr family, located on the St. George's fortified Station, near present-day Winchester, Kentucky.

For the first time in a month Michael Cassidy was able to stand unassisted on his own two feet.

He was unsteady and could not stand for long, but he considered it a triumph of his spirit and a good sign that the worst of his healing process was over.

Many of his friends were convinced they were going to bury him weeks ago and none thought he would ever be able to stand this soon after suffering all of his horrors.

Nearly all of the inhabitants of John Strode's Station were either from, or related to families from Berkeley County, Virginia.

Cassidy's connection to the families of Berkeley County was not typical, but the Berkeley County men considered him "one of their own."

Cassidy had stowed away on the freighter called the Maryland Merchant in 1780, which was en route to Dublin, Ireland to Boston harbor.

He'd been a stubborn laborer at that age.

When his widowed mother and her brother William Langston had arranged for Michael and his elder brother Andrew to attend a private school in Dublin, Michael had become enraged when Andrew had been placed in charge of all of the funds.

"If you don't give me my fair share of the money I'll be going to America," Michael had told an unbelieving Andrew.

The next day Andrew had groveled at Michael's feet and tried to give him all of the money when he saw that Michael had made plans to hide aboard the Boston-bound Maryland Merchant.

"My mind is made up," Michael had said as he walked away from Andrew on that stinking Dublin dock.

He could still smell the stench of that dock 16 years later.

It was a smell of death, a smell he had grown all too familiar with.



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Trenton and Princeton and from with the others at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-1778. He was also in the final eastern battle of the war at Yorktown and the surrender of British General Cornwallis.

At Yorktown he met many of the Berkeley Men, including friends and relatives of Thomas Jones, a cousin of another one of the favorites of the Berkeley Men, John Fleming. Cassidy spent time in the trenches of Yorktown with these men who long days of indelentured servitude as a taxider's apprentice to William Crighton, of Martinborough, then in Frederick County, Virginia, which soon became the county seat of Berkeley County when it split from Frederick County in 1772.

Crighton took on the role of a father figure to the lad and encouraged Michael to enlist when the Revolutionary War began.

Michael joined the unit commonly referred to as The Virginia Line, or Continental Line, the 4th foot Regiment, commanded at times by Col. Robert Lawson, Major Isaac Beall, Col. John Neville and others during the course of the war.

He participated in the Battles of Monmouth, Brandywine, Mud Fort, and Germantown, was in the fray at

one day he southern Fleming County.

Three years later he ventured alone back to the scene of the battle and followed the ancient warrior's trail, or Atlanta-waimee (trail of the warrior's) beyond where the small community of Craintown would one day stand.

For nearly a week he cautiously hid while watching a group of 500 Miami and Shawnee tribesmen near the present day site of the Fleming County High School.

He watched as they went

about their daily routine of hunting, playing a special ball game (perhaps a variation of lacrosse) and held special dances and ceremonies.

He returned to Strode's Station and convinced John Bennett and Mathias Spahr to join him in surveying and laying claim to the land where the Native Americans had camped. This would be his future empire that he had earned through his service in the war.

Fleming said his half brother George Stockton

had warned him that several clans of various Native American tribes jealously guarded that land.

Indeed a group of Shawnee had ambushed Cassidy, Bennett and Spahr before they even reached the land Cassidy wished to survey.

Cassidy had been the lone survivor though nearly killed.

He was slowly mending in the cabin of the family of the late Mathias Spahr.

Several of the men had

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OBITUARIES



Carol Walker Garvin 1934-2007

Carol Walker Garvin, wife of Robert Garvin of Carlisle, died Dec. 6, 2007. She was 73.

Mrs. Garvin, an Ashland native, was the daughter of the late Robert and Louise Kennedy Walker, and granddaughter of the late Harry and Lizzie Kennedy of Carlisle. She was a graduate of Ashland High School and Duke University, Durham, NC.

Mrs. Garvin is also survived by 3 children, Ellison West, wife of Karl West, of Portland OR, William Walker Garvin, husband of Crista Garvin, of Springfield, MO, and Harry Kennedy Garvin of Los Angeles and Carlisle.

Other survivors include 2 grandchildren, Carol Kathleen Bennett and Samuel Walker Garvin, 2 sisters, Mrs. Judith Scyter of Pinehurst, NC and Mrs. Emily Stackland of Brighton Way, as well as nieces and neph-

ews. During her life Mrs. Garvin was involved in a number of volunteer activities. She served as president of the National Mental Health Association, a voluntary citizen's organization, in 1989. After moving to Carlisle, she served on the boards of the Nicholas County Historical Society and Carlisle/Nicholas County Tourism. She was president of the Historical Society until recently. Mrs. Garvin was deeply involved in planning the Neal Welcome Center and was overall, an avid supporter of Carlisle and Nicholas County where, she said, "it has been a privilege and a joy to spend my last years."

Mrs. Garvin liked to remember that when she was five and a half, she decided to walk to Carlisle from Ashland, because in her judgment, her parents were not bringing her often enough. The attempt, due to the intervention of various adults, including the police, proved abortive. When the Garvins moved to Carlisle in 2000, she liked to say that it had taken 60 more years, but a memorial service will be held in Carlisle Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Jack Robinson officiating, with a reception to follow in the Neal Welcome Center, 108 Main Street in

Carlisle. Instead of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Nicholas County Historical Society's Neal Fund, P.O. Box 222, Carlisle, KY 40311, or Hospice of the Bluegrass, 506 E. Pike St., Cynthia, KY 41031.



Jean Wilson 1930-2007

Jean Wilson, 77, widow of Warren Wilson, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital.

She was born Nov. 15, 1930 in Nicholas Co. to the late Herbert and Mildred Cundiff Booth, was a member of Carlisle United Methodist Church, was a former employee of Hanley Mills and the former owner of the Little House Restaurant in Carlisle.

Survivors include a son, Timothy Layne Wilson, Carlisle, a brother Herbert (dovey) Booth, Carlisle, and

7 grandchildren. Services were held on Monday Dec. 10, 2007 at Mathers/Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. James Gaunce. Burial was in Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Michael Booth, Ronnie Brown, Donald Bromagen, Randall and Harold Dale, Raymond Mitchell and Timothy. Guestbook is available at www.mathersgaunce.com

Phyllis Ruth Burke Jolly 1939-2007

Phyllis Ruth Burke Jolly, 68, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 at St. Joseph East in Lexington. She was a native of Bourbon Co. born Oct. 26, 1939 to the late Eugene Brown and Lodema Walker Burke.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Joanna Jolly, a daughter-in-law Sissy Jolly, and son-in-law Ronnie Stanfield.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Carlisle, a retired electronics inspector of the Lexington Bluesgrass Army Depot, a Nicholas Co. Bus Driver and a Wal-Mart Associate in Paris.

Survivors include her husband, Hiland Gene Jolly; three children Jeffrey (Vicky) Jolly, Sherry Jolly (Steve) Herrington, and Linda Jolly; seven grandchildren, Hiland Gene Jolly

II, Jeffrey Scott Jolly, Levi Burke Jolly, Joanna Ruth Kerns, Melissa Sue Roberts, Bobby Dewayne Stone, and Dakota Allen Stanfield all reside in Nicholas and Bourbon Counties; and five great-grandchildren, Keevee Jolly, McKenzie Jolly, Waylen Maloney, Walker Maloney, and Harley Stone. Visitation will be from 6-9

p.m. Wed. Dec. 12, 2007 at Assembly of God Church in Carlisle. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at the Assembly of God Church in Carlisle with Rev. Darrell Section officiating. Burial will be in the Elizaville cemetery, Free Bros. Funeral Home in Elizaville in charge of arrangements.

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