THROUGH THE YEARS

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JACOB NEAR THE WATER

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By Charles Mattox

Let's travel back in time to 1787, and briefly examine an occurrence that took place on the waters of Elkhorn Creek when Jacob Stucker and his older brother David were in a bad way.

A very, very bad way.

Their scouting mission for the communities surrounding Bryant's (Bryan's) Station, near Lexington, into what would one day be known as Nicholas County, had proven near fatal.

They had ridden their two finest horses during their military scout and that fact alone prevented their current situation from being even more perilous.

A Shawnee warrior had shot David through the midsection, and Jacob had been forced to half-carry and half-drag his brother for the last half-mile as they neared Elkhorn Creek as he could no longer stay on his horse. Jacob struggled to get them and both of their horses across the creek while keeping the enemy force of 20 warriors at bay.

Jacob and David Stucker were both well known among the Shawnee.

Both were respected as deadly foes of the Shawnee Nation, especially Jacob, or "Injun Jake" as his fellow frontiersmen called him.

The relationships between various clan groups of Native Americans and clan groups of frontier families were complex and delicate in nature.

Both groups wished to call northeastern Kentucky their home and both developed personal and long-lasting vendettas against their foes.

Such had been the case during the attack on John Grant's Station in the summer of 1780 when Jacob and David's father, along with their uncle and aunt, had been killed. John Grant's Station was located along Houston Creek in what is now extreme southwestern Bourbon County.

Jacob was the second eldest of four children, and although he never learned to read or write, he was extremely well educated in woods lore. He swore he would have revenge upon the group of people he held responsible for the death of his loved ones, and my research indicates that he may have exceeded in keeping his word in that regard.

Jacob was an early protégé of Colonel Daniel Boone, who held him in a very high honor, and he was regarded, in general, as one of the best, if not the best, marksman on the frontier.

He had been in many perilous situations before, such as the siege of Bryant's Station and the subsequent Battle of Lower Blue Licks in the summer of 1782.

He was a man who sought and frequently found vengeance among his adversaries and for that reason, even though the Shawnee had the Stucker brothers outnumbered ten to one and David Stucker was all but dead, they kept their distance and used extreme caution, for they knew Jacob Stucker was a foe to be taken with deadly seriousness.

They were careful as the approached the edges of Elkhorn Creek because they knew it was Jacob near the water.

"Is that you we shot, Jacob?" a strong, English voice shouted across Elkhorn Creek toward the small clump of trees and brush where the Stuckers had crawled.

"I'm still here!" Jacob shouted back across the stream. "You've shot my brother, David, and I'm going to make you pay dearly for it!"

Jacob's remark drew insulting laughter from several of the younger warriors, but the elders among them held their tongues and looked to one another with concern.

"Come on over across the creek and talk to us," one of the warriors shouted.

"I'm fine right here," Stucker replied "But why don't you come on over, and we'll sure talk a while."

No warrior dared cross the creek.

As darkness fell they did not pursue the Stuckers any further, but retreated northward and traveled along Eagle Creek through what is now known as Scott County.

They managed to steal approximately 40 horses from the communities near present day Georgetown, KY.

At noon the next day Jacob Stucker was leading a force of frontiersmen after them.

"We were all minutemen and ex officers," Colonel John Graves told the Rev. John Shane in a brief interview years after about that particular adventure. "We put a little parched corn in our pocket, kept a little bag of some jerked venison in another.... We came upon the Indians at Mountain Island, about 20 miles below where the Cincinnati Road crosses Eagle (Creek)."

Stucker and Graves led the advance on the warriors' camp and they crept to within ten feet of the sleeping warriors. When the men had the camp completely surrounded Jacob Stucker fired point-blank into one of the warriors and Graves and the other men did likewise.

"Everyone was killed but one," Graves remembered to Shane. "The one ran within ten steps of me and I threw my tomahawk at him as he ran past. The next morning we looked but could find no blood trail. 19 Indians lay dead in the camp."

If the Good Lord is willing, dear reader, I will present additional research material on Jacob Stucker in next week's column. I will also present some findings on a man named Ready Money Jack, a freed black man who I believe established one of the first fortifications along the Blue Licks and Bryant's Station Road in 1789.

His station was located near present day Carlisle, and as my research continues, I encourage you to assist me in my studies at your earliest convenience, and pass along any information you may find of use for the pleasure of other history enthusiasts.

It should be mentioned that although David Stucker survived his wound inflicted in 1787, Shawnee warriors killed him in 1790, in what has historically become known as General Harmer's Defeat.

Jacob Stucker married Elizabeth "Betsy" Rogers on June 30, 1789. He died June 11, 1820 in Scott County, Kentucky.

Special program planned for Neal Building

A special program of craft work will be presented in the Neal Center on Saturday morning, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. Emily Stakland, artist from Brighton, Iowa, will demonstrate spinning and working with wool.

Stakland's program, entitled "From Sheep to Shawl," is free and open to everyone. She will use wools from fibers, which produce knitting yarns. " People can come and go as they wish," Mrs. Stakland explained. "This will be very relaxed."

The Neal Center is responding to the community's desire for educational opportunities and welcomes everyone.

The Nicholas County Historical Society's Country Evening fund-raiser on Sunday, May 6, brought in nearly $4,700, all to be applied to expansion of the Neal Center.

In sharing the total, Michelle McDonald, society president, thanked everyone involved. "We really appreciate the efforts of many people in the community," she noted. "We are so delighted the community will benefit."

Additional work on the center will begin this summer.

CITY OF CARLISLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2007-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SUGAR TREE ALLEY AS ONE-WAY EAST BOUND ITS INTERSECTION WITH SYCAMORE STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH ELM STREET.

Be it ordained by the City of Carlisle, Kentucky:

Section 1. That the following is established as a one-way street: Sugar Tree Alley, east bound only, from its intersection with Sycamore Street to its intersection with South Elm Street.

Section 2. That the Superintendent of Public Works is directed to erect suitable signs to effectuate this ordinance.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval, publication in summary as required by law, and upon signing pursuant to Section 2 herein.

Introduced and First Reading: April 9, 2007
Second Reading and Enacted: May 14, 2007
Signed by Mayor: May 15, 2007
Recorded by Clerk: May 15, 2007
Published in Summary: May 16, 2007

CITY OF CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

BY: _____
Ronnie Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:
Mary L. Stewart, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE:

I hereby certify that the Title of the forgoing Ordinance accurately summarizes its contents in a manner to be understood by the general public, further that I am an attorney licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Henry Watson III
Counsel to the City of Carlisle

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COURT NEWS

Nicholas District Court
Wed. May 2, 2007
Hon. Jay Delaney

Jonathan W. Watkins; ARR 1) One headlight 2) Speeding 26mph over/greater 3) Fleeing or evading police, first degree 4) Wanton endangerment, first degree 5) First degree possession if CS/Cocaine, first offense 6) Use/possess drug paraphernalia, first offense; PD appointed; Waive formal arraignment; NG plea entered; PH 5/10/07 at 2:00pm

Billy J. Barnett; Pretrial Conference 1) Op MV under/influence of alcohol/drugs, ect. .08 first offense; PTC 5/30/07 at 1:00pm

April Renay Brown; Show Cause Hearing; Apply bond to fines and costs per 3/28/07 order; Restitution to be paid is $480.00 to be paid through Circuit Clerk; SC 7/11/07 at 10:00am

Jessica Renee Hillock; Pretrial Conference 1) Unlawful transaction with minor third degree; PTC 7/11/07 at 1:00pm

Jessica Renee Hillock; Pretrial Conference 1) OP MV under/influence of alcohol/drugs, ect. .08 first offense; PTC 7/11/07 at 1:00pm

Brandon E. Jolly; Pretrial Conference 1) Menacing 2) Resisting arrest 3) Possession of marijuana 4) Use/possess drug paraphernalia, first offense 5) Public intoxication controlled substance; Order entered

Tara Sue Jolly; Pretrial Conference 1) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 2) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 3) theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 4) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 5) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 6) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 7) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 8) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 9) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 10) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 11) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 12) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 13) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 14) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00 15) Theft by deception including cold checks under $300.00; PTC 7/11/07 at 1:00pm

Tara Sue Jolly; Pretrial Conference 1A) One headlight; MOC dismissed on proof of repair

Darlene Michelle Kerr; Pretrial Conference 1) Op MV under/influence of alcohol/drugs, ect. .08 first offense; PTC 6/6/07 at 1:00pm

Mikil Knight; Pretrial Conference 1) Speeding 15 mph over limit; Agreed order entered

Jeffery Allen Lewis; Pretrial Conference 1) Op MV under/influence of alcohol/drugs, ect. .08 first offense; MOC amended to reckless due to .06 BAC; GP; $160.00 plus costs 2) No operators/moped license; GP; 30 days probate; one year conditioned no drive without valid license, $50.00 fine

Jackie L. Miller; Pretrial Conference 1) Operate MV under/influence alcohol/drugs, .08 third offense 2) Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury; Jury Trial scheduled for 5/11/07 cancelled; final PTC 5/23/07 at 1:00pm

Merel A. Ritchie; Show Cause Hearing; SC 7/25/07 at 1:00pm

Merele A. Ritchie; Other Hearing; Contempt Hearing set 7/25/07 at 1:00pm

Merle A. Ritchie; Other Hearing; SC 7/25/07 at 1:00pm

Merle A. Ritchie; Other Hearing; OH 7/25/07 at 1:00pm

Merle A. Ritchie; Other Hearing; Restitution Hearing 7/25/07 at 1:00pm

William E. Ritchie; Review; Defendant no longer required to comp counseling as ordered 12/28/05; remanded

Danny Lane Ross; Pretrial Conference 1) Disorderly conduct; Bench Trial 6/6/07 at 2:00pm

Anita Ruth Watkins; Pretrial Conference 1) Possession of marijuana 2) Use/possess drug paraphernalia, first offense; Bench Trial 6/6/07

Charles W. Buckler; Court Trial 1) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license; Court Trial continued MOC 5/30/07 at 2:00pm

Ginny Edgington; Other Hearing; Paid in full; motion for contempt withdrawn; remanded

Logan S. Fryman; Other Hearing 1) Op MV under/influence of alcohol/drugs, ect. .08 first offense 2) Refusal to take alcohol/substance test 3) Failure to wear seat belts; suppression hearing 6/6/07 at 2:00pm

Jared Lee Harney; Other Hearing; Pay fines today (counseling appointment verified); continued contempt for 6/13/07 at 2:00pm for counseling

Christopher James Jackson; Court Trial 1) Parent/custodian send child to school, first and second

Anthony Morris; Court Trial 1) Criminal mischief, second degree; Continued Bench Trial by agreement to 8/8/07 at 2:00pm

Kirk L. Smith; Other Hearing; Contempt Hearing at 7/11/07 at 2:00pm

Charles Allen Walton; Fail to comply with order to remove health nuisance; Court Trial cancelled PTC 5/23/07 at 1:00pm

Timothy R. Willoughby; Court Trial 1A) Attempt criminal possession forged instrument, second degree; MOC case dismissed due to lack of evidence.

Nicholas Circuit Court
Monday May 7, 2007
Hon. Robert McGinnis

Donnie L. Alsept, Et Al vs. Michael Burkhardt. OH. Motion for summary sustained. Re: liability only. Damages hearing- 6/4/07 at 9 a.m. OTBS.

Community Trust Bank vs Floyd G. Mynear, Et Al. MH. No military affidavit. OR. OTBS.

Household Finance Corporation II vs. Bonita J. Andrus. MH. Sust. Order. Deed Approved.

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OBITUARIES

James Monroe Livingood 1922-2007

James Monroe Livingood, 84, husband of Bettie Florence Livingood, died Sat., May 12, 2007, at his residence.

He was born in Nicholas County, Dec. 3, 1922, to the late Cecil and Anna Cox Livingood. He was a farmer, a member of Saltwell United Methodist Church and a World War II United States Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Florence Livingood; two daughters, Rita (Mike) Dalton, Middlesboro and Sue (Bobby) Bell, Nicholas County; a brother, Howard (Stella) Livingood, Nicholas County; a sister, Frances Florence, Harrison County; two grandchildren, Heather (Craig) Callen and Kevin (Donna) Miller and two great grandchildren, Jami and Jaden Miller.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Fred Livingood and Paul Livingood and two sisters, Anna Louise Livingood and Dorothy Florence.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Wed., May 16 at the church. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Wed., May 16, 2007 at Saltwell United Methodist Church in Nicholas County by Rev. Howard Livingood. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Saltwell United Methodist Church, c/o Joyce Smith, 670 Morning Glory Rd., Cynthiana, KY 41031. www.warefuneralhome.com

Preston Townsend 1940-2007

Preston Townsend, 66, husband of Hattie Townsend, died Sat., May 12, 2007.

He was born Aug., 22, 1940 to Virgil Townsend, Stanton, and the late Anna Fredrick Townsend. He was a farmer and a member of Northside Church of God.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Gail (Dougie) Mitchell, Carlisle, Barbara (Ricky) Norris, Mt. Sterling and Judy Bailey (fiancé Buddy Kilgore), Owingsville; four brothers, Junior Townsend, Campton, Billy Townsend, Jeffersonville, Jerry Townsend, Mt. Vernon and David Townsend, Jeffersonville; four sisters, Louise Lawell, Owingsville, Janice Jones and Connie Prather, both of Mt. Sterling, Darlene Walters, Jeffersonville and Linda Lynman, Mt. Sterling; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Robert Norris.

Funeral services were Tues., May 15, 2007 at Richardson Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Crouch officiating. Burial followed in Lovely Cemetery.

Richardson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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NICHOLAS COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2006

Note 4. Financing Obligations

A. Courthouse Renovation

Nicholas County Fiscal Court entered into a lease agreement for $291,000 with the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust Program for courthouse renovation on September 24, 1997. Payments are due monthly and are calculated annually based on the outstanding principal, variable interest rate, and associated fees. The lease is to be paid in full on October 1, 2012. The outstanding principal as of June 30, 2006 was $147,128. The following indicates scheduled debt service requirements (principal and interest only) for future periods through the end of the lease:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Scheduled Interest	Scheduled Principal
2007	$ 7,298	$ 21,218
2008	6,162	22,047
2009	4,952	22,910
2010	3,724	23,806
2011	2,438	24,737
2012-2013	1,164	32,410
Totals	$ 25,738	$ 147,128

B. Dump Trucks

Nicholas County Fiscal Court entered into a lease agreement for $96,106 with the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust Program for two 2003 GMC dump trucks on August 14, 2003. Payments are due monthly and are calculated annually based on the outstanding principal, variable interest rate, and associated fees. The lease is to be paid in full on August 20, 2008. The outstanding principal as of June 30, 2006 was $40,058. The following indicates scheduled debt service requirements (principal and interest only) for future periods through the end of the lease.

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Scheduled Interest	Scheduled Principal
2007	1,240	19,750
2008	464	20,308
Totals	$1,704	$ 40,058

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NICHOLAS COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Special Revneue Funds				Permanent Fund		
	General Fund	Road Fund	Phase I Tobacco Fund	Mathers Educational Fund	Knox Hospital Trust Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES							
Taxes	$ 591,198	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 591,198
Excess Fees	21,907	-	-	-	-	-	21,907
Licenses and Permits	3,615	-	-	-	-	-	3,615
Intergovernmental	236,036	1,105,935	339,080	-	-	122,217	1,803,268
Charges for Services	24,832	5,101	-	-	-	56,068	86,021
Miscellaneous	65,971	10,558	-	93,879	-	4,891	175,299
Interest	25,600	13,705	14,593	9,877	21,603	1,462	86,840
Total Revenues	969,159	1,135,299	353,673	103,756	21,603	184,658	2,768,148
EXPENDITURES							
General Govrnment	564,530	18,000	-	-	-	-	582,530
Protection to Persons and Property	138,122	-	-	-	-	141,552	279,674
General Health and Sanitation	15,120	-	-	-	-	59,388	74,508
Social Services	26,004	-	62,949	-	-	-	108,953
Recreation and Culture	72,320	-	-	-	-	-	72,320
Roads	-	758,164	-	-	-	31,271	789,435
Debt Service	36,438	21,201	-	-	-	-	57,639
Capital Projects	-	119,479	-	-	-	-	119,479
Administration	164,815	171,128	412,691	1,359	-2,690	66,661	819,344
Total Expenditures	1,017,349	1,087,972	412,691	84,308	2,690	298,872	2,903,882
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(48,190)	47,327	(59,018)	19,448	18,913	(114,214)	(135,734)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Financing Obligation Proceeds	44,984	-	-	-	-	-	44,984
Transfers From Other Funds	101,983	-	-	-	-	104,000	205,983
Transfers To Other Funds	(104,000)	(90,000)	-	-	(10,500)	(1,483)	(205,983)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	42,967	(90,000)	-	-	(10,500)	102,517	44,984
Net Change in Fund Balances	(5,223)	(42,673)	(59,018)	19,448	8,413	(11,697)	(90,750)
Fund Balances - Beginning	442,187	83,624	83,271	119,835	369,078	31,393	1,129,388
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 436,964	$ 40,951	$ 24,253	$ 139,283	$ 377,491	$ 19,696	$ 1,038,638

NICHOLAS COUNTY
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
June 30, 2006

	Special Revneue Funds				Permanent Fund		
	General Fund	Road Fund	Phase I Tobacco Fund	Mathers Educational Fund	Knox Hospital Trust Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 436,964	$ 40,951	$ 24,253	$ 139,283	$ 7,445	$ 19,696	$ 668,592
Investments	-	-	-	-	370,046	-	370,046
Total Assets	$ 436,964	$ 40,951	$ 24,253	$ 139,283	$ 377,491	$ 19,696	$ 1,038,638
FUND BALANCES							
Reserved for:							
Encumbrances	$ 72,233	$ 161	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,725	$ 78,119
Permanent Trust	-	-	-	-	377,491	-	377,491
Unreserved:							
General Fund	364,731	-	-	-	-	-	364,731
Special Revenue Funds	-	40,790	24,253	139,283	-	4,229	208,555
Debt Service Fund	-	-	-	-	-	9,742	9,742
Total Fund Balances	$ 436,964	$ 40,951	$ 24,253	$ 139,283	$ 377,491	$ 19,696	$ 1,038,638

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Community Assessment Results Meeting
Friday, June 1, 2007
9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
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Everyone Welcome