

OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

THE COMING STORM
July 17, 1778, near the Kentucky River

William Hancock was starving to death. His mind was beginning to slip away from the fits of hunger-induced delirium creeping over him in waves as he walked aimlessly and painfully through the dense forest.

His head was slumped with the exception of a Shawnee scalp lock on the crown. He additionally had a two-week old beard and mustache. Several deep gashes across the forehead, coupled with the rivulets of dried blood that he hadn't bothered wiping away would give anyone who saw him a scare.

He was completely naked, having crept from his bed in the Shawnee village of Chillicothe, in Central Ohio in the very same manner 19 days previously.

He looked ghastly.

William, who was 40, was among the salt makers ordered to surrender to the Shawnee by Captain Daniel Boone five months ago at the Lower Blue Licks.

He had subsequently become the personal property



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By Charles Mattox

of Captain Will, a high-stakes Shawnee clan leader. Captain Will had been among the four warriors that had captured Daniel Boone on Feb. 7, the day before the salt makers were surrendered.

William and his wife Mary Molly Merchant Hancock had moved to Fort Boonesborough about a year ago when their four children: Mary, Benjamin, Forrest, Daniel and Little Stephen.

They'd survived 1777 at the fort, a 12-month-long period known afterward simply as "the year of the bloody seven," by those who had survived that awful year in Kentucky.

His brother, Stephen, and his family worked and hunted together to ensure the survival of all.

Stephen had luckily escaped the salt makers' captivity and William therefore knew his family had a fighting chance for survival even though he was absent.

It had been his only source

of comfort in an otherwise unbearable five-month period.

None of that would make any difference shortly, though. Death was coming quickly.

He'd given up all hope and at that stage to the ground for the millennium time, he simply rolled over on his side and accepted his fate. His mind grew peaceful, but it still was apparently playing tricks on him. He imagined the two oak logs near him were the same that he and his brother Stephen used to sit upon while waiting for deer to come to a nearby spring in the forest meadow.

When he finally reached the fort, to weak to stand and shouting as loud as he could, in a whispering voice only miraculously heard by an attentive guard, he was carried back into his family cabin and greeted warmly as one who'd literally risen from the grave.

Insipidly Captain Dan-

iel Boone was at his side. At first William thought this was perhaps just another one of his elaborate and cruel dreams such as he had experienced in the past five months.

He nearly froze to death shortly after the salt makers' captivity in February.

It had been Captain Daniel Boone, beaten and as bloody as he'd been from the injuries he'd received from ransacking the gauntlet, who had saved him as he lay down in the snow and tried to go to sleep.

Boone had refused to leave him and had even given a portion of his own food to him. The extra nourishment and tireless encouragement from Boone had kept him moving northward toward the Shawnee village of Chillicothe.

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OBITUARIES



Thekla Gertrude Withrow 1933-2008

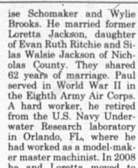
Thekla Gertrude Withrow, 75, widow of Rev. Thomas Withrow, died Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at her home.

She was born June 18, 1933 in Bourbon Co. to the late Vester and Ruby Henry Mann was a retired employee of the Nicholas Co. Board of Education and a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Cynthiana.

Survivors include a son, Mike Withrow, Lexington; two daughters, Judy Perry, Jolly, Carlisle and Janet Tolson, Mt. Sterling; two brothers, Ray Mann, Dayton, OH and Billy (Pearlie) Mann, Millersburg; 10 grandchildren, Terry Lee Jolly, Jr., Carol Baxter, Melinda Walker, Melissa Miles, Eric Jolly, Katrina Jones, John Thomas Jones, Jason Jones, Michael Withrow and Mark Withrow; two step-grandchildren, Justin Tolson and Natasha Tolson; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Mark Withrow.

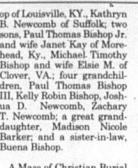
Services were Saturday July 5, 2008 at Mathers-Gaunce F.H. by Rev. Marjorie Wooten and burial followed in Carlisle Cemetery.asket bearers were the grandsons. Honorary bearers were the granddaughters



Wylene Fern McGowan 1918-2008

Wylene Fern McGowan, 88, of Cowan, died Saturday July 5, 2008. She was born Aug. 18, 1919 to the late Henry Morton and Clara Mae Fern McGowan in North Middletown, OH.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, George K. Henson in Jan. 1945 and her second husband, Franklin C. McIntyre in May 1982. She was a homemaker and a devoted Christian woman. She preceded as Sunday School Superintendent at Cowan Christian Church for 41 year and was devoted to her family and her faith.

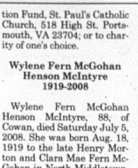


Paul T. Bishop 1919-2008

Paul Thomas Bishop Sr., 89, died Saturday June 28, 2008.

Mr. Bishop, a native of Carlisle, Ky., retired in 1982 as the assistant administrator of Maryview Hospital after 14 years of service. He was also retired from the U.S. Navy in 1956 as a master chief hospital corpsman after 25 years of service as was a veteran of World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam era. He was a member of USF Pine Drive, Tampa FL.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Vivian H. Bishop; two daughters, V. Diane Bishop



Mildred Brunner Green 1912-2005

Mildred Brunner Green, 95, widow of Ray Green died Thursday, July 3, 2008 at Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

She was born December 15, 1912 in Nicholas Co. to the late James H. and Lizzie Overy Brunner, was a retired employee of Blue Grass Industries and a member of Carlisle Christian Church.

Survivors include two sons, Harold Mattox, Somerset, R.J. (Phyllis) Mattox, Carlisle; four grandchildren, Phillip (Rita) Mattox, Michael (Barbara) Mattox, Jo Anna Parrell and Tina (Archie) Payne, 7 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by 2 sons, Dwight and Jimmy Green.

Services were Monday at Mathers-Gaunce F.H. by Rev. James Gaunce. Burial followed in Carlisle Cemetery.

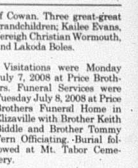
Casket bearers were Billy Mac Gaunce, Layne Hollar, Arnold Payne, Phillip Mattox, Michael Mattox, and Jeffrey Brunner.



Paul C. Brooks 1923-2008

Paul C. Brooks, beloved husband of Lenetta Brooks, and father of Linda Brooks Robinson, died on Wednesday June 26, 2008.

He was born April 22, 1923, in Cincinnati, Lou-



Rita Robbins

is survived by one daughter, Joyce (Stanley) McIntyre of Cowan and son Jeff (Connie) McIntyre of Flemingsburg; two granddaughters, Tonya Fryman of Cowan and Allison McIntyre of Carlisle; three grandsons: Barron McIntyre of Cowan and Bradley and Aaron McIntyre of Flemingsburg; great-grandchildren, Heather Fryman, Keenan (Jenny) Wormouth, Cheyenne Frye and Josh McIntyre and Cody Morris all of Cowan. Three great-grandchildren, Kailee Evans-Jerugh Christian Wormouth, and Lakoda Holes.

Visitations were Monday July 7, 2008 at Price Brothers Funeral Home in Elizaville with Brother Keith Bidde and Brother Tommy Fryman officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Taber Cemetery.

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