

OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

The Return of Captain Boone

June 16, 1778 Near the confluence of the three branches of Flat Fork Creek, along the Warrior's Trail, in present-day southern Mason County

We were back in Kentucky again and with each step, he was one step closer to seeing his family and friends. His escape from the Shawnee, the primary Shawnee village along the Scioto River, had been singularly uneventful. Regardless, he was of the opinion that he had been closely followed when his absence was discovered.

He had witnessed the initial discussion of plans from Shawnee leaders about a massive invasion of Kentucky and decided he could wait no longer to return to Fort Boonesborough.

He thus knew that the next time he met his Shawnee brethren they would probably try to kill him.

"Let 'em try," he granted to himself as he walked down the fresh water spring that bore forth from the ground near the ruins of the ancient Indian earthworks.



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the many sights and sounds of the beautiful countryside. The tract of land would later become known as "The Pope Presentation" and Boone surveyed the later land for Mr. Pope.

The cool evening air compelled him to build a small fire and he drifted off to sleep as the tenderlin had slowly circled. He was exhausted and his body cried rest. He'd been on the run for the past 48 hours and had made remarkably good time, covering a vast distance in the past two days.

He had managed to escape Illinois with a broken Shawnee mule and had remained during his journey to the point where he had managed to down the buffalo cow with it.

The stock of the weapon was in poor condition and so was the trigger mechanism, but he was mechanically inclined at heart and was no slouch when it came to gunsmithing. His brother Squire was considered an exceptional master at gun-smithing and he had learned much from his many hours of helping his brother in his youth.

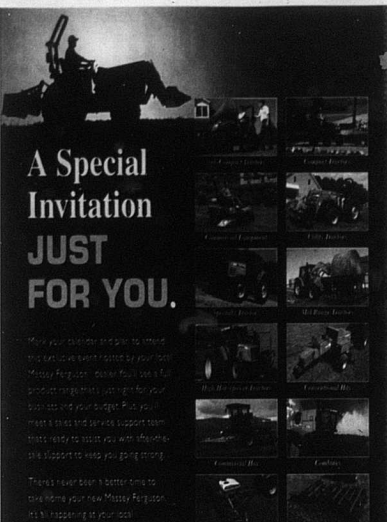
He had butchered the buffalo cow and made a small camp nearby the main fork of Flat Fork, basking in the open meadow and enjoying

The big buffalo tongue was a delicacy enjoyed far and wide along the frontier, and Israel made no secrets about his lust for the tasty treat. "My God," Boone thought. "What an incredibly beautiful piece of Kentucky ground."

The small valley was enclosed by hills in every direction and the beautiful, clear streams and fresh water springs that gush forth from all around him made the area a natural habitat for all the creatures beneath the sky.

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"Yes," Denton replied. "I recognized Justin Linville and Johnathan McClain." Denton said he had "dealt with both in the past" and "was confident" the two individuals shown on the video were McClain and Linville. Denton contacted Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff

according to McClain's confession, which Denton said was conducted twice, with the second interview being recorded. Denton testified that McClain also implicated Rothwell during his confession, stating that she had driven the car and parked in a nearby field while he and Linville were inside. Denton said that \$4,307 worth of merchandise had been taken from the vehicle, including liquor, cigarettes, cash and a handgun. Denton said that following McClain's interview, Linville and Rothwell had been questioned. "Rothwell said she had nothing to do with it and

nothing on me." Under cross-examination by Wittmeyer and Brannon, Denton said that Rothwell had adamantly denied any involvement on her and Linville's part. "There was no sign of any female on the video was there?" Wittmeyer asked. "No Ma'am," Denton replied. Wittmeyer established that the Rothwell vehicle was also not seen on the video, but Denton said he believed evidence had been collected from the vehicle that was linked to the burglary, in particular he said he thought a gray sweatshirt found in the Rothwell vehicle, was the same as was seen on the video being charged by the second male suspect he identified as Linville. Wittmeyer raised questions about the quality of the tape and Denton testified it was on various speeds and black and white. He said the video was being processed at the Kentucky State Police crime lab for better quality.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Hazel Sims

Dorothy Hazel Sims, 86, wife of Marlon Sims, Sr., died Thursday, May 29, 2008 at University of Ky. Medical Center.

She was born January 5, 1922 in Fleming Co. to the late Major & Bertha Ham was the retired owner of Sims Jewelry and was a member of Carlisle United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Marlon (Phyllis) Sims, Jr., Carlisle and 2 grandsons, Travis & Dexter Sims, Carlisle. Services will be 2:00 P.M. Wednesday in the Carlisle Cemetery by Rev. Albert Simmons.

There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions are suggested to Carlisle United Methodist Church.

Fred Lee Hollar Fred Lee Hollar, 97, widower of Lela Mattos Hollar, died Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at Nicholas Co. Hospital.

He was born November 28, 1910 in Bourbon Co. to the late Lee Boyd & Bula Church Hollar, farmer and die Gance Hollar, was a retired farmer, school bus driver and barber. He was

near the northeastern border of present-day Fleming County and southern Mason County that Boone rosted one afternoon before continuing onward to his home at Fort Boonesborough.

I imagine he was very excited as he was now so near his wife and children.

But he would be sadly disappointed upon his arrival. His wife and all the children, save Dennis, had left the fort and returned to the Bryan plantation in the Carolinas.

They had heard Boone was dead. It was rumored that Boone had traveled back east

to consider the proposal of another would be suit. The only family awaiting Boone would be his daughter and the old family cat.

Squire was there and so were the new arrivals such as Josiah Collins and Joseph Prector.

His old companion David Gass was there, but so too was his nephew Colonel Richard Calloway.

And Calloway still blamed him for the enslavement of his two sons James and Mickey.

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Neither Wittmeyer nor Brannon called any witnesses, but Wittmeyer argued strongly to have the charges against Rothwell dismissed.

The commonwealth hasn't met the probable cause criteria," Wittmeyer said. "All they have is a statement from Mr. McClain, Linville and Rothwell were initially lodged at the Montgomery County Jail following their arrests, but remain free after posting bond.

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Boone had decided for himself that his days as a Shawnee warrior were now over.

He would follow Flat Fork Creek down to its confluence of Jacob Johnson's Fork of the Licking River.

He would cross the river and make his way back home. He could barely contain his enthusiasm.

Of course, he had no idea what was in store for him or the deadly encounters that

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