

GENERAL NEWS

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

BACK AMONG THE ORPHANS

As we take a respite from the adventures of Captain Daniel Boone, dear reader, we will rejoice one of our companions from much earlier columns that appeared in The Carlisle Mercury...



Heaven is A Lot Like Kentucky By Charles Hatcher

Let us return to march beside Nicholas County native Lt. Lott Young, a Confederate infantry officer with Company H, 4th Battalion, Kentucky First Infantry Brigade...

He felt no remorse as he saw the Union officer crumble lifeless before him. He had taken several hours to crawl into position before he took his shot...

He exchanged a quick devilish smile with Lt. Heck Burden, leader of that small band of Confederates known simply as "The Kentucky Sharpshooters..."

The Confederate Army, outnumbered almost three-to-one, simply could not stop General William Tecumseh Sherman's army as it continued to devour the heart of the Confederacy...

And yet, Lt. Lott Young, and his fellow soldiers among the Kentucky First Brigade, these immortal men of The Orphan Brigade, these brothers that fought tenaciously on, holding fast in the face of the overwhelming army that swept in amongst them...

For over 100 days they simply kept coming, in what would be remembered by select soldiers among them as "The 100 Days..."

They had temporarily stopped the Yankees at Shiloh, oh so many years ago, but yet they kept coming. They had later swept them from the field at the Battle of Stone's River...

Others said it was because they lost nearly all of their commanders and were thus orphaned soldiers. Regardless, they were known on both sides of any battle they participated in as the deadliest at the game...

They had survived the horrendous bombardments at Vicksburg. They had survived the fury of the Battle of Chickamauga, and the Battle of Lookout Mountain...

Orphans had slaughtered nearly 200 Yankees. And finally, came Jonesboro. And so, Lt. Young marvelled as he glanced once more to where the Union officer had fallen. It was a small knoll above the stone depot at a place called Jonesboro...

It was here, after the battle that one lone mercenary picked up three bushel boxes full of bullets found along the battlefield, and it was held as truth that over 100,000 pounds of similar bullets had been collected by other local merchants...

Then came the bloody engagements of Dallas and Atlanta, and shortly afterwards Young had made an unbelievable stand with a small group of fellow Kentuckians at Gray Creek. Where only a handful of

He had a full and prosperous life and nearly five full decades after the American Civil War ended, he would return to the battlefields of his youth and recall what he had witnessed. But these are other stories, dear reader, and worthy of closer examination in the future, if the Good Lord is willing.

Young was carried from the battle and placed in a crude wooden ambulance next to his other dear friend Lt. Robert H. Lindsey, of Scott County. Lindsey, like Neal, would die that night. Lt. Young would live. He would always believe he had been spared because of his devotion to the cause he had made at great risk to himself earlier in the engagement.

Young survived the war, though he could only walk with crutches for six months and walked with a decided limp for the rest of his long life. He returned to Nicholas County.

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OBITUARIES



Kathryn Kay "Katie" Tipton 1971-2008

Kathryn Kay "Katie" Tipton, 36, died Sunday March 9, 2008. She was born in West Union, Ohio October 29, 1971 to Martha Hanshaw Minton and William David Klickner and step-father, Charles C. Minton.

She is survived by three children, Samantha Tipton, Heather, Curran and Clayton Thornsburg; her husband, Timmy Thornsburg, all of Carlisle; two brothers, Karl Klickner, Carlisle and Dennis Long, West Union, OH; two sisters, Deborah Justice, Pike County, OH and Karen Long, Carlisle.

Funeral services were held Friday March 14, 2008 at Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Wilson Matheas officiating with burial following in the Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers were Terry Hughes, Mike Warner, James Willoughby, James Bean, Don Ruark, Brian Thornsburg.

Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Margaret E. Fryman 1932-2008

Margaret E. Fryman, 75, died Thursday March 13, 2008. She was born July 11, 1932 in Robertson County to the Late Matt and Hazel Martin French. She was a former employee of West-ern-Southern Life Insurance Company, a member of the F.V.W.

She is survived by three brothers, Billy French, Mt. Olivet, Jimmy French, Villa Hills, KY, Wayne French, Louisville, KY; a sister, Janice Hamilton, Cold Springs, KY; a step-daughter, Jackie Johnson, Arizona; and a step-son, Steve Fryman.

Funeral services were held Tuesday March 18, 2008 at the Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Adam Schmall officiating with burial following in the Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kelly, Billy French Jr., Mat-

thew French, Mickey Humble, Cecil Allen Hamilton, Sherry Humble, Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Ann King 1967-2008

Ruth Ann King, 41, died Wednesday March 12, 2008. She was born January 4, 1967 to Rodney and Naomi Breeze Dale in Nicholas County. She was a member of the Christian Church. She was a beloved mother and wife.

She is survived by her husband Billy King, a son, Wayne King, a daughter, Shelby King all of Carlisle; her mother and father, Naomi and Rodney Dale of Carlisle; two brothers, Timmy and Dougie Dale of Carlisle; several nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles. Visitation was Monday-March 17, 2008 at Clark Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Monday-March 17, 2008 at Clark Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Gaunje officiating with burial in Evergreen Memory Gardens. Pallbearers were Ricky Dale, Ricky Smith, Dougie Dale, Timmy Dale, Jamie Day, Tony Dale, Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Five generations celebrate together

Five generations of the King family are shown in the photo above. From left to right: Shane Curtis Smith, holding Caiden Curtis Smith, Grandmother Malinda Smith, Great Grandmother Linda Hamilton, Great Great Grandmother Ruby Morris.

Kindergarten/Headstart/Pre-K Registration

Friday, March 21st, 2008 Kindergarten: 9:00 - 12:00 Preschool/Headstart: 9:00-6:00 Nicholas County Elementary

Eligibility Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before October 1, 2008. Head Start / Pre-K must be at least 3 years and not more than 5 before October 1, 2008. YOUR CHILD NEEDS THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL: Birth Certificate, Immunization Certificate, Social Security Card, Physical, Eye Examination

Today's Weather Local 5-Day Forecast

Table with 5 columns for days (Wed 3/19, Thu 3/20, Fri 3/21, Sat 3/22, Sun 3/23) and rows for weather conditions, temperatures, and sunrise/sunset times.

Kentucky At A Glance



Table of Area Cities with columns for City, Hi, Lo, and Conditions. Includes cities like Ashland, Bowling Green, Cincinnati, etc.

Table of National Cities with columns for City, Hi, Lo, and Conditions. Includes cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, etc.

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