

OPINION

Everything Is A Lot Like Kentucky

EVERYTHING I know And everyone I know And all the things I feel And ever where I go...



By Charles Metzler

I was born in 1963, the youngest of four boys and a girl. World War II and the Korean War seemed like distant fantasies when I heard my late parents speak of them, as I grew into childhood and took such things to heart...

They were, and are, indeed part of the "real generation," in my opinion. If the good Lord is willing, I will stand along the streets of Carlisle this Saturday, and take a photograph of the veterans' Day parade as it rolls past, honoring the veterans of Nicholas County, past and present...

the annals of history as The Oregon Brigade. My thoughts have recently been coaxed back to another veteran of interest. Michael Cassidy came to America as a stowaway on the Maryland Merchant in 1769, and sold into indentured servitude to William Creighton in a community that would later be called Martinsburg, West Virginia. Cassidy enlisted on Sept. 12, 1776, and joined Colonel Adam Stephens in the 4th Virginia Regiment. He did this as part of a deal with Creighton, the owner of a tan yard, who had become a father figure and friend. Cassidy served throughout the Revolutionary War with distinction and served with General Washington at Brandywine and Valley Forge. He was even given an English sword after the Battle of Yorktown, as the war in the east ended. Cassidy then came west with many of his Martinsburg friends, known simply as Berkeley County men, and rode through Nicholas County in August of 1782 as part of a group of militia soldiers (mostly Berkeley County men) stationed at Strode's Station. The group tried to make two children captured by Wyandotte warriors. The warrior's trail led across the Licking River at Milltown and a ambush in southern Fleming County nearly annihilated them all when they divided their forces and followed. Cassidy saved John Fleming's life during the battle and later engaged in dozens of encounters with hostile Native American and British forces, as a scout serving with Simon Kenton. He built a fort along Cassidy Creek in Fleming County, and Cassidy Creek in Nicholas is said to have been the location of where he participated in one of his most dramatic hand-to-hand encounters with the Shawnee. That duel is said to be the reason the creek is thus named. Cassidy's heroic efforts led to the survival of several pioneer families, the descendants of whom still reside in northeastern Kentucky. We owe much to our veterans. From those veterans who served in the Revolutionary War, to those who currently

serve in Baghdad and Kabul, we owe everything. Everything we are and everything we know And all the things we feel And everywhere we go. If the good Lord is willing...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This is my eighth year at Nicholas County High School as band director and this small community still continues to amaze me. The band has received tons of support and I just wanted to take a moment to say "Thank you" to the community of Carlisle for their undying support! Thanks goes to Robert Hopkins for all his support this year. It means a lot when groups can support each other within our school system. From everything to acting administratively and attending a competition to making sure the field was lined off so we could practice. Thank you, Oh Lord, for every day the crooked lines! A special thanks goes to the Band Boosters. Without this amazing group of people our season would not have been as successful as it was. Not only are they supporters of the band and wonderful parents, I consider them great friends and that's in my staff for the countless hours they have spent planning, teaching, and supporting this program. Alex Wilson, (Donna) Broderick, Hope (Ruey) Snapp, all of Nicholas County; Selma (Gary) Kendall, Paris; Karen (Ron) Taylor, Owensboro; one adopted granddaughter, Karen Anderson, Carlisle; 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta Booth Watkins, two sons-in-law, Ronnie Broderick and Charles K. Watkins. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008 at the Carlisle United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gaylord Gillispie and Rev. Jason Carpenter officiating. Burial followed in the Carlisle Cemetery.

Blanche Reid Booth 1905 - 2008. Blanche Reid Booth, 103, who died July 23, 1908 in Nicholas County to Elmer Bush and Virginia Gillispie Reid, widow of Eugene Booth to whom she was married for 72 years. She was a member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church and a housewife, homemaker and loving mother. She is survived by her daughter, Lois Booth Broderick; 5 grandchildren, Gary (Elaine) Broderick; Ricky (Donna) Broderick; Hope (Ruey) Snapp, all of Nicholas County; Selma (Gary) Kendall, Paris; Karen (Ron) Taylor, Owensboro; one adopted granddaughter, Karen Anderson, Carlisle; 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta Booth Watkins, two sons-in-law, Ronnie Broderick and Charles K. Watkins. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008 at the Carlisle United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gaylord Gillispie and Rev. Jason Carpenter officiating. Burial followed in the Carlisle Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Sensabaugh Cohn, Nicholas County; two daughters, Martha (Mike) Marsh, Harrison County; and Mary Fryman, Nicholas County; a son, Mike (Pat) Cohn, Nicholas County; two sisters, Clara (Maurice) Riddle, and both of Nicholasville; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Cohn, Stamping Ground; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, Carl was preceded in death by a brother, Ewell Cohn; a sister, Helen Barber; and a great grandson, Gavin Cohn.

Carl Cohn 1927-2008. Carl Cohn, age 81, Saltwell Hill, Carlisle, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, at the Hospice Care Center in Lexington. Born in Scott County, September 2, 1927, to the Rev. Charles and Mary Kate Wise Cohn, he was a retired IBM employee, school bus driver for the Nicholas County Board of Education, former magistrate of Nicholas County and farmer. He has been a member of the Church of Christ for 57 years. Carl served as a song leader and treasurer of the Carlisle Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Kathryn Clay Tinnin Moore, daughter of the late George W. and Dora Clark Clay of Nicholas County, died Saturday, November 1, 2008, at Nicholas County Hospital. After graduating from Carlisle High School, she was employed by Nicholas County Extension Service where she served as secretary to the late M. T. Nichols, and later, to the late William T. Straw. Afterwards, she was Press Clerk at Office of Price Administration until its closure, and was then an employee of First National Bank, leaving that position to enter Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky.

She was, like her late husband, Louis M. Tinnin, an educator. She was a teacher in Nicholas County for 12 years and in Fayette County and Northern Kentucky for a number of years. After 20 years of public school teaching, she was a full-time English professor at Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Florida. She received a Bachelor's degree in Education from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, and a Master of Arts degree in English from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. Her M. A. degree was followed by a year of post-graduate study at University of Kentucky. She had traveled extensively in the States, had traveled in Europe and Asia, and had been a missionary to Japan under the auspices of United Methodist Church. Although previously a member of Ishbel Chapel Church where she had played the piano for many years, she was currently a member of Carlisle United Methodist Church.

She was a member of Nicholas County Retired Teachers Association, Kentucky Retired Teachers Association, University of Kentucky Alumni Association, Donovon Clark, Nicholas County Historical Society, and Vanderbilt University Alumni Association. Survivors are a stepson, Dr. Louis W. Tinnin, Bruce...

Gravestone services were conducted 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at Carlisle Cemetery with visitation at 10:00 a.m. at the cemetery by Rev. Jason Carpenter, pastor of Carlisle United Methodist Church under the direction of Ware Funeral Home, Cynthiana. Survivors are a stepson, Dr. Louis W. Tinnin, Bruce...

ton Mills, West Virginia; two stepdaughters, Charlotte Moore (Ronald) Hance, Paris; and Malinda (Mike) Soble, Carlisle; three nieces, Doris Clay Landon, Attorney at Law, Oxford, Mississippi; Angelya (Patrick) Garcia, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Kay Shumate, Paris; two nephews, Paul D. George, Millersburg; and Billy C. (Ramona) George, Carlisle; several great-nieces, and several great-nephews. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Louis M. Tinnin and Stewart C. Moore; two brothers, Dr. William Marion Clay and Robert C. George; and one sister, Evelyn Clay Comer.

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