

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

HUNTING WITH LAZY BILL CLINKENBEARD

William Clinkenbeard was as hungry as he'd ever been in his life and at 22-years of age, he'd known hunger as a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Having fought in the east under three tours of duty, he'd finally made the decision to move west and settle amid the vast wilderness of the Kentucky frontier.

His family members and fellow companions of John Strode's Fort, or station, as it was most frequently called, were starving to death.

The snows were coming early this year and the temperatures had plummeted and were much colder than any Thanksgiving season he could ever remember.

It was his only round of ammunition. He didn't know what worried him the most, the fact that his family members and others at the fort were starving to death, or the fact that all of the men were down to their last round of ammunition.

Some men had no powder or enough lead to even make a single round musket ball.

His wife Mary and his son William Jr. were depending on him. It seemed like everyone was depending upon him.

The inhabitants of Strode's Station were in a desperate condition. All of the horses that they had brought with them through the Cumberland Gap many months earlier that year had been stolen by Indians, so there was no way to travel to procure needed supplies.

The material possessions of the families within the fort were minimal. William, or Lazy Bill, as his neighbors knew him, and his wife had started with almost no personal possessions. No spoon, no dish, nothing. The only material possession that they counted was Lazy Bill's butcher knife, which he had made himself and which had proved to be an exceptionally useful tool along the isolated Kentucky wilderness.

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GENERAL NEWS

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doing that, trying to help someone out that needed help.

Officials with the Kentucky Department of Transportation said special permits are required to move any structure where the truck and trailer are more than 65 feet in length. Permits are usually issued through Frankfort.

The laws regarding transportation permits are abundant. Language and transportation and law enforcement sources across the region say enforcement of those permits is rare, especially in regard to moves beginning and ending within the same county.

Barton's move began with no problem and a convoy of four additional vehicles besides Myers on his "buggy" tractor, which was pulling the mobile home.

Barton said they had four extra wheels and she was in one of the lead vehicles, which took the home's front porch directly to the Cassidy Creek property. It was

while there she received a phone call that there was a problem. A wheel came off just as the mobile home turned from Headquarters Road onto US 68.

"We had four extra wheels so I didn't think too much about it," Barton said. "But when the mobile home stopped the other wheels went into the mud along side the road and that is where the trouble began. If it hadn't been for getting the wheels in, we had a good idea we would have been OK."

Efforts to move the mobile home resulted in a series of additional breakdowns and damage occurring until a long nine hours later, at approximately 2 a.m., Sheriff Garrett ordered Myers and another tractor to move the home off the road to open traffic. Road to move the trailer rolled over and was subsequently destroyed.

Barton said the strain of getting her family together in the wake of the loss has taken its toll, and she left the scene that night collapsing in tears before the final destruction occurred.

Barton said she is grateful for the prayers and Christmas cards she has received as well as the expressions of concern and acts of generosity that have been extended since the accident.

Barton said she had received calls from people across the United States who wanted to purchase her home through a mobile home dealership, which would deliver the home and winterize it for the family.

"God bless their souls," she said of those who have helped her and continue to help her.

Barton said she never had a chance to thank Gary or Deputy Bennie Buckler for the help they did provide her that night in keeping her family and motorists safe while trying to help her, and she recognizes the help she received out of control through various media outlets. Barton said the only point about the incident that is upsetting to her, besides the negative publicity, is that it was Garrett's order that led to the destruction

of her home.

"He had the power and the authority to take action," Barton said. "I was hoping he would have the power to help us clean up the mess. I wanted my home to be in the area that night. Most folks try that night. Most folks go to home and sleep in their warm bed in their home that night, but me and my family didn't, because we no longer had a home. We didn't want to cause any harm to anyone, or have anyone get insulted. We just wanted to move our home."

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but said she believed the home could have been salvaged under different conditions.

Garrett and others who were present adamantly say they had no choice and the home was coming apart due to previous efforts to move it off the road.

People who owned the land on Cassidy Creek, which Barton was making payments for through land contract, have told her she could have this time the payment to help ease the financial strain, according to Barton.

"I have four children: three of my own and one adopted girl. My sister, Lacey Pruitt, and her four children were also living with me and had been for the past month. We were all looking forward to living on the property at Cassidy Creek and we still are."

An account has been opened at the Carlisle Deposit Bank for anyone wishing to help the Barton family.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Congratulations to the winners of our "Find the Turkey" contest

Molly Craig and Lizzie Livingood

each won a frozen turkey.

Soper Drug will be hosting an insurance agent that will go over "your" questions about, Part D Medicare and/or Part C Medicare and/or Medicare Gap Policies November 19th & 20th 8:00 am til 5:00 pm Come in and get "your" questions answered and sign up for the plan of "your" choice.

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2:00 pm Kay Shanklan Open House
3:00 pm Free Puppet Show in Seal Building
Christmas Music - Sharon Wilson
3:30 pm Free Tea with Ms. Claus
Christmas Story Handbills
4:00 pm Free Ornament making
Christian Church Chili Supper,