

OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

MATHIAS IN THE WELL AND SEARCHING FOR POMPEY

September 1778

The inhabitants of Fort Boonesborough knew they were fighting for their very lives, and none among them knew that with any more certainty than Captain Daniel Boone...



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the bleeding stopped. Squire had taken a small axe with him to use as a last resort if the enemy managed to breach the wall in the night, as many feared they might. He stayed in bed but a short while and then returned to his station...

threatened to throw large rocks on top of him for his behavior. Finally, after heated words were exchanged, a shower was tossed into the well and Tice was told if he wouldn't fight he would surely have to die.

The dirt was soon flying from the hole. During a second hull in the firing, most of the men stretched out near their firing positions and took a nap, or filled themselves with drink and food. Tice was found sleeping near one of the stockade walls, and when questioned about what he was doing, he answered that he was "taking a break along with the rest of the men."

planning on digging their way into the fort.

The activity continued all day and night and from the sounds the enemy engineers were making steady progress. A servant of Colonel Calloway named London, who many said was the "finest soldier among them" was killed during the second night when he crept outside of the stockade to try to kill and enemy sniper.

Murder Suspect to appear in court

By Charles Mattox News Editor charles@thecarlislemercury.com

A Carlisle man facing the death penalty for allegedly murdering his parents last April will appear in court this week for a review of his case. James Anthony Gray, 26, of Carlisle, is scheduled to appear in Scott County Circuit Court Sept. 8, with his attorney, Rodney Barnes. Gray's court appearance will be for a formal review of Gray's charges of two counts of murder and one count of tampering with physical evidence.

Gray's parents, James Gray, 63, and his wife of 40 years, Vivian, 55, were found shot to death in their home at 8811 Cincinnati Pike, along US 26, near the small town of Cornith in Scott County on April 26, 2007. "It was a very disturbing scene," Scott County Coroner John Collins said during the first three days of the incident. Goble joined investigators at the gruesome scene and pronounced Mr. and Mrs. Gray dead. Noble, like many in Scott County, was a personal friend of the couple.

There were no defensive wounds that would indicate any sign of a struggle, and no defensive mechanism or weapon came into play," Noble said of the murder scene and the deaths of his friends.

Scott County Detectors Roger Persley and Jack Pa's trial date is currently scheduled for June 2009. The Mercury will cover any new developments regarding the case as they become known.

GENERAL NEWS

Early History and Reminiscences of the Town of Carlisle

Period 1840

Well, let us go back to 1840. The year of 1837, with its crash of broken banks, its decline in stocks, its suspension of industries, and its general stagnation in all the arteries of trade and commerce had broken up many a home, blasted many a hope and settled like a mill upon this great country from the Aroostock to the Rio Grande.

great parties been thrown down by the one and taken up by the other, than there arose such a din and clamor of the contending forces as never was seen in the United States. The farmer, the mechanic, the merchant, the lawyer, the doctor all

forsook their farms, their workshops, their yards, their quips and quiddits, their pills and pellets to engage in the great work of saving the country." Monster meetings were held in every State, County, city, town, village and hamlet

from Maine to Louisiana. Immense processions headed by brass bands of music and glee clubs, with all the paraphernalia of the various avocations of life mounted upon monster wagons, drawn by six, ten and fifteen yoke of oxen or pairs of horses, paraded along the streets or highways and camped around the grand stand. Cannons drawn by powerful horses bore a conspicuous part, belching forth fire and smoke, and shaking the very ground whereon even the timid Indians stood. Log cabins mounted upon wheels or

built upon the ground, filled with stalwart men clad in Indian costume, racoons climbing upon the houses; ladies dressed in the plainest homespun, with

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Nearly all of the inhabitants of the fort showed uncommon bravery and courage during the siege. The ladies and children reloaded extra muskets for the men. They also heated lead and poured additional ammunition into the molds to create new bullets, and when they weren't engaged in either of those activities, they took food and water to the marksmen stationed along each wall and bastion of the fort who continuously kept the enemy combatants at a distance with their well-placed shots.

Among the inhabitants, however, was a Dutch settler named Mathias Prock, who was known simply as Tice. Tice was a very industrious worker, but had no stomach for fighting. Colonel Calloway's wife found him covering himself under his bed and sent him running with her broom.

Several of the Kentuckians dug a small hole under the stockade and crept outside of the fort under the cover of darkness to remove a wooden fence that connected to the field and threatened to cause the fire to spread to the fort if it was not removed. This movement was done without detection and soon the fire fizzled out.

When Shawnee Chief Black Hawk saw what had happened the enemy warriors began a new strategy on the morning of the second day.

This infuriated Colonel Richard Calloway who set to chasing Tice with his upraised tomahawk. Tice ran straight to the well, jumped in and never stopped digging again.

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Several of the men and women were wounded, but none seriously. As the third day of the siege came to a close, the inhabitants of the fort joined in a mighty roar when markman David Collins shot the enemy translator named Pompey.

When Collins' shot was seen to drop him, at an incredible distance and while he was in the act of shooting additional taunts, several of the men began to engage in psychological warfare with their enemy counterparts.

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