

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

THE PURSUIT

"It was a great piece of madness to pursue them. I knew they would kill their prisoners. When I arrived, Morgan's Station was in flames. The Indians kept back spies and I heard them whistling in the night," John Crawford, former Shawnee prisoner and member of the pioneer force that pursued the raiders of Morgan's Station. Draper Manuscripts, volume 12 CC.



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By Charles Motter

April 3, 1793: The 15 rangers, 15 on horse and two on foot, had moved quickly in formation to their leader, Captain William Sudduth, always called "ride-or-tie". The horsemen leading the column would occasionally drop back behind the last horse, and the rider would dismount on the left-hand side while the runner would mount on the right hand side. They were the best of the best, and covered 40 miles the first day. The next morning they joined 120 men under Captain Enoch Smith. Harry Mar-jett, James Wade, John Crawford, Abraham Be-craft and Joseph Young, were among Capt. Smith's group.

Andy Duncan would have been with them, but during his escape from Morgan's Station two days earlier, he had jumped off a cliff and severely injured himself when he struck the rocks below.

Shawnee warriors had on going ahead with the rest. He still had five other children among the prisoners. They found four of those children among the bodies of several other prisoners the next day, along a small stream that ran into the Licking River.

They were tomahawked, scalped and left where they fell. Mrs. Craig still held the lifeless hand of her young son in her own hand. Nearby they found Joseph Young's boy, and two of Abner Baker's children were dead.

Three of the Be-craft children were dead. Miraculously, Abraham Be-craft's eldest daughter, Betty Be-craft, was still alive.

So was Robert Craig's wife. Both had been tomahawked and scalped yet both were still breathing. The frontiersmen divided their force, with some, including Abraham Be-craft, taking the two injured women to Montgom-

ery's Station. The others pursued the raiders for a few more miles but finally simply turned around. Robert Craig's wife lived for seven days, but never regained consciousness. The Native American raiders, who many believed were led by the Mingo Chief Black Wolf, also divided their forces with the leading five warriors each taking a female prisoner and separated from the main group, which took the plunder and young Benjamin Be-craft to Detroit for silver and rum.

Abner Baker's wife Susan, her two-year-old daughter, Little Suzy, Clarendo Allington, Rachel Be-craft and Joe Young's wife, were still held as prisoners and lived in a cove together along the Little Sandy River for a month as the five warriors reunited there and then hunted and gathered horses for four weeks before taking their prisoners to different locations.

All of these prisoners would eventually be reunited with their families, some after many years. Joseph Young found his wife after two years of searching. She was living with French Traders on the Ohio River. Clarendo Allington married a Cherokee War Chief named Tuscarora (Tuscarigo) and had three of his children. Little Suzy Baker was separated from her mother after being bitten by a rattlesnake on her right ankle. She was freed eight years later and was only recognized for her blue eyes and the snake-bite scar.

Betsy Be-craft was placed under the care of Dr. Downing of Lexington who performed 'trepan' surgery upon her. She regained consciousness, hees, healed, later married George Owens, and raised their children, living a full life. But these are other stories, perhaps to be shared in greater detail in the future if the God Lord is willing, dear reader.

*That small stream still retains the name of Murderer's Branch, so named that April day in 1793. 11

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Obituaries



Shane Hughes
1972-2009

Shane Hughes, 36, passed away on Wednesday, Apr. 1, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, a Nicholas County native, he was born on Dec. 12, 1972, was owner of Hughes Lawn & Landscape and member of the Myers Christian Church. Shane's greatest joys in life were visiting with friends and playing with his children.

Survivors include his parents, Danny and Rosie Flora Hughes; his children, Audri and Dray Hughes; a sister, Shauna Garrett; a brother, Togie Hughes; paternal grandmother, Clarine Finch; wife & friend Elizabeth Hughes; and dear, close friends, Rachael Boone and Rick Beatty, all of

Carlisle; as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins. Services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Apr. 4, 2009 at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Darrell Sexton and Rev. Don Waggoner. Burial was in the Carlisle Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jamie Dent, Daniel Flora, Dougie Glass, Brian Hiltner, D. Sexton, Bill Smith and Darrell Turner. Honorary bearers were his many lifelong friends. Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Condolences and video tribute available at www.mathersgaunce.com.



Lucian M. Workman
1927-2009

Lucian M. Workman, 81, husband of Betty Jolley Workman, died on Tuesday, Mar. 31, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital. He was born on May 8, 1927 in Fleming County to the late Jesse and Ina Purcell Workman. He was a farmer and member of the Immanuel Chapel Church.

Also surviving are 3 sons: Avery (Barbara) Workman of Mt. Olivet, Calvin Workman of Carlisle, and Billy Joe (Sherr) Workman of Lexington; 4 daughters: Phyllis (Doug) McCarty of Cynthiaans, Janie Prather of Lancaster, Debbie (Warner) Ramey and Susie Myers (Jackie) Dink, all of Carlisle; a sister, Anna Lee Workman of Cowan; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Apr. 4, 2009 at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Gaylord Gillispie and Bro. Julian McKee. Burial was in the Carlisle Cemetery. Casket bearers were Larry Cutsinger, Chris Jolly, Eric Myers, Todd Myers, Trent Prather, Mike Watkins, Brandon Workman and Clarence Workman. Honorary bearers were Wayne Berry, Mike Jolly, Bunkie Mitchell, Leslie Mitchell, Avery Thornburg, Herschel Thornburg and Dylan Workman. Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Condolences and video tribute available at www.mathersgaunce.com.

Elizabeth Morris Crawford
1938-2009

Elizabeth Morris Crawford, 70, widow of Joe David Crawford, died Monday, April 6, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center.

She was born December 13, 1938 in Nicholas County to the late William and Sallie Tubbs Morris. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Carlisle.

Survivors include 4 daughters, Connie (Chad) Blankenship, Winchester, Linda Treadway, Carlisle, Sara Stone and Debbie Sturgeon, Millersburg, 4 brothers, Powell Morris, Eugene Morris, Jimmy Morris and William Morris; all of Carlisle; a sister, Adeline Hall, Carlisle; 8 grandchildren, Garry Fryman, Misty Hawkins, Bobby Hawkins, Anita K. (Ray) Hawkins, Nikki Treadway (Darrin Snapp), Ronnie (Sarah)

Casket bearers will be Chad Blankenship, Tommy Crawford, Gary Fryman, Roy Hawkins, Mark Hughes, Manuel Lopez, Darrin Snapp, and Charles Sturgeon.

Visitation will be after 5:00 P.M. Tuesday. Condolences and video tribute at www.mathersgaunce.com

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