

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

MICHAEL'S CREED
One of the early Kentucky frontiersmen I've been researching for the past dozen or so years is Michael Cassidy.

His descendants continue to populate segments of Kentucky and I've had the pleasure of speaking to a few of them, as I likewise have with the descendants of several of the Kentucky frontiersmen I've written about.
Cassidy was a trusted scout and spy for General George Washington and proved his bravery again and again during the American Revolutionary War.

He was given a British commander's report during the surrender of Yorktown, which officially ended the war in the east.
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OBITUARIES



David R. Hutchinson

David R. Hutchinson, Jr., husband of Jean Irvin Hutchinson, died Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at his home. Hutch attended Breckinridge Training School and has degrees from Morehead State University, played basketball at both, and was a member of the M Club. He volunteered for the Army in 1945. He retired after coaching and teaching three years in Kentucky at Breckinridge

County H.S. and Trimble County H.S. and 27 years in Ohio at Ripley H.S. and Wooster-Triway H.S. He coached the 1953 Breckinridge County H.S. State Champion Cross Country team and was a member of the Kentucky, Frank and Cross Country Hall of Fame. He was a 50-year member of the Morehead Masonic Lodge #654, a member of the Scottish Rite, Orlena Shrine and an honorary Kentucky Colonel. He was a member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church.

He is survived by a son, David R. Hutchinson III (Linda), Wooster, Ohio; and a grandson, David R. Hutchinson IV, Puyallup, Washington. He is also survived by a sister, Dortha Cales, Morehead. He was preceded in death by his parents Roscoe and Rinda Conley Hutchinson; a sister, Dora Williams; and three

brothers, Curt and Alpha Hutchinson, both of Morehead; and Clifford Hutchinson, Middletown, Ohio.
A memorial service was held at the Carlisle Cemetery Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, with the Reverend Paul Cropper officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home. Contributions are suggested to the Memorial Fund of the Carlisle United Methodist Church, Carlisle, KY 40311. Condolences may be left at www.mathersgaunce.com.

Michael Cameron Pruitt of 1962-2009
Michael Cameron Pruitt, 46, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009. He was born on Nov. 27, 1962.
He is survived by his mother, Mary Elizabeth Pruitt; two daughters, Ashley Elizabeth Pruitt and Kayla Ann Pruitt; one granddaughter, Taylor Elizabeth Puckett; two brothers, Alan Todd Pruitt and Harold Lee Pruitt, Jr.; two sisters, Ruth Ann Pruitt Peters and Christine May Pruitt.
Memorial services were held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009 at the Clark Funeral Home.

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"She loved Nicholas County High School," Cindy said. "She told us that she didn't want her senior year to end. And she loved spending time with the younger students as part of her Co-op class work."

"Christmas season was especially difficult to endure. Brittany's room was beautifully decorated with a magnificent Christmas tree being the focal point of the room. A second tree also graced the living room floor.
"I'd just put her presents under the tree the day before the accident," Cindy said. "There's still the same Dr. Pepper can sitting in her room where she drank part of it at the moment of the accident. Just before she walked out the door she stopped and said 'Mom, I love you,' and that was the last time I saw her alive."

"I want everyone to know how much I appreciate everything they've done," she said. "When life is given to you it isn't given forever. I loved Brittany, and myself and the rest of the family are grateful for the time we had with her."

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