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Local Roots

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By Steve Scalf

Cindy and I continue to get questions about why we decided to move to Nicholas County. I have tried many explanations, but the only one that seems to really fit is: that God led us here.

When Cindy and I decided to move to Nicholas County, I was serving in Iraq and she was living in Hawaii. Neither of us had even heard of Nicholas County before. Still, we had been praying for God to help us decide where we should settle after I retired from the military and truly believe finding Nicholas County was the answer to our prayers – that this is where God wants us to be.

With all the technological miracles of this modern age, however, it's pretty difficult for most people to accept this explanation. It doesn't seem to make much sense – moving somewhere you have never been before – to a place where you have no family, no guarantee of employment (at least at that time), no real connection to the community. What we considered "faith," others tended to view as "fool-hardy."

I understand their skepticism, though. Believe me; making that tremendous leap of faith was not an easy decision. Once made, however, we have seen an abundance of evidence proving to us that God's hand is involved. See if the following story doesn't convince you, as well:

I have been researching my family history for over 12 years and can trace the Scalf line back to the 1600s. Although there are probably more Scalfs in Kentucky than in any other state, I already suspected there weren't any family ties to Nicholas County. Although it didn't really factor into our decision to move here, I realized Carlisle's central location would provide me excellent opportunities to continue my family history research in other parts of Kentucky.

One Saturday afternoon, I decided it was time to develop a strategy for continuing my family history research. I figured the smartest thing would be to take all the births, marriage and death records and organize them by county. To help me visualize what I was seeing, I took a map of Kentucky and highlighted the counties where these events occurred.

I found a large concentration of Scalfs in Eastern Kentucky – in Pike, Floyd, Martin, Johnson and Lawrence counties, and another large population in the south-central portion of the state – primarily in Clay, Laurel, and Knox counties. I also found links to Scalfs in Casey, Green, Lincoln and Daviess counties with some additional ties to Carroll, Jefferson and Trimble counties as my ancestors moved north into Indiana.

When I was nearly finished marking my map, I noticed Nicholas County was right in the center of the ring of counties where my ancestors had lived, but was always three or four counties away, no matter which direction you go. It was just as I suspected – no real ties to this part of Kentucky. And then, just as I was almost to the end of the list, I came across two entries for Paris in Bourbon County.

Excited, I examined the records more closely. They were the death/burial records for Jacob and Elizabeth (Wyckoff) Workman. That's right – Workman, not Scalf. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Josephine Workman was my mother's grandmother – I had no clue that my mother's side of the family traced back to Kentucky.

I searched the Internet and discovered that Jacob moved from Maryland to Kentucky around 1812 and became quite prosperous and influential in the area. According to Bourbon County records, Jacob's funeral in 1821 was the largest ever held in the county up to that time.

In 1814, Jacob's son, John Workman (my 4th great-grandfather) – possibly as a result of his father's success in Kentucky and out of a desire to be closer to family – moved north from Overton County, Tennessee and purchased property in – can you believe it? – Nicholas County. After a few years of hard work, industry and economy, John and his wife had placed themselves in good circumstances and were able to build a fine home in the center of – can you believe it? – Carlisle, where they had six more children.

This means that my grandpa's grandpa – Jacob Lindsay Workman – lived here in Nicholas County, went to school here in Nicholas County, attended the Baptist Church here in Nicholas County... all the time living only three blocks from where I live today.

Over the past few days, I have shared this story with several people, invariably seeing their eyes grow wide in amazement. You can always try the experiment yourself – pick some town 3,000 miles away that you have never heard of, move there, and see how many of your great-great-grandparents used to live there. But I suspect if this miraculous story doesn't convince you that moving to Carlisle was part of God's plan for us, nothing will.

I don't know a lot of things – including the reason why God has brought us here. But I do know that God loves His children and that our lives are always happiest when we put our faith in Him.

But I suspect that sharing this message of faith and hope might be part of the reason.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The new Carlisle-Nicholas County of Commerce, as discussed in the recent edition of The Carlisle Mercury, presents all of Nicholas County with the opportunity and vision our community needs as a good place to work, live and play as well as to do business.

Originally, Chambers of Commerce began as strong representatives of businesses who composed their membership. Over the decades, chambers have evolved to meet a wider range of community needs. Today's chambers work to equally serve the business education needs of their members...helping them to become stronger, more productive businesses...as well as representing the desires and needs of their membership with governments and the community.

Community is a key word here. Community means all of us whether we are farmers, professionals, business owners, civic organizations or retired. In short, all who live and work in Carlisle and Nicholas County.

I believe the new Chamber of Commerce is presenting us with an opportunity to make and grow our community into a better community. It is positioned to provide significant and mature leadership in all areas which impact our lives at the community level. It deserves our support. As the owners of a small farm, i.e., habitat for birds and rabbits, we have joined because we want the opportunity to share our knowledge and experience gained elsewhere to help make this community the best it can be.

So, if you care about the future of Nicholas County, the Chamber of Commerce offers you a way to be a significant part of that future. It offers you a voice in our future. Decide to join the Chamber, find a place on one of its committees and make a difference.

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Mercury Memories

Five years ago
10 Jan 2003

New County officials were sworn in - County Attorney Dawn Curran Letcher, and Sheriff Dick Garrett. Gene Kelley took over as City Mayor.

It was announced that "Family Court" was coming to Nicholas County with David Melcher as Judge, giving Nicholas Countians access to those courts.

Ten years ago
15 Jan 1999

Nicholas Countian James Patrick Conley passed away. He had risen to become the highest ranking U.S. civilian in the Panama Canal Zone government. He was a key figure in the negotiations and implementation of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977.

25 years ago
12 Jan 1984

"Proc" Blair opened an accounting office on Locust Street.

50 years ago
15 Jan 1959

W.R. Knight, who had been manager of the Carlisle Mill & Supply Co. for over 30 years announced that the Mill would be colosing, due to Mr. Knight's declining health.

Modern Furniture Co. in Sealy's 78th Birthday Sale - endorsed by Radio & Television personality Arthur Godfrey - Full-sized mattress for $39.95

65 years ago
13 Jan 1944

The Carlisle Rotary Club held its first meeting at the Feeback Hotel.

75 years ago
11 Jan 1934

A new federal law went into effect, covering all three banks in Carlisle - First Natiional, Deposit, and Farmers - guaranteeing deposits up to $2,500.

125 years ago
7 Jan 1884

Fillmore Feeback bought Yates 125 acre farm near Headquarters for $2,500

Contract awarded to W.J. Myers to complete the Cassidy Creek Turnpike to the Bath county line

Telephone line between Maysville and Mt. Olivet neared completion, which would then be connected to the Carlisle-Sharpsburg via the Carlisle-Blue Licks line.

Photo submitted by Carolyn Pope

Pig Comfort Pillows distributed

The Women's missionary Union (WMU) of First Baptist Church, Carlisle distributed 53 pig comfort pillows to residents of Johnson Mathers Nursing Home. Not only were the pillows made by the WMU but nurses helped too. More pillows are being made.

Front L-R: Louise Carbert, Aileen Boots, Dorothy Kimberling. Back: Jean Darrell, Louise McCarty, Margaret Ring, and Della Stone

Happy Birthday

You've been an inspiration
And taught us through your strength
to take small steps with patience
and we will go great lengths.

You raised five girls to be adults
and they raised families of their own;
Four generations from grand to great
Your family sure has grown.

We hope you know how proud we are,
Although we seldom say,
So Happy Birthday, Mom,
Enjoy your 75th birthday!

Lordy! Lordy! L@@K who

JANUARY 12th 2009

will be Forty!

Thank You

The family of Lois Ockerman expresses our sincere appreciation for the food, flowers, cards, visits and prayers for our Mother during her illness and death. They will always be remembered and cherished. Thank you to Nicholas County Hospital and the Licking Valley Internal Medicine staff for the excellent care, and to the Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home.

We love and appreciate our family in the Carlisle Christian Church for providing a wonderful meal, Steve Smith for the celebration of her life, Jerry Johnson for the beautiful music, and Jimmy Tincher for all his help.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 08-CI-00148

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION — PLAINTIFFS
VS: NOTICE OF SALE
ASHLEY SEXTON, EDDIE SEXTON — DEFENDANTS

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By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on January 6, 2009, and to make enough money to satisfy said judgment lien owed Plaintiff as of January 2, 2009, in the amount of $77,030.92, plus interest at the rate of $13.49 per diem from said date until paid, plus any delinquent ad valorem property taxes, late charges, advances for taxes and insurance, and its costs herein expended, including expenses of sale and a reasonable attorney fee, and for any other fees expended for services performed in connection with defendants' default and for the purposes of protecting Plaintiff's interest in the property and its rights under the mortgage instrument, all as set out in said judgment, the undersigned Master Commissioner will on January 31, 2009, at or about the hour of 10:30 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse door in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder(s) the following described property known as 126 Oriole Street, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky 40311, and more specifically described as follows:

"A certain tract or parcel of land located in the Alexander Subdivision known as Lot No. 217, according to plat thereof of record in Deed Book 69, Page 633-34, and more particularly described as follows:

"COMMENCING at a point corner to Oriole Street and Lot No. 216; thence N 19 deg 30 min East 80 feet; thence N 70 deg 30 min West 100 feet; thence S 19 deg 30 min West 80 feet; and thence S 70 deg 30 min East 100 feet to the point of beginning.

"Being the same property conveyed to Ashley Sexton, a married woman, from James R. Osborne and Patricia M. Osborne, husband and wife, by Deed dated October 24, 2007, and filed for record on March 31, 2008 in Deed Book 122, Page 773 of the Nicholas County Court Clerk's Office."

Upon the sale of the above-described property, the purchase price shall be payable in cash. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder(s) shall make a deposit of 10 % of the total purchase price and give bond with approved good and sufficient surety thereon for payment of the remaining part of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after the date of sale, said bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and to be a lien on said property and to bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum from date of sale until paid, which bond and accrued interest can be paid before maturity.

Said property shall be sold as a whole "as is" and free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims and interests of the parties herein but shall be sold subject to:

(a) 2008 and subsequent years ad valorem property taxes which shall be paid by the purchaser(s);
(b) Legal highways, easements, restrictions, conditions, covenants and stipulations of record affecting said property, and all governmental laws and regulations affecting same;
(c) Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
(d) Any facts that could be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property.
(e) Any right of redemption which may exist.

Neither the Court nor the Master Commissioner shall be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser(s). Purchaser(s) shall be entitled to possession of the premises, upon full payment of the purchase price or execution of the sale bonds and confirmation of the sale by the Court. A deed will be delivered to purchaser(s) upon confirmation of the sale and approval of the deed by the Court.

Following sale of the above-described property, the Master Commissioner shall promptly report same to the Court, and said report shall be held over for a period of ten (10) days for confirmation or exceptions. Anyone desiring to object or except to the sale shall do so by that time or be forever barred.

s/ Joseph H. Conley, Master Commissioner
Nicholas Circuit Court

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 08-CI-00125

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE a division of NATIONAL CITY BANK of INDIANA — PLAINTIFFS
VS: NOTICE OF SALE
CHRISTOPHER S. TOLLIVER a/k/a CHRISTOPHER TOLLIVER, MELISSA B. TOLLIVER a/k/a MELISSA A. TOLLIVER — DEFENDANTS

. . . . . .

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on January 6, 2009, and to make enough money to satisfy said judgment lien owed Plaintiff as of November 10, 2008, in the amount of $68,671.17, plus interest at the rate of $10.35 per diem from said date until paid, plus any delinquent ad valorem property taxes, late charges, advances for taxes and insurance, and its costs herein expended, including expenses of sale and a reasonable attorney fee, and for any other fees expended for services performed in connection with defendants' default and for the purposes of protecting Plaintiff's interest in the property and its rights under the mortgage instrument, all as set out in said judgment, the undersigned Master Commissioner will on January 31, 2009, at or about the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse door in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder(s) the following described property known as 549 Sycamore Hill, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky 40311, and more specifically described as follows:

"A certain or parcel of land with all improvements thereon located in the City of Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

"BEGINNING at an iron pin at the edge of sidewalk next to the curbing of Sycamore Street, 494.7 feet from the outside edge of a stone pier at the northeast corner of North Street and Sycamore Street, and corner to W. R. Kennedy lot; thence leaving Sycamore Street with Kennedy line S 77-1/2 E 142 feet to a stone; thence N 4-3/4 E 50 feet to a post; thence N 77-1/2 W 140 feet to an iron pin at the edge of sidewalk; thence S 7-1/4 W 50 feet to the beginning."

Being the same property conveyed to Christopher S. Tolliver and Melissa B. Tolliver, husband and wife, from Earl S. Tolliver, single, Louis F. Tolliver, single, Louise F. Tolliver, single, William M. Tolliver and Jennifer L. Tolliver, husband and wife, and Tammy Jo Frederick and Steve Frederick, her husband, by Deed dated December 29, 2005, and filed for record on January 27, 2006, in Deed Book 119, Page 144, of the Nicholas County Court Clerk's Office.

Upon the sale of the above-described property, the purchase price shall be payable in cash. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder(s) shall make a deposit of 10 % of the total purchase price and give bond with approved good and sufficient surety thereon for payment of the remaining part of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after the date of sale, said bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and to be a lien on said property and to bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum from date of sale until paid, which bond and accrued interest can be paid before maturity.

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