

# Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

JENNY'S LADDER AND JOSEPH'S DREAM

"Run" Joseph Proctor screamed from his bed. The sweet glistened over his body, but he realized his perspiration was from the nightmare he'd been having and not from the warm July night.

He was still breathing heavy and he noticed that his wife Polly was holding him closely. She realized he was awake now, and thus she tried to mask her crying. They were married in 1777 and Joseph joined the Virginia Militia and came to Kentucky soon after they'd had more than their share of hardship together.

Joseph walked straight to his Kentucky Long Rifle above the mantle, snatched it quickly from its resting place and then opened the small cabin door and stepped out.



Charles Estill

side, into the interior of Estill's Station, named in honor of the late Captain James Estill. After Joseph walked outside, Polly fell back in her bed and cried in earnest, weeping uncontrollably into her mother's favorite quilt.

Outside Joseph took several deep breaths to clear his head. "Oh dear Lord," he whispered as he exhaled, and then he walked into the fort yard, reliving the nightmare again in his mind's eye.

The nightmare wasn't something imaginary, but was what he had witnessed and what he had done during one terrible week in March.

Of course, Polly had her own nightmares, all the survivors of that horrid week did.

Captain Estill and about three-dozen men, including Joseph Proctor and his brother Ruben, left the sta-

tion in mid March on a scouting expedition. Before they left, little Jenny Gas, the daughter of Captain David Gas, had cheerfully told them all that she had dreamed of climbing a ladder to Heaven and had only just awakened and she had seen the angels of the Lord, and oh how beautiful a sight it had been.

Jenny was a favorite with all the families at the fort.

A party of two-dozen fierce Wyandotte warriors attacked the fort several hours later. They shot, scalped and killed little Jenny as she raced toward the fort.

Monk, Captain Estill's slave, deceived the warriors into believing a larger force was within the fort and they soon left.

Two young riders were dispatched from the fort to Captain Gas and Captain Estill, and they rode directly after the warriors with the dozen men. The next morning, they rode into the Wyandotte camp.

A fierce battle ensued, very near the present site of Mount Sterling.

The fighting between the two groups was cataclysmic in scale to anything witnessed by any of the participants from either side before.

Adam Caperton was shot in the head and staggered onto the battlefield in a deranged state.

David Cook dropped two warriors with the single, remarkable shot.

Nearly every man on each side was wounded during the hour-long battle, some more than once and many fatally.

More than once Joseph had screamed, "Run!" to his companions and in another desperate moment he had screamed loud when he shot a warrior who had wounded and nearly killed Ruben. As he was frantically reloading, he was hit in the chest and fell.

That horrible week was 7 and 13 C of the war that had broken all of their hearts and affected them all forever.

Bill Irvine was the only survivor called simply, the summer of whipsawed scroves.

\*Excerpted from vol. 2 and 3 of "The War of 1811" by Joseph Proctor.

The City of Carlisle will be accepting sealed bids for landscaping of city streets. The bids will be opened on July 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. All bids must be submitted by 4:00 P.M. Friday, July 10, 2009. For more information, call 859-239-4212. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bid will be awarded to the lowest bidder. Bids must be submitted to: J. B. Chestnut, Jr., City Engineer, City of Carlisle, KY 40311.

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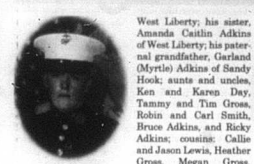
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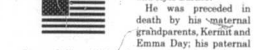
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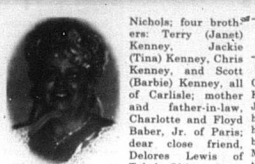
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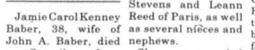
Steven Jeffrey Adkins 1988-2009



Steven Jeffrey Adkins of West Liberty passed away Saturday, June 13, 2009 from injuries received in a motorcycle accident. He was born on Thursday, Mar. 24, 1988 in Mt. Sterling, son of Jeffrey and Carol Day Adkins. Steven was a graduate of Morgan County High School class of 2007. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. Honor Guard who served his country since 2007. Memorials are suggested to the Cow Branch Primitive Baptist Church and Frank Adams of Wounded Warriors.



Jamie Carol Kenney Baber 1971-2009



Jamie Carol Kenney Baber, 38, wife of John A. Baber, died on Saturday, June 27, 2009. She was born on Mar. 8, 1971. She was a 1989 graduate of Nicholas County High School and an avid reader. She was a manager at Jerry's Restaurant in Paris and a member of the Headquarters United Methodist Church. Survivors include her father, J.R. Kenney of Carlisle; her children, Kelley Lynn, Michelle Kenney, William Ashley Clay Baber and Colin Noah Cooper Baber, all of Paris; a sister, Debbie.

William Earl "Bill" Golden 1934-2009

William Earl "Bill" Golden, 72, of Frankfort, KY, died on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at his home with his family at his side. Mr. Golden was born on Aug. 19, 1936 in Montgomery County, KY. He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Frankfort with Bro. Everett Hawkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3.8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Craig Means, Kevin Thomas, Richard Owens, Chris Endicott, and Ronnie Biedcoe.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 208 Steel Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 or Faith Baptist Church, 40 two daughters: Pam Bridggett Benson Rd. (Craig) Means of Frankfort, KY 40601. Winchester and Gayton (Kevin) Thomas of Lexington; one grand-daughter, Ashley Means Taylor Funeral Home, of Winchester; two sisters: Rachel Blevins shared via the online and Mary Ruth (Doug) guestbook at www.lifefletcher; a brother-in-law, Kenneth Hall, all of Mt. Sterling and several nieces and nephews.

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