

# Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

Although a British army under Lord Cornwallis had surrendered at Yorktown, in October 1781, the Revolutionary War on the Ohio River Valley frontier continued.

March 8, 1782, American Colonel David Williamson, and a force of 160 men of the western Pennsylvania militia murder 96 "Christian Indians" at the Moravian settlement of Grandshutten (translated as "Cabins of Grace"). The incident remains one of the darkest episodes of the conflict in the Ohio River Valley during the Revolutionary era, and, comple the Wapakoneta, Nation to swear revenge. The Moravian men, women and children are hanged to death while they pray.

March 22, 1782, the Battle of Little Mountain, or Capt. James Estill's Defeat, occurs near the present-day community of Mt. Sterling, following the attack of Estill's Station by two-dozen



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Wyandotte warriors, who lash out in revenge of the Moravian massacre and murder and scalp young Jenny Gass in the presence of her brother and others in the fort. During the ensuing battle, Estill and seven men are killed, and one dozen are wounded.

May 25-June 11, Col. William Crawford, leads about 600 volunteer militiamen, mostly from Pennsylvania, from Fort Pitt, deep into American Indian territory. The campaign's goal was to destroy enemy American Indian towns along the Sandusky River in the Ohio County. After a day of indecisive fighting near the Sandusky town, the Americans surrounded and attempted to retreat. The retreat turns into a rout, but most of the Americans managed to find their way back to Pennsylvania about 70 American

are killed; Indian and British losses are less than one dozen. Colonel Crawford and others are captured and slowly tortured to death.

11 July, 1782. Excerpts from a letter from Col. William Irvine, commander at Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh), to General George Washington: "Dr. Knight, a surgeon sent with Colonel Crawford, returned the 4th instants to this place. He brings an account of the melancholy fate of poor various communities Crawford. The day after the main body retreated, the Colonel, Doctor, and nine others, were overtaken about thirty miles from the field of action, by a body of Indians, to whom they surrendered. They were taken back to Sandusky, where they all, except the Doctor, were put to death. ... The Doctor adds, that a certain Simon Girty, who was formerly in our service, and deserted with a commission in the British service, was present at torturing Colonel Crawford...He

also says the Colonel a good deal, besides being angry to shoot, but he paid no regard to the request."

In the settlements of central and northeastern Kentucky, the men and women went about their work as usual as the summer continued. Some early vegetables were being harvested from the gardens and Chippewa, Mingo, Wyandotte and Ottawa, met during a general council at Chillicothe on the Scioto River. It was there through

over northern British and Canadian Rangers who were eager to invade Kentucky. Little did any of them know at the time, but young James Hoy and Jack Callaway were about to become the turning of events during one of the worst weeks of the history of the Shawnee village of Eshpikackitchiki (in present Clark County) by the sacred springs along the river.

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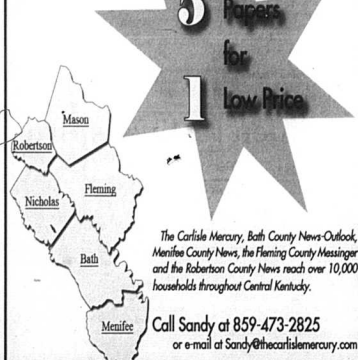
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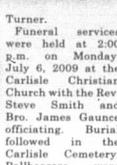
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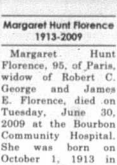
Stephen Wilson Ockerman 1946-2009

Stephen Wilson Ockerman, 62, of of flowers, contributed to the church, was a member of the Carlisle Christian Church. He is survived by his wife, Debra Allison Ockerman; one son, Brian S. (Jenny) Ockerman; one daughter, Stephanie (Mike) Sowell; three grandchildren: Chad Ockerman, Samantha Sowell and Kylie Ockerman; one sister, Trish (Gary) Stone; all of Carlisle; one brother, Jim (Jenny) Ockerman; one sister-in-law, Pat (Paul Wayne) Hamm; and Kathy (Fred)



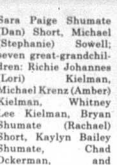
Margaret Hunt Florence 1913-2009

Margaret Hunt Florence, 96, of Paris, widow of Robert C. George and James E. Florence, died on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the Bourbon Community Hospital. She was born on October 1, 1913 in Nicholas County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Harper Paul and Adda Campbell Hunt, and was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Mrs. Florence is survived by a daughter, Kay George Shumate of Paris; two sons: Paul Douglas George of Millersburg and Billy Clark (Ramona) George of Nicholas County; seven grandchildren: Dottie George Kielman, Tracey George (James) Bussell, Paul Douglas George, William E. George, Clifford W. (Kim) Shumate,



Sara Paige Shumate

Sara Paige Shumate (Dan) Short, Michael (Stephanie) Sowell, seven great-grandchildren: Richie Johannes (Lori) Kielman, Michael Krenz (Amber) E. Florence, Whitney Lee Kielman, Bryan Shumate, Bourbon Short, Kaylin Bailey Shumate, Chad Ockerman, and Samantha Sowell; a great-great-granddaughter, Mikayla Kielman; a sister, Elizabeth Wilcoxson; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Moore; and four step-grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, at the Carlisle Cemetery by the Rev. Jeff Bell. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass, Hinton, KY. Turner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Murphy of Lancaster, a Hospital.



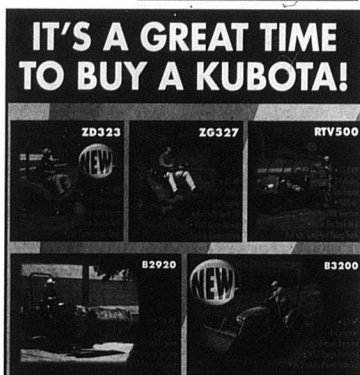
Kenneth Reynolds Lymon 1934-2009

Kenneth Reynolds Lymon, 74, died Sunday, July 5, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Mt. Sterling. He was born on July 29, 1934 in Nicholas County to the late Holman D. and Minnie Starr Lymon. He was retired from the U.S. Navy and a member of the Lloyd George Post #8666 VFW. He is survived by a daughter, Melissa (Mark) Murphy of Lancaster, a Hospital.

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