

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

15 Oct. 1794
To Captain William Sudduth,



Heaven is A Lot Like Kentucky
By Charles Martin

"Sir, you will take a light party of spies and proceed to Fort Recovery today, in order to have the provisions ready to issue the morning my command arrives, say about 1,000 rations."

the rations as ordered. He was then asked by Captain Edmund Butler to help guard his family until they successfully withdrew to Cincinnati.

You will go on tomorrow to Fort Greenville and there, have in readiness when the command arrives 2,000 rations and await my arrival.

Lucas Hood was on his right and Harry Martin on his left. Both were old wood companions he trusted with his life.

You will be particularly in stopping every volunteer that may be passing Greenville, or take their names as deserters."

The last confrontation of any size had been the Battle of Fallen Timbers, he and his friends had fought in together only two months earlier.

Signed
Major General Charles Scott

He was then the second in command of the company of spies, sharing command with Capt. Joshua Baker. Their company rode as part of the advance guard of Major William

Capt. William Sudduth took 35 men and traveled to Fort Recovery and prepared

guard of Major William Sudduth's horse, which began to rear and buck. Finally Sudduth re-

Anthony Wayne's army, with Sudduth's company being one of the forward units among the spies.

"They fired on us with a tremendous roar," Sudduth would later recall of the battle's beginnings when the advance scouts encountered the main Native American line.

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The Hood and Sudduth families were related by marriage. Sudduth respected Martin as the only man at Morgan's Station near the present Bath/Montgomery County line that escaped with his family intact, during the April 1, 1793, attack on Morgan's Station.

Martin, Hood and Sudduth, retreated together when ordered to do so as they were

significantly outnumbered during the Battle of Fallen Timbers. Just as the retreat began, Sudduth managed to shot an attacking warrior from his horse, which left his musket empty.

As the Kentucky spies rode away from the approaching warriors, one of the Kentuckians was shot from his horse.

"I turned back and five men went with me," Sudduth told researcher John Shane almost 50 years later. Among these men were Martin, Hood and William Ritchie of Mason County.

Martin and Ritchie placed the wounded man behind Sudduth and they rode back to the American lines with the warriors within 40 steps of them.

As they turned and rode a shot struck Sudduth's horse, which began to rear and buck. Finally Sudduth re-

gained control of the horse and rode again toward the American lines.

The horse ran 150 yards before collapsing and Sudduth and his wounded companion were then close enough to run to the American lines. Sudduth then took command of a group of 40 and held the enemy left flank.

Capt. Sudduth took part in the peace negotiations between General Wayne and Major Campbell, who commanded a local British fort.

Soon Sudduth received orders from General Scott and began a course of action that would bring him home to Kentucky and Bath County.

He had been a resident of Kentucky for nearly a decade, since 1784 and had fought nationally with several Native American foes as a Kentucky frontier militia commander at

John Strode's and Andrew Hood's Stations. He recalled several of his many adventures later in his life to Rev. John Shane when interviewed at his home on Pretty Run. He returned home from the Battle of Fallen Timbers and his service to General Wayne by way of Cincinnati, Paris and Millersburg, telling Shane:

"We were the first troops (returning home to Kentucky) to reach Paris, it being the 26th of October. I had left home on the 16th of July, being absent 108 days and slept but three nights in a house. So ended my Indian Warfare."

If the Good Lord is willing we will visit with William Sudduth again, perhaps this April on the anniversary of his pursuit of the attackers of Morgan's Station and his horrific carnage they wrought.

Obituaries

William Parker Norton
1928-2009



William Parker Norton, 80, husband of Dixie White Norton, died on Thursday, Mar. 19, 2009 at Central Baptist Hospital.

He was born on June 8, 1928 in Nicholas County to the late Hiram and Nancy Fulton Norton. He was a farmer, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and member of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church.

He is survived by three children: William P. "Butch" Norton and Nancy (Jeanne) Allen of Paris, and Cathy (Fred) Lehmann of North Middle-town; six grandchildren: Andrew Norton, Molly Norton, Britt Allen-Wynn, Sarah Allen, Freddy Lehmann and Jennifer Lehmann; and three great-grandchildren. Quinn Lehmann, Jennifer Lehmann and Samantha Wynn.

Joshua Martin Cunningham, Jr.
2009-2009

Joshua Martin Cunningham, Jr., infant son of Joshua Cunningham and Maryann Akers, was born on Feb. 8, 1930 to Carlisle was stillborn on Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2009 at Harrison Memorial Hospital.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, Zachary Cunningham of Georgetown; two sisters: Skyler Deese of Frankfort; and Haniyah Anderson of Carlisle; grandparents, Michael (Melody) Akers of Carlisle, Tina (Eric) Miller of Ohio, Martha (Jerry) Senn of Frankfort, and Billy (Denise) Cunningham of Georgetown; and great-grandparents and great-granddaughters, William Akers and Goldie Stokes, both of Ohio.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 20, 2009 at Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Foglio officiating. Burial followed in the Boonsboro Cemetery, Boonsboro, Maryland. Arrangements under the direction of Ware Funeral Home.

Marian Lea Jackson
1930-2009

Marian Lea Jackson, 79, of Carlisle passed away on Sunday, Mar. 15, 2009. She was born on Feb. 8, 1930 to the late Barrell and Lydia Honaker Everhardt. She was a retiree of the Chicago Police Department and a homemaker.

Mrs. Jackson is survived by her husband, William Jackson of Carlisle; one son, Leonard Shields of Winchester; grandchildren: Jon Dale, Lenisha Highfield, and Nicky Shields; step-children: James Jackson, Jamie Durrance, and Bobby Jackson; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-granddaughters.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Miriam White.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 20, 2009 at Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Foglio officiating. Burial followed in the Boonsboro Cemetery, Boonsboro, Maryland. Arrangements under the direction of Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Danny Dixon Sr.
1955-2009

Danny Dixon Sr., 53, of Carlisle passed away on Saturday, Mar. 14, 2009 at his residence. He was born in Nicholas County on May 22, 1955 to the late Rusty and Dottie Bretz Dixon. He was a carpenter and a farmer.

He is survived by two sons: Danny Ray Dixon Jr. and Willie Dixon, both of Carlisle; one sister, Cynthia (Brian) Richardson of Owingsville; two nieces: Har- ley and Hope Richardson of Owingsville; four aunts: Joyce (Cly) McFarland, June (Frank) Campbell, Jean Bretz, and Ruth (George) Wloughly, all of Carlisle.

Graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2009 at the Pleasant Valley Community Cemetery with the Rev. Sam Chancellor officiating. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at your local USDA Service Center or conservation district office.

Landusers may apply for EQIP at any time. Applications received after April 15, 2009, will be considered for this (federal fiscal year 2009) program year. Applications received after April 15, 2009, will be held until the next evaluation period.

EQIP applications are evaluated and ranked using criteria set forth by local work groups to determine which applications provide the best environmental benefits and address the resource concerns of their local area.

EQIP provides cost-share assistance to persons en-

gaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land. Cost-share rates vary by practice. All conservation practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions.

For applications selected for funding, an EQIP plan of operations will be developed which the landuser to identify appropriate conservation practices. EQIP practices in Kentucky include, but are not limited to, pipeline and watering facility, grassed waterway, diversion, forest stand improvement, and fencing.

Additional information may be found at http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/programs. To apply for EQIP, or for more information, please contact your local NRCS or conservation district office. 605 Millersburg Road, Paris, Kentucky 40361.

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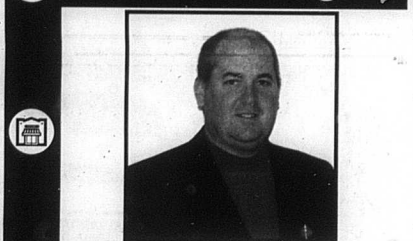
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