

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY

By Charles Hester

Finding Native American and Pioneer artifacts has an effect upon me, which can only be described as 'spiritual'.

I love hunting artifacts, and every time I see a hatch patch of ground my eyes scan back and forth automatically and often unconsciously, regardless of the circumstances.

For example, in just one trip across the Nicholas County Courthouse Courtyard last month, with my eyes drifting to the occasional bare spots beneath the ancient oak trees that mark that beautiful piece of property in downtown Carlisle, I picked up a tip of a broken arrowhead on the Native American artifact side of the house, and I also found a small broken marble that appears to be at least 100 years old to tally up on the Pioneer artifact scorebook.

Those of us who hunt artifacts do it for many reasons. And it's amazing how artifacts that are literally right beneath our feet.

I made a pilgrimage to one of my favorite artifact-hunting places over the weekend, dear reader.

The site is located along an ancient Native American footpath, called the Atlanta-Old-Aimee, or Warrior's

Trail, which was also used extensively by Daniel Boone and later, by his fellow Frontiersmen. I found the site after decades of research and learned the site was one of Boone's favorites.

He butchered a buffalo there and spent the night on his way to Fort Boonesboro following his escape from the Shawnee in the summer of 1778.

I've found several Native American artifacts there and this weekend I remember standing mesmerized, in that beautiful valley, slowly carrying a small wood tooth pendant, which I had just found.

It was a rare find for my artifact hunt, but not the first of its kind for me, in this particular field.

Two wild ducks floated down to a rock-encased fresh water spring near the end of the valley as I stood quietly facing into the wind, my thumb and forefinger of my right hand gliding only along the polished tooth as I felt something stir from within my soul.

A small blackbird chased a much larger crow up along the northern ridge and the crow

voiced his displeasure before disappearing in the distant woods, while the meadowlark and were below looked on indifferently and sang among the fields that dot the valley.

I was reminded of the beautiful and sacred communion our Native American and Pioneer forefathers shared with the many faces and forces of their natural environment.

Although we, who inhabit these same ancient sites, forefathers to likewise prosper and multiply.

of Native American raids upon their settlements, survived the many centuries from, huts and woves and survived what both and many of their neighbors called simply, "The Head Waters" of 1778-1780, when nearly all of their livestock and a few of their friends perished from the indescribable cold.

"My brother and I drove two cows out (when they came along the Cumberland Trail to John Sevier's Station, near present-day Winchester, in the spring of 1779). "They died during the Hard Winter, just literally froze to death," William recalled in an interview with Rev. John D. Shane, almost 60 years after surviving that frozen season.

Some of our history books tell us the "primitive" cultures that once inhabited this place we today call northeastern Kentucky.

These same cultures made technological advances with

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s/ Larry Tincher
County Judge/Executive

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Obituaries



Earl Lee Planck Sr.

Earl Lee Planck Sr., 67, lifelong resident of Nicholas County, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2009. He was a lifelong farmer and a Nicholas County Magistrate for 20 years for which he enjoyed greatly. He was also the proprietor of Flecks Grocery for 26 years. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Willoughby Plank, 1 son Earl Lee (Dustin) Plank, 1 son Lee (Buddy) Warren, 2 granddaughters, Terry Fryman (David Leach), Dana (Chad) Pike and Morgan, Madeline, and Madeline Plank, 7 great-grandchildren, Austin, Clayton and Wrenn Fryman, Austin John David, and Levi Leach and Chad Tyler Pike. He was preceded in death by his father Everett Plank, his mother, Gertrude Woodard, and his step-father, Austin Woodard. Funeral services will be held at 2 pm Thursday May 21, 2009 at Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Bolter and the Rev. Don Byrnes officiating with burial following in the Longview Cemetery, Berlin, Ky. Visitation is from 10 am Wednesday, Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Bolter and the Rev. Don Byrnes officiating with burial following in the Longview Cemetery, Berlin, Ky. Visitation is from 10 am Wednesday, Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Bolter and the Rev. Don Byrnes officiating with burial following in the Longview Cemetery, Berlin, Ky. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



James Ronald "Ronnie" Duncan

James Ronald "Ronnie" Duncan, 68, of Carlisle died May 15, 2009 at the UK Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky, January 13, 1941 to the late Willard Harry & Mildred Louise Soper Duncan. He was a part time farmer and a member of the Stoner Creek Christian Church. He is survived by 1 brother, Lloyd Duncan, Carlisle, 1 sister, Sharon Duncan Coffey (Tim), Paris, Ky, 1 niece, Stacey Walker, 2 nephews, Bruce Luther Jr., Michael Luther, Billy Duncan, Jason Coffey, Jeremy Coffey, special friends, Sharon & Robert Becken. He was preceded in death by his mother & father William and Mildred Duncan, 1 sister, Kay Luther, a brother-in-law, Bruce Luther. Memorial services were held at 6:30 pm Sunday May 17, 2009 at the Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Jeremy Coffey & Rev. Elaine McFadden officiating with burial following in the Carlisle Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions suggested to the Johnson Mothers Activities Committee and Hospice of the Bluegrass. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Walter O. Earlywine

Walter O. Earlywine, 82, died on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Nicholas County Hospital. He was born on Sep. 30, 1940 in Nicholas Co. to the late Audrey & Josephine Lower Earlywine, with a retired farmer and construction worker and was a member of Barterville Methodist Church. Survivors include a son, Patrick Earlywine of Connersville, Indiana; two daughters Barbara Hopkins of Carlisle and Emma Louise Earlywine of Connersville, Indiana; three brothers, Bill Earlywine of Paris, and John and Kenney Earlywine, both of Carlisle; a sister, Fore King of Carlisle; and two granddaughters. In addition to his parents, he preceded in death by a brother, Ray Earlywine. Services were conducted at 11:30 am, on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Dayton's Chapel Church of God by Rev. Troy Miller. Burial was in the church graveyard. Contact beakers were Jackie and Chris Howard, Dennis Ring, John Shewels, William Willoughby and Eddie James. Arrangements were under the direction of Mothers' Grace Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Barterville United Methodist Church or Dayton's Chapel Church of God. Condolences may be left at www.mothergracefuneral.com.

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Jared Selvage Graduates from EKU

Commissioned as Marine Corps Officer

Jared Russell Selvage, son of Don and Marissa Selvage graduated from Eastern Kentucky University on Saturday, May 9, 2009. The college graduation was held at 2:00 pm at the Coliseum at Eastern Kentucky University's Campus. This was the largest graduating class in the history of the college. Jared graduated Cum Laude and was an Honors Scholar throughout his studies at Eastern. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Assets Protection. In April, prior to graduating from Eastern, Jared received one of the highest honors bestowed upon a Marine Officer Candidate. Jared was awarded the Officer's Commissioning Sword from a Two Star General of the United States Marines. This sword is awarded to the candidate who has shown outstanding leadership abilities, as well as academic abilities. Immediately following the graduation ceremonies, Jared's family and friends joined him on the Paddy Whagon Irish Pub, in Richmond for Jared to receive his commission as a Second Lieutenant to the United States Marine Corps. The ceremony was conducted by captain Eugene, the Officer Selection Officer, from Lexington, Kentucky. Jared was presented his commission certificate by Captain Eugene. After which time, Jared's father Don, mother Marissa and fiance Jennifer Emerson, were asked to come forward and do the honor of placing Second Lieutenant bars on his uniform. The tradition of giving a silver dollar to the first enlisted person to salute the new officer was continued. The silver dollar is traditionally the only coin given in exchange for the first salute. To every new officer, it has a special significance. It represents the symbolic respect of respect due to a newly earned rank and position. Second Lieutenant Jared Selvage received his first salute from CW05 Ken Morris. Jared will continue his training at TRS in Quantico, Virginia in the months to come.

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