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Editorial

Mac McCutchan

Since the next edition will be published on January 1, 2004, this represents the final edition for 2003. Looking back, it's been quite a year for the JCHGS, and for all who research the history of Jessamine County and its families. Here's a brief and incomplete list of what was accomplished this year:

- The Jessamine Historical Quarterly, the Jessamine County, KY, Research Support list (JessList) and the JCHGS website (<http://www.jesshistorical.org/>) completed their first full year of operation.
- The Draper Manuscripts were transcribed and placed on the JCHGS website.
- The 1799 Jessamine County Tax Roll was transcribed and made available on the JCHGS website and direct to members.
- Jessamine County Court depositions from 1799 through 1810 have been transcribed and placed on the JCHGS website.
- An index of Civil Court Orders, 1799-1810 has been prepared.
- Major progress has been achieved by the JCHGS Cemetery Committee in restoring and protecting the county's early cemeteries.

And it's only October! . . . and the JCHGS marches on. It appears this will be a banner year for us.



**Jessamine County Location
in Kentucky**

The President's Corner

Howard Teater

We of the JCHS surely were glad to see so many of our Historical Society Family present at the fourth History Fest.

It seems as though we are getting bigger and better every year, thanks to our out of state and county members. Out of state members from eleven states were present at this year's Fest.

Our Cemetery work was a success, and work is still being done to complete the Moravian Cemetery.

Thanks members - We have got a job to improve on our 2004 History Fest.

Best Regards,
Howard C Teater

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Moravian Cemetery and Others – An Update

Ernestine Hamm

Work on the Moravian Cemetery is finished and we had a very nice dedication service on August 9, 2003, with about 25 in attendance (see following article). We wish all our out of state members could have been here. You were much thought of on this special day, all made possible by your hard work.

I would like to mention a couple of cemeteries that family members are working on and perhaps generate more interest from out of state family members. The Johnson/Soper cemetery located at the Marble Creek subdivision on Union Mill Pike will hopefully be cleared this fall. Family members from Missouri are planning to restore this cemetery complete with a new chain link fence. There are a lot of old family names in this cemetery such as Robinson, Tapp, Hifner, and St Clair. (for a complete list see Howard Teater's book, page 33).

The other cemetery is the Phillips, McGee and Brothers, located in the new Leatherwood development. The Partin family is working with the developer, Mr Marvin Lear, to restore the rock fence. This is very expensive and there are only a few of those family members left. If you are interested in a list of who is buried there see Howard's book, page 85. If you would like to help in any way on either of these cemeteries, please let us know.

Moravian Cemetery Dedication

Here are two descriptions of the Moravian Cemetery dedication ceremony held on August 9, 2003, written by people who were there (thank you both). Pictures were provided by Mildred Bunch.

Alice Hills: "Yesterday, on a delightfully sunny August Saturday morning, the JHSGS dedicated the Moravian Cemetery on Shun Pike. I wished over and over for all who had worked so hard clearing it and mending markers during the History Fest to be there. Ernestine and Charlie Hamm gave programs, Clyde Bunch's article from about 20 years ago, and Howard Teater's listing of graves from the 1970's as handouts. Ernestine said they had found all but 8 of the markers

Howard had recorded, and she's convinced that Conrad Earthenhouse was buried there near his daughter. Ernestine thanked the cooperative land-owners who gave access, told the history of the Meeting House that had once stood nearby and the families that were buried in the cemetery. She pointed out the 3-strand barbed wire fence and the sturdy gate that had been installed and unveiled the new sign. A minister from Wilmore concluded the service with appropriate verses from the Psalms and comments of appreciation of those early settlers and a closing prayer. Then there was a reception with cookies and cake, ice tea and lemonade. A beautiful touch was Ernestine's having a vase of flowers for people to take and put on their family graves. I was given one, though I don't have family there, and I put it on a baby's grave. All the babies seemed to have been buried in one area. A visitor from Garrard county, Carole Smith, had visited Bethabarra in North Carolina and said that the true Moravian cemetery had men, women, and children all buried in separate sections, not as families. It was an occasion that stayed with me all day.

Ernestine said that this was the 25th cemetery (!!!) that had been restored. Is there any other county that can say the same? We are so proud of what our Cemetery Committee has been able to do!

Mildred Bunch: "The dedication of the Moravian cemetery was fantastic. Ernestine and Charlie Hamm did a great job. She even had a vase of flowers for us to put on our ancestors graves. There was even a holder with water in it to put the flowers in. Bax McClure, Ernestine and Charlie Hamm, Howard Teater, and Inez and Bill Russell all helped to plan the ceremony. I put a flower on Alpheus Corman's grave and one in for all my of ancestors buried there. They also served drinks and cookies. Wow, was I ever impressed with all of the work. The three sections of the cemetery are very visible now. One for Corman's with the rock wall and one for the Bowman's with a wrought iron fence. The other section has scattered stones around the two sections. There is a little bit of ground cover left and Ernestine has found a stone in that mess of ground cover. Her plans are to clear around it and make it visible. God has to be smiling down on all of the dedicated people who worked very hard to restore this cemetery, including the fest people.

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Sign placed at cemetery,
following completion of work



Ernestine Hamm, making the
presentation at
The Dedication Ceremony

Dedication Ceremony Attendees

Front - Kathy Hall. 1st row - unknown - David Seamands- Dodie Thomas-Mildred-Ken Houp- Brenda Houp-Carolyn Lawrence. 2nd row - Inez Russell-Ernestine Hamm-unknown-unknown- Herbert Livingston-James Thomas-Bax McClure- Alice Hills-Mildred Hammonds-Mr.Hammonds - unknown-Gayle Lawrence. Reading document: Ernestine Hamm. Photographer: Clyde Bunch.



JCHGS Minutes, July 24, 2003

Compiled by Pat Hunt JCHGS Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Jessamine County Historical and Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, July 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmers Bank Building with 15 members present. President Howard Teater called the meeting to order.

The minutes were read by Pat Hunt, Secretary, and approved as written.

Mildred Bunch made a suggestion that it is a duplication when the secretary's minutes are read and the treasurer's report is given. She suggested that Pat not read that portion of the minutes. No action taken.

Bill Russell, 1st Vice-President, reminded everyone to pick up their CD and/or photo of the members' biographical information. Mildred Bunch said that these could be mailed out to people for a \$2.00 shipping fee.

Howard mentioned that the C. T. Hughes 1945 picture on the wall was a gift from Mary, Jo, and
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Enmarie Cobb in memory of Marvin and Bessie Cobb.

Howard thanked Howard Fain for the folder of pictures donated last month.

Howard mentioned that the County Judge wanted to put up another monument with the additional 22 names of people found buried in the Poorhouse Cemetery. A motion was made in favor of the county and stone company handling this project. Jim Thomas moved that we authorize this and Carolyn Lawrence seconded the motion.

An e-mail was received by Bryce Stevens making a motion to honor Clyde Bunch for his stories, dedication and community spirit. Bryce also recommended that the Cemetery Committee be honored for their dedication and hard work. Jim Thomas and Carolyn Lawrence seconded the motion.

Howard mentioned that the nominating committee for new officers was Clyde Bunch, Alice Hills, William Lowry and Charlie Hamm.

Howard stressed that the History Fest last month was a great success. He nominated Clyde to be Chairman of next year's History Fest. Bax McClure offered to help. Clyde stressed that the people should have a big part in deciding what to do in terms of activities. Bax suggested having a Founder's Day celebration as part of the Fest.

Howard said that Bax was Chairman of the Program Committee.

The new Humanities Council book has been received and will be reviewed for possible guest speakers in the upcoming year.

Bax brought up the possibility of sending out letters to local people regarding meetings. Mildred mentioned that postcards had been mailed in the past. Pat Hunt offered to put a reminder on the JessList.

Howard announced that we are privileged to have Dr. Corbett from Wilmore as our guest speaker in August. Bill Russell suggested we give her an honorary membership.

Ernestine reported for the Cemetery Committee. She said that a picture of the Joseph Crockett cemetery was in the showcase. There is also a display regarding the history of the Historical Society in the showcase. The Property

Evaluation Office has listed 81 cemeteries, and we have added 20 since to the number. Over 200 cemeteries have been registered with Frankfort. Howard Teater located 313 cemeteries when he undertook his work in the 1970's, and 20 additional cemeteries have since been added. Ernestine is now trying to locate the Wyatt Cemetery off Harrodsburg Road. A video was shown on the recent progress made in restoring the Moravian Cemetery. The Moravian Cemetery will be dedicated on August 9, 2003, and the Benjamin Robinson stone will be dedicated on August 2, 2003 (both events will be about 10:00 AM). Ernestine is also working on the Holloway home.

Clyde Bunch, 2nd Vice President, showed the film, "Boonesboro - The Story of a Settlement", which is being shown at Fort Boonesboro. He stressed how significant the area is in terms of history.

After an informal discussion about how Howard Teater became involved in cemetery preservation, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Visits to Jessamine County **July – September 2003**

Mac McCutchan

In the wake of the History Fest, you'd think people would stay home and behave for a while, but they just keep coming back to Jessamine. It looks like they know a good place when they see it. Here are a few of the visitors in the July-August-September timeframe:

Todd Beckham visited Jessamine in late June, attended a JCHGS meeting, and did some Withers Library research on his Veatch family. Accompanied by Clyde Bunch and Ken Houpp, Todd also visited High Bridge, was "shown the sites", and revisited his ancestors' old home place.

Janelle and Cyrus Ely Warden visited Jessamine County from June 29 to July 1. They stopped by the Wm Martin Shreve house on Third St; Joe Johnson provided a grand tour of the house which he is in the process of restoring to its 1800's condition. They photographed the William Shreve tombstone in the back yard and learned there were other tombstones at one time which were chiseled
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away to be used to fill a pipe line on the property. They visited with Joan Moss and got to see the original rooms that are still there from the earliest days. The Shreve/Arnold/Moss house was originally three and a half stories. The front two rooms on the first and second floors are the original rooms. The millstone that holds the sign out front is from the Shreve Mill. They took photos of the Lewis Young Martin home but were unable to go inside. They were assisted by Ernestine Hamm, and visited with Clyde and Mildred Bunch.

Connie Shotts and her father, Mr. Trisler, arrived in Nicholasville late on July 25. During their stay, they visited with Clyde and Mildred Bunch, visited the Bruster-Dunn house and land, and viewed a few of the cemetery stones. The house was built by Connie's sixth ggrandfather and grandmother, probably before 1800!

On July 17, Brian and Marilyn Chaney, and Marilyn's father Mr. Plumb visited the High Bridge, Ebenezer Cemetery and other sites before attending the JCHGS meeting. The next day, they visited the Crockett Cemetery, accompanied by Howard Teater and Clyde and Mildred Bunch.

Mel Ward, of Louisville, researching the Jessamine County Lewis family, attended the 1pm Thursday meeting on August 14, and with Clyde Bunch visited the cemetery on Handy's Bend Road, where Lewises are buried. Also located nearby is the site of Bethel Academy, the first Methodist school west of the Allegheny Moun-tains. Francis Asbury, a Methodist Minister, acquired land for the school from the Capt. John Lewis family. Capt. John Lewis was a Revo- lutionary War Soldier.

Mac McCutchan blew into Nicholasville late on August 19, and stayed overnight. He planned some courthouse research on the Hanly family, seeking dates on the purchase and sale of the Fisher Rice House, and some miscellaneous dates for the 10 children that the Hanlys raised in that house and later on their plantation, Cliff Cottage. It didn't work out - car trouble forced him to cancel his research. He plans another visit soon.

As we go to press, Shelia Bruner-Ramos and husband Tony were planning a visit to Nicholasville October 13-16, including visits to the Moravian and the Bruner-Dean cemeteries.

New Members

Mac McCutchan

Bev Zuck has joined our happy clan, as of August 8, 2003. Bev's family tree includes substantial branches in Jessamine and surrounding counties, with surnames including Dean, Lane, Deitrich, Arnett, Kaufman, Baughn, Sherrow, Becker, Brooks, Sageser, and others. Bev, welcome aboard!

On August 18, Inez Sanson reported aboard. Inez makes her home in West Monroe, Louisiana. She is researchng the surname of Trisler. Her husband, Luther Sanson, is the ggg-grandson of Henry Clay Trisler, born February 16, 1816 in Jessamine Co. All the Trislors in Louisiana are descendants of Henry Clay Trisler and his wives, Henritta Hays / Hayes and Matilda Carolina Scott.

On about August 28, Janet Buente of Evansville, IN joined the Society. Janet is interested in finding her Cawby and Diamond roots in Jessamine County. She is also researching: Gatewood, Oliver, Reuter, Holtz, Wieggers/Wiggers and Schuerger.

On September 24, Fran Kersey Potter joined the list. Fran lives in Brookville, IN, and is researching the Kersey and Redmon families.

Shane Interview: Dr. Archibald Young

Transcribed by Bryce Stevens

Introductory note: What follows is an interview of Dr. Archibald Young of Clear Creek, conducted by Rev. John Shane sometime between 1850 and 1854. Dr. Young was an elder of the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church, and a founder of the Clear Creek Presbyterian Church. As the interview indicates, he was a well known teacher, and was acquainted with many of the notable 19th century inhabitants of Jessamine County - families such as Mead, Woodson, and others.

Col. MEAD lived about where MARSHALL & HEADLY now lives. The pleasure grounds are now all ploughed up. Richard, the son, a lawyer, lives down towards Louisville somewhere. Kidder
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MEAD, married a woman of low family, in Clover Bottom. Don't know what became of him. Wm?

One dau: married a BYRD. Another Genl. MASSIE. A 3rd. a WOODSON, father of tucker WOODSON, senator from this county. MEAD spent a great deal in entertaining people. Never would receive pay. Every man was a gentleman, and as such stayed as long as he pleased. The Mead place, on his death, was sold to ROBERTS. ROBERTS sold later to CARTER, and he to Marshall HEADLEY. The place was known as Chaumiere.

Think it was about, or on MEAD's place, that Samuel WILSON taught. It was the 1st. place he taught in Ky:. Robt. J. and Wm. L. BRECKENRIDGE went to him. They had a blow up, WILSON and they, & then they and I went to O'HARA, on South Elkhorn, (about where old Mr. RICHEY lived.) (in that neighborhood.) 2 or 2 1/2 ms. from Pisgah.

I was with O'HARA a couple of years, and they were there some of the time. (Cabell and John went to WILSON. Got most of their education there. They did not go to O'HARA.) O'HARA purchased property in Frankfort, improved it, quit South-Elkhorn, & went to F. to live. I then took up O'HARA's foreign scholars. I taught between Dr. MARSHALL's & Pisgah. I had 12 or 14 scholars from Dr. MARSHALL's - boys who boarded there & went to school. Among these, the BRECKENRIDGES - Robert & William. I was older than they, and they were part of the time schoolmates, and then pupils. I taught 2 years in the Pisgah neighborhood, and these 2 BRECKENRIDGES came to me. Robert went to Princeton after that.

Samuel WILSON was born and educated in S. C. Was no professor, by no means. Was accused of scepticism. I don't know that he was a sceptic. Some eccentricities.

A daughter by 1st. wife, Mrs. RICE, a member of the Presyn. Chh: at Nicholasville. She was out in Fulton, Mo: - and was there deranged, and in jail for security. She had a little property. RICE was a worthless fellow.

WILSON had sons - Virgil, Horace, Tasso.

His 2d wife was a sister of Oliver ANDERSON - now a widow, living at Nicholasville.

Samuel WILSON's 1st. wife was a DAUGHERTY. Big John DAUGHERTY a bro: of hers. John DAUGHERTY dead long ago. Paris DAUGHERTY, a son of John

DAUGHERTY, a hunch-back - (school-teacher?) a son of this John - grandson of Saml. WILSON. (Account somewhat confused.)

Mrs. Martha ? FLETCHER, Nicholasville. (g. d. ?)

Samuel WILSON died of Cholera, in Mo: - Palmyra. He was intemperate, and he and his wife lived apart, for 3 or 4 years before his death. S. W. sided with Dr. HOLLEY. Helped Dr. H. in his controversy with McFARLAND, and others. Had a great deal of vanity, but was a plain (looking) man, that did not look like he had any sense. Was a day man - wrote on politics.

(Some one at Dr. YOUNG's, happening there while I was there, and joining in conservation, said he had known Dr. GILBERT, the celebrated cancer doctor, in Ill: . He was then a tailor, & a Methodist class leader.)

5 ms. below where the Harrodsburgh turnpike crosses the Ky: river, the Shawnee-run ferry road crosses. The Shawnee run ferry road & the Harrodsburgh road are one from Lexington, out to Higbee's Mill. Just before or on reaching the bridge, over South Elkhorn, they for; so that you can take the Shawnee run road, which takes to the right, without crossing the bridge. The Harrodsburgh road, keeps straight on, and is now a turnpike. The S. R. road is a dirt road, that runs a somewhat parallel course with this turnpike, crosses they Ky: at the mouth of Shawnee-run, and goes on to Harrodsburgh.

Kentucky Cemetery Statutes

Compiled by Mac McCutchan

With the help of Representative Bob Damron, the Cemetery Bill (House Bill 521) was passed in Frankfort, and is now part of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. It is KRS 381.231 for definitions, KRS 381.697 for cemeteries maintained by legal owners and KRS 525.115 defining penalties for intentionally violating graves. For a full definition of these and other relevant Kentucky laws, see Fran Clark's article, "Kentucky Cemetery Laws", beginning on page 10.

Many in Kentucky counties other than Jessamine remain unaware of this new law, and the protection it affords to the many, many small and neglected cemeteries throughout the state. We should all do our part in making known the
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existence of this protective legislation.

We should also, whenever the opportunity presents itself, make known to Bob Damron our appreciation of his help in protecting and preserving this important area of our history.

Jessamine Families Database

Jo Arnspiger, our esteemed web mistress (she manages the JCHGS web site), is working on a new initiative of potentially great value to us all. She is gathering material for developing one huge family tree, including all of the families in Jessamine, which would show all the interconnections. She has software to support such a project.

If you are interested in the pilot of this project, send her a GEDCOM file of your Jessamine county families. She will import it into her software and then have it generate the web page, which will then be put on the JCHGS web page. It is emphasized that there is NO COST and NO SELLING of this information. It is for the JCHGS web page only.

Trisler Descendants at Reunion

At the end of this article is a photo of two third cousins who are direct descendants of Dr. Peter Trisler through his son Henry and granddaughter Nancy Ellen Trisler who married John Lowry Francis. The photo was taken at a Francis/Jones reunion at Spring Mill State Park in Crawford Co., IN.

On the left: Doug Stewart, who is with the KY State Police, On the right is his third cousin Steve Tanabe, who used to be with the Honolulu Police and now lives in California. Both cousins are direct descendants of Dr. Peter Trisler (1745-1821), through Henry Trisler, 1777-1835; then Henry's daughter, Nancy Ellen Trisler Francis (1808-1884), through her daughter, Henrietta Maria Francis Jones (1847-1936), through her daughters, Hattie Jones Ruhsenberger (1872-1973) and Dora Jones Louiso Cannavan, (1868-1953).

Doug is the great grandson of Hattie Ruhsenberger through her daughter, Henrietta R. Hart (1896-1969), then her daughter, Ann H. Stewart.

Steve is the great grandson of Hattie's sister, Dora Cannavan, through her daughter, Veta Cannavan Stokesberry, (1904-1988), then her daughter Mele T. Carletta.

JCHGS Member Ann H. Stewart, who contributed the photo and information, thought it might be fun for Jessamine County cousins to see what happens in about 250 years. We agree, and would welcome additional contributions of a similar kind.



Photo contributed by Ann H. Stewart

Clyde & Mildred Present Book, Plan Others

Mac McCutchan Based on Material Provided by Mildred Bunch

The list of accomplishments credited to Clyde and Mildred Bunch continues to grow. Most recently, they presented a book they compiled to the members of the Jessamine County Fiscal Court. The book contains pictures and descriptions of most of the historic buildings in the county. Here is an article, written by Evan Justice, which appeared in the Jessamine Tymes on September 2, 2003:

Jessamine County's Historic Homes Compiled into a Book

"In 1978, college students came to Jessamine County to inventory all the old buildings. Out of this came a book containing most of the historic buildings in the county. Clyde & Mildred Bunch were happy to have it, but thought they could add to its usefulness. The Bunches began traversing the county, capturing images in 1998. Two weeks ago the couple presented members of the Fiscal Court with a hard copy and a CD-ROM version of
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the book they compiled. Besides the Fiscal Court and themselves, the book is also meant to be a tool for Planning & Zoning to aid in decision making. The idea of the book is to give a face to the history of the county through photos of its structures.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bunch have been President of the Jessamine Historical Society, and Mrs. Bunch was elected Magistrate in 1978 through '78 (the 1st woman to be elected to office in the county). The couple used the 1877 Beard's map of Jessamine County to matchup the old buildings with what they were known as. The majority of the landmarks in this book are houses, other sites are to be catalogued in future books. So far, 147 houses have been located, but this is a work in progress that can be added to later or included in future volumes. Jessamine County's history has been Clyde Bunch's hobby for the past forty years. This area is basically a playground for a fan of history; Jessamine County is actually an offshoot of Fayette (which was one of the original 3 Kentucky counties). Evidence of the richness of the county's history is seen in the fact that the Historical Society started with one filing cabinet and now has seven. The couple has plans to do a book or books on historic churches, ferry crossings, mills, and old taverns. The Jessamine County Historical Society meets on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Membership for a year costs \$5."

Two examples of photographs from the book are provided below.

Ira Bruner's country store. It is located at the junction of Cream Ridge Road and Lock 8 Road.



An old stagecoach house, located on Shanty Hill Road.

Queries

Do you have a "stone wall", or a genealogical or historical question relating to Jessamine County, or families who ultimately lived in the county? Let us know! One of the purposes of this Newsletter is to open such areas to people who are not presently "on line", using the Jessamine County Historical website and subscribing to JessList@topica.com. Just send your questions to:

Jessamine County Historical & Genealogical Society
216 North Main St., Farmers Square,
Nicholasville, KY 40356

If our volunteer research staff can answer your question, we'll do so, directly to you (be sure to include your address). If we can't, we'll put your query on JessList@topica.com on the Internet and in the Newsletter. This will bring to bear a battery of researchers, genealogists, family trees, home libraries, and long memories which stretch across the United States. So let us hear from you!

Responses will be provided by e-mail, if you provide an e-mail address. They may also be placed on JessList@Topica.com, if the information is of general interest. If you do not have e-mail, be sure to provide your mailing address, so that responses may reach you.

A Heartfelt Vote of Thanks

In every issue of the Newsletter, we find continuing evidence of the progress being made by the
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Cemetery Committee of the JCHGS. At every JCHGS meeting, further progress is reported, and future plans are outlined.

The good people of that committee have probably done more to preserve the history of Jessamine County than anyone else. It is simply impossible to exaggerate their importance to us all. The location, identity, and vital statistics of many of our ancestors are in their hands. Without their help, history available from almost no other source would be lost forever.

Who are these people? We know them well.

- Howard Teater,
- Charlie and Ernestine Hamm,
- Bill and Inez Russell,
- Bax McClure.

During History Fest 4, a number of JCHGS members had the honor of working with the Committee briefly in the Moravian Cemetery. Afterward, a motion was submitted to the JCHGS to recognize the members of the Cemetery Committee, each by name, for their dedication and hard work to preserve the heritage of Jessamine County. Needless to say, the motion was passed. It is our honor to note here recognition so richly deserved.

Living History Weekend At Camp Nelson

Mildred Bunch and Mac McCutchan Photos by Clyde Bunch

The second annual Living History Weekend was held at Camp Nelson Heritage Park on September 13 and 14, 2003. Events included re-enactments by the Reactivated 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery Regiment (see photo below); a cannon firing, a reading of the history of Camp Nelson, story telling, and other events.



Camp Nelson was established in 1863 by the Union Army (General Ambrose Burnside), who seized lands from the Hanly plantation (Cliff Cottage) and other properties in Jessamine County along the Kentucky River. Camp Nelson served first as a supply and training camp for the Army of the Ohio and District of Kentucky; later becoming a recruitment point for black soldiers and a refugee camp for freed slaves.

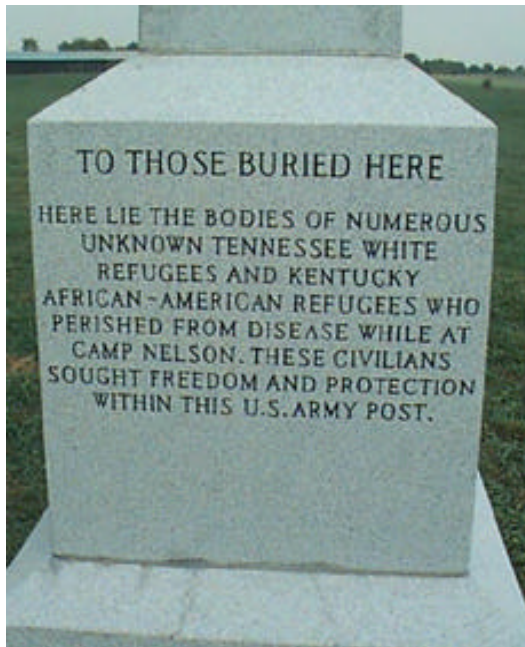
A special feature this year was the dedication of a monument at the refugee cemetery located near the northern line of a fortification. Although records are incomplete, it is estimated that there are between 100 and 300 white and black refugees buried there.



**Camp Nelson Refugee Cemetery
Monument**

For photographs of the monument inscription and the JCHGS members attending the ceremony, see the following page.

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JCHGS members attending the ceremony included Ernestine Hamm, Mildred Bunch, Howard Teater (President of JCHGS) and George Dean. Also shown (second from right): An unidentified guest from Lincoln County. (photo by Clyde Bunch)

Kentucky Cemetery Laws

Compiled by Fran Clark

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KRS381.690 – Protection of Burial grounds by cities. Within the corporate limits of a city, cemetery cannot be used for dumping grounds, building sites, playgrounds, places of entertainment and amusement, public parks, athletic field or parking grounds.

KRS381.697 – Every cemetery in Kentucky except private cemeteries to be maintain by its legal owner or owners with respect to individual owners of burial plots in the cemetery – free of growth of weeds, accumulated debris, displaced tomb stones or other signs and indication of vandalism or gross neglect.

KRS381.700 – Governing authorities of any city within whose corporate limits any burying grounds may require owner of those having claims to the grounds to properly care for them.

KRS381.71- Evidence of dedication or use of land as burying ground. The fact that graves are not visible on any part of the grounds shall not be construed as evidence that such grounds were not set aside and used for burial purposes.

KRS381.715 – Burial Rights in cemetery lots; abandonment; resale by cemetery. A Cemetery lot is defined as containing one or more grave spaces located within a cemetery registered. An officer of the cemetery may cause to be file, on behalf of a cemetery, an action in the circuit court of the county requesting burial rights in the unused portion of the lots in question deemed abandoned. Petition to include name of original owner , name of persons buried in the lots and dates if known, name, address and phone number of the cemetery office, and an affidavit stating that no person has been buried in the cemetery lot in question for at least 100 years, the owner of the burial lots in question, service of process by attorney, etc.

KRS381.720 Abandoned cemetery in certain cities, proceedings to vest title in city. This deals with an abandoned cemetery within the city limits.

KRS381.740 – Assertion of claim to compen-
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sation for value of interest in cemetery or lot. Again, cemetery within city limits.

KRS381.750 – Judgment; removal of bodies or monuments. 30 days prior public announcement, if no protest, court can declare cemetery to be abandoned. Claimants have 30 days in which to remove the mortal remains and monuments from the lots and they liable to pay costs. If no one appears to have this done, then the county officers pay for the removal, disinterment, removal and reinterment of body or bodies in such other cemetery in the county in which said city is located .

KRS381.755 – Removal of grave or cemetery on application of land owner or county; procedure, expenses. Liability for desecration of graves may exist when land that has been previously used as a cemetery is reused as a cemetery without first removing and reintering the remains of those previously buried there. There is no liability for desecration if the cemetery is abandoned so that nothing indicates there are graves in the ground, the person is without notice that graves exist, and the public no longer recognizes the land as a cemetery.

KRS381.755 – Removal of grave or cemetery on application of land owner or county; procedures; expenses. After application of the property owner on whose land is located an abandoned grave or cemetery, or whenever the fiscal court or any county deems it to be in the best interest of the county to remove and relocate any such grave or cemetery, the court may issue an order or resolution authorizing such removal or relocation. This order or resolution shall specify and declare that at any time after the expiration of 60 days, the court shall direct the removal or relocation. Expenses incurred shall be paid by the individual requesting the removal. Any grave or cemetery removed shall be relocated in a suitable place at the expense of the person or county requesting the removal. For purpose of this section – a cemetery shall be considered abandoned when left unattended for a period of ten years preceding the date of the resolution and relocation of the grave or cemetery.

KRS433.660. Any person who willfully mutilates the graves, monuments, fences, shrubbery, ornaments, grounds or buildings in or enclosing any cemetery or place of sepulture; or violates the graves of any person by willfully destroying,

removing or damaging the head or foot stones, or the tomb over the enclosure protecting any grave, or by digging into or plowing over or removing the ornaments, shrubbery or flower placed upon any grave or lot shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

KRS525.105 Desecration of venerated objects, first degree. A person is guilty of desecration of venerated object in the first degree when, other than authorized by law, he intentionally excavates or disinters human remains for the purpose of commercial sale or exploitation of the remains themselves or of objects buried contemporaneously with the remains. Desecration of venerated object in the first degree is a Class D felony. [This would cover Indian graves, etc.]

KRS525.110 Desecration of venerated objects, second degree. This occurs when a public monument or object or place of worship, a national or state flat, other patriotic or religious symbol is desecrated. This is a Class A misdemeanor.

KRS525.115. Violating Graves. This includes the following. (1) mutilates the graves, monuments, fences, shrubbery, ornaments, grounds, or buildings in or enclosing a cemetery or place of sepulture; or violates the grave by destroying, removing, or damaging the headstone or footstone, or the tomb over the enclosure protecting any grave or; digs into or plows over or removes any ornament, shrubbery, or flower placed upon any grave or lot. This does not apply to ordinary maintenance and care of a cemetery or the removal of graves as noted above. This is a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class D felony for each subsequent offense.

KRS525.120 Abuse of a corpse. An individual will be found guilty of this when he intentionally treats a corpse in a way that would outrage ordinary family sensibilities. This is a Class A misdemeanor. [This involves several things, including a faulty casket where the body would fall out, improper cremation such as happened last summer, and many other cases. Applies primarily now to funeral home directors, crematoriums, etc.]

For further information, refer to:
<http://www.louisville.edu/~pjdibl01/kycemregs.htm>

JCHGS Minutes, August 28, 2003

*Compiled by Pat Hunt
JCHGS Secretary*

The monthly meeting of the Jessamine County Historical and Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, August 28, 2003 at 7:10 p.m. at the Farmers Bank Building with 10 members present. President Howard Teater called the meeting to order.

The minutes were read by Pat Hunt, secretary, and approved as written.

Mildred Bunch made a motion that the treasurer's report not be included in the secretary's monthly minutes. She felt that this was a duplication of duties and not consistent with the bylaws of the Historical Society. She also stressed how important it was that the bylaws be available to all members. Bill Russell seconded the motion, and it was decided that the treasurer's report would be read separately at each meeting.

Bax McClure gave the treasurer's report.

Bill Russell informed the members that Dr. Corbett, who was supposed to be tonight's guest speaker, could not make it due to illness. She hoped to be able to reschedule sometime in the future.

Bill Russell gave the cemetery report for Ernestine Hamm as she was absent due to speaking at the Woodford County Historical Society meeting. Two broken stones at the Todd-Hunter Cemetery need to be fixed. Bill is working on getting the Joseph Crockett Cemetery landscaped. He has received two quotes on the project and is trying to get two more. Ernestine has removed two more stones from the Crockett Cemetery for repair. She will be bringing the one that was sent for repair to the Historical Society Cemetery committee for them to review and vote to proceed with the remaining stones.

Clyde Bunch mentioned that the Boonesboro tape shown at last month's meeting has been donated to us.

Bax McClure presented some ideas for future guest speakers and events. A tour of the Martin Shreve house was mentioned. Bill Davidson could be asked to make a presentation of the High Bridge tapes that he donated. Another idea was to find a person who is involved in the Black History of Jessamine County. She welcomed suggestions for future events.

Bax also mentioned that a request is being made through Frankfort to reactivate the Historical Society's incorporation. We are also applying for nonprofit status and for a federal ID number.

Howard Teater stated that a meeting needed to be set up regarding the election of new officers.

Robert McCook from Wilmore was tonight's guest speaker. He showed an interesting slide presentation on antebellum homes and buildings in Louisiana.

Mr. Teater announced that next month's meeting will be held at the Chaumiere house on September 25th. He will be at the Historical Society at 6:30 to meet anybody who does not know the directions. A maximum of 18 to 20 people may attend this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia W. Hunt

REMINDERS!

The Dues

Membership in the Jessamine County Historical and Genealogical Society is \$5.00 a year. Just fill out an application and mail it to the JCHGS (forms are available by mail or from the JCHGS website,

<http://www.jesshistorical.org/membership.htm>).

The address is 216 North Main Street, Farmers Square, Nicholasville, KY 40356.

The Meetings

The Historical Society meets the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Farmer's Bank Building in Nicholasville. The address is 216 North Main Street, as described above. There is an informal meeting on the second Thursday afternoon from 1 to 3 pm. Any and all JCHGS members and visitors are welcome.

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