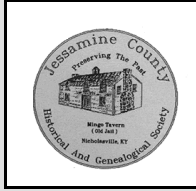


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## Editorial

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*Mac McCutchan*

I trust everyone has had a bountiful Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas season, and is ready, with resolutions all made, for the New Year.

Here at the Jessamine Historical Quarterly, we're going to start the New Year with a new feature – the Story Corner. We in Jessamine County are blessed with not one but several master story tellers – Clyde, Howard T., Howard F., Bob Fain, Emma, Tina, and others. It would be a shame to keep all that to ourselves, right? We plan to spread the wealth around, but we've decided to start with Clyde's description of a special winter day he and his dog Chigger spent at Overstreet's Falls.

Congratulations to the new officers of the JCHS – and congratulations on the new name! JCHS has a snappier ring than JCHGS, don't you think?

This will be my last edition as editor. I've thoroughly enjoyed putting the Newsletter together for the past year, but it's time to share the fun. I want to thank Fran Clark and Kathy Hall for the help they've provided.

I know that my replacement will do a super job. Thank you all for putting up with me – and I hope to continue contributing what I can to the JCHS in general and the Newsletter in particular.



**Jessamine County Location  
in Kentucky**

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## The President's Corner

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*Bill Russell*

### **On being a member of the Jessamine County Historical society and the Cemetery Committee**

For the last 4 or 5 years it has been a highlight in Inez's and my life to be a part of the Jessamine County Historical Society and some days when we work real hard I will ask myself, why am I doing this? Then the answer comes to me, it is the people I am working with on the Cemetery Committee and the wisdom of some of the members. Some of those that have been there from the beginning are Howard Teater, Clyde and Mildred Bunch, Billy Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Lowery to name a few. I also don't want to forget Mrs. Ernestine Hamm who heads the Cemetery Committee and her husband Charlie, also my wife Inez, Bax McClure and Mr. Howard Teater are on the committee. I also hope that I can take some of the workload off of Mr. Teater and maybe with his guidance I will get through the next 2 years as President.

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**The Story Corner**  
**A Winter Visit to Overstreet's Falls**

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**Clyde Bunch**

Morning All,

When you come to Jessamine County, we love showing you around. But, there are so many things and places we will never be able to show you. So, if you will allow me, in my minds eye, I will once again pick up my old rifle, call to Chigger and take you on a little trip.

I sometimes go the Hardie's Restaurant in Nicholasville. I set in the back, surrounded by pictures drawn by my friend Howard Fain. To most that see them, they are nice scenes of early Jessamine County. But to the man that drew them, and myself they have a lot more meaning then that. One picture, hanging on the back wall, always catches my attention. It is a picture of Overstreet's Falls on Jessamine Creek. It is located a couple of miles up the creek from its mouth.

It was a cold winter day and a few inches of snow on the ground. I for one am not too fond of cold weather, but Chigger loved it. It was a little hard walking that day, until we got down into the gorge. I wish you could have seen it. The trees were all covered with snow. The cliffs on both side, running up over 200 feet. These were covered with huge icicles. I bet some of them were twenty feet long. What a Winter Wonderland, and for just a little while it belonged only to Chigger and myself.

We made our way on up the creek to Overstreet's Falls. God was really showing off that day. The Falls had frozen over. Not once, but many times, in many layers. It looked as if it's flow were stopped in time. As I set down under a cliff on the opposite side of the creek, the sun came out. It almost took my breath away. I could not believe what I was seeing. The Falls were every color of the rainbow, from top to bottom. My first thought was, boy what I would give for a camera. But I knew, no camera, or even my

friend Howard Fain could have captured what I saw that day.

As Chigger and I walked out of the gorge that day, I felt like a very special person. I felt maybe only a few had seen what I had. Even today when I think back on that day, it gives me a very warm and comfortable feeling. I think I was just about as close as a fellow could get to heaven, without actually going there. I never will forget that cold winter day at Overstreet's Falls.

Clyde

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**2003 Progress Report**  
**JCHS Cemetery Committee**

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**Ernestine Hamm**

**SEASON'S GREETINGS!**

Looking back on 2003, we accomplished many things, even though a couple of us had some illnesses that slowed us down a bit.

We restored six cemeteries:

- The Lowens on Union Mill, with help from Mr. Botts middle school students;
- The Moravian, with help from our out of state members along with our home folks;
- The Curds cemetery was cleared and marked with one of our signs, and we have hopes that the land owner and farm manager will be fencing this cemetery. Stones will be repaired and reset when fence work is completed. A group of Asbury students called "Impact" were a joy to work with on this cemetery.
- Our largest project this year was the Pleasant Hill Cemetery on Elm Fork. It will take two years of work to finish this one; it is about 1/4 of an acre, and we hope to finish in the spring. We had descendants, Deb and Rick McFall, come all the way from Kokomo, Indiana, complete with chain saws; they did a lot of very hard work in some of our hottest summer weather. (See the photo on the following page.)
- We also did a few small jobs, including the Toddhunter Cemetery on U.S. #169, the Patton Cemetery on Sulpher Well, and the Frances Ann Collins stone at the Sandusky bed and breakfast. (*next page*)



The Crockett/Woodson cemetery has been our most impressive project and, although work has gone slowly, it is looking wonderful. With a \$25,000 donation, the old iron fence has been restored, and landscaping has been done to make it maintenance free. We are now working on mounting the old, almost unreadable stones into new granite markers, with all information on the front.

Our Revolutionary soldier project is still making progress. Two dedication services were held this year, one for Benjamine Robinson and the other for John 2/9 Scott. We have also received a stone for Francis Bourne, which we hope to set in the spring and hold a nice dedication service. This stone will be set in the Deboe cemetery on Chrisman Mill; we lost this cemetery in the 1920's-1930's, but recently recovered it.

A stone has been ordered for Manoah Singleton, and we are waiting on the results. Paperwork is being done on James Carothers, Thomas Ricketts and Simeon Frost.

Thanks to all those who have supported the cemetery preservation project with your donations of time and money. We could not exist without you. A special THANK YOU to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark for getting our truck back on the road! We are looking forward to a year of good health and great accomplishments!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
ERNESTINE HAMM



**Patton Cemetery on Sulphur Well**  
*Photo provided by Ernestine Hamm*



**Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Elm Fork**  
**(Restoration is in Progress)**

*Photo by Nancy House Perry*



**Veteran's Day Decorations for the  
Revolutionary War Soldier  
Monument**

*Photo provided by Ernestine Hamm*





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**A Look Back –  
The Dean/Bruner Reunion of 1902**

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*Foreword: Ernestine Hamm found this and liked it. She forwarded it to Shelia Bruner-Ramos, who liked it, and forwarded it to the Newsletter. We like it too.*

The copy was taken from microfilm and does not show the name of the newspaper, but appears to be the Jessamine Journal. The date is not shown either, but there is mention of a great-granddaughter of Harrison Dean being the youngest present at this reunion, having been born August 19, 1902, three days before the reunion. The article is as follows.

The second reunion of the Dean family was held at the home of Melvin E. Dean - the old Harrison Dean place at Pink, Friday August 22. The weather was all that could be desired - neither too warm or too cool - but just such a day as one would have wished for, had he consulted the weather bureau. The people commenced to congregate at the old homestead at an early hour and by 10 o'clock the premises were thronged with relatives and friends of the Dean family, all of whom had come to enjoy themselves and assist in making others happy. At 1 o'clock, dinner was announced. It was served on the lawn in picnic style. And such a dinner!! Fried chicken, barbecued lamb, old country ham, salads of various kinds, pickles that made you long for more, pies - old fashioned pies - and many different kinds of cakes, etc. etc., in fact, everything that would constitute a picnic dinner of "ye olden times." Over 200 people partook of this feast and when they had eaten until they could eat no more, there was enough left to feed the same number over again. After dinner photographs were taken of the Dean family and their guests, followed by an announcement of the exercises at Chalybeate Springs, where the crowd immediately repaired.

Near the springs a platform had been erected and seats provided. No better place could have been selected. At 3 o'clock Mr. T. R. Dean, master of ceremonies, arose and delivered the welcome address. He spoke feelingly of the occasion and extended the heartfelt thanks of himself and the Dean family to the friends assembled, for their

presence. At the conclusion of his address Mr. Dean introduced B. A. Crutcher, who was happily greeted by the audience. Mr. Crutcher's remarks were listened to attentively. The audience expected something good in oratory and was not disappointed. He spoke of the early settlers; the immigration of the Deans from Virginia to Kentucky, and of the many obstacles that confronted them in selecting the new home; also of the sturdy character of the Deans, their hospitality, and the progress made since they first set foot on Kentucky soil. The next speaker was J. Willard Mitchell, who spoke in his happiest vein. He devoted most of this time to the women of the Dean family and struck a happy chord in the breasts of his listeners. His tribute to Mrs. Dean was a pretty bit of word painting, and brought forth hearty applause. Wm. M. Watts, the well-known young attorney, who was born and reared in the Dean neighborhood, was next presented. He was at home - among his old friends - and every thought was an inspiration. After referring to the early childhood of himself and his playmates, who now stood around, he touched upon the character of Harrison Dean, whom he eloquently described as a grand old man. His speech was highly complimented by all. Mr. Watts was followed by Jno. W. Wilmott, of Lexington, a collegemate of Mr. T. R. Dean, who spoke highly of him in his introduction. Mr. Wilmott's remarks were on "The family as an institution of society, its various relations and as a factor in civilization." It was a carefully prepared address and well delivered. Mr. Harry McCarty, of the Journal, and Elder James Vernon, were called upon and both made short addresses. Mr. Rowland Dean closed the speechmaking with an interesting talk on his experiences in the Indian Territory, where he now resides. During the afternoon's program, the speeches were interspersed with music on the organ and violin by Mrs. Ralph Sageser and Mr. Bascom Evans, also some excellent selections from a phonograph operated by Mr. James Collier. The festivities were closed with the singing of "The Old Kentucky Home" by the audience.

In 1785, Wm. Haselrig took out a patent for 8000 acres of land on the Kentucky river. He had  
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various parcels of land in the Hickman neighborhood, extending from the mouth of Hickman creek about two miles beyond the farm of George McInery. In 1801, Christian Bruner, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1774, was the first settler who opened the old Dean farm and erected the first log cabin where the present dwelling of Melvin Dean is now situated. The old farm has passed through many changes since Christian Bruner built the first house on the land in 1802. More than 48 years ago the late Harrison Dean became the purchaser of the farm. Harrison Dean was born in Mercer County, Ky., Nov. 11, 1812, and was the fifth son of James and Keziah Green Dean. In 1832 he came to Jessamine County to live and in 1835 was married to Nancy Owens, daughter of Fleming and Annie Tombs Owens, both of whom were born in Halifax county, Va. Nancy Owens was born in Jessamine County, Ky. In 1851 Mr. Dean moved from this state to Illinois. He purchased land in Mclean county, but on account of sickness he returned to Jessamine after an absence of one year. The beautiful city of Bloomington now stands upon the land once owned by Mr. Dean. After his return to his old home, Mr. Dean rented land until 1857, when he bought of Silas Bruner, the farm at Chalybeate Springs, on which he spent the remainder of his life. He died March 20, 1894. Unto Harrison Dean and his wife were born ten children-eight sons and two daughters. Following are their names in order of their births. Merrill Dean, born Nov. 17, 1836; James Harvey, born Nov. 18, 1838; William H., May 1, 1841; Mrs. Lizzie Carter, Sept. 14, 1846; John Allen, August 21, 1843; Alexander S. May 14, 1849; Morris, Jan 1, 1852; Mrs. Priscilla Hamilton, Jan 30, 1854; Clinton S., Mar. 12, 1857; Melvin L., Jan. 16, 1860. All but one of these are living today-Priscilla (Dean) Hamilton, who was killed by lightning in Nicholasville, 1876, leaving a husband, Albert C. Hamilton, now dec'd and two daughters, Eunice (Hamilton) Sparks, of Nicholasville, and Bernice (Hamilton) Bryant, of Memphis, Tenn.

They were all there-that is, nearly all of them. If anyone in the crowd spoke to another without knowing his name, he addressed him as Mr. Dean - and let it go at that. T. Roland Dean made a

splendid master of ceremonies. He was very much interested in the whole affair.

As ascertained at the reunion, the descendants of Harrison Dean numbers as follows: Children 10, one being dead; grandchildren 73, 12 dead; great-grandchildren 42, 1 dead, thus making in all 125.

Mr. And Mrs. Melvin Dean, at whose home the reunion was held, were the recipients of many compliments on the arrangement of affairs and entertainment of invited guests.

Among those whose absence from home prevented their being present last Friday were; Dr. S. C. Dean and M. J. Dean, S. McAlister, I. T., Harvey Dean, Jr., Bryantsville, and Mrs. Bernice (Hamilton) Bryant, Memphis, Tenn.

A picture of seven of Harrison Dean's children - J. H., W.H., Morris, Melvin L., J. A., S. C. Dean and Mrs. Lizzie Carter-appears with this article. It was taken at the reunion three years ago. (Note: photo was included in the copy sent to me (SR), but poor quality)

The oldest child of Harrison Dean is Merrill J. Dean, aged 66, and the youngest, Melvin L. aged 41. The youngest member of the family is a great-granddaughter, Josephine, born Aug. 19, 1902, just three days before the reunion - daughter of John and Eunice Blakeman Dean.

J. B. Griffing, of Dallas, Texas, related to the Chrisman and Scott families of Jessamine, was prominent among the invited guests. He is a native of this county, and was born on the Perry farm. His son-in-law, A. A. Rowe, is city clerk of South McAlister, and an intimate friend of Mr. T. R. Dean.

Thomas Dean, of Bohon, Mercer County, son of John Dean, dec'd, accompanied by his niece, Miss Clara Dean, daughter of Robert Dean, attended the reunion. John Dean died last December. He was a man of wealth and quite prominent in this section. John, Harrison and another cousin, now living in Washington county, were born in the same month and year, November 1812.

*Transcribed and submitted by Shelia Bruner-Ramos, ggg-granddaughter of Christian Bruner.*



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## JCHS Minutes, September 25, 2003

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**Compiled by Pat Hunt**  
**JCHGS Secretary**

The monthly meeting of the Jessamine County Historical Society was held on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 7:10 p.m. at the Farmer's Bank Building with thirteen members present. President Howard Teater called the meeting to order. The visit to the Chaumiere house was cancelled due to a death in the owner's family.

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

Bax McClure distributed a written copy of the treasurer's report. She told the members to feel free to ask questions.

Ernestine Hamm gave the cemetery report. She is hoping to finish recording the last 50 cemeteries of the 303 that are known. She is also trying to locate the Wyatt Cemetery, which is off of Harrodsburg Road. There have been three new cemeteries recorded: South Kingston (near Macedonian Church), Keene, and Davis Rickett (on Newman Road). The dedication for the Ben Robinson cemetery will be held on October 4, 2003. She is working on having the Curd Cemetery in Wilmore restored on October 18th. The Deboe Cemetery on Chrisman Mill has been located, along with the stone for George Washington Barnes. She is also working on the Singleton family and will try to get together with others working on this family.

Ernestine mentioned that the Roger Patton (Revolutionary War soldier) stone was broken but not irreparable and should be restored. She made a motion for a new fence to be placed around the stone for \$120. Bob Duncan and Bill Russell seconded the motion.

The city paid for repairs at the TodHunter Cemetery. Ernestine displayed the new sign, which was paid for by the Historical Society.

A motion was made to put a fence around the J. J. Richardson farm cemetery. The motion was seconded for approval.

A motion was made not to accept a bid for \$950 to fix the B. H. Woodson stone in Crockett Cemetery. Bill Russell seconded the motion not to accept this bid and will pursue this matter further.

Bill Russell stated the he called five people and had two bids to landscape the Crockett Cemetery. The best bid was from Hillenmeyers and he made a motion to accept this bid. Howard Teater seconded the motion. Bax mentioned that she has a file with all cemetery bids for the record.

Alice Hills informed everyone that Dr. Dixon Barr donated two books on Virginia Marriages in memory of his first wife, Charlotte Van Deren Barr, who was a descendent of Benjamin Robinson. She praised Bax's work with making the bookplates. Bob McCook donated a 13-star American flag to the Historical Society. Howard Teater accepted his gift and expressed appreciation.

Charlie Hamm mentioned that he is putting the book "Whose Corman Are You?" on the computer for the Historical Society.

Bax mentioned that the High Bridge book will go to the printer within ten days. The printer recommended having a CD of this book. Bax is also working on a Revolutionary War book that will be sold by the Historical Society. This can be done for less than \$5.00 a book. Tommie Adkisson recommended that the books be made without a cover, and people can put them in their own notebooks. A motion was made to print them both with and without a cover, and to have them printed as people buy them. This motion was accepted. Alice Hills recommended that a Part Two be done for the Revolutionary War book because of all of the work done by the cemetery committee.

Bax mentioned that we are now officially incorporated and our new name is the Jessamine County Historical Society. She is still working on obtaining nonprofit status. We do have our federal identification number.

Clyde Bunch, Charlie Hamm and Bill Russell  
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said that the following people were nominated for officers:

Bill Russell – President  
Charlie Hamm – Vice President (is thinking about it)  
Bax McClure – Treasurer  
Pat Hunt – Secretary

Howard Teater recommended that three Directors also be nominated for the Historical Society, who will assist in the decision-making process. Bill Kenkel volunteered for the position of One-Year Director. Bax nominated Alice Hills for the position of Two-Year Director. Howard Teater stated that he would be glad to serve as Three-Year Director.

Mr. Teater showed the school information displayed at the Historical Society. His son donated a picture of George Washington. There is a map of the old schools also.

Bill Davidson said that he is working on a walking tour of Wilmore for Community Development. He showed an interesting tape of the Lowry House in Wilmore to the group.

Mr. Teater thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and it was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The speaker at the next meeting will be Nancy Ross-Stolings. She will be discussing old mills.

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### Reminder for JCHS Members - Are Your 2004 Dues Paid?

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The New Year is upon us – and JCHS dues are due for 2004.

The dues are \$5.00 per calendar year. The checks can be made out to the Jessamine County Historical Society and the address is 216 North Main St., Farmers Square, Nicholasville KY 40356 with Attn: Bax McClure.

If you haven't already, take a moment and take care of this. While you're at it, you might also take a moment to reflect on the pleasure the JCHS has given us over the past year, and its value to each of us. A few extra dollars for the JCHS, for the Cemetery Committee or for the JCHS overall, would be welcome, and has certainly been earned.

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### Troubleshooting the JessList

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#### Bryce Stevens

JessList is distributed through an automatic gateway hosted by [www.topica.com](http://www.topica.com), allowing very few options for the co-owners of the list to problem-solve. Likewise, there is not a lot of hands-on help available directly from the technicians at Topica. Problems reported to them may take days to be addressed. They offer their gateway list-hosting as a courtesy, and to generate business for their paying clients. Naturally, the paying clients will always have first priority, even though the success of their marketing strategies depends on the good will of the thousands of subscribers to their hosted lists.

If someone is bounced from the list due to an over-full mailbox or temporary ISP problems, we co-owners can go to the management page and reset the bounced message alert that interrupts delivery. That is just about the extent of our toolbox, other than going through addresses to look for a mistake in the address or figure out why someone may be receiving double postings of the messages. It is frustrating, as a co-owner, to have so little to offer when asked for help.

However, through perseverance and sharing, our membership has tackled the problems of not receiving list postings, and I can offer some of the tips and advice. The simplest problem is getting bounced because of a full mailbox. The easiest fix is to notify me, and I can reset the bounced message button (or notify another list member, who can pass a message along to me via the list). Another simple way to fix this problem is to unsubscribe from the list by sending a blank e-mail to [JessList-unsubscribe@topica.com](mailto:JessList-unsubscribe@topica.com), following it up with another e-mail to [JessList-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:JessList-subscribe@topica.com). The only danger here is that you may well get a notice saying you can not subscribe because you are already a member. You have to be patient after sending an unsubscribe message, and wait until Topica sends notice that you have been removed, and then re-subscribe. This will get you off the bounced e-mail status and seems to be effective if you were bounced due to a full mailbox, or if your ISP has been down for any length of time.

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A couple of list members accidentally hit the "report Spam" button on AOL, with JessList e-mail highlighted. If that happens, you must remove the block to receive mail again, and may have to go through the unsubscribe/resubscribe routine.

One member has gone to the website, <http://www.topica.com>, and from there to the trouble-shooting page. Whenever she could get a window to open she would write about her problem. She received auto-generated responses, and finally even wrote to Topica's abuse line about her problem. The responses were all pretty much the same: our team will look at it when they are able. The problem was solved in a few days. Again, we have to realize that we are not Topica's bread and butter; their paying clients will always get priority.

Finally, some ISP's block Topica because it is a mass mailing gateway, and they view it as spam. As Mac has said, "Topica sends lots of advertising stuff – maybe it's not Spam, but it's close." True, and this is the price we pay to maintain our list here. This can only be addressed through your ISP. E-mails and phone calls to the larger ISP's Trouble Desk were doing no good, as the trouble desk does not necessarily know what the main service center is currently blocking. Mac's solution was to get a phone number for the service center, call them, be blunt, persistent, and even obnoxious if necessary. In Mac's own words, "Call once an hour and hound them until they admit that they're blocking; explain to them the difference between JessList and other Topica products; describe the JCHGS to them. Find just ONE specialist who cares about what he's doing; get his private phone number and his e-mail address. Keep after him until he fixes it – and then thank him profusely."

I like the ending. However frustrating the experience, when it is resolved, remember to thank the folks who helped you out. And if it was simply the vagaries of our computers and somehow seemed to self-correct, then thank God.

## Shane Interview: Elder Holloway

Transcribed by Bryce Stevens

*Introductory note: What follows is an interview of Elder Holloway, conducted by Rev. John Shane sometime between 1850 and 1854.*

HOLLOWAY, Elder in Clear Creek chh:

Keene is on the road from Lex: & by mouth of Shawnee-run. Mrs. FROST, a most excellent woman - a Pbyn:, lived in sight of Keens, in a stone house, towards the Ky: river from Keene - (Shawnee-run road.) Lost her sight and was blind, severl (2 or 3 years,) before she died. When she laid down she had her Bible placed where she could put her hand upon it, and feel that it was there. And so when she sat at a table. It was so much a habit with her to have the Bible there, that she could not go to sleep without it. She would open the Bible, and put her hand upon the chapter, and read it off from memory, just as if she could see. Could repeat hymns by rote in the same way. She would remark how great was the privilege she had once enjoyed, of reading that book for herself, and that if she had learned to repeat the scriptures at the time when she could see, she would now have them in her mind to enjoy. She once heard, it seemed to her as plain a voice as she ever heard, saying to her she was no Xrn:. It seemed to come over her shoulder. She said she knew who it was. She turned and replied, what is that to you? You needn't to trouble yourself. Dr. CLELAND was an old friend and acquaintance of hers. He asked her, once, what if she was sent to that other world where the Devil and his company are? Why, she replied, there would be war in hell. She said she would never give up.

Her daus: are now married and gone to Mo:. Her 2 sons, who were sots for sometime, are both thoroughly reformed, & she lived to have her prayers answered, and see them both in the church. Their wives were professors before they were: both wives were baptists, and both sons joined the baptist chh: with them.

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Chas: STEWART (Rev.) got all his property by his 1st. wife. At his death, he willed it all to his 2d. wife and family, for 15 yrs. At the expiration of that time (without any security that it would not be spent,) it was to be equally divided among all the children of both wives. There were 3 children by the 1st. wife - one son, James Wm, and two daus., Mary Elizabeth, and Sophia. Sophia is now dead.

Going along from Mr. HOLLOWAY's towards Versailles, you come to the middle fork of Clear Creek: beyond, from his house, where you cross the Lex: and Shawnee-run road.

The stump meeting-house is about 200 yards in Woodford: It is calld, also, the Cave Spring meeting house.

The 1st. cross road toward Versailles, from Mr. HOLLOWAY's, on the Fkft: road

To Harrodsburgh - 17 ms.

Lex: -- 12.

Fkft: -- 23.

Mouth of Hickman, 12.

Turning to go to Lex:

Cave Spring Meeting house 1 m.

Delaney's ferry - 10 ms.

From Keen to Mrs. LAFOU's, where Sinking Creek heads, 2 ms. about.

Mr. SANDUSKY (the infidel man,) lives to the left of the Delaney's ferry and Shawnee-run road, (to the left going to Lex:) on Sinking Creek.

To McCown's ferry, 15 ms. (What point this? In Woodford?)

Delaney's road leaves the Shawnee run Road, about a mile this side of where Sinking Creek crosses the Shawnee run road.

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### JCHGS Minutes, October 23, 2003

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*Compiled by Pat Hunt  
JCHGS Secretary*

The monthly meeting of the Jessamine County Historical Society was held on Thursday, October 23, 2003 at 7:10 p.m. at the Farmers Bank Building with 21 members and three guest present. President Howard Teater called the meeting to order.

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

Mr. Teater mentioned that Ernestine Hamm has donated a wreath from North Carolina that will be used by the Historical Society for dedications.

Bax McClure gave the treasurer's report and distributed copies to everyone.

Ernestine Hamm gave a summary of the year's accomplishments in regards to cemetery restoration. A cemetery near Coles was moved last January. Graves were found at Camp Nelson with the help of search dogs. People from Kokomo, IN helped with the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The Cemetery Committee has also worked on the Todhunter, Moravian, Patton, and Crockett cemeteries, among others. A group from Asbury College helped to put protection around stones at the Curd Cemetery near Handy's Bend last Saturday and did a good job. The first stone with a flag on it was found at the Deboe Cemetery. The Benjamin Robinson and John 2/9 Scott stones were dedicated.

An application is being submitted to get a stone for Manoah Singleton. Ernestine is working on the James Carothers and Thomas Rickett gravesites at the present time. Ernestine has drafted a letter for farmers with a picture showing what a military stone looks like so that there will be no misunderstandings. She showed a video of the Benjamin Robinson dedication at the Patton Cemetery (a sign was put up at this site).

Mr. Teater praised Charlie Hamm, Ernestine Hamm, Bill Russell, Inez Russell and Bax McClure for all of their efforts with cemetery restoration.

Bill Russell mentioned that Hillenmeyers finished the work at the Crockett cemetery last week.

Ernestine mentioned that the Sadowsky stone is broken and needs to be repaired.

Bax McClure stated that the High Bridge Book is finished. Mr. Teater praised her for a job well done, and emphasized that she donated many hours and bought the paper with her own funds. Shakertown has given us the rights to reprint this book. Original pictures were used in this book. Bill Russell donated recent pictures of High Bridge. Alice Hills donated the recipe for High Bridge Coconut Cake. A copy of the book will be donated to Shakertown. Bax recommended that the book be sold for \$15 plus tax and postage. A motion was made and seconded by Kathy Hall and Carolyn Lawrence.

Bax is also working on reproducing a Revolutionary War book. The pictures will be in -- *Continued on following page* --



color. Future plans include a Part II, which will incorporate any new knowledge since the original book. Carolyn Lawrence suggested selling this at Joseph Beth Booksellers, but Mr. Teater felt that we would have good sales through the Historical Society and website.

Howard Teater made a motion that the new officers be elected as follows:

Bill Russell - President  
Charlie Hamm - First Vice President  
Clyde Bunch - Second Vice President  
Bax McClure - Treasurer  
Pat Hunt - Secretary  
Bill Kenkel - One Year Director  
Alice Hills - Two Year Director  
Howard Teater - Three Year Director

Gayle Lawrence and Linda Cawby seconded the motion. Mr. Teater said that is has been wonderful being President of the Historical Society, and he will still try to do everything that he can.

Bax also mentioned that the 501C3 paperwork will be submitted to the federal government this Monday for nonprofit status.

Ernestine introduced the guest speakers, Richard Stollings and Nancy Ross Stollings. The Stollings do general archaeology and historical work. Tonight's topic focused on the excavation of an old mill site near Maple Street and Town Branch. This couple worked on this project twelve years ago. They showed slides of the technologies used during the excavation, and discussed the history of some of the families during that time (1850's to 1880's). They discussed the possibility of using the same technologies for finding graves, but stressed that excavation work is always needed.

Mr. Teater announced that the next meeting will be held on January 22, 2004. Monthly meetings are not held during the month of November and December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia W. Hunt

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### The Lost is Found... With a Little Help from Friends

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Nancy House Perry

On Sept 4, 2003 I walked into the Jessamine Co. Historical Society and Mr. Teater was seated at the front desk.

He immediately smiled and had a twinkle in his eye and said "Have I got news for you!". (I was surprised he remembered me. I had visited from Virginia before and he took me to the Burton Cemetery on Kissing Ridge.)

He went on to explain that during the recent clean up process at Pleaant Hill Cemetery on Elm Fork Rd. they had unearthed my great great grandmother's headstone (Sophronia Cobb Burton, wife of Allen A. Burton). I had heard years ago that both Sophronia and Allen's headstone had been stolen. I wonder if Allen's is buried up there too? The Burton family had replaced their headstone several years ago.



Sophronia Cohh Burton gravestone, recently uncovered during cemetery restoration



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This was a real find for me. Her headstone was very delicate, with flowers and so well preserved. Maybe being buried helped that out!

I did have trouble finding Pleasant Hill. I had found a wonderful guide in Pollard, Larkin Fain. He knew right where it was and we hiked through some weeds for my wonderful surprise. I took pictures of most of the headstones.

I only wish I lived closer because I really enjoy exploring the "Silent Cities" where my ancestors now reside.

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### JCHS Schedule

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#### Bax McClure

Here is the schedule for the first quarter of 2004:

**January**--January 22, 2004, 7pm: Planning Meeting, Set up for the rest of the year. Suggestions for speakers through the rest of the year.

**February**--February 26, 2004, 7 pm: Alicestyne Adams, Director of the Underground Railroad Research Institute & Office of Multicultural Affairs at Georgetown College will speak on the Institute and the Underground Railroad in Kentucky to celebrate Black History Month.

**March**--March 25, 2004, 7 pm: Becky Ryder, Head of Preservation Services at the W.T. Young and Margaret King Libraries at University of Kentucky who will speak on Preserving legacy collections and documents. This is in preparation of the hopeful work in the Courthouse basement with the files Clyde mentioned earlier for the History Fest in June.

#### Editor's Note:

The planned articles on New Members and Visits to Jessamine County will not appear in this issue. Future editions may carry such articles.

### 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.

#### Contributions

As part of the holiday season, many of you will be making donations to your favorite charities. We ask that you remember the JCHS cemetery project. All donations are tax deductible. We greatly appreciate all those that have supported our efforts to locate and restore many of the old cemeteries in Jessamine Co.

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### Queries

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Here are a few questions that have recently appeared on the JessList regarding our fair county and its ancestors. If you have information which would help regarding any of them, it would be much appreciated if you could send it to the JCHS (address at the bottom of this page). Better yet, if you are a member of JessList, send it by e-mail to [JessList@Topica.com](mailto:JessList@Topica.com).

**Mary Barr:** Ann H. Stewart would like any new information about Mary Barr, wife of Henry Trisler. Who were her parents, etc? What was the connection between Stephen Lowry and Evan Francis? Who was the Mary "Polly" Todd who  
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was at Todd's Station? Where was the farm that John Lowry Francis and his wife Nancy E. Trisler Francis owned before they moved to Crawford Co., IN?

**Cliff Cottage:** Mac McCutchan is seeking any painting or sketch which may have survived, depicting Cliff Cottage, the home of John Hay Hanly, his wife Margaret, and their children. Built on the banks of the Kentucky River, at the end of Fitch Road just north of Route 27 in about 1835, Cliff Cottage stood until around the turn of the century. It was located 100 feet closer to the cliff than the present building, now the Becknell home.

**Tobacco Stripping:** Shelia Bruner Ramos recalls her sisters working in the fall "strippin tobacco" to make a little extra Christmas money and saw what a dirty job that was. Can anyone provide details regarding the processes involved? Can anyone recall stories about experiences working in those fields or the tobacco barns? Surely one of you old-timers has had the experience of falling from the 3rd tier of the tobacco barn after indulging in a little "Kentucky Kool-Aid!"

**Trisler and others:** Connie Shotts has an entire shopping list of queries. She'd like to know:

- Where Dr. Peter Trisler and James Bruster are buried.
- If Elizabeth, Dr. Peter's wife, was a Houser.
- More information about Henry Trisler and Mary Barr, his wife.
- Where Peter Trisler, Jr. ended up.
- If there is a painting or a sketch of the Howzer Mill somewhere; and
- If there is a painting of the Brewster-Dunn house.

**More Tislors...and Cawbys:** Terry Prall would like answers on Dr. Peter Trisler as well, and adds a query regarding Peter's daughter Susan/Susanna who married Martin Cawby. She'd also be interested in any new data on the Cawbys while they were in KY [or before]. She seeks the b/d on John Cawby, Sr. [Martin's father] and the identity of Mrs. John Cawby, Sr.

**Arnspiger, etc.:** Jo Arnspiger also has a shopping list:

Where is the Arnspiger homestead, either Paul's, Michael's, Gabriel's, Henry's or Christopher's?

Where are the rest of the Arnspigers buried, namely Michael and Gabriel and Henry?

Where did George William Downs Sr come from? Where are others who are researching his line?

Where is Esther Bowman Arnspiger buried?

**Flicker & others:** David Smith seeks contact with anyone working on any of the following lines:

John Flickner & Mary Rice from Garrard County moved to Floyd County Indiana about 1822.

Reuben Neet (Neat) & Mary Smith from Jessamine moved to Floyd County IN between 1836 and 1840.

Jacob T. Smith & Sarah Flickner - J. T. Smith was born in Jessamine County in 1805 moved to Floyd County Indiana 1826 where he married Sarah.

Robert Smith born in Jessamine 1803 and died there in 1877. He married Mary Chrisman and they had two sons James L. Smith and Robert J. Smith. Both sons were lifetime residents of Jessamine.

**Kersey/Redmond:** Fran (Kersey) Potter would like information on any Kerseys or Redmonds that lived in Jessamine County throughout the 1800's.

**Canter:** Pat Hunt is on a quest – to prove how the Canters are related. She needs proof going back to the early 1800's. There was James, Thomas and Thomas. It is believed they were brothers/half brothers. Her second quest is to determine where Thomas Canter is buried (the older one born around 1801); and the final quest is to determine when he died (after 1881).

**Avey/Eavey:** Mary Lou Olson would like to know the burial location of Jacob ZIKE and his  
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wife Katherine AVEY Zike. She also seeks information on who the Jacob EAVEY who appears on the 1799 Tax List (on the website) might be? Mary Lou suspects he is Katherine Avey's father or brother, since Avey and Eavey are sometimes used interchangeably. The Aveys have Maryland roots like so many of the early Jessamine settlers.

Congratulations to the new officers of the JCHS, elected in September 2003. They are:  
President: Bill Russell  
Vice President: Charlie Hamm  
Treasurer: Bax McClure  
Secretary: Pat Hunt

**Editorial Staff**

Mac McCutchan  
Fran Clark  
JCHGS Liaison: Kathy Hall

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or Fran at [jmclark@cameron.net](mailto:jmclark@cameron.net).

***Merry Christmas!***  
***Happy New Year!***

*...From the editor and staff.*

