

OPINIONS

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NO FREE SOUP FOR THE TROPHY TAKER



Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

Early November 1785, along Ned Boone's Creek, present-day Bourbon County

Though he was completely blind in one eye and could barely see through his other, he might be able to move soon enough as daylight came.

The cold water of Ned Boone's Creek, so named for the brother of Colonel Daniel Boone who had been killed in 1780 by Shawnee warriors, only a few hundred yards from him, had caused hypothermia but had also slowed, and then stopped, the bleeding from his massive array of facial wounds.

His left jaw, cheek, orbital socket and several areas of his skull were fractured. Vicious impacts from Shawnee war clubs, tomahawks and other weapons, had done that.

Five Shawnee warriors had attacked his camp in the darkest of night.

His two companions: Joshua Bennett and Mathias Spahr, were killed almost instantly, as the five warriors crept

up to their fire and shot into the three of them.

He'd been severely injured when he was pummeled by the five warriors but had managed to get his hands on his tomahawk and he knew that one or two of his swings had done damage.

Then one of the warriors had hit him from behind with his own musket, holding it by the barrel and swinging it like he was chopping wood, breaking the gun stock over his head as the other howled their approval.

Even as he sank to his knees, he blindly swung that tomahawk and kept them at bay until he rolled into the darkness and then jumped to his feet and ran.

One of the warriors threw their own tomahawk, which struck him in the back and snapped two ribs.

He did not want to think about dying.

At 12-years of age, with his father recently departed, Michael Cassidy and his older brother Andrew Cassidy had lived in a Dublin boarding school, thanks to the small sum his mother and her brother, William Langston, paid the school master.

They also sent money to Andrew to share with Michael, but Andrew had kept it all and laughed at his little brother.

He defiantly told Andrew of his plans to stow away on the ship 'The Maryland Merchant,' which was bound for



Baltimore, in America, a land of opportunity.

Andrew had literally gotten on his knees and begged Michael to stay there on the dreary Irish dock the next morn.

But Michael was determined to go to America.

The long trip across the ocean was hard.

When the ship arrived in Baltimore, Michael was sold into seven years of indentured servitude to William Creighton, a tanner, from Martinsburg.

It had been Creighton that worked him hard and encouraged him to join the Colonial Army and fight the British.

And so, he had.

Fighting was one thing he was always good at, that and foot racing.

He never lost a foot race.

He had never really lost a fight until now.

And what an epic defeat!

He thought of all those terrible fights he'd endured during the Revolutionary War.

He thought about the fighting at Mud Fort,

Germantown, Brandywine, Monmouth and even Trenton.

He fought off death from starvation and freezing at Valley Forge.

He was fighting in the trenches at Yorktown, where he learned that his brother Andrew was a surgeon in the British Army.

He snuck across the enemy trenches more than once searching for Andrew, but he found nothing but trouble and often had to fight his way back inside the American lines.

With the surrender of British General, Lord Charles Cornwallis, at Yorktown, the war in the east ended and Michael Cassidy went with his old Martinsburg neighbors; The Berkley Men; westward to Kentucky and eventually to

Captain John Strode's Station (present-day Winchester, Ky.).

He'd fought Natives at Captain John Holder's Defeat in Aug. 1782 near the confluence of the Licking River and Battle Run Branch (southern Fleming County).

Surrounded by Shawnee and Wyandotte warriors during the battle, he'd made a wild, suicidal charge to save his friend, Capt. John Fleming's life by making a suicidal charge through dozens of Wyandotte warriors at the Battle of Battle Run, in what would one day be southern Fleming County.

He returned to the scene of the battle on a sojourn two years later and followed the ancient Warrior's Trail or Atlanta-o-waimee (Trail of the Warriors) north, beyond

where the small community of Craintown would one day stand.

For nearly a week he cautiously hid while watching a group of 300 Miami and Shawnee tribesmen about one mile south of the present-day site of the Fleming County High School.

He watched as they went about their daily routine of hunting, playing a special ball game (perhaps a variation of lacrosse) and held special dances and ceremonies.

He returned to Strode's Station and convinced Joshua Bennett and Mathias Spahr to join him in surveying and laying claim to the land where the Native Americans had camped. But a group of Shawnee ambushed the trio before they even reached the location.

The sounds of the Shawnee setting Bennett and Spahr on fire made him anxious but he remained still, even when they stood above him with their torches.

The water was cold, and he grew weaker with each breath.

And then mercifully, he lost consciousness.

And all was black.

To be continued.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00027
ELECTRONICALLY FILED

ADS TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF
MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

AARON KRAMER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AARON KRAMER;
and COUNTY OF FLEMING, KENTUCKY

DEFENDANTS

In obedience to an Order of Sale entered in the above action on May 19, 2025, I will, as Master Commissioner proceed on:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025
FAMILY COURT ROOM
28D FLOOR, FLEMING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY
AT 10:00 A.M.

to sell the real estate located at 2739 Farris Branch Rd., Wallingford, Fleming County, Kentucky 41093. This property is described in a Deed of record in Deed Book 288, Page 15, Fleming County Clerk's Office, with the PVA calling for 6.57 acres. Parcel Mapping number: 085-00-00-046.02

This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$3,236.62, plus interest, taxes, court costs and attorney fees. The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident with net worth of greater or equal to the amount of the bond and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, and who must be present at the sale and execute the sale bond and affidavit of surety at the sale, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Fleming Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 6% per annum on the balance from date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien shall be retained on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2025 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this lawsuit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by Fleming Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.

Buyer is advised to have a title search completed on the property and must file any exceptions to the sale within ten (10) days. The purchasers will be required to have any persons evicted or property removed from the premises. The sale is subject to any terms and conditions that may be announced on the day of sale.

JOHN C. PRICE, MASTER COMMISSIONER
FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT

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FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00060
ELECTRONICALLY FILED

ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

TIMOTHY VICE, et al.

DEFENDANTS

In obedience to an Order of Sale entered on the 6th day of May, 2025, in the above action, I will, as Master Commissioner, proceed on:

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025
FAMILY COURT ROOM
2ND FLOOR, FLEMING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY
AT 10:00 A.M.

to sell the real estate located at 907 Tilton Road, Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky 41041. This property is described in deeds of record in Deed Book 214, Page 328, and Deed Book 260, Page 85, Fleming County Clerk's Office, with the PVA calling for 2.30 acres. Parcel Mapping number: 033-90-00-013.00.

This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$3,324.24, plus interest, taxes, court costs, and attorney fees. The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute a bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident with net worth of greater or equal to the amount of the bond, and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, and who must be present at the sale and execute the sale bond and affidavit of surety at the sale, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Fleming Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 6% per annum on the balance from the date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2025 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this suit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by the Fleming Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.

Buyer is advised to have a title search completed on the property and must file any exceptions to the sale within ten (10) days. The purchasers will be required to have any persons evicted or property removed from the premises. The sale is subject to any terms and conditions that may be announced on the day of the sale.

JOHN C. PRICE, MASTER COMMISSIONER
FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT

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