

The Blankenship Twins



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Twin girls, Cora Hester and Dora Esther, were born January 8, 1888. At the time of their birth, chances of their survival, even their existence, were meager. Remarkably, they defied the odds against them.

Twins were not common in the 1800s, with a birth rate estimated to be around 9 twins per 1,000 births. That was significantly lower than the modern rate of 32.1 twins per 1,000 births.

Once born, twins also had to content with the United States infant mortality rate which was 46.3%, meaning that almost half of all children born did not survive to the age of five. Their deaths came from a wide range of causes.

Despite these daunting statistics, Cora and Dora came into this world, where they survived and thrived.

Their parents were William Michael “Billy Mike” Blankenship and Emily Susan Hartfield Blankenship, of the Fry community. The couple already had six children: Elnorah Ellen b. 1874, Susan E. “Susie” b. 1876, John Isaac b. 1878, James Robert “Jim” b. 1880, Mary “Mollie” b. 1883, and Emma Lee b. 1886.

When Cora and Dora were 2 years old, their mother gave birth to another set of twins, William Thomas and Leathe. They were born October 21, 1890. Sadly, neither infant lived to their first birthday. Another son, Thomas G., was born one June 8, 1892. He reached his second birthday but died about a month later.

A third set of twins was born to Billy Mike and Emily Blankenship around 1895. No record of Leon and Leo’s births or



Cora and Dora Blankenship

deaths exists today, but family oral history says the boys were severely injured when a runaway team of horses and wagon ran over them. The accident led to their death around the age of 9 or 10.

The youngest Blankenship child, Effie Myrtle “Doll,” was born in 1899. Her nickname came from her tiny size, only weighing a few pounds at birth.

By 1906, Billy Mike and Emily had lost five of their 14 children, including two sets of twins. The deaths must have been agonizing for the family. Fortunately, nine of their children grew up and started lives of their own. Their twin girls, Cora and Dora, grew into lovely young ladies.

Cora married Montford Davenport “Montie” Sullivan on February 2, 1910 and had six children: Royce Taft, Alice Victoria, Isaac William “Ike,” Omar Homar, Mary Elizabeth, and Fanny Alliene Sullivan.

Dora went by the

nickname “Dick” most of her life. She married Hansel Ulysses “Hanse” Buchanan on December 29, 1911. They went on to have ten children together: William Berry, James Leslie, John Wesley, Gracie Lee, Robert Austin, Frank Hardin, Oscar Ray, Twyman “Buck,” Alva Royce, and Arthur D. Buchanan.

Cora passed away at the age of 62 on September 15, 1950. Her death came just weeks after her husband’s. They were both buried in the cemetery at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Dora died on August 31, 1967 at the age of 79. She had been a widow since 1945. She and her husband were buried in the Buchanan Cemetery.

Born during a time when twins were a rarity and survival rates for infants were alarmingly low, these two sisters defied the odds from the very start. Today, their numerous descendants can be thankful for their strength and tenacity.

Greensburg-Green County A proud past — A promising future

Way Back When

By CAROL DIAL
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**March 16, 2005
Spring hazard season** - Fire fighters were able to extinguish a 5-acre grass fire on J. T. Russell Road. People are reminded this is Spring Fire Hazard season and to be cautious. The fire started from burning refuse.

Curry receives award - Harold Curry was named the South Central Kentucky Walking Horse Association 2004 Professional Trainer of the Year.

Genealogical Society awarded grants - The Green County Genealogical Society received grants totaling \$1,500 to be used to purchase microfilm of Kentucky death certificates.

Hair donated - Zoe Vaughn, a kindergarten student, donated her hair to Locks of Love.

**March 15, 1995
Experiment by Wells** - Mark Wells, a Greensburg native, designed a Hand Held Diffusion Test Cell that was on the recent Space Shuttle flight.

Lobb, Mrs. Cecil Paxton - John Colby Cowherd will preach at Summersville Baptist Church March 19.

Fire destroys home - A house on

McCullum Avenue, owned by Lillian Sloan and occupied by the Dennis Lamar family, was destroyed by fire.

Player of the Year - Andrea Deaton, a senior at Campbellsville University and a star basketball player, was named Player of the Year by the KAC and All-Mid-South Region.

**March 14, 1985
Road repair** - The severe winter weather caused a lot of damage to county roads. The 375 miles of gravel roads in the county are being repaired according to County Road Foreman Junior Walker.

WWI vet dies - James Matthew “Jim-mat” Kelly, 87, passed away March 8. Kelly saw action in Belgium and France during World War I.

Milestones - Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Cox will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary March 17. Rosa Berry celebrated her 80th birthday Feb. 24.

**March 20, 1975
Rain and more rain** - The Green County area has received 5.5 inches of rain since March 9. There was 2.33 inches of rainfall March 12. Green River Lake saw an 11 inch rise in water level Thursday night.

Two killed, two injured - A two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 at Happyville took the lives of Geneva Walker and her mother Lyda Caven. William Homer Walker and Johnny Allen Brown were seriously injured.

Oil well fire - A drilling rig caught fire when it drilled into a pocket of gas on the Garnett “Pete” Kessler farm near Portland.

Bridge damaged - The Hwy. 218 bridge over Little Barren River was damaged by high water.

Summersville, Ann V. Puckett - Mrs. Josie Marcum and Jessie M. Henderson have a nice fruit stand in the old post office building in Summersville.

**March 19, 1965
Liletown, Mrs. Leon Thompson** - The mumps seem to be at a standstill at this time. No new cases reported for a few days and the ones who have had them are better.

Rotary honors Dragons - The members of the GHS basketball team, who were runner-up in the Region, were the guests of Greensburg Rotary Club. Coach Carl Deaton’s starting five were Lewis Henry, Danny Butler, Phil Thompson, Ronnie Ratliff and Wayne Edwards.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Milton Vaughn, 100 Brents Lisle Rd., Greensburg, KY, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to apply brick, block and concrete waste in a shallow site. The property is located off U.S. 68 South, approximately one and one half miles from the city of Greensburg and runs along Russell Creek. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to Dowflood-plain@ky.gov. Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 100 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is given hereby that:

GREEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Will accept bids for lawn care/maintenance of the Green County Judicial Center for:

MOWING AND WEED-EATING

According to the requirements set forth by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the office of Honorable John H Frank, Green County Judge/Executive, and described in general as follows: General lawn maintenance for the Green County Judicial Center. Provide all materials and labor required to complete the work.

Work includes, but is not limited to:

- Mowing complete grass covered area around the Green County Judicial Center.
- Trimming/weed-eating and removing cut grass from the premises.
- Preserving the landscape and mulch.

The format of such sealed bid must indicate a bid price for each mowing/trimming of the entire lawn area at the premises. Proof of \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance policy must be provided by the winning bidder prior to signing a contract. The sealed bid must reflect a start date no later than April 1, 2025.

Sealed bids in an envelope marked "Green County Judicial Center Mowing Bid" must be received at the Office of County Judge/Executive John H Frank, Green County Courthouse, 203 W. Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743 by 4:00 PM Central Time on Monday, March 17, 2025. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. **Bids will be opened during the March 20, 2025 Regular Called Fiscal Court Meeting, at 5:00 PM Central Time.** Interested parties are invited to attend.

The County shall award the contract to the lowest and best bidder. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in any bid received and in the bidding process.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Taylor Regional Hospital will be accepting bids for landscape maintenance of approximately 35 acres. Services are for 32 weeks in a contract year and include the following:
a. Turf maintenance, which includes: Feeding/pest & weed control, Mowing, Trimming and Removal of grass clippings and other debris.
b. Bedding Plant Area maintenance, which includes: Feeding/pest & weed control, Weed control, Mulching, Landscaping plants and Removal of grass clippings and other debris.
c. Woody and Herbaceous plant maintenance, which includes: Feeding/pest & weed control, Trimming or Pruning shrubs, trees, ground cover and Removal of grass clippings and other debris.

Qualified bidders must meet the following specifications:

- Provide evidence of one million dollar minimum liability insurance.
- Provide evidence of workers' compensation insurance.
- Provide a minimum of three (3) commercial references who will be contacted.
- Provide Tax ID number or Social Security Number.
- Provide evidence of Commercial Applicators License.

Copies of Request for Proposal can be obtained from Plant Operations at (270) 789-5803. Bids will be accepted through Wednesday, March 19, 2025 @ 12:00 p.m. and they will be opened and publicly read March 21, 2025 @ 2:00pm EST. The best bid will be accepted with notification on or before Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Bids should be sealed and addressed to: Taylor Regional Hospital, 1700 Old Lebanon Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718, Attn: Jeff Davis, People and Culture Executive -- LAWNCARE BID.

Any questions should be directed to Jerry Evans.

Taylor Regional Hospital reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Taylor Regional Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Public Notice

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Eleventh Judicial District Court
Green County
Probate Division
Karen Gilpin, Clerk

In compliance with SECTION 25.185 AND CHAPTER 242 KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following SETTLEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS have been filed in the office of the clerk and exceptions to same, if any, must be filed before **03-24-2025**, on which date at 1:00p.m. prevailing time a hearing will be held in the Green County Judicial Center.

NAME OF WARD OR DECEDENT	NAME OF FIDUCIARY	CAPACITY OF FIDUCIARY	KIND OF SETTLEMENT
PHILLIP GARRY CAVEN	SANDRA CAVEN	ADMINISTRATOR	PROPOSED FINAL

In compliance with SECTION 424.30 AND SECTION 424.120 KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following FIDUCIARY APPOINTMENTS have been made by the court.

NAME ADDRESS OF DECEDENT OR WARD	NAME & ADDRESS OF FUDICIARY	NAME & ADDRESS OF ATTY REPRESENTING FUDICIARY	DATE OF APPT	CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY
SONYA CLARK JEFFRIES 493 Little Barren Road Greensburg, KY 42743	VICKI ESTES 417 Field Lark Way Harrodsburg, KY 40330	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	02/22/25	08/22/25
MARTHA E. SQUIRES Green River Trails N.H. 213 Industrial Drive Greensburg, KY 42743	TAMMY McKINNEY 5249 Edmonton Road Greensburg, KY 42743	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	02/27/25	08/27/25
LILLIE JEAN SMITH 379 Hudgins Hwy. Greensburg, KY 42743	ROBBIE SMITH 12994 Hodgenville Road Mt. Sherman, KY 42764	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	03/06/25	09/06/25
ROBERT OLIE LARIMORE 1754 Gabe Road Greensburg, KY 42743	BYRON LARIMORE 77858 Greensburg Road Columbia, KY 42728	JOHN D. HENDERSON 103 W. Court Street, Ste. E Greensburg, KY 42743	02/24/25	08/24/25
NELSON EDDIE ERVIN 840 Coxes Bend Road Greensburg, KY 42743	TAMMY PANNELL 918 Coxes Bend Road Greensburg, KY 42743	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	02/26/25	08/26/25
RHONDA KAY GARMON 129 W. E. Lobb Drive Greensburg, KY 42743	BENJAMIN LANE 1755 Hwy. 1048 Center, KY 42214	R. ADAM STEARMAN 101 N. Public Sq. Greensburg, KY 42743	03/06/25	09/06/25
SHELBY J. MOORE 307 Durham Street Greensburg, KY 42743	PAMELA L. COMPTON 493 Loy Cemetery Road Fairplay, KY 42728	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	03/03/25	09/03/25