



R. A. Frogget, 1805-1871

# Alexander had four wives



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The following excerpt is taken from “Whispers of Ages Past” by Paul Yates Thompson, published in 2017:

Robert Alexander Frogget, born 25 Sep 1805 in Barren County, Kentucky, was the son of William Frogget and his wife Elizabeth whose surname is unknown. Robert married 17-year-old Elizabeth Skaggs, the daughter of Henry Skaggs and Sarah Lacefield in 1827. The next year, William Frogget gave his son Alexander 100 acres of land in Barren County. The couple kept the land until 5 Aug 1845 when Elizabeth relinquished her dowry rights and Alexander sold the land to Hugh Vanzant. The couple had eight children before Elizabeth died on the 4th of July in 1849 and had accumulated 300 acres of land. Their second daughter, Emily Elizabeth, married Joseph Nance on 31 Oct 1849 several months after Elizabeth died and moved into the family home with Alexander and the other children.

Alexander’s relationship with the church was mixed. In 1834 Alexander and Elizabeth were listed as members of the Bethel Baptist Church in Barren County, Kentucky. In 1839 he was baptized into the fellowship of Goodhope Baptist Church also in Barren County. He was solicited to come before the church in April 1841 to answer a charge of disorderly conduct. Then in January 1842 Alexander was excommunicated from the church after being accused of habitual intoxication.

Alexander married ashissecondwife, Mary Ann Harlow Perkins, on 14 Oct 1851. She was the widow of William Perkins who had died in 1850 shortly after Elizabeth. Mary Ann and her husband, William, owned property in Green County which bordered Alexander and Elizabeth Frogget’s land. Alexander and Mary Ann were in a court case involving the land owned by William Perkins (Green County Court file #5498). Mary

Ann was accused of not being the legal wife of William Perkins because he had a second wife in another county. According to family stories handed down, Alexander called all his children together after he married Mary Ann and told them they would have to leave home because Mary Ann didn’t want them there. There is no record as to where the children went or who raised the younger ones. The marriage lasted less than three years due to Mary Ann’s death in the summer of 1854. She and Alexander had no children together.

Only months after Mary Ann died, Alexander took as his third wife Lucy Trigg Thompson Sandidge, a widow with two small children, on 23 Nov 1854. Lucy was the widow of Aaron Sandidge who died in May 1854 shortly before Mary Ann. Alexander and Lucy had three children together. 1860 census records list Alexander and Lucy with their three children and with Alexander’s son, William Henry aged 18, by first wife, Elizabeth Skaggs living with them. There is no record of where Lucy’s two children by her first husband or Alexander’s other children were living in 1860. Lucy died four years later on 3 Apr 1864.

Before 1870 Alexander married for the fourth and final time to Nancy Wilcox Jeffries. She was the divorced wife of Josiah Jeffries and had grown children. The 1870 census shows Alexander and Nancy living with two of Alexander’s children by Lucy, his third wife. Alexander and Lucy’s third child Mary Thompson Frogget died before 1870. Sometime after the census was taken Alexander got into a family dispute with one of his stepdaughters and left Nancy, his fourth wife. He went to Kansas where his daughter, Mary Ann Frogget Williams (by first wife Elizabeth), was living. Mary Ann was a widow. Alexander died 14 Feb 1871 in Crawford County, Kansas and was buried in the Williams Family Cemetery near his son-in-law, Ansel Williams, who had died in 1868. Later Mary Ann would be buried beside her father.

## Greensburg-Green County A proud past — A promising future Way Back When

By CAROL DIAL  
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

### June 15, 2005

**Siren test** - The five storm sirens throughout the county will be tested next week. The siren will be audible five miles away.

**Press tours the Green** - The day-long Green River Geiger Press Tour featured fishing, swimming and viewing some of the unique species that inhabit the river.

**Governor’s Scholars** - Kristin Hartfield, Elizabeth Ellis, Randy Buckner, Niki Taylor and Hannah Bennett have been chosen to participate in the five-week Governor’s Scholar Program.

**Tobacco settlement checks** - Local tobacco producers are looking forward to receiving over \$17 million from the Kentucky 2004 Phase II Tobacco Settlement.

**June 14, 1995**  
**Head of the class** -

Andrea Durrett, Valedictorian, and Amy Leftwich, Salutatorian, were chosen to represent the Class of 1995.

**Green County Junior Miss** - Stacey Williams was named the 1996 Green County Junior Miss.

**New business** - Alicia Jones and Gail Erhardt have opened the Durham Street Cafe.

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Atwell celebrated 65 years of marriage April 22.

### June 13, 1985

**Storm hits county** - A wind storm in the early hours of Monday morning caused damage over the county. Many areas were without phone and electrical service for a time.

**Moore retires** - Clellan Moore retired April 3 after thirty years with the United States Postal Service.

**Portland, Mrs. Ray Coffey** - There will be a Brush Arbor Revival this week on the Con Keltner farm.

**Birthday** - Dora Risen was surprised with a dinner at the home of her daughter Liz Matney on the occasion of her 80th birthday May 5.

### June 19, 1975

**Moore honored** - Sam Moore has been chosen by survey as the person who has done the most for Green County. Moore has served over thirty years as Public Health Administrator.

**Correspondent of the week** - The Summersville correspondent, Ann V. Puckett, was named the Greensburg Record-Herald Correspondent of the Week.

**Showing at the Skyline** - “Moonrunners” stars James Mitchum. “Elvis on Tour” will also be featured.

**Thurlow, Lurlia**

**Simpson** - I went to Center Sunday afternoon and saw the new bank being built there.

### June 18, 1965

**Farm income** - Green County farmers received \$7,994,000 for farm products in 1964. The local farmers earned \$3,867,000 for their labors in 1949.

**Rate increase** - The subscription rate for the Greensburg Record-Herald will increase to \$4 in state and \$5 out of state on August 1.

**Pierce, Mrs. L. W. Davis** - We are having a good slow rain. The farmers got tobacco, corn and gardens plowed before the rain.

**Free immunizations** - The Green County Health Department will give free immunizations, polio, whooping cough, lock jaw and diphtheria, to children five and under.

PUBLIC NOTICE		
The 2nd Reading of the Green County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 25-26 is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on Thursday, June 19 at 9:00 a.m.		
BUDGET SUMMARY		
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be it ordained by the Green County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:		
WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Green County Fiscal Court on the 24th day of April, 2025, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.		
SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 25-26 and the amounts state are appropriated for the purposes indicated.		
GENERAL Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,169,726.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$37,132.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$71,536.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$2,000.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	\$13,950.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$395,386.00
Total GENERAL Fund		\$1,689,730.00
ROAD Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$1,500.00
6100	ROADS	\$1,150,770.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$140,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$788,130.00
Total ROAD Fund		\$2,080,400.00
JAIL Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$281,400.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$54,700.00
Total JAIL Fund		\$336,100.00
LGEA Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,500
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$32,500.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$7,000.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$1,500.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	\$500.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$246,279.00
Total LGEA Fund		\$289,279.00
FOREST FIRE Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$1,100.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$1,574.00
Total FOREST FIRE Fund		\$2,674.00
PARK Fund		
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	\$83,590.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$10,930.00
Total PARK Fund		\$94,520.00
E911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$155,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$16,698.00
Total E911 Fund		\$171,698.00
911 CMRS Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$185,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$109,026.00
Total 911 CMRS Fund		\$294,026.00
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$2,001,575.00
Total WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Fund		\$2,001,575.00
GCCO STORAGE FEES Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$20,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$32,003.00
Total GCCO STORAGE FEES Fund		\$52,003.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENT Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$105,501.00
Total OPIOID SETTLEMENT Fund		\$105,501.00
SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall be published in a local newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.		
SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publications.		
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY		
All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County’s adopted budget in full, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.		