

# COMMUNITY

## Charles Column cont. from pg. 7

in the darkness. As the figure came closer the men had no choice and they all fired. The Shawnee warrior fell into the fire.

Confusion erupted across the woods. Kenton's men were not in place and many of Calvin's men had fired their weapons and were reloading. Tecumseh, recognized the attack for what it was; a disorganized venture from the Kentuckians who had partially surrounded his camp. He shouted encouragement to his warriors and burst from the camp straight into Calvin's men, striking Sam Barr with his war club and killing him instantly. Calvin's men panicked and complete chaos ensued.

Calvin tried to rally his men but soon joined in the retreat and in the darkness ran straight into a large tree with his musket, which jammed the ramrod into his gun barrel as he was actively reloading at the time. The ramrod became stuck and Calvin lost both of his front teeth in an effort to use them to extract the ramrod in the darkness.

The Kentuckians retreated and regrouped as morning dawned with the loss of several personal items and the additional loss of several horses. They did not recover any stolen horses either and had left the body of their companion, Sam Barr, where he fell.

Alexander McIntyre was among the group and refused to continue back toward Maysville without either taking a scalp or an Indian horse and told his companions as much as he set off alone, back toward the Shawnee camp. No effort by his friends could dissuade him.

He was never seen again and it was learned later he was captured and killed by the Shawnee raiders.

But the story, though interesting does not stop there.

John Ward, an older brother of James Ward, had been captured by Shawnee raiders in 1758 and was adopted into the tribe, having procured the name of "White Wolf."

It was White Wolf, or John Ward, who had been shot by members of Calvin's group and it was later learned after peace was declared almost two decades later that the young female who was almost shot initially was White Wolf's daughter, a niece of James Ward.

Efforts were made by the Ward family to return

this niece to her Mason County family after hostilities ceased between the two groups, several years later, and through great efforts she did come to Mason County and live for a time with the Ward family, before returning to her Shawnee family, the only family she had ever known.

These stories provide me with much joy and motivation for further research especially when there are so many possible facts-or-simply... coincidences found out along the way.

Was Tecumseh part of the deadly raid on Morgan's Station or was he simply leading a horse-stealing raid at the exact same time period in nearby Kentucky communities?

As I continue my research into the early conflicts between clans of Native Americans and the clans of their pioneer counterparts, I find myself more often than not, in an analytical conundrum.

They found Abraham Becraft's wife and his youngest child, a little boy only eight-months-old within ten miles of Morgan's Station. The mother and son had been killed and scalped because Mrs. Becraft couldn't keep up with the relentless pace of the Shawnee and Mingo raiders.

James Wade, like several present at that place and that time, wept aloud without control when his neighbor, Abraham Becraft, cradled the bodies of his wife and youngest child in his lap. When others encouraged Abraham to stay put and tend to his wife and child, Abraham insisted on going ahead with the rest of them because he still had five other children among the prisoners.

They found the bodies of four of those children amid the others, along a small stream that ran into the Licking River.

They were tomahawked, scalped and left where they fell. Dear, sweet Mrs. Craig still held the lifeless hand of her young son, and nearby, they found two of Abner Baker's children. They were facedown, lying next to four of the Becraft children and Joseph Young's boy.

Wade thought of how

just two days before he had seen them all playing tag and chasing birds in the lower meadow near Morgan's Station

They were found in what would one day be called Menifee County along a tiny stream that still retains the name Murderer's Branch.

As the men had gathered at Morgan's Station, just before the pursuit of the raiders, James counted nine different bullet holes in the stump he'd taken refuge behind as the attack began in earnest.

There had been so much close-range shooting he couldn't believe he had escaped without a scratch.

He had sprinted three miles to Troutman's Station for help, and then returned to his parents where he parents were overjoyed at seeing him, believing him dead.

Harry Martin had led his wife and two children safely to Montgomery Station. Soon after running out of Morgan's Station, Sally Martin had crossed Slate Creek and her petticoat became soaked and heavy as lead from the water. She said she couldn't go on any further and Harry nearly panicked when he saw how closely they were being pursued by two of the warriors.

He had left his shot pouch on the kitchen table when he ran out of the fort and he thus had only one shot in his musket. He took his butcher knife and cut the petticoat from his wife's body and she ran naked, holding the youngest child the rest of the way to Montgomery's Station.

Teenager, Clarendal Allington was the first prisoner taken. She was the last to be released, a decade and a half later.

Betsy Becraft was the last prisoner taken. She was the first to survive the captivity, having been left for dead after being tomahawked and scalped. She was resurrected from the dead when the militia,

including Wade and Martin, found her and Bob Craig's wife, tomahawked, scalped, and left for dead.

Betsy Becraft was placed under the care of Dr. Downing of Lexington who performed 'trepan' surgery upon her. She regained consciousness, healed, later married George Owens, and raised several children, living a full life.

And just as the one they called, The Messiah, who was also a Jewish Carpenter, once told his followers in a far away land, mere days before being crucified and resurrected, 'The last were often first and the first, last'.

And so, even along Slate Creek, in that ancient section of northeast Kentucky, so long ago.

'Many were called, but few were chosen', dear reader.

The ride back home to the ruins of Morgan's Station was long and sorrowful beyond description for the men who had chased the three-dozen renegade warriors that had burnt the station and captured 19 of the community's women and children.

For some, the ride had been especially difficult.

Abraham Becraft had been in the field plowing when the attack began and jumped over the fence and ran to the Wade house. He told the members of the Wade family that he had personally seen their son, James, killed.

They had lost their son, John, two years earlier and the news had devastated them. As it turned out Abraham had only thought he had seen James killed, after all, he knew he had seen over a dozen warriors point their rifles at James while he was only 20 feet away and then he had turned to run and heard all the gunfire.

But, as it turned out, James had fell behind an old tree stump just as the warriors fired and had not been scratched.

When Abraham re-

turned to the station he found his little daughter Ruth, killed during the attack and his wife and all their other children were gone.

His wife Rachel and their eight-month-old child were the first of the 19 prisoners the renegade warriors killed as they fled from Ralph Morgan's Station and moved eastward.

After traveling over 12 miles, the renegades killed a five-year-old son of Robert Craig.

Later, along a tributary of Licking River, the men found nine more prisoners the renegades had clubbed, tomahawked and scalped. They found Robert Craig's wife and their infant son. They also found Joseph Young's infant son.

Abner Baker had been killed during the attack on Morgan's Station and they found two of the Baker Children and three of Abraham Becraft's children. A fourth Becraft child, a teenage girl named Betty, was still alive, though tomahawked and scalped; as was Robert Craig's wife.

The renegades had escaped with prisoners Clarendal Allington, Mrs. Abner Baker and her infant daughter, Mrs. Joseph Young, Rachel Becraft, daughter of Rachel and Abraham Becraft, and her brother, Benjamin Becraft.

It's hard for any parent or spouse, or family member, or caring neighbor, to imagine what that long ride back home would have been like for those men.

The moans of Robert Craig's wife and Betty Becraft occasionally fil-

tering up through the ancient woods, from the bloody travois they were being dragged upon, mingling with the lamentations of their loved ones and friends and neighbors.

As we depart the scene, let us remember those who were there that April morning in 1793.

We will join them again, within the confines of this column, if the Good Lord I willing.

## Mercury Memories cont. from pg. 9

Juniors Brad Bussell and Brad Burden were selected by a committee through the Cage Scope high Potential Blue Chip Basketball Association.

### OTHER NEWS

McDonald's Ashland given deadline to close by July 1996  
Year old NCHS roof still leaks  
Class of 1975 plans reunion  
TALK OF THE TOWN  
Steve & Karen Kirby announce the birth of son, Dalton Jacob February 17  
Jean & Kenneth Rawlings celebrate 50th anniversary March 30  
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Sweet announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann to Richard Todd Gardner

### ADS OF THE WEEK

Shrimp and char-broiled chicken dinner \$6.99/Jerry's  
1994 Ford Ranger XLT 4X4 \$15,900/Cole

## Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the kindness shown during the death of our loved one Paul Tinch, Jr. To Bro. Steve, Emily & Brent for their caring and support, Carlisle Christian Church for the berevment dinner. HMH for their care and compassion and any one who sent food, called, texted and flowers. We appreciate and love everyone of you.

Thank you,  
The Tinch Family

### NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING OF HARRISON COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Harrison County Water Association, Inc., [HCWA], by and through its Board of Directors, (composed of Mr. J. Frank Marsh, chairman, board members: Mr. Gary Carter, vice-chairman, Ms. Patty Hanna, Secretary, Mr. Lewis Furnish, Treasurer, Mr. Michael Fuller, Mr. Lincoln Clifford, and Mr. Trent Harris), who provide water distribution services to the counties of Harrison, Bourbon, Nicholas, Pendleton and Scott Counties; hereby cordially invite all members who are provided current water services by HCWA, to the annual meeting of the Harrison County Water Board Association, Inc., which will be held April 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., located at the Harrison County Water Association, Office Building, located at 433 Sea Biscuit Way, Cynthia, Kentucky, 41031.

HCWA will in implementation of its annual meeting will elect board of directors for those whose current terms are expiring.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") will conduct a hearing on April 17, 2025, beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, and continuing until called from the bench by the presiding officer, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602 for the purposes of cross-examination of witnesses of Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") and intervenors in Case No. 2024-00346 regarding Delta's application for an adjustment of its rates. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
Sandy Watkins  
NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

Notice is hereby given pursuant to KRS 395.625 that the following Settlements will lay over until 12:00 pm on the 16th day of April 2025, at which time hearing will be held in Nicholas District Court when said settlement shall be approved and recorded unless prior thereto exceptions have been filed.

Decedent/Ward: William Padgett  
Address: 4305 Carpenter Pike, Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Christie Padgett  
Address: 4305 Carpenter Pike, Carlisle, KY 40311  
Title: Executrix  
Nature of Account: Final Settlement

Decedent/Ward: Rieley R. W. Sumner  
Address: 1037 E. Union Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Marjorie Sumner  
Address: 1037 E. Union Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Title: Guardian  
Nature of Account: Periodic Settlement

Decedent/Ward: Emilee F. Schanding  
Address: 1260 Bartersville Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Sarah Schanding  
Address: 1260 Bartersville Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Title: Guardian  
Nature of Account: Final Settlement

Witness my hand this the 31st day of Mar., 2025

Sandy Watkins  
Nicholas Circuit Clerk

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
Sandy Watkins  
NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

Notice is hereby given to all creditors pursuant to KRS 424.340 that the Nicholas District Court has appointed personnel representatives as follows:

Decedent/Ward: Mary E. Frederick  
Address: 132 Myers Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Michael Frederick  
Address: 1891 Myers Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Title: Co-Executor  
Attorney: Leah Hawkins, Atty at Law  
Address: 40 Broadway, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353  
Date: 03/05/25

Decedent/Ward: Mary E. Frederick  
Address: 132 Myers Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Emily Frederick  
Address: 1931 Myers Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Title: Co-Executor  
Attorney: Leah Hawkins, Atty at Law  
Address: 40 Broadway, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353  
Date: 03/05/25

Decedent/Ward: Bobby J. Kinder  
Address: 1700 Myers Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Dalton Fryman  
Address: 1700 Myers Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Title: Executor  
Attorney: Ken Baker  
Address: 101 W. Chestnut St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Date: 03/12/25

Decedent/Ward: Harry L. Henry  
Address: 639 Dorsey Ave., Apt. 6, Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Sarah McFarland  
Address: 11938 Thatchers Mill Rd., Paris, KY 40361  
Title: Administratrix  
Attorney: Patrick H. Watson, Watson Law Firm, PLLC  
Address: 525 High St., Ste 325, Paris, KY 40361  
Date: 03/19/25

Decedent/Ward: Arthur P. Tinch  
Address: 380 W. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Connie Tinch  
Address: 380 W. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Title: Executor  
Attorney: Eric Tedder  
Address: PO Box 186, 240 E. Main St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Date: 03/19/25

Decedent/Ward: Ashlyn K. Trussell  
Address: 104 S. Locust St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Fiduciary: Tammy J. Trussell  
Address: 104 S. Locust St., Carlisle, KY 40311  
Title: Administratrix  
Attorney: James O. Fenwick, III  
Address: 201 E. Main St., Suite 1402, Lexington, KY 40507  
Date: 03/26/25

Witness my hand this the 31st day of Mar., 2025

Sandy Watkins  
Nicholas Circuit Clerk

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