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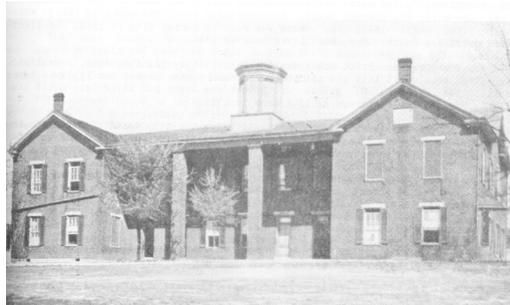
Some Recollections of A Busy Life

By T. S. Hawkins, published 1913 by Paul Elder & Co., San Francisco.

Excerpts from this book of his travels to Harrison County, Ky., 1853-1855 edited by William A. Penn.

I was born on a farm in Marion County, Missouri, on the sixth day of March, 1836, my father having been married in Cynthiana, Kentucky, in March two years before.... My grandfather came from Virginia to Kentucky somewhere about 1800. My father was born on the old homestead near Cynthiana, Ky., on January 1st, 1811, where he grew to manhood, and was married to Miss Margaretta Frazer in 1834. One day in March, 1852, my father came out to the field where I was plowing for the corn planting and said...that I had gone as far in school as the teachers could take me, and that my grandfather in Kentucky wanted me to come and stay a year with him and attend the academy there.

[Hawkins went by boat to Louisville]...where we left the boat and boarded the first railroad train I had ever seen, for Lexington....From here we traveled by stage to Paris... [where he hired a saddle horse to ride to Cynthiana.] From Frankfort to Lexington and on to Cynthiana seemed like one beautiful park. Fields of hundreds and thousands of acres covered with a growth of the most verdant blue-grass....Over these fields roamed herds of thoroughbred horses and cattle. You could ride all day between those stone fences. The roads were all turnpikes...covered thickly with broken rock. I inquired the road to my grandfather's place, whose home was two miles beyond the



(Above) T. S. Hawkins attended the Harrison Academy 1853-1855, located mid-block on Church Street, north of the Methodist Church. Center section built 1817; wings added 1874. Photo *Cynthiana Since 1790*, Virgil

town.... Just as I reached the outskirts of the town I met half a dozen Negroes, who had been in town on a lark. I stopped them and when I finally persuaded them to talk I found that one of the young fellows belonged to a neighbor of my grandfather, so they feared I might inform on them. [One of them led him to his grandfather's place.]

The boys and girls were in many ways superior to those I had before known and when I started to the academy, I was treated with the greatest consideration by nearly everyone. I was somewhat of an athlete along certain lines and attained a good standing among those of my own age. I believe on the hundred-yard dash and in the standing and running broad jump I held the record in the academy. [The Harrison Academy was]...a two-story brick building most beautifully situated on a hill, commanding a view of the whole town. I was introduced to Mr. W. W. Crutchfield, the principal, a man of perhaps fifty years, and a graduate of the University of

Virginia. Mr. Crutchfield put me through a pretty stiff examination in reading, geography and English grammar. I was put to work immediately in the study of Latin, natural and mental philosophy, with an hour or two a day in the higher English branches.

When vacation arrived in May, 1853, ...I had received a full year of schooling and determined to return home and earn money for further study. There was no public conveyance from Cynthiana or Paris or even Lexington. The freight was all hauled by teams and the few people who traveled went in their own conveyances, family carriages or on horseback. I think the place where I took the stage was called Leesburg, and I arrived in Cincinnati toward evening.

I returned to Cynthiana and to my studies in the spring of 1854, nothing new in my journey occurred, the only difference being that a railroad had been opened from Cincinnati as far as Cynthiana. During this year I must have studied very hard, as I not only kept my standing in my classes, but got through a good deal of miscellaneous reading. I finished the course in the academy in December, 1855, and at once took cars for Cincinnati, and a boat from there to St. Louis. (By T.S.Hawkins, 1913).

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CYNTHIANA-HARRISON COUNTY MUSEUM

112 S. Walnut St., Cynthiana, Ky. 41031 Hrs: 10-5 Fri-Sat

Martha Barnes, President

March 17th Meeting. Business Meeting: **Martha Barnes** discussed being a participating historical society in the **Northern Kentucky History magazine**, a regional publication supported by about 20 historical and heritage associations. They will promote our publications free and publishes research from historical society members. **Harold Slade** gave an update on the **veteran's books** that he and others are working on and made the books available for viewing after the meeting. The books are still incomplete and he requests anyone with veterans stories please come forward so those stories can be included in the books. He emphasized that the years of service do not have to be wartime years and they are looking for female stories as well as male stories. **Officers** were elected for the next year. They are: Bob Owen, President; Billy Fowler, Vice President; Dorothy Slade, Treasurer and Janie Whitehead, Secretary.

*The membership is grateful to former president **Larry Moss** for his dedication and leadership. Thanks, Larry, from all of us, for a job well done.*

Program: Martha Snodgrass gave a presentation based on her and husband Jim's experiences working part time in various **National Parks** since 2000. They work for an independent company and not the park service. The program was mostly dedicated to the Grand Canyon and surrounding area.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2005:

The membership and visitors will be viewing a Museum's video on one of Harrison County's historic sites. Be sure to attend and join the fun. There is an archive of many of these videos, which were originally broadcast on local cable television several years ago. Subjects include the old

Raggedy Ann Festival

Our groups (the historical society and the museum group) continually strive to preserve and promote history. Thus, it is important that we support the third annual Raggedy Ann Festival on Saturday, April 16, 2005. The festival is sponsored by the Cynthiana Tourism Committee and the Chamber of Commerce. Do you know why our community celebrates Raggedy Ann and Andy and holds the festival? Why is Cynthiana called the cradle of Raggedy Ann? Who is Johnny Gruelle? Who is Joni Gruelle Wannamaker? To support and promote this part of our history, the museum plans to have a special Raggedy Ann/Andy display. Do you have a favorite Raggedy (doll, book, etc.) you will share for display at the museum during the festival weekend (April 15-16)? Let's plan to participate in the day's activities, visit the museum, support our community and its history.

New Railroad Book for Sale at Museum

Have you purchased your copy of George Slade's railroad book? What a marvelous compilation of an aspect of our county's history! Only fifty were printed and they are going fast at \$15. each. The museum has a variety of books for sale which make ideal gifts.

W.W.II Book

The next time you visit the museum, ask to see the "World War II Book." Larry Moss and the historical society committee have compiled an outstanding treasure of memories - veterans' stories and pictures. This is an ongoing project with efforts being made to compile stories of veterans of other wars as well as peace time.

Grist Mill Day VIII May 28th

The Kelly family once again are graciously planning and working to prepare for our eighth annual Grist Mill Day. Mark May 28 on your calendars and plan to attend. How we appreciate the Kellys and their diligence and dedication to the museum and preservation!

Harrison County, Ky., Genealogy Queries

Send queries to the editor: pennwma@aol.com or write HHN Editor c/o Harrison County Historical Society.

MUSSER - I am researching the Musser family. My great-great grandfather was Caleb Musser, the son of Daniel Musser. My great grandfather was the son of Caleb and his second wife, Louella Hurst. My understanding of his history is that he left his first wife Laura Cook and went to Missouri where he married Louella. I would appreciate any help provided.

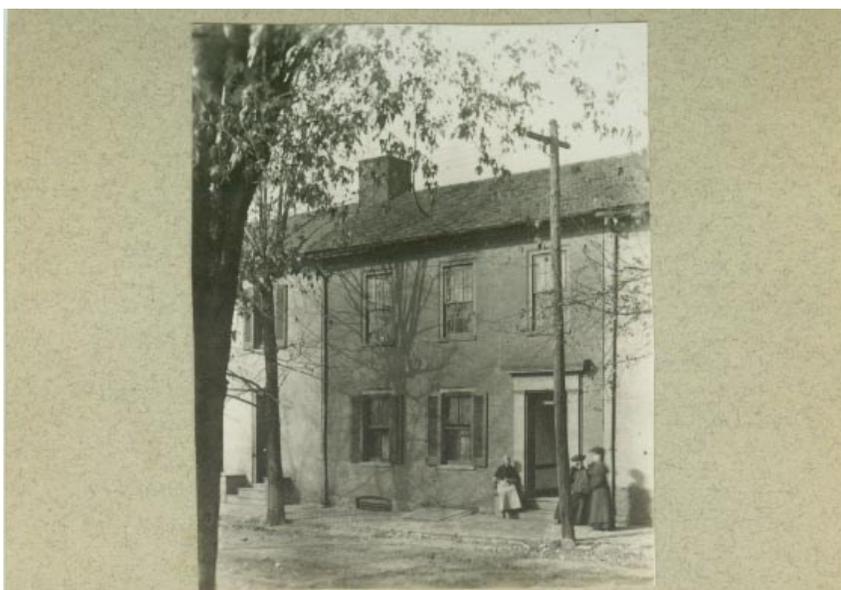
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Harrison County, KY, on the Internet

(e-mail editor other sites)

- www.cynthianaky.com - Harrison Heritage News back issues from vol. 1 no. 1 are archived under Community Life/Historical Society link. (Internet search engine www.google.com searches these back issues.) Church photos, history and other information is on this site. HHN annual index in Dec or Jan issues.
- www.battleofcynthiana.org - Battle of Cynthiana Reenactment Information -
- www.ramsha1780.org - Hinkson and Ruddle Station Historical Society:
- www.savehandyheritage.org - Promotes preservation of the Handy House; Brown/Frazer/Handy family ownership history; Civil War and Camp Frazer connections; early barn; slave quarters; photos of site.
- www.harrisoncountky.us - "a site...to use as an aid in the genealogical & historical research of Harrison County, Kentucky and its people." There is much information on Harrison County history, local communities, postcard views, a valuable research checklist, and to be added are "families" and "data bases". There are many links to other Web sites with Harrison County links.

HARRISON COUNTY'S LOST BUILDINGS



This brick row house was the home of Frederick and Hester Eveleth, 20 Pleasant Street, Cynthiana, Ky. On the steps is Hester Hoffner Eveleth and one of the ladies standing is Lou Eveleth Horn. This building and the one on the left were demolished for the Cynthiana city hall about 1929. The adjoining building on the right was demolished recently by the City of Cynthiana. Photo, 1905, courtesy of John Douglas.

LAWN FETE - 1899

Found in an old book from the estate of former Cynthiana attorney Lloyd Rodgers was an invitation to a "Lawn Fete, music by Mandolin Club" dated "Thursday eve, July 6th, '99, T. H. Johns residence." (This name wasn't in several Harrison County book indexes). A poem on the card said it would be a "measuring party" charging two cents a foot by height.

My Uncle Bill Pickett, from Sadieville, Scott Co., Ky., who died at 92 in 1983, told me that when he was young, fetes, (he pronounced it "fates") were commonplace. He said as part of the evening fun, lamps were hung around the lawn under which girls would be sitting, and the boys would visit each girl in rotation to get acquainted. (Editor).

The Douglas Cabin - Oddville Pike - Harrison County, Ky.



Left to Right: James Peregrine Hodson; George Pigg; Mattie Douglas Hodson; Ed Fickie; Sue Duncan Doulgas; John Robert Douglas (seated in chair); John William Douglas; Carrie Violette Colvin; Nannie Myrtle Colvin; Virgil Douglas Colvin (small boy); Sarah Ann Lang Douglas (seated in chair); Emma Agnes Colvin; Benjamin Franklin Colvin; Sarah Alice Douglas Colvin
(photo about 1891 in front of the homestead on Oddville Pike)

The log house in the family portrait above was built by the Douglas family, and stands on the left side of Oddville Pike if you are going east from Cynthiana towards Claysville. The cabin is just past the Oddville Methodist Church approximately 1/2 mile. This is now the home of Virginia Douglas Ross. Today, the clapboard siding has been removed to expose the original logs. James Hodson and Mattie Douglas Hodson, pictured above, are buried in the above ground vaults at Battle Grove Cemetery. (See story on the Hodson Family Vault in HHN Vol. I No. 3).

According to his biographical sketch in Perrin's *History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Co., Ky.*, John Robert Douglas, a farmer, was born in Harrison County, Ky., March 28, 1814, son of Richard and Martha Ames Douglas. He married Sarah Ann Lang, in Harrison County, December 18, 1842. She was born in Ireland April 16, 1822, daughter of William and Sarah Ross Lang. Their three living children were Sarah A.[Alice], Martha and John W. "He owns 200 acres of choice land. Himself and wife are members of the M. E. Church, and he is a member of the ancient and honorable fraternity of Free Masons, and a Democrat." (Perrin, 652-653). Photo, c. 1891, courtesy of John Douglas.

BATTLE OF CYNTHIANA REENACTMENT TO BE AUGUST 19-21, 2005

The 1st Kentucky Cavalry, host for the 2005 Battle of Cynthiana reenactment, has announced the weekend of August 19-21 as the date of the reenactment at the Elks Club farm, Oddville Pike.

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Harrison County, Kentucky, Historical Publications

**available from Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum, 112 South Walnut Street, P.O. Box 411,
Cynthiana, KY 41031 (859-234-7179); open Fridays and Saturdays 10 AM - 5 PM:**

- Boyd, Lucinda, *Chronicles of Cynthiana*. This is a reprint of the rare 1894 edition, which includes family histories, the famous account of David Sheely and his ghost, and other historical sketches and scattered accounts of persons and events connected with Cynthiana and Harrison County. 262 pp. Hardbound. \$20.00.
- June 1896 *Cynthiana Democrat* reprint. This was a special edition with biographical sketches and photographs of prominent men and women; many photographs of buildings; city/county government, church and school information is included. 24 pp. Paperback, 12"x18". \$5.00
- *Cynthiana Since 1790*. Virgil Peddicord (1986). Mr. Peddicord attempted to list the owners/businesses located on each lot from the founding of the city through the mid-1980s, including subdivisions added through 1923. 171 pp. (See separate index below). Paperback. \$20.00
- *Index - Cynthiana Since 1790* (William A. Penn). Mr. Peddicord did not prepare a comprehensive index for his book. This supplemental index contains about 3,500 names and a reference city street map. 30 pp. Paperback. \$3.00
- *Writings of Colonel William M. Moore, (1837-1927)* compiled by Andrew B. "Andy" Peak (2002). Includes 1921-1922 articles he wrote for the *Cynthiana Democrat* about his life. He was born in Harrison Co., but his family soon moved to Lewis Co., Mo.; in 1849 he moved back to Harrison Co., and he wrote much about life in Cynthiana in the early 1850s; he joined the CSA army in 1861 and fought in battles at Lexington, Mo.; Pea Ridge, Arkansas; and Shiloh, Tenn. The book includes several family obituaries and two letters that contain Moore genealogy. 10 family photographs; index; paperback, 71 pp. \$10.00/ \$3.00 shipping. Limited supply.
- *This Old House* by Katherine Wilson. Now back in print, this book tells the stories of twenty-six early Harrison Co. houses and the families who have occupied them. Much material on Harrison Co. history. Exterior and interior b & w photos of each house. Originally printed 1956-1957. 70 pp., new index, paperback. \$15.00 (An index is available for earlier editions, which had no index).
- *Cromwell's Comments*, by John M. Cromwell (1862-1951) is a reprint of Cromwell's 1928-1941 *Cynthiana Democrat* columns on the history of Cynthiana (Harrison Co., KY). A fine writer and historian, Mr. Cromwell covered many topics, including fairs, horses, fires, churches, businesses, cemeteries, government, Civil War, social events, and the Licking River. Sometimes he quoted old county histories, updated the information, and then added his personal reminiscences of interesting personalities from his career as banker and mayor. William A. Penn and George D. Slade, editors. Paperback; preface; 2 maps; 21 photos; 4 illus.; annotated; index; 200 pp. (*Cynthiana Democrat*, 2002), \$10 plus \$3 shipping.

Shipping/handling for above books: Please include a handling and shipping fee of \$4.00 for first book (unless otherwise noted above), \$2.50 for each additional book; you will be notified if special shipping fees apply. No shipping fee on *Index - Cynthiana Since 1790*, if ordered with the book. Make checks/money orders payable to "Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum." No credit cards. Prices/fees subject to change.

New Harrison County Railroad Book:

Railroads in Harrison County, Kentucky by George D. Slade. This book traces the building of the Covington & Lexington Railroad through the county; the barbecue celebrating the arrival of the tracks to Cynthiana; L&N's development and the county depots and bridges; Southern Railroad in the county; the role of the county's railroad in the Civil War, W.W. I and W.W.II.; "railroad people" Mr. Slade knew growing up in the 1920s and '30s; rail crossings safety issues; many illustrations including photos and floor plans of Harrison County depots; photos of bridges; historic photos of railroad scenes, section crews, excursion ads, and vintage maps. Published by the Harrison County Historical Society (Cynthiana, Kentucky, 2005). 82 pages, introduction, endnotes. Paperback, \$15 plus \$3 shipping.

Historic Battle Grove Cemetery - Self-Guided Tour

A thirty-page, spiral bound guidebook, by Charles Feix, which describes 22 monuments and includes a guide map, is \$5.00 at the cemetery office. To order by mail, send \$7.00, which includes postage and handling, to: Battle Grove Cemetery, 531 East Pike Street, Cynthiana, Kentucky 41031. All proceeds are used for purchasing trees and other beautification projects in the historic cemetery. Visitors may also borrow for the day the guidebook at the office.