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It's 1910 All Over Again!

Counting the County a Century Ago

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Scenes from the February 18th Show & Tell Program Billy and Sharon Fowler



Randall Boyer with a family Bible which has been handed down through the family. The front pages contained birth information for slaves whereas the back pages had Randall's ancestors records.



Kenny Simpson attempting to model his baby shoes. They were with the original box.
Photos by Sharon Fowler.



Newsletter staff writer Philip Naff (left) and newsletter editor Bill Penn represented the Harrison Co. Historical Society at the annual Northern Ky. History Day March 20th at Northern KY Univ. displaying history publications.

Harrison County History Calendar

- Apr. 15** - Living History - Northside Elementary history students.
- Apr. 17** - Raggedy Ann Festival downtown Cynthiana.
- Apr. 24** - Hwy. marker dedication (see p. 3)
- May 20** - History projects - Eastside Ele. 5th grade history class.
- Jun. 17** - Jerry Dailey, ex-FBI career with four presidents.
- July 15** - A presentation by Kevin Stonerock in a performance of "The Steamboat's A Comin'", which will tie in to the Cynthiana library's summer reading theme of water.

President's Corner

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These warm days have been good for the University of Kentucky archaeologists who were commissioned by the city and county to perform the Phase I Archaeological Survey at the Handy Farm (Flat Run Veterans Park). They came out in force to dig hundreds of holes around the Handy House and on the farm. They measured and laid out a grid then placed little flags at the points on the grid. With shovels in hand they removed the sod at each of these little flags. The dirt was then carefully removed from where the sod had been and placed in screen boxes (see photo below). This dirt was then sifted back into the holes with any artifacts found (large or small) being placed in paper bags. Each bag was identified with coordinates to tell them exactly where the contents were found. Maps were hand drawn on site to indicate where each hole was dug along with identifying landmarks such as the house and barns to give perspective to the future observer of these maps.

You might think their work was over but according to the archaeologists it was just beginning. They now have to clean and catalog the thousands of artifacts contained in the 400 plus paper bags that they have collected. As complicated as this sounds, it is necessary to positively determine any areas of significance in the 115 acre park.

They actually allowed me and Sharon to help (under close supervision). This was not only fun but also painful after a winter of very little exercise. And don't think it was all fun. You should have been there when it started raining. The dirt that I was sifting packed on my feet sometimes a couple of inches thick and it was impressive to watch one of the archaeologists sketching a site that was being dug while Sharon stood near him holding an umbrella over his sketch pad. Neither Sharon nor the archaeologist was able to be under the umbrella. It was the pad that was being protected from the rain! I think that is enough fun for now and I can't wait to see what happens next. Let you know next month!



Phase I Archaeological Survey is underway at the Handy House site in Flat Run Veterans Park.. Left to right, Billy Fowler, Dr. David Pollack, Rick Burdin and Dr. Greg Maggard working at a pre-historic site. The men are sifting dirt through a screen to find artifacts. Photo, Sharon Fowler.

Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum

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I must apologize to Philip Naff. As he was working on a 1910 census article, he had asked me about 1910 items in the museum and I failed to get back to him. A great number of items in the museum collection date to the early 1900's time period. Harold Slade and the late Neville Haley's model of Cynthiana dates to 1900. Cynthiana as it was - and much of it, Cynthiana as it is.

In compiling information for "Museum Musings" several weeks ago, I came upon this advertisement - "Log Cabin, January 14, 1910 - Best Service. Hair cut, 15 cents, shave, 10 cents. William Daughtery, Pleasant Street."

I asked Harold his thoughts about the museum and 1910 items. He looked around for a short time and then produced his favorite automobiles, two wonderful black Model T. Fords models - 1910 Model T's. My sisters and I have special feelings about 1910 because our parents, Russell and Louise Toadvine Shropshire were both born in 1910.

Two local history-related events are scheduled for April right here in "river city." (I like to say "river city" for so many local young people and newcomers seem to have no connection to or knowledge of the Licking as it flows through the city and the county. Some of our museum photographs, especially the aerial views

and flood pictures, may truly enlighten one to the significance of our river) One of our April local history events is the Raggedy Ann Festival scheduled for Saturday, April 17. This is the eighth annual festival and its origin truly is historical. If Joni Gruelle Wanna-maker had not visited Cynthiana to search her family's history, if she had not stayed at the Seldon Renaker Inn as guests of Jim and Juanita Ingram, if they had not suggested she visit the museum across the street and Harold, the history ties between Cynthiana and Raggedy Ann would be long overlooked. Have you visited the Raggedy Ann Corner at the museum? Do you know the connections?

Another local history event will take place on Saturday, April 24 in Cynthiana. Last year as Jeff Kinney (Harrison County native, fifth grade teacher, and lover of history) worked with his young historians, his group discovered a Civil War date error on one of our local historical markers. Jeff has arranged for the Kentucky Historical Society to make the correction and a special ceremony is planned for that day.

A horse - yes, we have a horse in a fenced-in area at the museum, but that's another story. As well, spring makes many of us think of baseball. Have you heard of Harry Rhodes Wiglesworth? Yet, another story. Come visit us at the museum, Fridays and Saturdays, 10am-5pm, or by appointment. (859.234-7179)

Dates on Two Civil War Historical Markers to be Corrected Thanks to Fifth-Grader Joe Moss

Bill Penn

Two Cynthiana Civil War historical markers have stood for many years with incorrect dates. When Joe Moss, a fifth-grader in teacher Jeff Kinney's Eastside Elementary class, was preparing a History Club project on the Battle of Cynthiana, he noticed errors on the plaques. On the highway historical marker just south of the U. S. 27 bridge (see photo) the First Battle of Cynthiana is incorrectly listed as July 18, 1862, when in fact it was July 17, 1862. A plaque on the Battle Grove Cemetery's front gate should have a date of June 12, 1864, however it says July 17, 1862.

The new U.S. 27 South plaque will be unveiled on April 24th, at 11:00 A. M. Parking will be available at KC provisions. Guests are invited to the Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum for refreshments

afterwards. Visitors can later see the new plaque at the entrance to Battle Grove Cemetery, which has been installed.

And, Joe, keep looking, for there are other places where the wrong date pops up for the First Battle of Cynthiana, including, surprisingly, the *Kentucky Encyclopedia*. Some historians have used the wrong date by referencing Basil Duke's influential *History of Morgan's Cavalry*, which had the battle incorrectly dated July 18, 1862. No doubt that was a reference supporting the replaced highway historical marker.

On behalf of the Harrison County Historical Society, thanks to Joe Moss for his contribution to Harrison County historical research.



Photo, ca. 1961, Bill Penn

A Little Bit of History Repeats Itself... a Decade at a Time

People have often heard the phrase that history repeats itself . . . but does it really? The headlines in the newspapers and the openings to evening news broadcasts may sound similar, but the details of the stories which make the news are all unique in their own way. Usually the phrase is uttered whenever a tragedy occurs, in the sense of “when will they ever learn.” Yet no two events ever really happen quite the same way...unless maybe you are counting the census.

In 1910, for the thirteenth time in American history, the Constitution kicked in and government got into gear for the taking of the decennial U.S. Census. While the taking of the census has been politicized many times throughout American history, and even though it is marketed today as a tool to help the government distribute aid to states, cities, counties, communities and other entities, its basic purpose was to simply count the population to determine the size of the delegation each state sends to the House of Representatives. Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3 states that

“Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct.”

It has been said that journalists write the first drafts of American history. Given the importance of census records to genealogists, it might be said that census takers have been writing the first drafts of American family histories for nearly two centuries. U.S. Census records are critical primary resources to anyone endeavoring to learn more about their family's past or trying to build a genealogy.

None of the seventeen who were responsible for creating the U.S. Census record of Harrison County in 1910 ever got to see their work released as a public

record. Few ever do. Yet since the 1910 census was released in 1982, millions of others across the country have viewed their work on 1,784 rolls of microfilm, and even though a few grumbles can be heard here and there about misspellings, poor penmanship, and a few other problems, their work has been critical to reconstructing forgotten family trees and in documenting the movement of Americans and the growth of America during its brief history.

A revised update of this article will be posted online in the near future. If you should be able to provide any more information about the 1910 census takers mentioned in this article, please contact the author (philnaff@comcast.net).

The 1910 Census in a Nutshell

“Census Day” in 1910 was April 15. That was the day everybody was supposed to be at home, at least for official census purposes. The census was to be completed in thirty days, or in just two weeks for communities with populations of more than five thousand.

Whoever answered the door told their own piece of family history, and the census taker took it all down. The following questions were asked by the census takers as they went through Cynthiana’s neighborhoods and up and down the county’s roads in 1910.

Location:

- Name of street, avenue road, etc.
- House number or farm
- Number of dwelling in order of visitation
- Number of family in order of visitation

Name and Relation:

- Name of each person whose place of abode was with the family
- Relationship of person enumerated to the head of the family

Personal Description:

- Sex
- Color or race
- Age at last birthday
- Marital status - whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
- If married, number of years of present marriage
- For mothers, number of total children born and number of children living

Nativity:

- Place of birth
- Father's place of birth
- Mother's place of birth

Citizenship:

- Year of immigration to United States
- Whether naturalized or alien
- Whether able to speak English; or if not, language spoken

Occupation:

- Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done
- Industry, business, or establishment in which at work
- Whether employer, employee, or working on own account
- If an employee, whether out of work on 15 April 1910 and number of weeks out of work during 1909

Education:

- Whether able to read
- Whether able to write
- Whether attended school any time since 1 September 1909

Ownership of Home:

- Owned or Rented
- Owned free or mortgaged
- Farm or house
- Number of farm schedule (applies only to farm homes)

Military:

- Whether a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy

Disabilities:

- Whether blind (both eyes)
- Whether deaf and dumb

Taking the Count in 1910

Eighteen-year-old Will Elmore (front row, far right) was frowning a little bit when his family's picture was taken. He may have been squinting from the sun in his eyes...or he could have been thinking of the serious task ahead of him. You see, he had applied for a job as a census taker for the 1910 U.S. Census of Harrison County and he may already have been calculating just how he was going to do it.



The Elmore family, Berry, Harrison County, Ky., ca. 1909-10. Back row: Cynthia (Elmore) Moore, Mary Ann Elmore, Sarah Margaret (Cummins) Elmore, James Gardiner Elmore, Abe Elmore, Sam Moore, and Howard Elmore. Front row: Florence Evelyn, Catherine Pauline, Martha Elizabeth, Ira Thomas, Lillian Blanche, and William Walker Elmore, all children of James G. and Sarah M. Elmore.

He, like most of his fellow hires, was a Harrison County resident and native. Several, like Will, were just teenagers, but most were of his father's generation.

The 1910 census was the first for which competitive tests were administered to prospective employees. Test or no, one might say that Will was well prepared for the task of counting people, for keeping track of his family did require some skill with numbers; he was himself the fourth child of ten, he had sixteen aunts and uncles, and nearly forty great-aunts and uncles, all of which makes for a lot of cousins to keep track of.

In his case, and with others who came from large families, he might have considered taking the census to be a family affair. Some census workers' family ties went back in time or were with each other. In 1880 the father of 1910 census worker James Thomas Wilson, unemployed for ten months and suffering from rheumatism, was listed as a "census enumerator" in the U.S. Census of Pendleton County, Ky. 1910 census takers James H. Florence and Roy G. Vogler were uncle and nephew.

The *Cynthiana Democrat* of March 31, 1910 announced the appointments of census enumerators for Harrison County. In addition to the supervisor, J.T. Wilson of the *Log Cabin*, they were:

Bailey, J. Arch - Lair precinct and part of Park precinct lying east of South Licking
Beckett, Thomas W. - Claysville precinct
Elmore, Will - Colemansville precinct
Ewing, Charles S. - Cynthiana wards 3 and 4
Florence, James H. - Elmarch precinct
McMillan, Charles E. - Leesburg precinct and part of Park precinct lying west of South Licking

Moore, Samuel L. - Richland precinct
Pigg, Will A. - Berry precinct
Smiley, A.C. - Sylvandell precinct
VanDeren, Eugene - Poindexter precinct
Waits, Marie, Miss - Oddville precinct
Wallingford, George - Cynthiana wards 1 and 2

The published list was far from complete or accurate, if you compare it to the names which appeared on the pages of the actual pages of census records. Charles S. Ewing apparently did not make any door-to-door visits at all, and there were even more census takers whose names were affixed to the pages of the 1910 U.S. Census of Harrison County.

The Enumerators

The following texts form a list of all the census takers who went door-to-door up and down the county's roads. A little biographical data about each of them based on their own enumeration of their own family is included, as well as the citations for the pages of the censuses where you can find the work they did on microfilms of the original census (Magisterial Districts (M.D.) 1 thru 8, Enumeration Districts (E.D.) 78 thru 92)

Bailey, John Archelaus (aka J. Arch, Archie)
(b. Jan. 12, 1872 – d. Aug. 10, 1958)
Magisterial District No. 4, Leesburg (part of);
Enumeration District 83, pages 1A-13A (NOTE:
The record compiled by John Archelaus Bailey has
been microfilmed, but the originals were in very poor
condition, almost completely illegible, and so no
record can be found for him or his family).

Beckett, Thomas Whitehead

(b. Sept. 20, 1878 – d. June 26, 1948)
Blacksmith, own shop, age 31, b. in Ky., married to
Stella Catherwood (Age 27, b. in Ky.) for 9 yrs., she
the mother of 0 children, 0 still living, no occupation.
M.D. No. 8, Richland (part of) Claysville Precinct;
E.D. 91, pages 1A-13A.

Elmore, William Walker (aka Will)
(b. Sept. 3, 1891 – d. June 21, 1969)
Farm laborer, home farm, age 18, single, son of
James Elmore (Age 46, b. in Ky.) & Maggie (Age 47,
b. in Ky.), both married for 24 yrs., she the mother of
10 children, 7 still living.
M.D. No. 7, Berry (part of) excluding Berry town,
Colemanville Precinct; E.D. 89, pages 1A-13A.

Florence, James Henry
(b. Feb. 18, 1865 – d. May 22, 1945)

Farmer, general farm, age 45, b. in Ky., married to
Lulu W. (Age 38, b. in Ky.) for 6 yrs., she the mother
of 3 children, 2 still living.

M.D. No. 3, Sylvandell, part of (Elmarch Precinct),
E.D. 81, pages 1A-13A.

Hanna, Edith K.

(b. June 11, 1890 – d. ? (after April 15, 1910))
Census enumerator, Magisterial District, age 19,
single, daughter of Wm. C. Hanna (Age 63, b. in Ky.)
& Catherine E. (Age 52, b. in Ind.), both married 34
yrs., she the mother of 9 children, 9 still living.
M.D. No. 6, Kinman (part of), Kinman Precinct;
E.D. 87, pages 1A-20A.

Howard, Clem Shelton

(b. May 19, 1890 – d. July 7, 1969)
Laborer, bottling works, age 19, b. in Ky., single,
son of Daniel H. Howard (Age 63, b. in Ky., &
widowed.
M.D. No. 2, Cynthiana, coextensive Cynthiana city
(part of), Wards 3 and 4; E.D. 79, pages 11A-22B.

Lillie, Wallace M.

(b. Nov. 21, 1892 – d. Feb. 4, 1934)
Laborer, odd jobs, black, age 18, b. in Ky., single,
son of Burrel J. Lillie (Black, age 50, b. in Ky.) & Cora
(Black, age 37, b. in Ky.), both married 20 yrs., she the
mother of 5 children, 3 still living.

M.D. No. 1, Cynthiana, coextensive Cynthiana city
(part of), Wards 1 and 2; E.D. 78, pages 9B-11B
(NOTE: Wallace M. Lillie was among the earliest
African American census takers hired to take the
count in Harrison County, if not the first).

McMillan, Charles E.

(b. March, 1882 – d. ? (After April 1, 1930))
Farmer, general farm, age 27, b. in Ky., single, son
of Charles S. McMillan (Age 71, b. in Ky.) & Mary C.
(Age 55, b. in Ky.), both married 31 yrs., she the
mother of 3 children, 3 still living.

M.D. No. 4, Leesburg (part of), Leesburg Precinct,
Park Precinct, west of South Licking River; E.D. 84,
pages 1A-20A.

Monson, John Thomas

(b. April 15, 1870 – d. Oct 3, 1949)
Farm laborer, working out, age 40, b. in Ky.,
married for 5 yrs. (No spouse enumerated within
household), son of James Monson (Age 71, b. in Ky.)
& Madora (Age 59, b. in Ky.), both married 41 yrs.,
she the mother of 3 children, 2 still living.

M.D. No. 5, Tricum; E.D. 85, pages 1A-21A.

Moore, Samuel L.

(b. Nov. 14, 1882 – d. Dec. 5, 1945)

Teacher, rural school, age 27, b. in Ky.; married to Myra B. Moore (Age 19, b. in Ky.) for 0 yrs., she the mother of 0 children, 0 still living.

M.D. No. 8, Richland, E.D. 92, pages 1A-17A.

Pigg, William Alexander (aka Bill)

(b. April 21, 1870 – d. Nov. 27, 1939)

Farmer, farm, age 41, b. in Ky., married to Lizzie M. (Age 43, b. in Ky.) for 20 yrs., she the mother of 9 children, 7 still living.

M.D. No. 7, Berry (part of) including Berry town, Berry Precinct; E.D. 88, pages 1A-18B.

Smiley, Alfred Clarence

(b. May 16, 1872 – d. Nov. 19, 1914)

Farmer, general farm, age 37, b. in Oh., married to Mary (Age 35, b. in Ky.) for 15 yrs, she the mother of 6 children, 6 still living.

M.D. No. 3, Sylvandell (part of), Buena Vista Precinct; E.D. 80, pages 1A-15A.

Wallingford, Squire George

(b. Sept. 17, 1872 – d. Dec. 23, 1947)

Merchant, tobacco, age 37, b. in Ky., married to Alice (Age 31, b. in Ky.) for 14 yrs., she the mother of 2 children, 2 still living.

M.D. No. 1, Cynthiana, coextensive Cynthiana city (part of), Wards 1 and 2; E.D. 78, pages 1A-13A, 14A-20B.

Van Deren, Edward Eugene

(b. April 28, 1891 – d. July 16, 1958)

Farmer, general farm, age 19, b. in Ky., married to

Myra (Age 19, b. in Ky.) for 3/12 yrs., no motherhood statistics recorded.

M.D. No. 7, Berry (part of), excluding Berry town, Poindexter Precinct; E.D. 90, pages 1A-9A.

Vogler, Roy Gustave

(b. Oct. 11, 1886 – d. May , 1929)

Farm laborer, home farm, age 23, b. in Ky., single, son of Jennie Vogler (Age 48, b. in Ky., widowed, she the mother of 4 children, 4 still living.

M.D. No. 6, Kinman (part of), Connerville Precinct; E.D. 86, pages 1A-14A.

Waits, Sarah Marie (Mrs. Frank Magee)

(b. Aug., 1886 – d. ? (After Jan. 15, 1920))

No occupation ("None"), age 23, b. in Ky., single, daughter of John L. Waits (Age 64, b. in Ky.) & Willie S. (Age 52, b. in Mo.), both married for 25 yrs, she the mother of 3 children, 3 still living.

M.D. No. 3, Sylvandell (part of), Oddville Precinct, E.D. 82, pages 1A-12B.

Wilson, James Thomas

(b. Nov. 7, 1872 - d. Dec. 12, 1953)

Editor & Publisher, newspaper and job printing, age 37, b. in Ky., married to Georgia (Age 29, b. in Ky.) for 5 yrs., she the mother of 2 children, 2 still living.

M.D. No. 1, Cynthiana, coextensive Cynthiana city (part of), Wards 1 and 2; E.D. 78, pages 21A-22A.

Image of a 1910 U.S. Census record (below): It could be said that Will Elmore's job began at breakfast, as he counted his own family first on the morning of April 15, 1910. Several census takers began their reports with their own family

RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.										Place of birth of each person and give the state or
	Sex.	Color or race.	Age at last birth.	Whether	Number	Whether	Number	Whether	Number	Whether	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	Elmore, James	Head	M	W	44	M	24			Kentucky,
		Maggie	Wife	F	W	47	M	29	10	7	Kentucky
		Howard	Son	M	W	20	S				Kentucky
		Will	Sons	M	W	18	S				Kentucky
		Ira	Son	M	W	17	S				Kentucky
		Florence	Daughter	F	W	15	S				Kentucky
		Sophrys	Daughter	F	W	13	S				Kentucky
		Blanche	Daughter	F	W	12	S				Kentucky
		Mattie	Daughter	F	W	4	S				Kentucky

Top-10 Lists for 1910

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Hail to the Chiefs



William Howard Taft, 27th U.S. President in 1910

Today, an eighteen-year-old can barely remember two or three. Their parents can probably remember nine or ten. How many U.S. Presidents can you remember? Of the last ten men to have held the office by 1910 all but two were Republicans, only two were still living, most had only one-term presidencies, and there were numerous scandals, two assassinations, and an impeachment. In reverse order, the ten, from the 27th back to the 17th were:

- 1909-13 - William Howard Taft (1857-1930)
- 1901-09 - Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)
- 1897-1901 - William McKinley (1843-1901)
- 1893-97, 1885-89 - Grover Cleveland (1837-1908)
- 1889-93 - Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901)
- 1881-85 - Chester A. Arthur (1829-1886)
- 1881 - James Garfield (1831-1881)
- 1877-81 - Rutherford B. Hayes (1822-1893)
- 1869-77 - Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885)
- 1865-69 - Andrew Johnson (1808-1875)

You Had to Be There

What were the approximately 92 million people of the U.S. talking about in 1910? These were some of the events that made the news.

January 1 – Enrico Caruso (1873-1921), famed Italian tenor, sings in the first radio broadcast from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera.

January 8 – French aviator Hubert Latham (1882-1912), set a world's altitude record when he flew his monoplane to a height of more than 3,300 feet (Today millions regularly fly ten times as high in modern passenger jets).

February 8 – The Boy Scouts of America is founded in Washington D.C. The U.S. is the 12th country to join the organization, which originated in England in 1908.

March 10 – The first film made in Hollywood, a silent movie entitled “Old California” and directed by D.W. Griffith (1875-1948), is released.

April 20 – Halley’s Comet first came into view of humans on earth on this date. On May 18 the Earth passes through the tail of the comet. For the first time in history, the comet is photographed (See photo).



May 6 – King Edward VII, King of Great Britain and Emperor of India, age 68, dies unexpectedly of pneumonia at Buckingham Palace. King George V, uncle of Queen Elizabeth II, ascends to the throne.

June 19 – Father’s Day is celebrated for the first time in the U.S., in Spokane, Washington.

June 20 – New Mexico and Arizona Territories are authorized by Congress to form state governments and apply for admission to the Union.

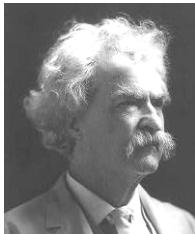
June 25 – The White Slave Traffic Act, better known as the Man Act, is passed by Congress, barring the transportation of women across state lines for immoral purposes.

July 1 – Chicago’s Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox, opens.

They Knew Them Well...or Hardly at All

Even though a modern youth may think history began with his own birth, there were people who were born nearly two centuries ago who left a lasting impression in 1910 and who are still remembered today. A few of those notables who died in 1910 are among those listed below.

Except for their mamas and papas, few at the time were acquainted with those who were born in 1910; their places in the history books were yet to be earned. Their names are also included in the following list.



d. April 21 - Samuel Langhorne Clemens (aka Mark Twain), age 74, humorist and author of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, died at his home in Redding Connecticut.

b. May 23 – Artie Shaw, clarinetist and big band leader, was born this date in New York City.

d. June 5 - William Sidney Porter (aka O. Henry), American master of the art of the short story, died at age 48 in New York City.

b. June 11 - Jacques Cousteau, scientist and explorer of the world's oceans, and co-developer of the aqua-lung, was born in France.

d. July 31 - Winslow Homer, American painter, age 74, dies in seclusion. Illustrator for *Harper's Weekly* during the Civil War, he became famous as a painter of common American scenes, such as "Crack the Whip," and of dramatic seascapes.

b. July 14 – William Hanna, cartoonist, half of the Hanna-Barbera animation studio team, was born in New Mexico.

d. August 13 - Florence Nightingale came to prominence as an English nurse during the Crimean War (1853-56) and who was known as the "Angel of the Wounded" and the "Lady with the Lamp," was 90-years-old when she died in London.

b. August 26 - Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Albanian Catholic nun and humanitarian, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for her work with the poor in India, was born in the former Ottoman Empire, in the present-day Republic of Macedonia.

b. October 1 – Bonnie Parker (See photo right), prettier half of the Bonnie & Clyde bank-robbing duo of the 1930s, was born in Rowena, Texas.

d. November 20 - Leo Tolstoy, age 82, author of *War and Peace* and *Anna Karenina* died in Russia.



Making Cents in a Census Year

They knew what pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters were, but few of the coins resembled any of those that we use today. In 1910 the following coins would have filled the pockets and purses of men and women across the country.

There was the wheat penny (1¢) with President Lincoln on the obverse (front), the Liberty head nickel (5¢), the Barber dime (10¢) (See photo right), quarter (25¢), and half dollar (50¢), all designed by Charles E. Barber, Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint from 1879 to 1917, and which featured the head of the mythological goddess Liberty.



What could you buy with a little pocket change? A nickel would buy you a Coca-Cola and a dime could get your child in to see to a Charlie Chaplin movie. Underwear for children cost two dimes. A dollar then had roughly the purchasing power of a twenty dollar bill today. A man's shirt might cost a dollar in 1910, for example.

On the Job

The text of an interesting National Public Radio (NPR) report was recently posted to the NPR's website. It was entitled "The Jobs of Yesteryear: Obsolete Occupations." It listed jobs which were once common, but which are now extinct, or virtually so. These positions would have easily been filled in 1910. Would you know what the following people did for a living? Have you ever held such a job? When was the last time you ever saw such a person at work?

Ten of the jobs were:

- Elevator Operator
- Copy Boy
- Pinsetter
- Iceman
- Lamplighter
- Milkman
- Switchboard Operator
- Typist in a Typist Pool
- Typesetter
- Telegraph Operator

To read more about the story and to hear the voices of the people who once held such jobs go to the NPR website (www.npr.org) and do a search for the title or use the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/yfqs2xl>.

Cynthiana in the Nineteen-Naughties

by Chester M. Jewett (1907)

Sturdy and beautiful Cynthiana, nestled like a star in the corona of the Licking valley, is one of the most attractive municipalities in the State of Kentucky. It is the county seat of Harrison county, one of the most fertile and prosperous counties in the State, and the city presents attractions and advantages from a mercantile point of view enjoyed by few places of her size. A historical and industrial review of Cynthiana would be a record of substantial growth and continued prosperity, which is an example and an inspiration to every community. Her people having become conscious to the grand opportunities by which they were surrounded and which they are by nature possessed, have taken advantage of them and pushed to the front in the interests of the city, attracting capital and locating institutions which are a credit to the effort. In proper keeping with advancement of the business interests of the city, the people have kept up public improvements and made Cynthiana one of the most desirable residence cities in the State.

It is beautifully laid off in well shaded, macadamized streets, with brick, asphalt and artificial stone pavements and has many imposing residences and handsome business houses. Her system of water works, put in a few years ago at a cost of about \$50,000, is almost the best in the State. The latest improved machinery is used at the pumping station and the standpipe is of immense capacity. The educational facilities of the city are deservedly a public pride as Cynthiana has a most excellent public school system and several other institutions of education, including a female college and an excellent training school for young men. There are no less than ten flourishing churches which stand as evidence of the moral and religious culture of the citizens.

Cynthiana's railroad facilities are furnished by the Louisville & Nashville which reaches out in the great southern territory, touching the gulf at New Orleans and Pensacola connecting with the other great trunk

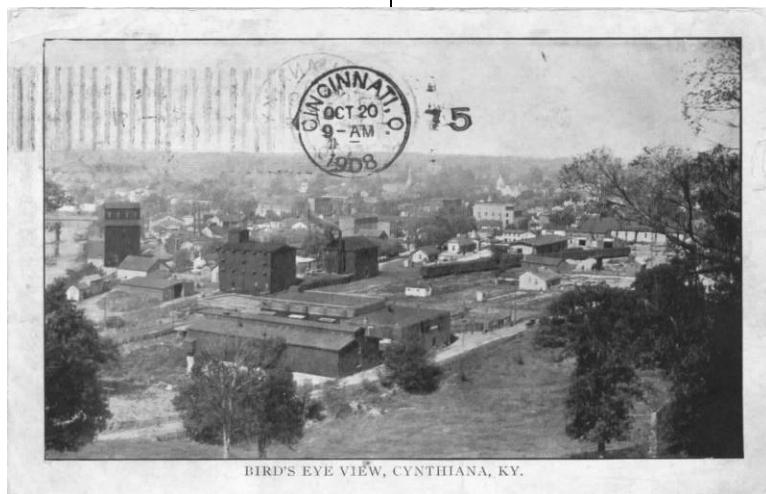
lines at Cincinnati and St. Louis, giving easy access of shipment to all points in the United States. Probably the most important distilleries of Harrison county are distilleries and the stock farms with their headquarters at Cynthiana. There are four distilleries in the city, and about ten located elsewhere in direct proximity.

Stock raising is an important feature, the comity being dotted with farms of this kind, many of which are very prominent. Two large flouring mills do an immense business.

There is no question as to the importance of Cynthiana as a trade center, for its business houses are conducted by some of the best known and most influential citizens, who are energetic, wide-awake and enterprising, doing their share towards building up the name and fame of the city.

Its financial institutions are notable for their solidity. They are careful, conservative and yet liberal in their policy towards patrons and the mercantile and

business community generally. The individual heads of the banking houses have always been among the foremost citizens. As a location for manufacturing or a mercantile enterprise, Cynthiana offers great inducements to men of capital seeking suitable places for investment. The city is well represented in the matter of



miscellaneous enterprise, but there is yet room for a much greater number, especially productive industries.

With ample facilities for transportation and an industrious population steadily increasing and widening the home market, the incentive to energy and rewards open to enterprise, exist here to an extent not excelled by any city of like size. To the manufacturer, the merchant, the man of affairs, the man having children to educate, Cynthiana extends a cordial investigation of her claims . . .

Source: Kentucky Bureau of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, *Hand Book of Kentucky*, Louisville, Ky.: The Globe Printing Company, 1908, pp. 652-654 (Seventeenth Biennial Report (1906-07), Bureau of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, State of Kentucky, issued by Hubert Vreeland, Commissioner of Agriculture. The article entitled "Cynthiana" was revised in 1907 by Chester M. Jewett).