

Historical Records Survey, continued:

can remember the old manual typewriters, letters jumped up into the air, spaces were between letters sometimes, making it hard to decipher it was Jo S or Jos. However; if they hadn't done it, it likely wouldn't be done to this day! So forgive the typos, understand that this was putting bread on the table for them and bless them for their efforts!

The Diary of Samuel H. Page

The following article appeared in an issue of The Tompkinsville News and was found in an old scrapbook kept by the late Birdie Lutzow. It was not dated.

Samuel H. Page, son of Samuel and Susan T. Page, was born December 29, 1837, in Monroe county, Ky., on Meshack creek and lived with his parents and worked on the farm until she was nearly 19 years old, when he married Sarah L. Moody, daughter of William and Jane Moody. William Moody, being at that time sheriff of Monroe county.

The fruits of said union were six children, four sons and two daughters: Alice J., George S., Elizabeth h., James K., Joseph E., and Albertus G. Page. Alice J. Married John Pitcock; George S. married Nan Kidwell; Elizabeth H. married Granvil Gentry; James K. married Blanche Sanders; Joseph E. married Valley Mack; Albertus G. married Evie Wax.

The said Samuel H. Page was converted to the Christian religion at the age of 16 years and joined the Baptist church. He was church clerk for a number of years and ordained as deacon and has served for more than thirty years. He was granted license by the Monroe church to preach the gospel. He also procured license from the county clerk to perform marriages.

He volunteered in Company K, Fifth Kentucky Cavalry in the war of 1861 and served 3 years and 7 months, and was in eleven states of the Union; was in 52 battles and skirmishes; was captured one time; was a prisoner of war three months; received an honorable discharge May 5, 1865, and received \$200.00 bounty. He joined the grand army of the Republic G. M. Vandover Post No. 34, October 18, 1884 and served until March 27, 1891, having filled the office of Adjutant, Junior Vice-commander, Senior Vice-commander and Post Commander.

His first wife, Sarah J. died with consumption December 12, 1871, and he then married Jane Pitcock November 6, 1872, the mother of John Wesley and Turner Pitcock. He moved to Tompkinsville and sold goods two years and unfortunately went on John Bedford's and George page's bond as sheriff and was broke up. He then moved to a little farm he owned in the county and remained there until the death of his second wife August 23, 1886.

Mr. Page then married Sarah F. Tooley, daughter of Isham Tooley, September 27, 1887. Unto them were born one son, Wm. Finley Page, February 10, 1897.

A diary of Mr. Page, in his own handwriting reads as follows. It is a continuous record, written in each year.

"Samuel H. Page now resides on the headwaters of East Fork of Barren River in four miles of Tompkinsville, engaged in farming. He owns 11 tracts of land, has served as many as seven years as surveyor of the public highway and a number of years as trustee of the common school and has been deputy county clerk for 16 years and has served a number of times as

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Page Diary, continued:

executor, administrator and guardian; has served on and headed grand juries in the county of Monroe, and served as juror in the Federal Court at Louisville in the fall of 1899.

I got my pension raised \$24.00 per month; again applied for increase of pension and added heart trouble and was allowed \$30.00 per month the 20th day of November, 1907. I have married up to the present time, February 2, 1909, 89 couples, and have served as deputy county clerk up to the present time, and have wrote 9 wills and a number of deeds and mortgages; my third wife died with pneumonia fever January 10, 1809. I then sold out and moved to Tompkinsville and own seven town lots.

"I sold out and moved to Tompkinsville in 1908 and engaged in the real estate business. I have bought 19 town lots up to the present time and been building and improving on said lots, and selling and renting. I have sold seven at a very good profit and own 12 at present. I have given my seven children \$130.00 each and have over doubled my little estate and have served as deputy county clerk for nearly 28 years. I have tried to live a temperate life; never been drunk; never used tobacco in any way; I tried to smoke one cigar and it made me very sick, and I left tobacco off entirely. I now live near the Glasgow road between Columbia Ave., and 8th Street. I am the only one of my father's family living; am 73 years old this April 28, 1911.

I still continued buying lots and building houses and selling and trading. I have bought 22 lots up to the present and sold 12 at a very goof profit. I have served as deputy county clerk for about 29 years; I have married, up to the present time 110 couples and have assisted in the funerals of about as many. My youngest son, Finley, and I are batching at the same place where I last wrote. I am 74 years old this January 15, 1912 and I have 37 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

"I will be 77 years old if I live to the 29th day of December. I and my son, Finley Page are living at the same place I was living when I last wrote, though we are taking our meals at Edley Rich's, in about 30 or 40 yards of my residence. I sold him a house and lot and we are boarding it out with him. I am in feeble health and have rented outmost of my property. I am still deputy clerk and marry people occasionally. I have married 126 couples up to the present time, and I am Vice-president of the county fair. This August 25, 1914."

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Killion Creek, Stone Mason by Harley Buntin Neal, 1716 Post Avenue, Rockford, IL 61103. This 29 page soft spiral bound book covers the life of Killion Creek, a stone mason whose roots go back to Rotterdam when his father, Jacob Krieg came to Philadelphia in 1752 aboard the Ship Snow Louisa. The author traces Killion from Pittsylvania Co VA to Fayette Co KY, to Warren Co KY and thence to Barren County KY when it was formed from Warren Co., where he built a water grist mill on Beaver Creek and what was known as the William Jackman Bank Barn. Killion then moved to Gibson Co IN where he and his sons built the first courthouse. The book contains source data verifying the information, sketches of the mill, barn and courthouse, family sheets on Killion and the Weitzel family (his wife's family) and sketches of land he owned. It is not indexed. Copies are available from the author at the address above. Contact author for further information.

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