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GENERAL RESUME' OF CARROLL COUNTY.

Carroll County was formed from a part of Gallatin County in the year of 1838, becoming the eighty-seventh county of Kentucky, and was named in honor of Charles Carroll of Carrollton in Maryland, who was one of those who signed the Declaration of Independence.

Carroll County is bounded on the north by Gallatin, south by Owen and Henry, and west by Trimble County. The Ohio River bottom--twenty miles along the northern line, and from a half- to a mile wide, except one point--is moderately rolling with rich sandy alluvial soil. The soil of the Kentucky River valley which extends thru the county is of two classes--the rich alluvial bottom subject to overflow, and the level upland once covered with yellowish soil two to four inches deep, over a stratum of bluish clay.

The remainder of the county is hilly and the soil is a fertile loam over a stratum of lime-stone.

Towns:-- Carrollton, the county seat, on the Ohio River lies above the mouth of the Kentucky which empties into the Ohio on the western side of the city, fifty miles below Frankfort, twelve miles above Madison, Indiana and fifty-seven miles above Louisville.

It was incorporated in 1794, then bearing the name, Port William, but, in 1838 was changed to Carrollton thus receiving the name of the residence of Charles Carroll mentioned above.

Ghent, so named for the city in Belgium where the peace treaty was signed in 1815, lies on the Ohio River eight miles above Carrollton,

Prestonville is named in honor of Col. Francis Preston of Virginia, who then owned the land, is at the mouth of the Kentucky River opposite Carrollton.

Worthville, eight miles above Carrollton is on the east bank of the Kentucky, where it is crossed by the L. & N. Short Line R. R. bridge. It received its name in honor of Col. William Worth.<sup>1</sup>

Carroll County is a farming section of gently rolling land, tobacco and corn being the chief crops. Many dairy cattle, some beef cattle, and sheep are raised.

There are the large farms of R. M. Barker, Senator Perry Gaines, and Mr. Robert Froman in this county, on which <sup>farms</sup> tobacco and corn are raised and on which are large herds of dairy cattle. Hill's dairy is located in the Carrollton community and most of the people in the city are supplied with grade A milk from this dairy.

There are eight loose-leaf tobacco warehouses in Carrollton besides the large re-drying house owned and operated by Mr. R. M. Barker.

There is a furniture factory in Carrollton which has been in operation for many years and has produced a great deal of high-grade furniture.

There are also a clothing factory and a CocaCola plant; also an ice plant.

✓ The C. & W. R. R., a branch of the L. & N. R. R. connects Carrollton and Worthville.

Freight and passenger boats plying the Kentucky and Ohio rivers serve the industries and people the community while many excursion boats offer much pleasure, particularly to the young people during the warmer months. So, these transportation facilities along with the wonderful paved highways traversing the community afford many opportunities for progress and enjoyment to the citizenry.

There are only a few of the oldest buildings remaining, but some of these are of historic value and are greatly loved by the older inhabitants.

The old home of Gen. W. O. Butler is still standing on Highland Avenue, which is a part of Highway No. 42. Just recently when this new highway connecting Cincinnati and Louisville, passing thru Ghent and Carrollton was completed a terraced stone wall was built in front of this old Butler home making it still more beautiful and interesting. There is a fine old forest tree still standing in the yard. This home is now owned by Miss Hallie Masterson, whose father bought and owned the historic old place for many years.

The Butler Memorial State Park in which the home of Thomas Butler still stands, is located on both sides of the road connecting Carrollton and Worthville and covers an area of about two hundred acres. A C. C. C. camp is at present stationed on a portion of this park. During the two or more years of its occupancy the large, and beautiful Lake Butler has been constructed on either side of and under the road which leads into the park, the old Butler home has been re-modeled and converted into a stately mansion where many interesting relics, antiques and papers of note can be seen by visitors, many trees have been planted, tiny cottages nestled in inviting nooks, and larger ones for shelter houses have been built, a crude stone structure overlooking the Ohio and presenting a picturesque view of Carrollton and much of the surrounding country, has been erected at a vantage point for observation, and much is being done daily to beautify and add to the appearance of Butler Park.

Along the highway leading thru Carrollton and Ghent are some fine old forest trees, especially along Highland Avenue in Carrollton, but many of the beautiful old trees have been uprooted or injured by storms, or taken down for road building or other construction purposes.

A beautiful old home that has been admired and loved by many of the Carrollton people and tourists, known as the old Kahn place, or Roland place which lies at the eastern entrance of the city just above the Ohio and commands such a wonderful view<sup>of</sup> that river, has recently suffered great loss of charm both because of storms and ruthless destruction of the beautiful avenue lying to the front of the large old-fashioned house, that the place might be used for commercial purposes, causing deep regret to the people of Carrollton and Carroll County in general.

The beautiful country homes of R. M. Barker, Senator Perry Gaines, Mr. Robert Froman and others help to beautify Highway 42. The Martin Nursery is also on this highway, and much shrubbery has been planted to make it more attractive.

Commissioner J. Lyter Donaldson and many who have worked with him deserve much credit for the part they played in beautifying this road.

Along other roads in the County are some attractive farm homes and many pastures where sheep and cattle can be seen grazing.

At Prestonville is a large hatchery owned<sup>by</sup> Wetherill Brothers, which supplies many people with young chickens.

✓ The first settlement in Ghent<sup>1</sup> was made in 1795 and the town was laid out between this date and 1810 by Sam Sanders Sr., son of John Sanders and an uncle of Sam Sanders Jr. who had a hotel in the early days of Ghent. The town was so named by Henry Clay after his return from Belgium in 1815, just after the signing of the peace treaty in Ghent of that Country. This town was incorporated in 1832 or 1834. The settlers were mainly from Virginia. Some came first to Lexington, then to Ghent.

✓ Lewis Sanders settled in Ghent in 1819. His old home at Grass Hills still stands. The graves of Lewis, and Ann Nicholas Sanders are to be

found at Grass Hill Cemetery.

The town of Sanders was probably named for Nathaniel Sanders who was a very early settler there.

There is evidence of at least three <sup>ancient</sup> fortifications near the Ohio River in this county, and several mounds have been located which have proved to be of interest.

Carroll County has no special yield of minerals other than sand, stone and gravel. Much of these are obtained from the Ohio and the rocky hills.

Some small gas wells were opened near Ghent about four years ago, and the yield seemed to be promising. Many people had gas fixtures installed, but the supply was soon exhausted. There is a blue lick well at Sanders and a smaller one at Carrollton on Sixth Street.

Notes:-- 1. Collins' History of Kentucky--First Ed. 1847, by Judge Lewis Collins and Sec. Ed., 1874, by Richard H. Collins, John P. Morton Co., Louisville, Ky. 2. I am indebted to Miss Anna V. Parker of Ghent for the data on Ghent and Sanders. Miss Parker is a descendant of Lewis Sanders who moved to Ghent in 1819.

Others interviewed:--Mrs. Nannie Fitschen, Mr. George F. Lee, former editor of Carrollton Democrat; Miss Jennie Howe, descendant of a very resident; Atty J. H. Newman; Mr. W. R. Fisher, realtor and insurance agent; Miss Hallie Masterson, descendant of a very early settler. Address of all is Carrollton, Ky.

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