

## Early Settlement:

✓ Prestonville;-- Copy of a part of a report made by an investigator, "Recently while making an abstract of a land title in Gallatin County, Kentucky, I had occasion to examine the old processioner's report for the year 1825, and found this very interesting report, "And on Monday the 8th day of April, 1823, proceeded in persuance to said notification to procession and go around the land and re-survey the two hundred acres patented to Francis Preston and John Smith, assignees of George Elliott, by virtue of the governor's warrent, and agreeable to his Majesty's proclamation of 1763, in Fincastle County, on the Ohio River, joining and below the Kentucky River as per copy of the survey and plat herewith returned, No. 2 and made part of this report.

Which in the words and figures following and to wit: Surveyed for Francis Preston and John Smith, 'assig.' of the governor's warrant and agreeable to his Majesty's proclamation of 1763. 200 acres of land in Fincastle County on the Ohio River, joining and below the mouth of the Kentucky River. Then beginning at two sugar trees on a hillside below the mouth of Little Kentucky, thence north ten degrees, east 36 poles to two buckeyes and black walnuts N. 20 degrees West 60 poles to a hoop-wood and sugar tree near the river S. 65 degrees East 50 poles to a forked maple and cotton tree on the river bank and up the same N. 72 degrees E. poles to the junction of the Kentucky and Ohio rivers and up the Kentucky 90 poles and leaving the same N. 77 degrees West 370 poles crossing the Little Kentucky to the beginning, 21st May, 1774 no variation. J. Floyd, Ast. Wm Preston, S. F. C. A copy Att. Wm M. Foster, R. L. C. By Wm R. Foster, D. R. I."

"This survey was evidently made by Col. John Floyd on his surveying trip down the Ohio to the Falls, in May and June, 1774.

In Collins History, Vol. 2, page 238, he lists a number of other surveys made on this trip but omitted this one.

"As an example of what may be found under the justices of the peace records, recorded in deed book, I recently found the depositions of four men taken in 1825, in which they describe a hunting trip made with Squire Boone in 1780. On this trip they went from Squire Boone's Station of the Painted Stone, near Shelbyville, Ky., to Dren<sup>n</sup>'s Lick, and from Dren<sup>n</sup>'s Lick to a point on Mill Creek in what is now Carroll County; and then on to the mouth of the Kentucky River where Prestonville now stands. In these depositions they give interesting details of the trip and note the fact that Squire Boone killed an elk near this certain Lick, in Carroll County on that day.

"Land Grants:

"A group of Speculators came in with the French and Indian War.

Bounty lands from 50 to 1000 acres were granted to those who fought in this war. Any land grants prior to 1783 were made on a French and Indian Military warrant.

"A man went to a county surveyor, chose his land and wrote in his entry book what he wanted surveyed. He carried scrip which entitled him to land in a certain district on Western waters. Warrants were often sold to speculators.

"May, Bannister and Company bought up warrants. John May owned 10,000 acres near Ghent and another near Locust,<sup>1</sup> "a Locust is a small community the northern part of the County.

WORTHVILLE:

Mr. David McDaniels who has lived at Worthville for sixty-eight years, states that when he moved there just after the Louisville and Nashville Short Line R. R. was built, there were only four houses there. One of these was the home of Mr. S. R. Malin and now stands on a part of the land owned by the children of the late Dr. E. B. Driskell, on the hillside back of the Driskell home near Main Street.

There was a hotel called Centre House which burned later, and a depot where Mr. Willis Ewing was first agent and kept a store. A house near the cemetery now known as the Harlow place since the ownership of Mrs. A. Harlow still stands. Both the Malin and Harlow houses are frame buildings. There was also a tobacco warehouse.

Dr. N. B. Lewis who was the first physician there lived where Mrs. Sullinger now lives and operates a boarding house.

Mr. David McDaniels lives in the section known as Fairview which is a part of the farm formerly owned by W. B. Winslow, whose residence was across the Kentucky River. Mr. McDaniels has a map of Worthville made in 1883. Mr. I. H. Driskell, father of the late Dr. E. B. Driskell, who was for many years a leading physician at Worthville, was both Post Master and druggist, occupying a building on Main Street across the street from the L. & N. Depot.

Mr. M. Bullett and Mrs. A. H. Salvey, sisters, then owned most of the land now occupied by the town. Mrs. Bullett, the lower end, and Mrs. Salvey, the upper end.

Dr. W. B. Nash lived across the river. Among the early residents were R. L. Hunt who kept a store, Willis Ewing, I. H. Driskell, George Boswell, son-in-law of Mr. Ewing, James Bishop, S. May, S. R. Malin, S. Lewis, Dr. N. B. Lewis, F. Taylor, George Murray, T. C. Southworth,

A. Stuart, M. I. Bishop. The last five had their residences on a lot owned by E. W. Burge, The others lived on Main Street.<sup>1</sup>

The Rail Road was built thru Worthville in 1861 and the Depot was built during the same Year. The old depot was replaced later by a new and more modern one. Mr. Willis Ewing was propieter of the first hotel known as Centre House. On the lot where where Centre House stood is an old ice-house built by Mr. Ewing from beams of an old bridge that had been torn down. The present Post Office is on the site of old Centre House. Mr. Ewing also built the house on upper Main Street where his daughter, Mrs. Millie Lewis and her daughter, Mrs. Alva Dawkins and family now reside, the residence being in the upper story while Mr. Dawkins has a barber shop on the first floor. The lower story was once used by Mr. Ewing as a store.

The house now known as the Harlow house, near the cemetery, was built before the War between the States, its being the oldest house in Worthville; The next house built was the Malin House, once owned and occupied by Mr. S. R. Malin.

Mr. F. Taylor built a two-story house on R. R. Street which was, for a time a private boarding house. This house still stands.

In 1883 a meeting was held by the Baptists in a Grove east of the present site of their church building and discuss<sup>ed</sup> establishing a church which was soon afterwards accomplished in or near 1885. Mr. S. R. Malin donated the lot for this building. Mr. Willis Ewing was one of the deacons in the church.

Mr. J. Spicer held a meeting in the school building, and later the church was established. The

A Christian Church building on Mill Creek was torn down and the congregation then came to Worthville and built the church there.

Near the mouth of Goose Creek on the north side of Worthville, stood

the Old Dean's Chapel, the Methodist Church which received its name from Mr. C. Dean who furnished a large financial support for the building; later when the brick building was put up in Worthville by this denomination it received the name of Dean's Memorial Church.

In the yard where Deans' Chapel stood is a shaft which marks the grave of Dr. Whipple. His home was across the road somewhat nearest Worthville. His house, still standing, is an old frame building which was painted green but has little paint left on it. It was said by some to have been haunted.

A "subscription" school was taught in a building to the right of the location of the Baptist Church. Later, a frame building was erected for the public school on a street leading to Eagle Creek. In about 1910 a brick building was constructed up the rail road at the eastern end of town.

At the Mouth of Goose Creek on a hill back of the house now occupied by Mr. Richard Gardner Indian bones and relics have been found. One of these was part of a skull.

This farm was the old Merritt Lewis farm but is now owned by Mrs. Sam Tandy. The Green Hill "district" school building stood on a part of the Lewis farm and a part of its foundation can still be seen.<sup>2</sup>

1. Mr. David McDaniels, old resident of Worthville.
2. Mrs. Mollie Lewis, Daughter of Mr. Willis Ewing,

P.S.--The Deposit Bank of Worthville was established in 1898 with Mr. Otis Bates as president, as evidenced by date above the door.