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[ Mrs. GILL points out the fact that Owen County is now a dry county and some persons estimate it has been so for about 50 years.]

*This was the form of the license:*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

That we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in the penalty of £100 [100 pounds] current money, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly, severally and firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bound \_\_\_\_\_  
hath obtained a license to keep a tavern at his house in Owen County; now should the said

\_\_\_\_\_ constantly find and provide in his said tavern, good, wholesome, cleanly lodging and diet for travellers, and stableage, provender or pasturage for horses, for the term of one year from the date hereof; and shall not suffer or permit any unlawful gaming in his house; nor suffer any person to tittle or drink more than is necessary; or at any time suffer any disorderly or scandalous behavior to be practised in his house, with his privity or consent; and shall also pay the tax imposed by law; then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Teste,

[SEAL.]

*These abstracts include names on bond, date of bond, licensee, and signatures of persons mentioned.*

1. Thomas J. BROWN and Thomas A. BERRY-MAN

April 18th 1842

Thomas J. BROWN

2. W. B. VALLANDINGHAM, James HEARN and James H. SNEED

Sept. 19th 1842

W. B. VALLANDINGHAM

3. H. B. & W. B. VALLANDINGHAM & William THORNBERRY

Sept. 19th 1842

H. B. VALLANDINGHAM

4. James S. BROWN, John BROWN & John S. BROWN

Sept. 19th 1842

James S. BROWN

5. P. & E. H. GREEN, Josiah MOORE & J. H. CALVERT

Decr. 19, 1842

P & E. H. GREEN

6. John L. GARVEY and William GARVEY

January 16, 1843

John L. GARVEY

7. Thomas J. BROWN and David W. CULL

April 17th 1843

Thomas J. BROWN

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8. Wm. B. VALLANDINGHAM, Alexander M. RIGG & Dennis BYRNS  
Sept. 18, 1843  
William B. VALLANDINGHAM
9. William M. SUTER, W. G. BOWER & Thos. A. BERRYMAN  
Decr. 18th 1843  
William M. SUTER
10. P. & E. H. GREEN and Thomas R. MOORE  
January 15th 1844  
P. & E. H. GREEN
11. John L. GARVEY and James M. REED  
March 18th 1844  
John L. GARVEY
12. Thomas J. BROWN and Granville GARNETT  
April 15th 1844  
Thomas J. BROWN
13. W. B. VALLANDINGHAM, A. W. HALL and Henry SPARKS  
Sept. 16th 1844  
W. B. VALLANDINGHAM  
Teste, N. M. BACON
14. William LEWIS and George GARVEY  
December 16th 1844  
William LEWIS
15. William M. SUTER(SUTER) and William G. BOWER  
December 16th 1844  
William M. SUTER(SUTER)
16. Feathergill BROWN and Granville GARNETT  
December 16th 1844  
Feathergill BROWN
17. P. & E. H. GREEN, Thomas A. BERRYMAN & Josiah R. MOORE  
January 20th 1845  
P & E. H. GREEN
18. Cornelius WRIGHT, Lindsey BRISCOE and William BEATTY  
January 20th 1845  
Cornelius WRIGHT  
Teste, R. R. REVILL
19. William WALKER, John STONESTREET & Andrew W. HALL  
April 21st 1845  
William WALKER
20. W. B. VALLANDINGHAM, William JEWETT & David HERNDON  
Oct. 20, 1845  
W. B. VALLANDINGHAM
21. William M. SUTER & Thos. A. BERRYMAN  
Decr. 15th 1845  
William M. SUTER
22. P. & E. H. GREEN, F. E. RUSSELL & T. R. MOORE  
Feby. 16, 1846  
P. & E. H. GREEN
23. C. WRIGHT, Henry TOON & W. H. BRISCOE  
July 16, 1846  
C. RIGHT(WRIGHT)  
L. BRISCOE one of signatures
24. W. B., James & George B. VALLANDINGHAM  
October 19th 1846  
W. B. VALLANDINGHAM  
Teste, R. R. REVILL
25. S. SCRUGGS, Thomas R. MOORE & H. TODD  
December 21, 1846  
S. SCRUGGS  
Teste, B. WINSTON, D. C.
26. W. B. ROWLETT, Joseph THOMAS & F. V. THOMAS  
December 21, 1846  
W. B. ROWLETT  
Teste, B. WINSTON, D. C.
27. William J. SPIRES and Willis ROBERTS & Charles HORSMAN  
January 18th 1847  
  
William J. SPIRES
28. Granville L. LEWIS & James F. BLANTON  
April 19th 1847  
Granville L. LEWIS  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.

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29. Cornelius WRIGHT, John SCOTT,  
Benjamin JACOBS  
June 21, 1847  
Cornelius WRIGHT  
Teste, B. WINSTON, D. C.
30. W. H. SANFORD, Howard TODD &  
James R. HALLAM  
October 18th 1847  
W. H. SANFORD  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
31. Wm. B. VALLANDINGHAM, Mareen  
BRISCOE & Wm. THORNBERRY  
October 18th 1847  
William B. VALLANDINGHAM  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
32. John C. SCOTT and Martin HOLBROOK  
December 20th 1847  
John C. SCOTT  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
33. John W. LEONARD and George WEST  
December 20th 1847  
John W. LEONARD  
Teste, R. R. REVILL
34. James J. WEEMS & Thomas A. BERRYMAN  
March 21, 1848  
J. J. WEEMS
35. John M. WALTERS & J. H. POINDEXTER  
April 17th 1848  
Jno. M. WALTERS  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk
36. William CHURCH, George MARSHALL  
and Z. CORBIN  
June 19th 1848  
William CHURCH  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
37. A. C. VALLANDINGHAM, Wm. J. SPIER  
and Jordon THOMAS  
October 16th 1848  
A. C. VALLANDINGHAM  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
38. Wm. B. VALLANDINGHAM, Joseph  
THOMAS and Wm. SCRUGGS  
October 16th 1848  
Wm. B. VALLANDINGHAM
- Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
39. Talbot B. LEONARD & Thomas WHITE  
January 15th 1849  
Talbot B. LEONARD
40. William H. SMITH and James R. HALLAM  
May 21st 1849  
William H. SMITH  
Teste: R. R. REVILL, Clk.
41. William CHURCH, Wm. ? ELLIS and John  
LUTTRELL  
June 18th 1849  
William CHURCH  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
42. William ESTES and Thomas REYNOLDS  
June 18th 1849  
William ESTES  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
43. Hiram STAMPER, Wm. THORNBERRY  
and Geo. W. HAMMONS  
July 16th 1849  
Hiram STAMPER  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk
44. Wm. B. VALLANDINGHAM, Jno. B.  
McHATTON & Ray SIDEBOTTOM  
October 15th 1849  
William B. VALLANDINGHAM  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
45. John VALLANDINGHAM and Andrew  
BATES  
October 15, 1849  
John VALLANDINGHAM  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
46. James B. JAMESON and Jack LITTREL  
November 19th 1849  
James JAMISON  
  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
47. James A. BELLAMY and Joseph M.  
CLARKE  
November 19th 1849  
James A. BELLAMY  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
48. W. CRAWFORD and T. B. LEONARD  
January 21st 1850  
W. CRAWFORD  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.

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49. Jesse B. WINALL and Gran(ville) GARNETT  
January 21st 1850  
Jesse B. WINALL  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
50. Jonathan KARSNER and William H. SMITH  
March 18th 1850  
Jonathan KARSNER  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
51. L. D. MINOR, M. F. MINOR and Sandford JOHNSTON  
July 15th 1850  
Leverezo D. & M. F. MINOR  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
52. James FITZSIMMONS, W. H. SANDFORD & A. P. GROVER  
August 19th 1850  
James FITZSIMMONS
53. Wm. B. VALLANDINGHAM, Thomas R. MOORE & Wm. W. SANDERS  
October 21st 1850  
William B. VALLANDINGHAM  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
54. Sanford JOHNSTON, Thomas WHITE & Thomas R. MOORE  
December 16th 1850  
Sanford JOHNSTON  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
55. Smith WINGATE and Thomas WHITE  
January 20th 1851  
Smith WINGATE  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
56. Woodford CRAWFORD & Jno. B. MUSSEY  
January 20th 1851  
Woodford CRAWFORD  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
57. Joel T. GARVEY and William GARVEY  
January 20th 1851  
Joel T. GARVEY  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
58. R. H. ALEXANDER & Z. RANSDALL  
February 17th 1851  
R. H. ALEXANDER \*  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
59. John BAKER and Samuel J. BAKER  
February 17th 1851  
John BAKER  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
60. W. H. SMITH, & William H. SANDFOR  
March 17th 1851  
W. H. SMITH  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
61. Lodowick DAVIS & Hugh STAMPER  
March 17th 1851  
Lodowick DAVIS  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
62. Jesse B. WINALL and Isaac FOSTER  
July 21, 1851  
Jesse B. WINALL  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
63. James FITZSIMMONS and A. P. GROVER  
August 18th 1851  
James FITZSIMMONS  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk.
64. W. B. VALLANDINGHAM, J. A. SUTER & A. D. VALLANDINGHAM  
October 20th 1851  
William B. VALLANDINGHAM
65. WOODFORD CRAWFORD and SMITH WINGATE  
November 17th 1851  
Woodford CRAWFORD
66. Jno. S. FORD and H. KELSEY  
November 17th, 1851  
John S. FORD  
Teste, R. R. REVILL, Clk. March 15th 1852  
F. M. ROWLETT
67. Smith WINGATE and William SCRUGGS  
December 15th 1851  
Smith WINGATE
68. John REED and Charles SLAUGHTER  
February 16th 1852  
John REED
69. F. M. ROWLETT and William SCRUGG

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70. William B. & A. D. VALLANDINGHAM  
November 1852  
William B. VALLANDINGHAM

*The last license recorded in the register had some changes in wording, and is included here in its entirety.*



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71. Whereas William H. MEFFORD has obtained a license to keep a Tavern at Clay Lick in the County of Owen, now we William H. MEFFORD, principal, and Benjamin F. SIDEBOTTOM and Madison SPARKS, his surety, do hereby covenant and agree that the

said William H. MEFFORD shall continually find and provide in his tavern, good wholesome, cleanly lodging and diet for travellers, and stabling, provender or pasturage for horses, during the period the license remains in force; and that he will not suffer any gaming in his house or on his premises, and will not suffer any person to tittle or drink more than is necessary; in his house or on his premises or at any time suffer any disorderly or scandalous behaviour in his house, or on his premises. Given under our hands this 15th day of August 1853.

W. H. MEFFORD  
Ben F. SIDEBOTTOM  
Madison SPARKS

*Teste,* R. R. REVILL, Clk.

