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CARROLL COUNTY

Historic Sites Outside Cities:

The home of Miss Anna V. Parker, who is president of the Cabie M. Froman Woman's Club at Ghent and is a great grand daughter of Jane Craig and great great grand daughter of Benjamin Craig II. is a large frame building on the Sanders road about four miles off Highway 42, and contains ~~an~~ interesting oil paintings of Lewis Sanders' and George Nicholas' family of whom also Miss Parker is a descendant. One of the possessions here is an interesting table which was made by ~~Perber~~ Clay, a brother of Henry Clay.

The Old Grass Hills farm of Lewis Sanders, a very early settler near Ghent is situated in the southern part of the county about six miles from Ghent, on a road leading to the right from the Sanders pike.

The original dwelling which was entirely hand build, begun in 1812, finished in 1816 still stands. It is occupied by Mr. Curtis Montgomery and family, who are busy restoring this famous structure which was built of logs with the old exposed rafters inside. The logs were put together with wooden pegs. The nails were made of iron and by hand. In fact all the material was made by hand and the whole structure was hand built. There is at least one fine old ash floor. The flooring was placed in a pond and kept wet for two years before being used.

The interior has been restored and is beautiful, the cracks between the logs having been filled and the rooms whitened. The old fire-place in the living room is still in tact. The old library is in perfect condition.

Stone porches resembling the old fashioned ones are being built.

An old lilac bush is still to be seen, one of the many which adorned the garden walk. Many roses were were formerly seen in the garden.

There is a monument which marks the Sanders burying ground which is

between the dwelling and the road. In this are several graves including that of the famous stallion Little Turtle, named for an Indian chief.

The Hoagland Home in Hunter's Bottom, now the home of the Misses Hampton, has already been described. Besides antiques and many Indian and other relics are several oil paintings of ancestors and relatives of the early family. This home would be a very interesting place to visit but is not at present open to the public.

George Hoagland Conway was born on the Hoagland farm in Hunter's Bottom on the Ohio River. His Conway ancestors came from Wales to Virginia soon after the Cromwell rebellion. Peter Conway was born in Fauquier County, Va., Oct 14, 1746, and married Mary James, Nov. 15, 1769. Their son, John was born Oct. 16, 1770 and married a Miss Hopgood in the fall of 1802. He brought his wife, three children and negroes to Kentucky and settled near Milton. He is described as a man of remarkable memory and a great Bible reader. Peter Conway, his son, was born in 1803, and married Mary Caroline, daughter of Cornelius Hoagland in 1828. He then moved to a part of the Hoagland farm in Carroll County. Mary C. Hoagland was born in Morristown N. J. Apr. 2, 1798. Her father, Cornelius Hoagland was born in 1750, and married Mary Tuttle born in 1757. It was their son Moses who bought land in Carroll County and built the home formerly referred to in this manuscript. This farm was nearly three miles in length along the Ohio River and reached from Hoagland's branch to Milton.

At this time that section of the country was a wilderness occupied by only a few white men, Bristow, George Boone, and one or two more.

Several years prior to this time a Mr. Hunter who followed hunting and trapping for a living had spent some time there and had camped on the farm later owned by the Conways, near the mouth of Locust Creek. Because

of this the tract of land was called Hunter's Bottom.

Mr. Cornelius Hoagland came from New Jersey in 1801 with his wife, eight children, a brother, and a sister to Hunter's Bottom and settled there, but lived there only five years, for as he was overseenig a clearing on his farm in 1806 a burning limb fell on him resulting in his death. He left a wife and ten children whose average age at death was past eighty years, and six of whom lived more than ninety years.

Peter Conway and his wife Mary C. Hoagland had six children one of whom bore the name Richard. He was born in 1833 and built a house on the Hoagland farm about one half mile from his former home.

He chose for the site of his residence a mound which had been built by the Mound Builders, and many relics of the old race have been gathered from this farm. While digging a cistern there he unearthed the skeletons of two human beings each exceeding seven feet in length.

Richard Conway was twice married, first to Fannie Baker and later to Margaret J. White, a daughter of William S., and Elizabeth Rauch White. Mrs. Conway's father was the son of William and Jane Hoagland White. The latter's grandfather was also a William White. This William White's mother was Margaret Hoyt who was twice Married. She was the first white woman in Cincinnati, which at that time was only a fort. This Mr. White later moved to Hunter's Bottom where he was engaged in boating on the Ohio and Mississippi for many years; he served in the Confederate Army under General Price.

Margeret Hoyt, mentioned above, was at Bryant's Station when her son, William White was born, which was at the time of the famous Indian attack.

Mrs. Jennie Conway still lives in the house on the mound and has in her home many Indian relics. It is about five miles west of Carrollton.³

The old Masterson Cemetery may be seen a few miles above Carrollton near the old home which is still standing by the Martin Nursery, having near the house some of the same old cedar trees that were there when the place was occupied Mr. Masterson, great grand father of Miss Hallie Masterson and her sister, Mrs. Emma Adkinson.⁴

Notes:--1. Mrs. R. L. Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Montgomery, who now occupy Grass Hills. 2. Memoirs of Lower Ohio Valley, Vol. 1. pp 153-4 and 156-7. Federal Pub. Co., Madison, Wis. 3. W. A. Adkinson, Nephew of Miss Hallie Masterson, who is a greatniece of William and Jane Hoagland White. 4. Miss Hallie Masterson.

P. S. The home of Thomas L. Butler in Butler Memorial State Park is the only historic house that may be called a museum which is open to the public.

The old home of Gen. W. O. Butler which is the second house on Highland Avenue east of Seventh Street is one hundred six years old. A dealer in antiques lives and has his shop at this place.