

ESTILL COUNTY'S CEDAR GROVE - A Kentucky Community and Its People

The following is the last in a series of 16 articles (17 installments) about the community of Cedar Grove and the west-central part of Estill County that have been compiled by Jerry G. Rose and are from information included in his book, "ESTILL COUNTY'S CEDAR GROVE - A Kentucky Community and Its People"

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Cedar Grove Families

White Family

The White family was one of the early established families in Kentucky and especially in the Cedar Grove Community. Actually the White family originally moved from Virginia to the Estill County area shortly after Daniel Boone came to Kentucky.

Daniel and Rutha (Henry) White operated White's Ferry across the Kentucky River during the Civil War. Their house was on KY 52 in what is now considered West Irvine, just below where the West Irvine Cemetery is located, in a sharp curve known locally as the Simp Elliott curve, for the family later living there. Initially the Richmond to Irvine Road went straight on over the hill to the river. The sharp curve was not there until the road was re-routed to connect with a river bridge closer to Irvine. The ferry connected to the Covey Road at the west end of Irvine.

Richard White, one of Daniel and Rutha's children, and his wife Elizabeth Quick (Scrivner) White, raised their family a few miles east at Station Camp. They had seven children:

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| William Joseph White | Robert Cobb White |
| Nannie (White) Stacy | Kate A. (White) Winkler |
| Susan Jane (White) Stacy | Thomas Albert White |
| Daniel Bud White | |

After their grandfather Daniel died, Thomas and William "Joe" operated the White's Ferry for their grandmother. Thomas would be the main line of the White family to remain close by, settling down in the Cedar Grove area.



The Thomas White Family Home on Stacy Lane/Clear Creek.

Thomas, born September 5, 1861, married Lenora Witt, born May 29, 1875. Lenora, or Nora as she was commonly called, was raised on nearby Sand Hill area known as Witt Springs. Nora's great-grandfather was

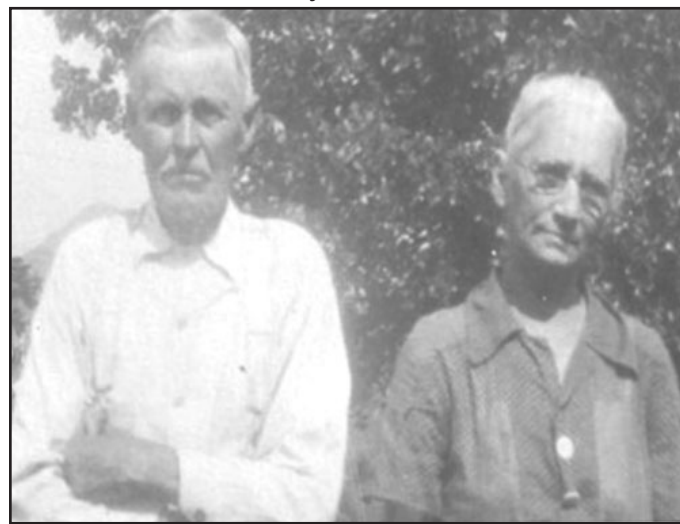
Elisha Witt, a very early settler in Estill County.

Thomas and Nora began their family in Cedar Grove on a farm off of Stacy Lane just above Clear Creek.

Around 1912 Thomas and Nora sold their 80-acre farm on Clear Creek and moved nearby to a house and a few acres on the main Richmond to Irvine Road. They finished raising their family and lived there until their deaths; Thomas on June 8, 1940 and Nora on April 11, 1952.



The Thomas White Family Home on the Richmond Road.



Thomas Albert and Lenora Witt White

Thomas and Nora raised eight children:

- Maude (White) Snowden, married Everett Snowden, no children
- Roy L. White, married Beulah Parker, three children
- Robert (Bob) White, married Anna Bybee, three children
- Myrtle (White) Tuggle, married William Tuggle, two children
- Harry White, married Mossie Cundiff, one child
- Charles A. White, married Bettina Williams, two children
- C. Joe White, married Annabelle Morgan, one child
- Gladys (White) Stewart, married Ivan Stewart, three children

children



The Thomas Albert White and Lenora Witt White Family, circa 1918. Left to right, front: Carmel Joe, Charles A., Harry, Myrtle. Back: Maude, Roy, Robert, Thomas and Lenora with Gladys.

Three of Thomas and Nora's children remained in Cedar Grove for the rest of their lives. These included:

Maude and her husband Everett Snowden continued to live in the Richmond Road home place and took care of their father and mother for the remainder of their lives. The house was demolished in 1971.

Roy and his wife Beulah lived nearby, the original house burning in 1944, and replaced with a brick house. They raised three children, Delbert Roy (died as a young child), Garey Lee, and Maurice Lynn. In 1971 they built a new brick house on the site of their Parents and Sister Maud's home.

Robert (Bob) and his wife Anna lived nearby. They raised three children - Margarite (White) Kelso, Thomas E. White, and Maryanna (White) Barnes.

Roy's and Bob's children left Cedar Grove and moved to locations in Kentucky and elsewhere where they could seek employment in their chosen professions. With the passing of Maude in 1956 and Bob in 1960, and Roy many years later in 1992 at age of 97, the last remaining member of the White family in Cedar Grove, previously a major component to the community came to an end. Today the White Family of Cedar Grove is but a legacy. This is not unlike many other original families contributing whole heartedly to the establishment and growth of the community. However, very few, only a handful, of native Cedar Grove residents who grew to adulthood in the community remain today as third and fourth generations.

The author is indebted to Garey Lee White for his assistance with compiling and reviewing the White history.

NOTE: This is the last in the series on Cedar Grove but additional family info may be available later.

Longbeards Donate Thanksgiving Food Boxes

The (Estill County Longbeards) Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWF) is raising the spirits of needy families in the community by providing food for Thanksgiving dinners. Volunteers from the (Estill County Longbeards) Chapter distributed 20 Thanksgiving dinners to families this holiday season. The acts of kindness are part of the NWF Turkey Hunters Care program. See photo on Page 15.

"Family is the focus for many during the holiday season. We can help less fortunate families enjoy time with each other by eliminating some of their worries," said NWF CEO George Thornton. "Our mission is one of service, and that service begins by showing how much we care for our communities."

The NWF is a nonprofit conservation

organization that works daily to further its mission of conserving the wild turkey and preserving our hunting heritage.

Through dynamic partnerships with state and federal wildlife agencies, the NWF and its members have helped restore wild turkey populations across the country, improving more than 17 million acres of wildlife habitat and introducing 100,000 people to the outdoors each year.

About the National Wild Turkey Federation: The NWF was founded in 1973 and is headquartered in Edgefield, S.C. According to many state and federal agencies, the restoration of the wild turkey is arguably the greatest conservation success story in North America's wildlife history. To learn more, visit www.nwtf.org or call (800) THE-NWTF.

Annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade will be on Friday, December 1st

The Kiwanis Club of Irvine will again sponsor the annual Christmas Parade but with a new look this year! An evening parade with the theme, "The Wonder of Christmas" will be sure to delight young to old and allow the community to come together. It will be held Friday, December 1 with the parade line-up from 6 to 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. At 7 p.m. the parade will proceed on River Drive to Main Street in Irvine and end at Estill Springs School allowing parade-watchers plenty of viewing opportunities.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be riding in their sleigh. All groups, churches, schools, fire departments, businesses, and organizations are invited to participate by entering a float, band, antique car, or other related parade unit (no

walkers). For safety reasons, no animals, bicycles or unlicensed motorized vehicles will be entered. Parade participants will not be allowed to toss candy or other objects to the crowd in the interest of safety of the community. Candy can be handed out.

Prizes from the Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna will be awarded for the floats in the amount of \$100, \$75, and \$50 for first, second and third place respectively for the most attractive floats. Floats will be judged on creativity, originality, and beauty (use of lights).

To register entries in the parade contact Larry Stewart at 723-4002 or Richard Snowden at 723-2135, or email thb@irvineonline.net by Wednesday, November 29. There is not an entry fee.

EKU Approves Tuition Freeze

The Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents, acting on a recommendation from President Michael Benson, has unanimously approved a tuition freeze for the 2018-19 academic year.

In a recent email to campus about the tuition freeze, Benson said: "Holding tuition steady for the next year is our way of telling students and their families, 'We hear you.' It is a small first step, but an important one, in our quest to provide value to students and a qualified workforce for the Commonwealth..."

Noting the excitement among current students about the freeze, Student Regent Laura Jackson called the freeze a "recruitment tool" and predicted it would improve retention rates.

"I can't divine the future," Benson said at the meeting, "but this is a calculated, informed risk that we've got to take."

EKU's current tuition ranks in the middle of the pack among Kentucky's public universities.

Estill Arts Council presents
The 14th Annual Yuletide Christmas Arts and Crafts Show
Saturday, December 2nd, 2017
10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
ECBE Central Office Gymnasium
253 Main Street, Irvine. KY

Everyone Welcome!

Over 35 Local Artisans Booths
Silent Auction of Handmade Items
Food Concessions
50/50 Pot
Donations at the door \$1.00 or 1 can of food for the local food bank
Handicapped Accessible
For more information call 723-5694 or 723-4678