

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

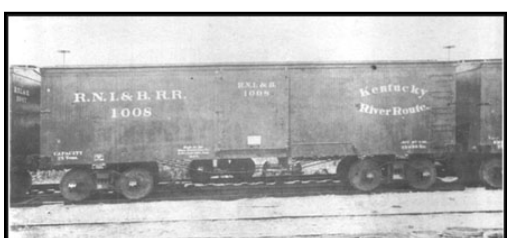
The following is the second in a series of articles about the community of Cedar Grove and the west-central part of Estill County that have been compiled by Jerry G. Rose and are from information included in his book, "ESTILL COUNTY'S CEDAR GROVE - A Kentucky Community and Its People"

by JERRY G. ROSE

## Events Affecting the Development of Cedar Grove

Perhaps the first event was during the late 1800s with the routing of the Richmond to Irvine Turnpike through the area. This was an advantage for the few farms in the area. The farm families could travel to and from the area and develop whatever level of commerce they could sustain.

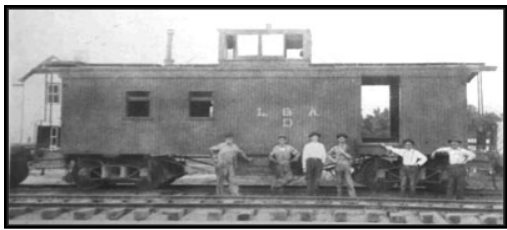
The continued improvements to the Richmond to Irvine Turnpike during the very early 1900s and its designation as a primary state route through several counties enhanced the possibilities mentioned previously. Also, coupled with the increased economic activity elsewhere in the county, there was increased need for housing and the farmers were willing to sell residential lots for the construction of houses on the main road and several side streets and lanes. Therefore the community developed and grew to simulate a street in a typical town or city. The houses typically lined the main road and side streets on both sides and were situated nearly as close to each other as would be typical in reasonably sized towns. KY 52 was, and still is, the main highway to and from Irvine/Estill County.



An early Riney-B Boxcar. It was known as the Kentucky River Route.

Station	3	1	Mi	4	2	4
Verailles	6:10	11:10	0	6:10	11:10	0
Garrett	6:20	11:20	6	6:20	11:20	6
Pinkard	6:30	11:30	12	6:30	11:30	12
Keene	6:40	11:40	18	6:40	11:40	18
Nealon	6:50	11:50	24	6:50	11:50	24
Nicholasville	7:00	12:00	30	7:00	12:00	30
Valley View	7:10	12:10	36	7:10	12:10	36
Logan	7:20	12:20	42	7:20	12:20	42
Richmond	7:30	12:30	48	7:30	12:30	48
Milton	7:40	12:40	54	7:40	12:40	54
West Irvine	7:50	12:50	60	7:50	12:50	60
Irvine	8:00	1:00	66	8:00	1:00	66
Beattyville	8:10	1:10	72	8:10	1:10	72

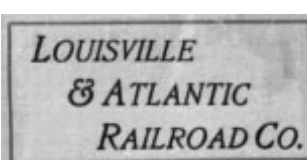
The April 16, 1893 Passenger Timetable for the Riney-B Route through Cedar Grove. The nearest stations were close-by Rice (Station) and West Irvine.



An early L&A Combination Caboose and Baggage Car.

In 1891 the Riney-B Railroad (official name was the Richmond, Nicholasville, Irvine & Beattyville Railroad) was built from Richmond to West Irvine and was extended on the Irvine the following year. In the Cedar Grove area the railroad right-of-way paralleled and was between Clear Creek and the highway. Although Cedar Grove did not have a station, travelers and shippers only had to travel a mile or two to either Rice Station or West Irvine.

Therefore the residents could easily ride the train to Richmond or Nicholasville or Versailles and connect to trains bound for all over the country, or receive freight and package shipments in a scheduled and timely manner. The Riney-B was purchased by the Louisville & Atlantic Railway in 1899, and the



Three different Railroads served Cedar Grove: Riney-B from 1891 to 1899; L&A from 1899 to 1909; and L&N from 1909 to 1932 when the line through Cedar Grove was abandoned and the track removed.

L&A was purchased in 1909 by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad.



The Railroad Station at Rice Station and two finely dressed Gentlemen; either travelers or workers at the Station.

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Beattyville	7:10	1:50	8:15
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Irvine	7:40	2:20	8:45
Richmond	7:50	2:30	8:55
Nicholasville	8:00	2:40	9:05
Verailles	8:10	2:50	9:15
Frankfort	8:20	3:00	9:25
Louisville	8:30	3:10	9:35

The May 20, 1900 Passenger Timetable for the L&A Route through Cedar Grove.

This rail passenger and local freight service was available until 1932 when the railroad was abandoned. By 1920 the L&N Railroad offered similar rail service on a direct route from Irvine to Winchester and Lexington where the residents could connect for destinations all over the country. In addition, that rail line continued to the far eastern reaches of the Kentucky River. The circuitous line segment from Irvine through Cedar Grove to Richmond, Nicholasville, Versailles, and Frankfort was mainly limited to local traffic, becoming unprofitable to operate.

Perhaps the first significant event to adversely affect the community spirit of Cedar Grove was the relocation of the main KY 52 highway to a new alignment which effectively

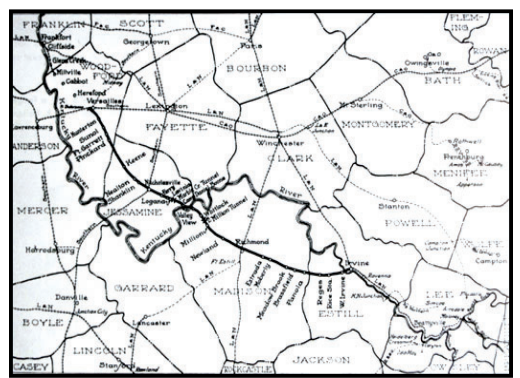
bypassed the majority of Cedar Grove's residential and commercial areas. This occurred during 1969 and 1970. The existing KY 52 was renamed the Cedar Grove Loop through much of Cedar Grove.

The new KY 52 alignment mainly followed the abandoned railroad right-of-way. The re-building of route KY 52 greatly enhanced travels between Irvine and Richmond. The mileage and travel time were reduced with the straighter alignment having fewer curves and grades. However the effects were catastrophic to the small businesses operating in Cedar Grove, particularly grocery stores.

The final significant event was the construction of the Irvine Bypass (KY 499) in 2000 which included a second bridge across the river to relieve the effects of increasing traffic congestion on the only bridge in downtown Irvine. The Bypass effectively split the community since the deep cut required across the existing Cedar Grove Loop severed the old route through the residential area, negating passage along the old route. In addition several existing houses had to be demolished for the right-of-way.

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May 1, 1915 L&N Public Timetable for the former Riney-B and L&A line; there was no Cedar Grove station, so Cedar Grove Residents had to board at either West Irvine or Rice Station.



Route of the Riney-B Railroad's operations from Versailles, Nicholasville, Richmond to Irvine (passing through Cedar Grove in 1891). In 1899 the L&A Railroad purchased and operated the line, extending it to Beattyville. In 1909 the L&N Railroad purchased the line, extending it to Frankfort. It ceased operations in 1932.

## Rice Station woman injured in rear-ender

An Estill County woman was injured during a rear-ender Thursday evening on Richmond Road. The collision, under the investigation of Deputy Chris Coffey, occurred around 5:48 p.m. at the in-

tersection of KY 52 and Rice Station Road. The collision report states that Holly A. Rice of Rice Station Road was stopped on KY 52 facing East preparing to turn onto Rice Station Road when her vehicle

was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Jessie R. Stone of George Street, Irvine. Rice was transported by Estill County EMS to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital for treatment of

her injuries. Stone was reportedly not injured. Stone's 2006 Saturn Ion received severe to moderate damages to its front. The 2012 Hyundai that Rice was driving was moderately damaged to its rear.

## Deputy Investigates

Becky Worrell on July 26 reported that someone had used her husband's social security number to obtain cable service in Mount Sterling. This has been on-going since 2011. Deputy Doc Morris is investigating. 2nd Degree Burglary A second degree burglary was reported at the residence of Josh Rogers on Cooper Drive, off Spout Springs Road on July 24.

Someone entered the basement door and removed tools inside valued at over \$1,000. The tools were described as hand tools, power tools, an air compressor, and generator. Deputy Morris is also investigating that burglary. Anyone with information may contact the sheriff's department at 723-2323 during regular business hours.

## Irvine Police Dept. Activity Report

Bekki A. Hoover, 34, of Cow Creek Road, Ravenna was charged July 22 with drug paraphernalia - possess on Saturday by Irvine Officer Colton Lewis.

She was cited to appear in court on Sept. 20. The citation states that she was stopped for trespassing at 110 Church Street, Irvine. The officer said he located a glass pipe and 29 small empty baggies.

Vanessa Jones, 39, of 112 Church Street, Irvine was cited Saturday by Chief Brad Smith with drug paraphernalia - buy/possess on July 22. She will appear in court on Sept. 20.

Her citation states that she had three empty baggies in her wallet.

Melissa Dawn Conley, 43, homeless, was arrested

on Church Street Saturday, by Officer Jason Conrad. She was charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct second degree, and illegal possession of a legend drug.

The citation states the officer responded to a fight in progress.

Nathan McIntosh, 63, of North Madison, Irvine was charged Saturday with alcohol intoxication and criminal trespass third degree by Officer Conrad.

The officer said he saw McIntosh sitting in a chair. McIntosh reportedly said he had been drinking and registered .254.

A neighbor stated that McIntosh had been in his yard.

A bench warrant was served on Casey D. Rose,

24, of Main Street, Irvine by Officer Lewis on Friday. The warrant issued by Judge William Leach said that Rose had failed to appear in district court.

A bench warrant was served on Steven R. Ferguson, 28, of Autumn Court, Irvine by Officer Lewis on Friday.

Judge Leach issued the warrant saying Ferguson had failed to appear in district court.

Perry A. Stamper, 47, of Beattyville, was served with two Estill County bench warrants on July 19 by Officer Lewis.

Judge Leach issued the warrants saying Stamper had failed to comply with the conditions of his release.

Kenneth Gerald Collins, 49, of Bertha Wallace

Court, Irvine was arrested July 18 by Officer Lewis for failing to properly signal and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Alicia Strange of Noland Court, Irvine was arrested July 17 by Officer Lewis on a bench warrant for failure to pay a fine of \$168. Her bail was set by Judge Leach at \$168. She was found guilty of contempt of court by witness/juror officer.

Jeremiah D. Gray, 38, of London, Ky. was served with a Laurel County bench warrant on Sunda by Irvine Officer Lewis.

The warrant says Gray failed to appear in Laurel Circuit Court to answer a charge of flagrant non-support.

## 'Taps': Do You Have What It Takes?

### VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

Since Memorial Day, Gettysburg National Cemetery has held the One Hundred Nights of Taps, which will end Sept. 4.

Every night at precisely 7 p.m., a bugler plays "Taps" at Soldier Monument. Buglers have ranged from 11 to 82 years of age and have come from all over the country. The one thing they have in common is a honor to play "Taps" to those who have served our country.

people are coming together for this months-long effort, every day there are military funerals across the country where no bugler is available. In those cases, they must resort to recorded "Taps." That's legal ... but far from ideal.

There is an answer: Bugles Across America is a volunteer effort begun in 2000 for the sole purpose of providing live buglers to play "Taps" at military funerals, instead of a recording.

Do you play trumpet? Do you have what it takes

to be a bugler at a military funeral? Can you play the 24 notes of "Taps" in a dignified way, as it was written? Have others heard you play, and do they agree you can play it well? Are you willing to play for the state director in your area to verify your ability?

To review the requirements, go online to BuglesAcrossAmerica.org. Click on Volunteer/Audition. No computer? Call founder Tom Day at 708-484-9029.

After you sign up, the

state director for your area will call you for an audition.

BAA buglers do more than serve at funerals. They're called on for patriotic events of all kinds.

It's estimated we'll lose a half million of our most-senior veterans every year over the next seven years. If you doubt you're needed, click on the Bugler's Post tab and read the latest newsletter on the BAA website.

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## Celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day at Salato Center

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources invites people of all ages to celebrate hunting, fishing and the great outdoors at the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Activities and demonstrations will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) with free admission into the center during this event. The center features animals in naturalized enclosures, conservation displays and hiking trails through a variety of habitats.

National Hunting and Fishing Day events at Salato will include 3-D archery, archery trap shooting, air rifles, laser shot, casting and fishing. Center staff will provide all equipment, poles and bait. Events will also include a presentation by conservation officers, a tutorial on how to field dressing game and hunting retriever dog demonstration. Western Hills High School FFA will sell food and drinks at the event.

National Hunting and Fishing Day began in the United States more than four decades ago. The Salato Center, which is operated by

the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, celebrates the event early instead of the traditional date in September.

"By holding our celebration in August, people can begin making preparations for the fall hunting seasons that are just around the corner," said Salato Conservation Educator. Geoff Roberts. "This is also a great way for beginners to receive a fun, hands-on introduction to fishing and shooting sports."

For a detailed list of activities and times, contact the center at (502) 564-7863.

The center is located off U.S. 60, approximately 1 1/2 miles west of the U.S. 127 intersection. Look for the bronze deer statue at the entrance of the main Kentucky Fish and Wildlife campus.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Salato is closed on Sunday, Monday and state holidays. Except for select events, admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth 5 to 18. Children under five are admitted free. The center also offers annual memberships for individuals and families.