

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

The following is the sixth 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"

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Cedar Grove Schools -- Part 1

A substantial portion of the information contained in the Schools Section of this series was obtained from a book entitled Schools of Estill County Kentucky, authored by Edison Joe and Sonja (Crowe) Estes published in 2003 by the Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society. Readers interested in additional information on the schools attended by children in Cedar Grove plus information on the nearly 100 other schools scattered all over Estill County over the years should refer to that historical reference.

Early Cedar Grove and Clear Creek Schools

School age children during Cedar Grove's early years were fortunate to have a grade school within a short walking distance. The first Cedar Grove grade school was a one-room wood frame building, opened sometime in the late 1800s. It was located close to the Methodist Church. Children from the initial couple of miles of the Sand Hill Road also attended the school.



The early Cedar Grove School, believed to have been located on KY 52 between the Cedar Grove Methodist Church and Sand Hill Road. The teacher, back right, is Frank Herbert Gould. Circa 1916.



This old Cedar Grove School group was made about 1919 or 1920. Students identified from the left - 1st row, #12 Hubert Crowe; 2nd row, #11 Minnie Jane Covey; 4th row, #1 teacher Henry Witt, #2 Flossie Crowe.



This old Cedar Gove School group was made about 1914 or 1917/1918.

The students are identified as follows, left to right.

Front row - Dewey Finney, Orville Roark, Arnold Isaacs, Harry White, Jimmie Thomas, Kildee Horn, Arnold Lee Bryson, Earl Rhodes, Ernest Dunaway, Alvin Winkler, unidentified, Charles A. White, Harold Finney, Glen Finney, Fred Lunsford, Hubert Crow, Homer Crow, Harold Isaacs, Wallace Isaacs, Ernest Dozier, Burman Wilcox;

Middle row - Blanche Finney, Olive Finney, Rosy Miller, Bessie Isaacs, Edith Rhodes, Flossie Crow, Grace Noland, Cecil Lunsford, unidentified, unidentified, Nannie Mae Floyd, Sophie Mae Wilson, Edith Johnson, Willie Grace Taylor, Addie Lee Elliott, Isma Taylor, Beulah Johnson, Jeweldine Bryson, unidentified, Sallie Powell, Beadie Issacs, unidentified, Leota Johnson;

Back row - Louie Finney, Mary Rhodes, Roy White (Teacher), unidentified, Jenny Crow, Cecil Dozier, Cecil Rhodes, Paulina Rhodes, Myrtle White, Lula Dozier, Nannie Jo Winn, Mary Wilcox, Lucy Floyd, Irene White, Thelma Wilson, Roy Noland, Dave Winn, Raymond Rhodes, and Maurice Dozier.



A Clear Creek School Group, Elizabeth Witt teacher, only identification provided. The picture was taken outside the wood frame building. The date is prior to 1925 when this Clear Creek School was closed.

The Cedar Grove School was closed when the 4-classroom brick West Irvine Consolidated School was built in 1925 in Cedar Grove, combining the small Clear Creek wood frame school in West Irvine and the small Cedar Grove wood frame school buildings. The site selected for the new school was about mid-way between the two schools and was considered to be the first consolidated school built in Estill County. Numerous Indian artifacts were uncovered during the excavation for the school, indicating that Indians previously inhabited the area and/or battles were fought on the adjacent hillside. (The New Beginning Fellowship Church now occupies the site.)

The Clear Creek School building was converted to a residence and Jeff and Carrie (Alcorn) Lunsford lived there for many years. It burned in the mid-1970s. Smokey's Garage now occupies the site on Shady Lane. The disposition of the old Cedar Grove School building is unknown; perhaps the lumber was salvaged and used for the construction of additional houses.



AT Left: The Clear Creek School was converted to a residence in 1925. This picture, made circa 1965, shows long-time residents Carrie (Alcorn) and Jefferson Davis (Jeff) Lunsford in front of the former school and their residence with great granddaughters Kathy and Debora. Their son, Fred Lunsford is on the porch. AT Right: Side View of the School after it became a Residence. Note the windows along the side of the house that remained from the years it was a school building.

Annual Profitt Reunion Held at Shelter Valley

The annual Profitt Family Reunion for the descendants of James and Betsy "Pop" Crowe Profitt and friends and neighbors was held on Saturday, September 2, 2017 under the Native American rock shelter at Carl McIntosh's Shelter Valley near Furnace. Well over a hundred showed up for a potluck meal, a hat contest, and raffle. Everyone attending received a prize with the top to prizes being afghans.

Winners of the youth hat contest were Mariella Profitt (prettiest), Hector Profitt (ugliest hat), and Logan McIntosh (most unusual). Adult winners were Emily McIntosh (prettiest), Lisa Gregory (ugliest hat) and Javen Lambert (most unusual). Esteemed judges were: Sue Profitt Frazier, Sabrina Lambert, Ricky Estes, Martha Rogers, Virgil Barnes, Arthur Spicer, and Tammy Fugate.

Those attending included: Carl McIntosh, Gene Watson, Eva Watson, Wayne Wise, Wilma Wise, Lloyd Shuler, Sandra Shuler, Betty Shepherd, Martha K. Barnes, Ashely R. Barnes, Virgil Barnes, Martha Rogers, Randall Rogers, Madison Cole, Tammy Cole, Bryan Cole, Ruby Meyer, Raymond Barnes, Ima Wright, Denver Wright, Carla Knox, Dallas Knox, Betty Gregory, Scott Gregory, Lisa Gregory, Steve Barnhart, Danny Fowler, Paula Fowler, Katelyn Fowler, Carl Fowler, Arthur Wayne Spicer, Mary Ann Spicer, Tammy Fugate, Andre Fugate, Samy Fu-

gate, Kelsey Bellamy, Kimley Smith, Pam Tipton, Ella Weyl, Brandon Tipton, Pam Satterfield, Zack Satterfield, Donavon Satterfield, Stormy Lykins.

Also attending: Marsha Barnes, Kayla Barnes, Kylie Chasteen, Jarin Wilson, Teddie McIntosh, Jessi Chasteen, Mac McClanahan, Shelby Barnes, Robbie Walters, Emily McIntosh, Lauren McIntosh, Brandon McIntosh, Teresa McIntosh, Logan McIntosh, Les McIntosh, Glenn Profitt, Ricky Estes, Donna Estes, Vivian Lane, Sue Barnett, Bud Barnett, George Lane, Tracy Randall Patrick, DeLores Lynn Rowland, Larry Lane, LaKrysta Lane, Shawn Lane, Logan Lane, Sabrina Lambert, Josh Lambert, Jaren Lambert, Jeremiah Lambert, Josiah Lambert, Margaret Pitts, Alvin Pitts, Christina, Tyler Sons, Kourtney Townsend, Alex Townsend, Rebecca Wasson, Reva Wasson, Heleigh Noble, Debbie Jones, Vicky Mangum, Amelia Merino, Tomas Merino, Mariela Merino-Profitt, Hector Jacome-Profitt, Ricardo Jacome-Profitt, Elizabeth Rogers, Paul Adams, Angela Rogers, James "Peanut" Rogers, Kathy Cooper, Emily Cooper, Sharon Sue Profitt Frazier, Savanna Mason, Harlan Noble, "Jerry Mack" McIntosh, Sherry McIntosh, and Paisley Noland.

Hat and afghan winners are shown on Page 2.

See you next year, same place, Saturday before Labor Day!

Lions Plan Dinner Theater Trip

Join the Estill County Lions Club on a splendid trip to the famous Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, Indiana on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

We will depart Irvine at 1 p.m. aboard a Wombles Tours Motor Coach, stopping for a couple hours at the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass in Simpsonville, Kentucky. Then it's on to Clarksville, where we'll enjoy a delicious, all you

can eat buffet meal. Next, we will watch the Broadway musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' most well-known story, A Christmas Carol the Musical, arriving back at Rice Station Christian Church about 12:30 a.m. All for only \$86! Contact Terry Williams at 723-5447 and reserve your seat now for a \$43 deposit. Your participation also supports our local Lions Club.



CHORUS

ESTILL COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS:
EXCITING NEWS!!!

Have you felt the change in the weather, a little cooler, and already the days are getting a little shorter, with it getting darker earlier? How about - have you seen some of the leaves in the trees already changing to those beautiful fall colors: red, yellow and orange? Well, that means FALL is upon us, and that means: It's that time again, for us as a Community Chorus, to meet up for our Fall semester to practice and prepare for our annual Christmas Concert. We are so EXCITED! We are busy selecting new Music, and familiar tunes for us to sing!

We WELCOME New Members, New Voices, Past and Present Members, to join us!!!! We know you're out there - Estill Countians, and we know you from other venues, that you have beautiful voices. We need those VOICES and your talent! Why are you hiding it? Come and share it with us and the Community. We rehearse one night a week, for an hour. We'd love to have you! Come give us a try! See you then!

Our first rehearsal, starting back for our Fall Session, Will be on Thursday, September 07, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

We meet every Thursday night, and rehearse - from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Irvine United Methodist Church-243 Main St., Irvine, KY.

We will be performing our Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 03, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Rose D. Daniels, Ph. D - Chorus Director

For More Info: Robin Reed - (606)-723-4678, Debbie Carlyle - (606)-531-0465



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