

# 213 TALES

by the late

Michael Dale Proffitt

My name is Michael Dale Proffitt, and I was born and raised in Estill County. I was the ninth child born to Charlie Elmer and Elsie Patrick Proffitt and the first to be born in a hospital.

Mom was the ninth child of twelve children. She was raised on a farm at Cob Hill. It's the next ridge over from Tipton Ridge. She was born to Dora Dickerson Patrick and Sanford Patrick.

Grandma had one brother that I know of and one sister and several others. Callie Thacker was the girl and Clinton Dickerson was her brother. Callie was still alive and I used to go visit her all the time. She passed away a few years ago. Clinton passed away before I was born. He was a World War I veteran and I think he retired from the Army. He had lived with Grandma for several years before he passed away.

Grandpa Patrick was a farmer and raised the children on a sixty-seven acre farm. He had already passed away in the 1940's, before I was born. They had an old log house which had a big rock fireplace. It is still there and my first cousin lives there. I had a lot of fun over there.

Mom said they were really poor and didn't have much money. They raised tobacco, corn, cane, and a large garden. Grandpa got an oil royalty check each month from his dad's property at Furnace which was called that because of the Estill Iron Furnace that was there in the 1800's where all the people worked.

Grandpa was a tall, big man, but not fat. He was 6' or more and Grand-

ma was barely 5', if that tall. He would work on the farm and go help other people do things. Mom said he would go during hog killing time to Millers Creek or Pryse to work killing hogs for people. He would not get paid money but would get so much hog meat for working. He would ride the old work horse down there and bring back the meat on the horse. Grandma still had his last horse when I was a boy and I thought the horse was so big. His name was Jerry and my cousins would still work with him. I guess he died of old age. He was old then.

Mom said Grandpa and her brothers would work all day during the winter, hauling stumps and other wood to heat and cook with. The old house didn't have sawed lumber in the kitchen and Grandma would wrap old rags around her feet to keep them from freezing.

Mom's brothers would help Grandpa on the farm and other people work. During tobacco housing time, they would go to Pryse and catch a train to Winchester to help people house their tobacco. They had a lot of tobacco down there. Some farmers would raise 20 or 30 acres, not like the small crops in Estill County.

Some said Grandpa like to drink whiskey and would take Grandma's skillets and other things and trade them for whiskey once in a while. Grandma knew who was selling him the whiskey and would go buy her stuff back. Grandma's dad was supposed to have a lot of money and owned a big farm at the top of Cob Hill.

Grandpa died of a heart attack when he was in his forties. Grandma lived a long time after that and passed away when I was 10. I sure did miss her. She is the only grandparent I had. The others died before I was born. She was a little woman but she would give you a whopping if you done something wrong.

When you got down to Grandma's house, the first thing you would see was the old cellar or 'warm house.' It was built back in a bank and had a tin roof on it. They put their canned vegetables there so they wouldn't freeze. Mom said they would can everything in old Mason jars. They had to, to survive.

The old barn was over to the right, halfway between her house and Uncle Clinton Patrick's house. It is where they kept "Old Jerry," the big work horse that Grandpa had. Also, Uncle Clinton had cows and would milk them there.



The Patrick Homeplace at Cob Hill

The old house was facing toward Uncle Clinton's house. It had a big rock fireplace and chimney facing toward the road. I couldn't figure out how they got them big rocks up so high. The front porch had a banister around it and Grandma's potato vines growing up strings. The living room had the fireplace in it. A bedroom was next to it. I think it used to be the kitchen but a kitchen had been built on the far end. You went upstairs from the bedroom. Upstairs was just one big room.

There was a small barn past the house and it was also made with logs. It had a loft in it and we would go up there and play. The toilet was beside the barn. On around in the woods was a

small cave. This is where they kept milk and other things to keep them cool. Grandpa had blasted it out to make it larger. You couldn't go very far in it.

They didn't have a well and had an odd way of getting water. There is a spring over the hill in the hollow. They built a frame with a tin roof on it. It had a steel wire running down to the spring. It had an A model Ford rim with a wooden handle on it. They had made a crank out of the wheel. It had a cotton rope around it that hooked to a pulley on the wire. It had a snap hook on it to put the bucket; then let it down the wire to the end of a pipe at the spring. You could see the bucket and tell when it was full. Then you would crank it up to you and hook the crank to keep the bucket from going back down; then take the bucket off. The reason the roof was put over it was to keep the rope from rotting. It was a smart invention. I think "Uncle John" was the one who had built it. He was a smart man who would make a lot of odd things to work with. It sure saved a lot of walking to the spring.



Clinton "Uncle Dick" Dickerson, behind the old Patrick well house

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Tuesday, December 25, 2018

### Dorothy Lee McIntosh, 93

Dorothy Lee "Tipton" McIntosh of Port Charlotte, Florida, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great, great grandmother, passed away Tuesday, December 25, 2018. She was surrounded by her forever family on this earth as she made her journey to be with the ones who left before her.

She leaves behind her son, Jerry Eli McIntosh (Pat) of Port Charlotte; her daughter, Linda Sue McIntosh, also of Port Charlotte; and a son, Ernie Green (Linda) of Clarksville, Tennessee. She was also blessed to have grandchildren, Jerry Kenneth McIntosh and Jennifer Kay McIntosh Carstensen; great grandchildren, Justin Carstensen, Taylor, Blake and Jordan McIntosh; and great, great grandchildren, Ava Rose and Rowan Grant Carstensen, and Taron McIntosh. Also, her brother, Omer Tipton Jr. of Ravenna, Ky. She had many nieces and nephews that at the young age of 93, she could hardly remember, but

she knew them all by name in her heart. Also survived by her sweet sister-in-law, Dean Tipton, who called weekly from the first time they met.

She was preceded in death by her very special Pa & Ma Tipton as well as her parents, Omer and Ethel Jones Tipton, and brothers, Clarence and Melvin Tipton; our father, James McIntosh, who was the joy of her life; one son, Orville Green; a grandson, James Joshua Green; and her granddaughter, Tracy Ann McIntosh Reichard who was waiting as she always did for her kiss on her nose.

The family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses who helped her live a very healthy life for us to cherish.

Burial will be at a later date in Irvine, Kentucky, where she will be laid to rest beside her husband and her most precious granddaughter, Tracy.

Family will be informed at a later date so all are welcome to come and celebrate our mother's life.

Saturday, January 5, 2019

### Jackie Turpin Sr., 70

Jackie Turpin Sr., age 70, of Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the Marcum and Wallace Hospital.

He was born October 11, 1948 in Irvine to Elmo and Zelma Riddell Turpin. He was a brick mason and a member of the Pea Ridge Holiness Church.

Mr. Turpin is survived by his wife, Mary Turpin of Irvine; a son, Jackie Turpin Jr. (Tangee) of Irvine; a daughter, Charlotte Riddell (Billy) of Irvine; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren; a brother, Elmo Wayne Turpin (Nancy) of Irvine; and two sisters: Virginia Stambaugh of Murray and Carolyn Dawes of Irvine.

He was preceded by his parents, Elmo and Zelma Turpin; a son, Mark Turpin; and two brothers, Robert and Jimmy Turpin.

Funeral services were



Jackie Turpin Sr.

held at 12:00 Noon, Thursday, January 10, at the Pea Ridge Holiness Church in Irvine with Bro. John Gross officiating. Friends visited from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at the church. Burial was in the Pea Ridge Cemetery.

Grayson Funeral Home of Clay City was in charge of services.

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Thursday, January 10, 2019

### Carolyn West Marcum, 74

Carolyn West Marcum, 74, wife of Orville, passed away at her home Thursday evening, January 10, 2019.

She was a native of Estill County, born April 11, 1944, a daughter of the late Floyd and Lida Lou Walling West. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Pine Hill Baptist Church. She enjoyed Bluegrass and Gospel music.

Survivors, other than her husband of 56 years, Orville, include her children, Sherri Jenkins (Steve), Susan Harvey (Greg), and Bradley Dale Marcum; her sisters: Judy Raines (Ned), and Patsy Isaacs (Odell); her grandchildren: Justin Daniel Harvey, and Joshua Chase Harvey; and several nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends.

Friends called after 6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 13th



Carolyn Marcum

at Lewis-Abner Home for Funerals. Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 14th at the White Oak Church of God with Bro. Glendon Woosley officiating. Burial followed in the Dunaway Cemetery. Friends also called Monday, at the church from 12:00 noon until service time.

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Tuesday, January 8, 2019

### Stevie Ray Plowman, 53

Stevie Ray Plowman, age 53, of Old Landing Road in Irvine, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

He was born June 14, 1965 in Estill County and was the son of Helen Neal Plowman and the late John Plowman. He was a logger and lived in Estill County all his life.

Mr. Plowman is survived by his mother, Helen Neal Plowman, Estill County; three daughters: Ashley Plowman, Estill County; Helena Plowman, Nicholasville; and Rebecca Sanders, Richmond; two sons: Bobby Ray Charlton, Berea; and Stevie Ray Plowman Jr., Estill County; four brothers: Tim Plowman, Jerry Plowman,

Ronnie Plowman and Wilson Plowman, all of Estill County; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, John Denver Plowman.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 11, 1:00 p.m., at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Campbell Cemetery. Friends called between 6-9 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Ronald McKinney, Tim Osborne, Stevie Plowman, John Plowman, Ron-Dene Plowman and James Coffey.

Honorary pallbearers were Jayden and Mason Plowman.

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Thursday, December 27, 2018

### Elsie Scrivner Kirby, 99

Elsie Scrivner Kirby, 99, widow of Charles A. Kirby, passed away Thursday, December 27, 2018 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, after a long illness.

Mrs. Kirby was a native of Estill County, born November 27, 1919, a daughter of the late Roy Jefferson and Melinda Garrett Scrivner. She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing and quilting, and a member of the Panola Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Dean Kirby; her brothers, Henry Valentine Scrivner and James W. "Billy" Scrivner; her sisters, Cora Mae Noland and Imogene Brandenburg; a granddaughter, Peggy Kirby; a daughter-in-law, Provie Kirby; and a grandson-in-law, Michael Stevens.

Survivors include her sons:

Douglas Kirby and Jerry Kirby (Vydra); her daughter, Dixie McQueen; her sister Dorthy Boian; James Bently "Jimmy" Scrivner; her grandchildren: Ricky Kirby (Brenda), Timothy Kirby (Pam), Karen Stevens, Regina Oliver (Neal), and Matthew Kirby (Brittany); 12 great grandchildren; and 10 great, great grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 30, 2018, at Lewis-Abner Home for Funerals, with Bro. Ricky Kirby officiating. Burial followed in the Doug Kirby Cemetery. Friends called anytime after 12:00 Noon, Sunday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Tim Kirby, Matthew Kirby, John Kirby, Michael Kyle Stevens, Jacob Daniel Stevens and Philip Paul Stevens.

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