

# TMA Journal

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The TMA is dedicated to preserving the rich and fascinating heritage of the traditional muzzleloading firearms of early America.



## Greetings From the President

I hope that this latest issue of the TMA Journal finds you all in good health and good fortunes...or if you're more like me...still gettin' by.

I do trust that you've all had a pleasant and fun summer. We've had several postings on the forum, with LOTS of pictures, sharing the fun our members have had at their events. If you haven't already checked them out...do yourself a favor and go have a look. There's a lot of fun in those posts.

For those of you who don't read the forum regularly, our Secretary/Treasurer, Talking Hands (Lynn Poss), has had to step down. Her business is growing and taking more and more of her time. Lynn has done a tremendous job for the TMA under some very trying conditions, and I would like to thank her right here, in front of all of you.

The BoD has voted bigsmoke (John Shorb) in as the new Sec/Treas, and as soon as we find a new chain big enough to hold him to the desk.. .I mean, as soon as the change is complete...bigsmoke will be taking care of those duties for the members.

Summer is slipping on off and fall will be here in a couple of weeks. Of course, with fall come hunting season. I hope you'll share your hunting stories and pictures with the rest of us. I've managed to get in on one dove shoot with the nice fowler that I got from Wyosmith... and I would like to report that the doves are gaining speed every year!

Let me remind you that the Great TMA Raffle is still underway. The prizes sure do show off the skills off our talented members. Get yourselves 5 tickets for only \$20 and get in on the chance to rake in some prime plunder.



If ya want some 'Sure Fire' plunder...get in touch with Beaverman over in the TMA Store. He still has a few TMA flags left...

Go on out and enjoy the cooler weather that's just ahead. I hope that all of the hunters have great hunts and wonderful stories. When you're all between hunts, don't forget to keep your eye sharp shooting in the monthly Postal Shoot...we still have a few left in this year.

Good Hunting, Good Shooting and Good Friendships...  
Al Bateman/Two Steps

## From the Editor



Summer is a fading memory and autumn is upon us. The rendezvous season is giving way to hunting. This year I'm trying something new; deer hunting which I've never done before and even better, with a euroarms zouave clone. I've got it sighted in and a load developed guaranteed to put that ol' buck into the hereafter. I'm looking forward to getting your articles detailing your summer activities and hunting stories this winter for the next journal.

I here tell some of you have added to your gun collections. I can't wait to hear your stories. By the way, in this issue of the journal, Zan, "The Lady of the Woods," wrote an article about her interest in our hobby. Thanks, Zan for sharing your story with us.

I hope you enjoy the journal and I wish you all success in the field this hunting season.



**King Arthur had The Lady of the Lake, but We  
have The Lady of the Woods. I think We came out  
Better!**



### Greetings from Lady of the Woods

For centuries trees have played an important and spiritual or mystical role in Celtic lore. The silver birch, known as “lady of the woods” is symbolic of new awakenings and the return of spring. Birch is one of the first trees to begin new growth in an area after it has been cleared, which is probably why it is often connected to new beginnings. More practically, there are a variety of uses for the bark, sap and pitch, but it is their beauty in the moonlit forest that makes them memorable.

When I began developing a “persona,” the unique and varied qualities of the silver birch were most appealing to me. January 2008 marked a



new beginning in my life and thus Lady of the Woods was born. I've been rendezvousing for about 5 or 6 years now and consider myself more of a shooter/hunter than a re-enactor. Got started with the fellers at Morgan County Long Rifles in Martinsville, Indiana. Learned right



off to take a lot of guff from those guys; never would a made it if not. Also found that though they were real loud, dirty and kinda stunk, black powder guns were also a lot of fun, a lot like them fellers. Thanks to a lot of good folks with a lot of patience and a willingness to share what they know, I learned how to shoot and started rendezvousing. Thanks to a couple of the fellas that belong to Wolf Creek Muzzleloaders I started going up to Thorntown to rendezvous with them too. You know what happens from there; ya find out there's a shoot or a 'vous nearly every weekend and next thing ya know ya got a camp trailer full of stuff, not enough days off and a bad black powder habit it takes a lot of balls to sustain.

Best thing about shootin nearly every weekend is that when deer season rolls around ya got yer rifle tuned in just right. I've been fortunate to harvest deer successfully most years with my T/C 50 Renegade. I love that rifle, she aint real pretty, but she shoots straight and she's mine. Back in January when I moved house, the 2 of the only things I took with me were my rifle and shootin bag. Found out I didn't really need all that stuff in the camp trailer after all. "He" got Morgan County and I got Wolf Creek in the divorce. I traded



my Lyman GPR for a new tent and started settin myself up a new camp and a new beginning.

I've met some of the best people, learned more, and had more fun in this hobby than anything else in my life. Since joining the TMA I've met some new folks; owe a big debt of thanks to that funny talkin 'n typin Groundhog, who sent me a fine squaw hawk for my little girl and a few new items for my shootin bag. Nobber who probably already has a GPR but made me a good trade for my new tent, and a few others who have kindly shared polled axes, tent stakes and their words of wisdom.

Glad to have made y'all's acquaintance, yer a good group to belong to.

Zan



**Don't shoot 'till you see the whites of their eyes!**



# **“The Phelps Family In Kentucke”**

**by Mike Rumping**

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“Now in the Autumn of my life, I fondly remember the Spring, and wish to record our history together. And the best place to start is our family’s beginnings.” Several years ago, I decided to make a journal of our family, 18th century style. When Jim and Kathy Cummings saw it, they asked about taking some photos of my water colors, and they used these photos in their first issue of the **“PIONEER TIMES MULTI-MEDIA NEWS”** magazine by Graphic Enterprises. Then I was asked if I’d be interested in writing an article. I’ve been wanting to write an article for some time about my Mother’s family, the Phelps. My wife and I got into doing research on our families about three years ago. I’ve found relatives I never knew existed, and several were a big help on doing the research. One is a cousin who taught genealogy at E.K.U., and she taught me to believe only half of what you find on the internet, and disregard the other half. Very good advice, believe me. Well let’s get on to the Phelps story.

My Mother’s paternal family, the Phelps, got their start in England, with Sir Thomas Phelps, born before 1560, and died in 1588 in Montacute, England. But the English Phelps are another story.

Let’s begin with Thomas Phelps Sr., who was born in Albemarle Co., VA. in 1699. Thomas Sr. married Elizabeth Patterson and together they had seven children. They were William Sr., Thomas Jr., John Sr., Mary, Mildred, Lucy, and George. Thomas Sr. and his family resided in Gooschland, Albemarle, and Buckingham (now Appomattox) counties in Virginia. His Last Will and Testament is recorded in the court records of Albemarle Co., Virginia, and is dated 1751. Thomas Sr. died about 1754. William Sr., my 6th Great Grandfather, died at an early age in his twenties. We have his Last Will and Testament, along with an inventory of his belongings, as well as the inventory of his father.

## Thomas Sr.'s Inventory

Inventory of Thomas Phelps 1751 Albemarle Co. VA. ( it is believed this man was a tavern owner as well as farmer and speculator. Buckingham Co. Va. Publick claims from the revolution show his son John (who inherited the Plantation property Thomas lived on) as an ordinary keeper. Thomas Phelps' inventory suggests he may have been as well.)

22 hogs and 12 shoates  
6 beds, 4 beadsteads, 5 sets sheets, 4 rugs, 3 blankets, 5 bolsters, 4 bed cords  
2 linen wheels  
1 yarn wheel  
5 old chairs  
1 old table  
1 large chest  
2 iron pots  
1 iron kettle  
1 old brass kettle  
1 gun  
2 gun barrels  
1 grin stone  
1 pr. Of hand mill stones  
1 frying pan , 1 box iron and 2 heaters  
1 crosscut saw and 1 hand saw  
2 old bibles, 3 testaments,  
3 salters and 2 testaments, "The Duty of Man", 1 spelling book and 1 prayer book  
½ dozen case knives, ½ doz. Forks, 6 glass bottles, 3 stone jugs  
6 par of new cotton cards, 1 pr. Of wool cards  
2 old broad axes, 2 narrow do., 1 fish gegg  
1 bell mettle skillet, 1 old pewter gallon pot, 3 large pewter dishes, 6 plates, 12 spoons  
2 iron wedges 1 lume(loom) 3 old slays  
1 harness and 4 shettles  
2 waterpoles and 1 washing tub  
1 churn and 1 chumtub  
1 small trunk, 1 pr moneyscales and weights  
1 old looking glass  
1 old brass candlestick, 1 warming pan  
1 old fro, 1 old hone, 1 meal sifter, 4 old sickles  
1 flax brake, hachel, 1 warpin bar, old basin and 6 old plates  
2 old knives 3 old forks, 2 old earthen mugs  
1 small stone pot, 1 earthen pot and 3 small earthen cups  
1 glass bottle, 1 old brass skimmer, 1 small auger, 1 large gimblet  
1 small gimblet, 1 pr. Of compursis, 1 hand saw file, 1 peper box  
1 earthen punch bowl, 4 old broad hoes and 3 narrow  
2 pr pot hooks, 1 drawing knife, 1 old chisel, and 4 old barrels  
5 cows and calves, 4 cows and yearlings, 3 heifers, 1 cow, 15 geese  
2 table cloathes, 2 napkins, 1 pr shears, 1 claw hammer  
1 old mare and yearling colt  
1 mans saddle tree, 1 womans saddle tree  
small parcel of old iron, small parcel of old pewter  
1 bearskin coat, 2 old broadcloth coats  
2 coarse white linen shirts, 1 virginia cloth shirt  
1 pr of leather breeches, 1 pr hose  
2 pr trowsers, 1 duroy coat, and waistcoat  
1 hat and 1 wigg  
1 silk cap  
small parcel of tanned leather and 6 raw hides  
1 bull running at large, unmarked  
5727 pds of tobacco  
1 mulatto woman named Handle Stanton  
18 sheep



## William's Last Will & Testament

1749 Clerk's Office, Albemarle Co. Va. copied by Mrs. Jennie T. Grayson and sent to me--N. R. Roy

Will of WILLIAM PHELPS Book I. page 1

In the name of God, Amen, I, William Phelps being weak in Body but in sound & perfect Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth:

Ist I give and bequeath to my Loving Brother in law, William Baber, Two Hundred acres of Land on Nell Moore's Creek of Slate River joining John Sharp's Line to him & his heirs.....

I give and Bequeath to my Loving Father, THOMAS PHELPS & to my Loving Brother, THOMAS PHELPS, JUNR. all the rest & residue to my Estate.... in trust never the less to be equally Divided by them between my two sons, JAMES PHELPS & WILLIAM PHELPS & their heirs forever and for no other intent or Purpose whatsoever & do ordain and appoint my said Father and Brother(in law) executors of this my last will.....

Signed, Sealed & Published & Declared to be his last Will and Testament in presents of us, William Cabell John Dunken

his

Thomas X MacDanile  
mark

John Blackle

WILLIAM PHELPS (SEAL)

Albemarle (LS) May Court MDCCXLIX

This writing was produced in Court.....

Teste: Jno Fleming (D. C. T? C)

Va. Hist. Mag. Vol. 26, p. 316--Notes from Albemarle Co. Va. Will of William Phelps, 1749. Vol. 10. same. p. 390. Books in Colonial Va. William Phelps, Albemarle, 1749, One Testament, A Prayer Book and some writing books, 4 sh.

(Note: Albemarle Co. Va. was cut from Goochland Co. Va. in 1744. There are no marriages recorded in Albemarle Co. Va. before June 4, 1781, when Lt. Col. Tarleton Raided this County & Town and destroyed or took away, ALL the marriage Bonds & many other records. J. T. G.)

This Will establishes the FACT that William Phelps was a son of Thos. Phelps, Sr. and brother to THOMAS, JUNR., Mary Phelps Patterson and Phelps Given, as shown in the Will of his father, THOMAS PHELPS, SR.



## William's Inventory

### Phelps Inventories of Albemarle CO. VA.

William Phelps' Inventory.... Albemarle (pres. Appomattox/Buckingham) Co. Va. 1749

The effects of this man (rifle gun, shot bag, powder horn, leather shirt, leggings) suggest he could have been an early explorer on the frontier. We know that many of his family were some of the first to inhabit the "dark and bloody ground" of Kentucky.

His son William who died Buckingham Co. Va. C.1811 appears on a muster roll as a member of a company of frontier rangers in the 1750's under command of Capt. John Phelps of Bedford who were commanded to "proceed with all expedition to annoy and destroy the enemy, both the French and Indians in alliance with them, wherever found; to keep harmony among themselves and assist any other company when needed; to offer no offence to friendly Indians; to be careful of powder and ball; to take thorough view of the country and every important incident and such convenient place for erecting a fort as may be met with."

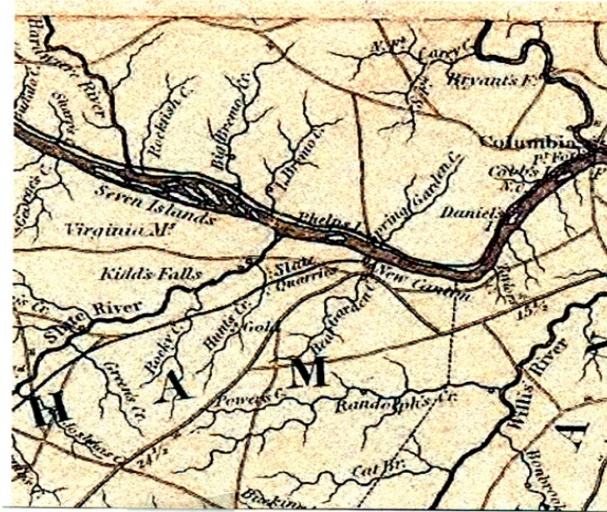
This family also had close ties with the Callaway/Calloway family who pushed the frontier westward in the 18th cent.

William Phelps' estate appraised by executors Thomas Phelps (father) and Thomas Phelps Jr. (brother) 1749

- 1 feather bed, bolster and sheets
- 1 blanket and rug (bed coverings)
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- 1 pr. Blankets and rug
- 2 pewter dishes
- 2 basins
- 2 plates
- 4 yds striped Holland
- 1 suite cloths
- 2 razors and hone
- 1 pr shoe buckles and 1 neck ditto ... silver
- 2 hats, 1 wig and a brush
- 1 walnut chest
- 1 broadax and 1 halberd(?) adds
- 1 testament, prayer books and some writing paper
- 2 pr breeches and waistcoat bro. Holland.
- An old coat of cloth (wool broadcloth)
- 2 linen hankers, 2 linen caps, 1 silk and 1 band
- 2 white and 1 striped Holland shirts
- 1 pr linen trousers
- 1 pr cotton and 1 pr. Check leggings
- 1 leather shirt, 1 old coat and linen breeches
- 1 looking glass
- 2 raw deer skins
- 1 rifle gun, shot bag and powder horn and 2 bullet molds
- 1 cow bell
- 3 chairs
- 2 pr. Linen trousers
- 1 bedstead
- 1 saddle and harnessing
- 1 cow and calf
- 1 small bull and heifer
- 1 cow and cow yearling
- 1 cow yearling
- 1 cow and calf
- 1 stone bottle



## Phelps Island and Plantation, Albemarle Co. VA



Site of the Island and Plantation of Thomas  
and Elizabeth Phelps of Albemarle Co., VA.

Thomas died in 1751 and Elizabeth died in 1772.

William's children were so young at the time of his death, all his belongings were left to his father and brothers to be given to his children when they came of age. William Jr. headed for Kentucke later on and his name was found on the Benjamin Logan's Co. Roster in 1779.

Thomas Jr. and his brother, John Sr. took their families to Kentucke and ended up at Fort Boonesborough about 1775-1776. We do know they were at Boonesborough during the big Siege of Sept. 1778 when the Shawnees attacked and held them under Siege for approximately ten days. Thomas' daughter Lucy, born July 1762, and died June 18, 1854 in Madison Co., KY., was interviewed by Dr. Draper concerning the Siege of 1778.

**Event 1-**The detailed account of the Big Seige of Boonesborough, as it has long been designated by the pioneers of Kentucky, had been drawn up from the following sources: Fleming Papers; letter of Col. John Bowman in the Clark Papers; statements of Daniel Bryan, Capt. John Carr, Mrs. Lucy Brashear(s), Robert Hancock, Man. John L. Martin, notes of conversations with Gen. Simon Kenton by Hon. John H. James, furnished by the latter to Mann Butler, the historian of Kentucky; Trabue's narrative; and notes of conversations with



Col. Nathan Boone and lady, Moses and Isaiah Boone, Capt. John Gass, and W.M. Kenton. Of these, Capt. Gass, Moses and Isaiah Boone, Mrs. Brashear, and Robert Hancock were in the Fort during the Seige. (Taken from: "Lyman C. Draper's 'The Life of Daniel Boone'" by Ted Franklin Belue)

Event 2 - Mrs. Brashears , the daughter of Thomas Phelps, was born in what is now Campbell County, Virginia, in July 1762, was early taken to Boonesborough, and shared in the troubles of that garrison during the successive Indian attacks. She is said to be the first woman married at Louisville, Kentucky. Her death occurred in Madison County, Kentucky, June 18, 1854 at the advanced age of almost 92 years; and to the last, she was a sprightly, active, cheerful Christian lady of the old pioneer school. (Taken from: "Lyman C. Draper's 'The Life of Daniel Boone'" by Ted Franklin Belue)

Event 3 - Obituary: "Lucy Brashear...was in the Fort at the Siege of the Indians at Boonesborough. She was also the first woman married at Louisville, Kentucky. Born in Campbell County, Virginia, July, 1762, the daughter of Thomas Phelps, died June 18, 1854, at the residence of Bird Deatherage, Madison County, Kentucky. She was a sprightly acting woman until a few days previous to her death." DM 24C 123. (Taken from: "And the Battle Began Like Claps of Thunder – the Siege of Boonesborough - 1778 as Told by the Pioneers" compiled and edited by Anne Crabb)

Yes, Lucy Phelps, was said to be the heroine of Boonesborough, carrying rifle balls in her apron, and under fire to the defenders of the Fort. After the Phelps left Boonesborough, Thomas and John Phelps started Phelps Station on the waters of Otter Creek, near the site of Fort Boonesborough. The names of the Phelps family are on a monument at the front gate of the replicated Fort.





Thomas Phelps was known for building the first double log house with a double chimney in this area of Kentucky. With the assistance of a good friend, we found the site of Phelps Station. The chimney stood 15-20 feet, even though part of it had collapsed within itself. There was an open fireplace on each side of the chimney. The foundation of the log house was evident on both sides of the chimney, indicating this was a double log house. Then, inside the chimney we found a stone with the letter "P" carved on it, along with a horn button and a horseshoe half buried in the dirt in front of the foundation. There was also open

well within a few feet of the house, even though the creek was nearby. This was probably used in case of Indian attack.







After leaving Phelps Station, Thomas Phelps, with his younger sons Guy, Edwin, Anthony, and two daughters, left for the Falls of the Ohio, and

settled in what is now Louisville, Kentucky.

His daughter Lucy, married Marsham Brashear in 1780, and became the first woman to be married at Louisville, Kentucky.

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Marsham Brashear became one of the original trustees of Louisville, KY. His brother, Captain Richard Brashear became one of George Rogers Clark's officers and served at Fort Jefferson, although he was not there during the battle. (See MGE, vol. 18, p. 11-13). His brother Turner Brashear may have been one of those captured in the Ft. Jefferson area. Adopted or not, Turner Brashear married a Choctaw woman, and became a rader n the Choctaw nation. For the next



three decades, he appears often in the records as a guide, trader, interpreter and inn-keeper. Turner Brashear advertised in the "Natchez Gazette" in December 2, 1806 that he had established "a House of Entertainment on the road leading from Natchez to Nashville." Rev. Jacob Young, a Methodist itinerant preacher, stopped there in 1807 and said of his host, "Although he had an Indian wife, he himself was a gentleman. He had a good many colored people and appeared to be a man of considerable wealth. He treated us well but knew how to make a high bill." Turner Brashear's many children included Robert Turner Brasher who married Nancy Vaughn, Benjamin Brashear, and Lewis Brasher. Also among the Indians in Mississippi in 1831 were Alexander Brashear, a half-blood Creek with six children under 10, and three over 10, living on Suckenacha Creek; half-breed Zadock Brashear, with two children under 10, one over 10; and half-breed Turner Brashear Jr. Also listed is half-breed Rachel Brashear and her child; and Deleley (Delila) Brashear and her six children,

half of whom were under 10 years of age. Most of these last named Brashear lived on the Tombigbee River. (see MGE, vol. 18, p. 11-13) Among the Choctaws given land by the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek in 1830 were Vaughn and Turner Brashear. (see MGE, vol. 18, p 11-13).

I also want to mention here that George Phelps, Lucy's brother, who also fought at the Big Siege

of Boonesborough in Sept. 1778, married Tabitha Simmons Dec. 28, 1787 in Bullitt Co., KY., and

stayed in Kentucky until his death on Nov. 11, 1803 in Madison Co., KY. George was buried in

Madison Co., but was later moved to the Richmond KY. Cemetery. Tabitha Simmons family were

early residents of Pottenger's Station in Nelson Co., KY., founded in 1781. They later moved from

Pottenger's Creek to Bullitt Co., KY. They had eight children. Tabitha died in 1850 in Madison Co.



Several of the Phelps family are on the rosters of Benjamin Logan's Co. at Logan's (St. Asaph's)

Station, along with Simon Kenton and Benj. Logan, and also on the lists of the Pioneer Soldiers

1778 to 1781, and Capt. Wm. Harrod's Co. of 1780.

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN LOGAN'S COMPANY			
(In Lincoln Co., at and near Logan's Station, probably 1779.)			
Benj. Logan, Capt.	John Logan, Lieut	Alex Montgomery, Ensign	Azariah Davis, Ensign
Benj. Pelton, Sergeant	Wm. Menifee, Sergeant	Roswell Stevens, Sergeant	George Clark, Sergeant
Robt. Barnet	Wm. Barton	Samuel Bell	Arthur Blackburn
Alex. Bohannon	John Bohannon	Benj. Briggs	Samuel Briggs
James Brown	John Canterbury	Caspar Casener	Wm. Casey
John Castlio	Pierce Castlio	Philip Conrad	Azariah Davis
Samuel Deason	Ogden Devers	Benj. Drake	Isaac Drake
John Drake	Jonathan Drake	John Ealor	Chas. English
Stevens English	John Fain	Bartholomew Fenton	George Flinn
Lee Garrett	John Gibson	Richard Glover	John Glover
John Grimes	Wm. Grimes	Jacob Gunn	David Hawkins
Jacob Herman	Roger Hines	Stephen Huston	John Johns
James Johnson	John Jones	John Kennedy	James Knox
Hugh Leeper	James Leeper	Wm. Logan	Thos. Loveledd
Joseph Lusk	John McCormick	John McElhon	James McElwain
John Mahone	James Menifee	Jarrett Menifee	Joseph Menifee
John Martin	Joseph Martin	Samuel Martin	James Mason
James Mason	Samuel Mayes	Andrew Miller	Henry Miller
Wm. Miller	David Mitchell	Wm. Mitchess	Alex. Montgomery
John Montgomery	Wm. Montgomery	Wm. Neal	Wm. Patton
Samuel Phelps	Wm. Phelps	Chas. Phillips	John Phillips
Nich. Proctor, Sr.	Nich. Proctor, Jr.	Chas. Runslie	James Russell
Julius Sanders	Alex. Sinclair	George Scott	John Story
John Summers	Arch. Thomas	Nicholas Tramel	Philip Tramel
George White	Wm. Whitley		



# **CAPTAIN WM. HARROD'S COMPANY**

(In 1780, at the Stations near the Falls, in now Jefferson and Shelby counties.)

Wm. Harrod, Capt.	James Patton, Lieut.	Ed. Bulger, Ensign	Peter Balance
Alex. Barr	James Brand	John Buckras	A. Cameron
Amos Carpenter	Sol. Carpenter	Benj. Carter	Thomas Carter
Reuben Case	Thomas Cochran	John Conway	John Corbley
John Crable	Robert Dickey	Daniel Driskill	Isaac Dye
John Eastwood	Samuel Forrester	Joseph Frakes	Samuel Frazee
John Galloway	Wm. Galloway	James Garrison	Joseph Goins
Isaac Goodwin	Samuel Goodwin	James Guthrie	Daniel Hall
Wm. Hall	John Hatt	Evan Henton	Thomas Henton
Wm. Hickman	A. Hill	Andrew Hill	Samuel Hinck
Fred. Honaker	Joseph Hughes	Rowland Hughes	Michael Humble
John Hunt	Abram James	John Kenney	Val. Kinder
Moses Kuykendall	John Lewis	John Lincant	Samuel Lyon
Pat. McGee	Samuel Major	Amos Mann	Edward Murdoch
John Murdoch	Richard Morris	Wm. Morris	Wm. Oldham
John Paul	George Phelps	Joseph Phelps	Samuel Pottinger
F. Potts	Reuben Preble	Urb. Ranner	Benj. Rice
Reed Robbins	Thomas Settle	Wm. Smiley	Jacob Speck
John Stapleton	James Stewart	Daniel Stull	Miner Sturgis
Peter Sturgis	James Sullivan	Wm. Swan	Joseph Swearingen
Samuel Swearingen	Van Swearingen	Robt. Thorn	John Tomton (or Tomton)
Bev. Trout	Thos. Tribble	Robert Tyler	Abr. Vanmetre
Michael Valleto	Joseph Warford	James Welch	Abram Whitaker
Jacob Wickersham	Ed. Wilson		



**TIP #204: PIONEER SOLDIERS, 1778 TO 1781**

Lewis Collins, in his wonderful history of Kentucky, has aided us greatly in piecing together the names and locations of our earliest settlers in Kentucky. Kentucky did not reach statehood until 1792, but even while we were still a part of Virginia, the hearty pioneers were blazing out trails into this wonderful commonwealth.

According to Collins, the following is a "large portion of those who were enrolled as pioneer soldiers of Kentucky." Some names were spelled incorrectly.

**Captain Joseph Bowman's Company 24 January 1778. Located at Harrodsburg and neighboring stations:**

Jos. Bowman, Capt., Isaac Bowman, Lt., Abr. Keller, 2nd Lt., Dan. Dust, Sgt., James Bentley, Wm. Berry, Ed. Bulger, Nathan Cartmell, Henry Chrisman, Thomas Clifton, Jacob Cogar, Peter Cogar, Patrick Doran, Henry Funk, Philip Harbin, Henry Honaker, Elijah Huston, Abr. James, Isaac Kellar, George King, George Livingston, Philip Long, Isaac McBride, Robert McClanahan, Chas. McGlack, Alex. MyIntyre, Abraham Miller, George Miller, Wm. Montgomery, Barney Morter, Edward Murray, Joseph Pendergrast, Michael Pendergrast, Thos. Pendergrast, Thos. Perry, Henry Prather, John Setser, Michael Setser, Joseph Simpson, Wm. Slack, Jacob Spears, Samuel Stroud, H. Vance, Barnaby Walters. Those shown as deserters were: James Gondy, Samuel Dust, Wm. Berry and Zeb Lee. Total of 48.

**Captain Benjamin Logan's Company, in now Lincoln County at or near Logan's Station, ca 1779:**

Capt. Benjamin Logan, Lt. John Logan, Ensign Alex. Montgomery, Ensign Azariah Davis, Sgt. Benj. Pelton, Sgt. Wm. Menifee, Sgt. Roswell Stevens, Sgt. George Clark, Robt. Barnet, Wm. Barton, Samuel Bell, Arthur Blackburn, Alex. Bohannon, John Bohannon, Benj. Briggs, Samuel Briggs, James Brown, John Canterbury, Caspar Casener, Wm. Casey, John Castillo, Pierce Castilio, Philip Conrad, Azariah Davis, Samuel Deason, Ogden Devers, Ben. Drake, Isaac Drake, John Drake, Jonathan Drake, John Ealor, Chas. English, Stevens English, John Fain, Bartholomew Fenton, George Flinn, Lee Garrett, John Gibson, Richard Glover, John Grimes, Wm. Grimes, Jacob Gunn, David Hawkins, Jacob Herman, Roger Hines, Stephen Haston, John Johns, James Johnson, John Jones, John Kennedy, James Knox, Hugh Leeper, James Leeper, Wm. Logan, Thos. Loveledd, Joseph Lusk, John McCormick, John McElhon, James McElwain, John McKaine, Archibald Mahone, James Menifee, Jarrett Menifee, Joseph Menifee, John Martin, Joseph Martin, Samuel Martin, James Mason, Samuel Mayes, Andrew Miller, Henry Miller, Wm. Miller, David Mitchell, Wm. Mitchell, Alex. Montgomery, John Montgomery, Wm. Montgomery, Wm. Neal, Wm. Patton, Samuel Phelps, Wm. Phelps, Chas. Philips, John Philips, Nich. Proctor, Sr., Nich. Proctor, Jr., Chas. Runslie, James Russell, Julius Sanders, Alex. Sinclair, George Scott, John Story, John Summers, Arch. Thomason, Nicholas Tramel, Philip Tramel, George White, Wm. Whitley. Total: 99.

**Wm. Harrod's Company, 1780, at the Station near the Falls, in now Jefferson and Shelby Counties.**

Capt. Wm. Harrod, Lt. James Patton, Ensign Ed. Balger, Peter Balance, Alex. Barr, James Brand, John Buckras, A. Cameron, Amos Carpenter, Sol. Carpenter, Benj. Carter, Thomas Carter, Reuben Case, Thomas Cochran, John Conway, John Corbley, John Crable, Robert Dickey, Daniel Driskill, Isaac Dye, John Eastwood, Samuel Forrester, Joseph Frakes, Samuel Frazee, John Galloway, Wm. Galloway, James Garrison, Joseph Goins, Isaac Goodwin, Samuel Goodwin, James Guthrie, Daniel Hall, Wm. Hall, John Hatt, Evan Henton, Thomas Henton, A. Hill, Andrew Hill, Samuel Hinck, Fred. Honaker, Joseph Hughes, Rowland Hughes, Michael Humble, John Hunt, Abram James, John Kenny, Val. Kinder, Moses Kuykendall, John Lewis, John Lincant, Samuel Lyon, Pat. McGee, Samuel Major, Amos Mann, Edward Murdoch, John Murdoch, Richard Morris, Wm. Morris, Wm. Oldham, John Paul, George Phelps, Joseph Phelps, Samuel Pottinger, F. Potts, Reuben Preble, Urb. Ranner, Benj. Rice, Reed Robbins, Thos. Settle, Wm. Smiley, Jacob Speck, John Stapleton, James Stewart, James Stewart, Daniel Stull, Miner Sturgis, Peter Sturgis, James Sullivan, Wm. Swan, Joseph Swearingen, Samuel Swearingen, Van Swearingen, Robt. Thorn, John Tomton, Bev. Trent, Thos. Tribble, Robert Tyler, Abr. Vanmetre, Michael Valleto, Joseph Warford, James Welch, Abram Whitaker, Aquilla Whitaker, Jacob Wickersham, Ed. Wilson. Total: 96.

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My Mother's family has mostly stayed in Kentucky, and when you visit in certain parts of Kentucky, it's like a family reunion everywhere you go. Only one more thing I'd like to share. Not long ago, I was privileged to see the powder horn, which had belonged to Thomas Phelps. It belonged to the 3rd Great Grandson of Thomas Phelps. Upon his death, another person acquired the Thomas Phelps powder horn. He allowed me to hold it, examine it, and take a few photos. I'd like to share with you one of the photos. The letters "TP" are carved into the body of the horn.



### CREDITS

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- 2 TED FRANKLIN BELUE : Who's Book, " The Life Of Daniel Boone / By Lyman C. Draper", Gave Me important information concerning Lucy "Phelps" Brashears and her description of the Siege of Boonesborough.
3. THE KENTUCKY PIONEER GENEALOGY and RECORDS  
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