

History: Life of a Matriarch

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Elmonia McInteer, the daughter of Elijah and Sallie McInteer, was born August 25, 1858 in Barren County. Her father's parents had settled there from Virginia. Her mother's family came from the Carolinas.

By the time she was two, Elmonia's family had moved to Metcalfe County, on a farm in the East Fork community. That's where they lived during the Civil War years.

In 1870, Elmonia was 12, going to school and helping her mother keep house. She was the only girl with six brothers so there was plenty to be done. They lived in Hart County by then, still farming to make a living.

Five of her brothers would move out to Kansas, working as farmers. A few of them eventually returned to Kentucky, others had started their families and chose to stay there.

At the age of 21 in 1880, Elmonia married William Henry Clay Sandidge. He was a minister, 12 years older than her. William was born at Crail Hope, a son of John T. Sandidge. He was licensed to preach in Oct 1870 and ordained into the ministry at New Union Church near Greensburg in April 1875.

Elmonia was William's second wife. His first wife, Helen Hudson, sadly died of tuberculosis only six months after they wed leaving him widowed at age 29. It was over three years before William married Elmonia. They made their first home together in Greensburg.

Elmonia and her husband spent the next years of their lives raising a family and spreading God's word all over central Kentucky. They lived for several years in Bliss, of Adair County, where William served as pastor of the Union Church. Among the reverend's other appointments in surrounding counties, he would preach there 29 years.

The couple had eight children. They lost two baby boys to sickness, but raised two fine boys and four charming girls.

The community was buzzing in 1907 when their daughters, Vallonia and Nora, were married in an impressive double ceremony to two popular Moore boys from Green Coun-

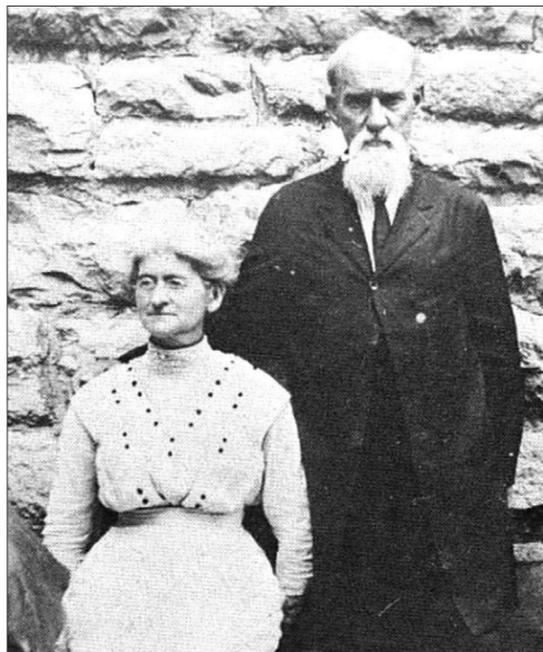


Photo submitted

Elmonia McInteer Sandidge and her husband, Rev. William H. C. Sandidge

ty. In 1908, Elmonia, her husband, and their two youngest children moved back to Greensburg when William was called to pastor the Greensburg and Ebenezer Churches. Elmonia was a very respectable, active member of the community. She served in the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society, on the local Red Cross committee, and was treasurer of the first Women's Christian Temperance Union organized here.

The local newspaper printed all sorts of little details about Elmonia and William's lives such as their travels, visits with family, meetings attended or guests they hosted. Once, Elmonia made the paper when she stepped on a nail. They even reported when William took a switch to the left eye from a playful little grandson that wasn't serious, but did hurt like the dickens.

William died in December of 1915. He hadn't been well for sometime and was confined to bed for the last months of life. A devoted Elmonia stayed by her husband's side and took care of his every need until he passed. She was widowed at the age of 57.

For 18 more years, Elmonia stayed involved in the community by hosting and attending numerous dinner parties, organizing events and drives for the Women's Missionary group, and by being active with her church.

She also continued taking care of their growing family. She had 10 grandchildren to enjoy. All of her children married someone from this area, except

Olevia who married a boy from Iowa and moved all over before settling in California. Dwight and Nora were her only children that settled close to home. Vallonia was in Mississippi. Elmonia's two youngest, William and Frannie, were both raising families in Kansas, right in the same county where her brothers had moved some years before them.

In the spring of 1934, on a Monday morning, Elmonia slumped to the floor while sweeping up some scraps on the floor. Because of heart troubles, she had been cautioned not to exert herself, but just couldn't sit still with a dirty floor. Her grandson helped her onto the bed and within minutes, she simply slipped away. She was 75 years old.

"Death Takes Good Woman." That was the headline of Elmonia McInteer Sandidge's death notice. She was described as a faithful wife and a loyal, devout Christian woman. She lived a life of service to her community, her family, and to her Lord. She was laid to rest by her loving husband in the Greensburg Cemetery.

The Ten Commandments

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.

Honor thy father & thy mother.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet.

(Exodus 20:3-17)

Greensburg-Green County A proud past — A promising future *Way Back When*

Oct. 21, 1960 – City Council set the penalty for parking meter violations at 25 cents

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Oct. 20, 2010
Theft investigations- Break-ins at the home of Mitchell and Jennifer Squires, Grab, the dental office of Dr. Robert Simmons and Central Furniture are being investigated by law officials.

Fire training -A training exercise for firefighters was held at Summersville Fire Department. Firefighters from 9 departments in central and south-eastern Kentucky attended.

Fall fest at church -A large crowd attended the Fall Fest sponsored by Bethlehem Baptist Youth Department.

Injured in accident-Alberto Hernandez was flown to a Louisville hospital following a single car accident on US 68 near Mt. Lebanon Church.

Oct. 18, 2000
Fire destroys home -The Columbia Highway home of Billy Ray Ratliff, her mother and children was destroyed by fire.

Governor to attend ceremony-Kentucky Governor Paul Patton will participate in a ribbon cutting here Oct. 23 opening the Green County Industrial Park.

Dragons going to state - GCHS band competes in the AAA semi-final state contest Oct. 21.

Rendezvous this weekend-The Glov-

er's Station Rendezvous will be held at American Legion Park this weekend.

Oct. 17, 1990
Burley market to open-The Greensburg Burley Markets will open Nov. 19. Tobacco officials are urging growers to make 3 grades.

Torrey improving- Eleven-year-old Victoria "Torey" Caven, who injured in an accident, took her first steps since the accident happened.

Homecoming queen -The GCHS Homecoming Queen for 1990 is Courtney Murrell.

Golden anniversary-Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pickett celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Oct. 14.

Oct 16, 1980
Arson suspected - Vacant houses on Buckner Hill and on Buster Vaughn Road were destroyed by fire. Local officials suspect arson.

Lobb at health department - Sheila Lobb, RN, has been employed by the Green County Health Department as Community Health Nurse.

Wimsatt on football team -A Green County man, Jeff Wimsatt, is a tackle on the Kentucky School for the Deaf football team.

Mell, Helen Blaydes -The weatherman said it was 31 degrees at 7 o'clock. I didn't see any frost.

Oct. 22, 1970
Crash kills Wright - David Green Wright, 74, was killed in a two-vehicle accident on Little Barren Road. Kenneth Coffey and Donnie Clark were injured.

Corn lost - An estimated 250 bushels of corn spilled onto the highway at Happyville following a crash involving 2 large trucks.

Local businesswoman dies- Frona Christie Shively, 81, passed away Oct. 15. She and her late husband, H.E. Shively, owned and operated H.E. Shively Jewelers for 57 years.

First plane flight - Laura McKinney, 91, who has traveled by horseback, wagon, buggy, car, bus and train, recently flew by plane to Sarasota, Florida.

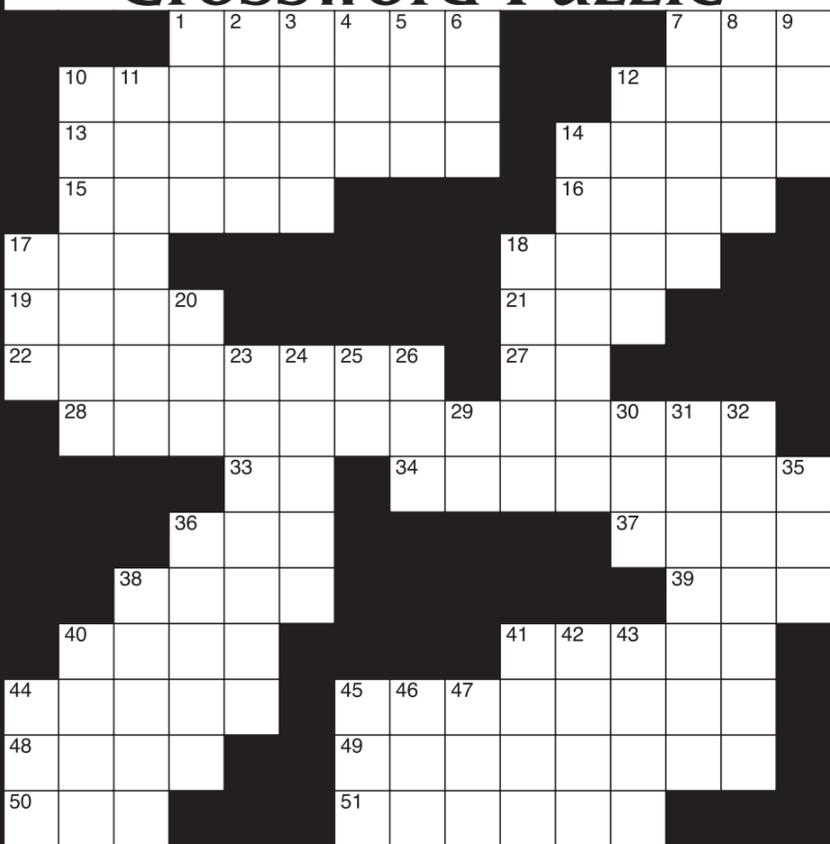
Oct. 21, 1960
Parking violation 25 cents - City Council set the penalty for parking meter violations at 25 cents.

Chestnuts scarce -The majority of chestnut trees in Kentucky were killed by a blight many years ago. H. W. Myers of Pilot Knob has several young trees on his land.

Surprise party-Ruth Ann 'Houk was surprised with a party for her 14th birthday.

Last show of season - "April Love" starring Pat Boon and Shirley Jones will be shown Oct. 19. It will be the last show of the season.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Lunar crater
 7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
 10. Fruit
 12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu
 13. Organism that grows without air
 14. Heals
 15. A book has one
 16. Open
 17. Twitch
 18. Plant of the mint family
 19. Soon
 21. Witch
 22. Long, mournful complaint
 27. Killer clown film
 28. Keeps us occupied
 33. Influential lawyer
 34. Formation of concepts
 36. Insecticide
 37. Swiss river
 38. Actress Lucy
 39. Unit of g-force
 40. Can repel attackers
 41. Essential oil used as perfume
 44. Cut into small pieces
 45. Mexican agricultural worker
 48. Best pitchers
 49. Benign tumors
 50. Danish krone
 51. Looms above
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Make a map of
 2. Cain and _
 3. Dried-up
 4. Corporate exec (abbr.)
 5. Trading floor hand gesture
 6. Strongly alkaline solution
 7. Yemen capital
 8. Military leader (abbr.)
 9. Maintains possession of
 10. Afternoon show
 11. Imaginary being
 12. Rearrange
 14. Holy person or sage
 17. _ Mahal
 18. Backbone
 20. Brooklyn hoopster
 23. Intervened
 24. Extremely angry
 25. Indicates position
 26. Chinese surname
 29. Potato state
 30. When you think you'll get there
 31. _ Falls
 32. Bullfighters
 35. Born of
 36. Small fishes
 38. "Father of chemical warfare"
 40. Waste matter
 41. Skin disease
 42. Scandinavian mythological god
 43. _ and haws
 44. Villain
 45. Tell on
 46. Difficulty
 47. Not old

Answers found on page 9A

ATTENTION DEER



HUNTERS

Send us your photos of the one that didn't get away during this year's deer season!

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county/area deer was killed

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