

## Greensburg-Green County A proud past — A promising future

# Way Back When

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**March 23, 2011**

### Population down

- The U. S. Census figures for 2010 show a decline in the population of Green County, down 2.3 percent, and Greensburg, down 9.7 percent.

### Pedestrian killed

- Nathan Montgomery, 29, lost his life when he was struck by a car in the predawn hours Monday.

### Animal ordinance declined

- Fiscal Court voted not to pass any additional animal control order to deal with complaints about stray dogs.

### Airdome Theatre, Joe DeSpain

- Harley Charnock, a South Dakota native, is credited with building the Airdome Theatre in April 1939, where Los Agaves Restaurant is now located. An outdoor theatre, The Old Fort, could accommodate 900 people.

**March 21, 2001**

### Records super center

- Fiscal Court and the Green County Library support a grant application to secure a \$1 million grant to build a records and genealogy super center.

### Home destroyed

- The home of David Woods on Tucker Road near Thurlow was destroyed by fire. Woods escaped injury thru an upstairs window.

### Military exercise

**at Park** - Helicopters from Fort Campbell will engage in a mock troop unloading and loading exercise at American Legion Park.

### Road Department moves

- The Green County Road Department has moved into new headquarters on County Barn Road.

**March 20, 1991**

### Neighbors build new home

- Friends and family are working together to build a new home for Harold and Anna Curry, who lost their home to fire.

### Garage fire

- Firemen were able to extinguish a fire in Doc Milby's garage.

### Edwards retires

- Chief Master Sgt. Carlos Edwards has retired from the US Air Force after 29 years of service.

### Ski is bigger

- The Greensburg Bottling Company is producing Ski, Double Cola and Diet Ski in two liter bottles.

**March 19, 1981**

### Postal rate increase

- The cost to mail a first-class letter will increase to 18 cents on March 22.

### Green County oil production

- Oil production in Green County has decreased from 1,771,547 barrels in 1958 to 46,945 barrels in 1980.

### Bible quiz winners

- The Summersville Church of the Nazarene Team A Youth were first place winners in the District Bible Quiz.

**Between Newt and Pierce, Nellie Coomer** - Time goes so fast when the mind and body are peaceful.

**March 25, 1971**

### Local pickle growers needed

- An effort by Paramount Foods to enlist farmers to grow cucumbers is now underway.

### Accident fatal

- Everett Leslie Whitlow, 60, died in a one-car accident in Larue County March 22.

### Large land transaction

- The sale of 600 acres in Coxes Bend for \$175,000 is one of the largest land transactions in recent county history.

### Bloyd celebrates birthday

- Mrs. Joe Bloyd celebrated her 90th birthday at her home March 19 with family and friends.

**March 24, 1961**

### \$3 million crop

- County tobacco growers sold 4,823,543 pounds of burley for \$3,059,311 in 1960.

### X-Ray trailer here

- The State Health Department X-Ray trailer will be in Summersville and Greensburg. Tuberculosis cases have declined from 837 in the county in 1933 to 33 cases in 1960.

### Obituaries

- Bud Hamilton, 80, Thursday; James Clemmon Finn, 76; Calvin G. Jameson, 83, Saturday.

### Pierce

- We are having Spring showers and a little sunshine between showers.



Photo submitted

James and Nancy Hamilton's gravestone at Greensburg City Cemetery.

# Hamilton Family Story



Green County Public Library Genealogy  
Laura Johnson

James Leonard Hamilton was born in on April 20, 1843. He was the second of thirteen children born to Benjamin A. and Ann Margaret Mayes Hamilton, both natives of Virginia. Their family lived in a portion of Green County that would become Taylor County in 1848. They moved to Greensburg when James was one year old. He grew up on the farm and had a common English edu-

cation.

When the Civil War began, James enlisted with the Union Army. He served with Company E, 13th Kentucky Infantry and served gallantly for three years and four months. His first battle was at Shiloh, the bloodiest battle in US history up to that time. He served until he was honorably discharged in January 1865 and returned home to resume farm life.

James was united in marriage to Nancy E. Hagan on January 28, 1869. She was the daughter of H. T. and Mary Jane Smith Hagan. The couple had two children, Leila

G. born in 1870 and Ulysses Grant Hamilton born in 1872.

The Hamilton family would all become members of the Greensburg Presbyterian Church. Ulysses was as a deacon there for 42 years and book-keeper at the Woodson Lewis store.

In 1878 James was elected jailer for the county, a position he held for many years before being elected County Judge.

James L. Hamilton passed away at his home on May 5, 1915 at the age of 72. Nancy passed away April 4, 1918. Both were laid to rest at the Greensburg City Cemetery.



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