

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

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**March 30, 2011
Hail hits county**

A spring storm left 2 inches of hail covering the ground in many areas of the county.

Bridge repair

- Motorist traveling KY 61 N may expect delays as repair work continues on the Brush Creek Bridge.

School remodeling

- GCMS will receive a \$250,000 remodel this summer.

New police officers

- The city has hired Jonathan Bradshaw, Steven Fields, Brad Hall and Matt Matney for the police department.

March 28, 2001

Movie filmed here

- A film crew has been in Greensburg filming "Resurrection Mary", written and produced by Columbia native Matthew Arnold.

Governor to visit

- Gov. Paul Patton will speak at the Green County Health Department Open House April 2.

Worm growers

- Several Green County people have starting raising earth worms

for an Oklahoma company.

Library director retiring - Evelyn Givens, librarian at the Green County Public Library for the past 11 years, is retiring.

March 27, 1991

FOL, no layoffs planned - Steve Dorris, Campbellsville Fruit of the Loom plant manager, assures his 120 employees that no layoffs are planned.

Accident injures two

- A 2-vehicle crash on KY 88 sent Daniel Bowman, Bonnieville, and William D. Lobb, Greensburg to JTCH for treatment.

Road construction

- Work may begin as early as this Fall on a highway that will bypass Greensburg and link US 68 and KY 61.

Beautician is former mayor

- Green County beautician Carolyn Woosley is the ex-mayor of Caneyville, Kentucky.

March 26, 1981

Green Hill Manor sold

- The local nursing home, Green Hill Manor, has been sold to Beverly Enterprises of California.

KU wants increase

- For the second time in

six months, Kentucky Utilities has asked the Kentucky Public Service Commission for a rate increase of 12.4 percent.

Three to meet Reagans

- Patti Shaw, Dean Blair and Gene Hedgespeth have been invited to attend a reception at the White House to meet President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

Donansburg, Dolye Webb

- Spring is here, but it didn't look like it Friday with the snow flurries.

April 1, 1971

Burress enters representative race

- Ben Burress has announced that he is a Republican candidate for the office of 51st District State Representative.

New owners for Standard Station

- Harry Kessler and Donnie Pruitt are the new owners of the Standard Service Station, formerly Blake-man Standard Service owned by Jack Blake-man.

Local taxes decrease

- The 1970 estimated Federal tax for Green County is \$2,892,000 as com-

pared to \$2,963,000 paid in 1969.

Open house for SS - Ping Lobb, owner of the Southern States Green County Farm Supply, invites everyone to attend their open house April 3.

March 31, 1961

Mail Box Improvement Week

- Postal patrons are urged to repair and improve their mailboxes to conform to postal regulations during Mail Box Improvement Week.

Blowing Springs

- They are scheduled to start bricking the church at Bethlehem soon.

Obituaries

- William Lewis Coffey, 31, Saturday; Thomas Brown "Doodle" Cox, 70, March 24; C. W. Dunbar, 92, Lewisburg, West Virginia, March 24.

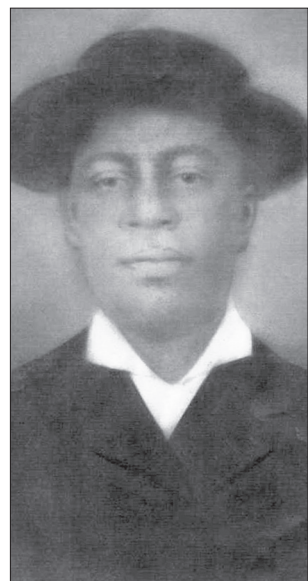
John Durham and Sons ad

- Chuck roast, 49 cents per lb.; picnic hams, 29 cents per lb.; lettuce, 10 cents head; green pepper, 5 cents each; bananas, 9 cents lb.; Polar Bear flour, 25 lb., \$1.72; 4 lb. Great Northern beans, 44 cents; 1/2 gal. Bob White golden syrup, 53 cents.

Barnetts have large family



Green County Public Library Genealogy
Laura Johnson



John T. Barnett, father of seventeen children.

John T. Barnett was born in Green County in approximately 1862. His parents were presumably enslaved at the time of his birth, considering the era in which they lived, meaning John was born into slavery.

In 1865, following the Civil War, the 13th Amendment officially abolished slavery in the United States.

John lived with his father, also named John Barnett, and step mother, Nancy Richardson, until he himself married in December of 1883 to Emma Barnett. She was 16 years old; he was 22.

Emma and John had seven children: Lee b. 1886, Lou Ellen b. 1887, Ernest b. 1892, Otto b. 1893, Mary b. 1896, Willie Elijah b. 1901, and Cora b. 1902.

Following Cora's birth in June 1902, Emma passed away. The exact date and cause are unknown.

John Barnett married for a second time on November 8, 1905. Like his first wife, her name was also Emma. Most records indicate that her maiden name was Vaughn; others show her as a Marshall. She was about 21 years old; he was approximately 43.

Emma Green Vaughn and John had ten children: Rollin b. 1906, James Essie b. 1909, Geneva b. 1911, Catherine b. 1914, William Owen b. 1915, Betty Alice b. 1918, Mary Matt b. 1920, Ervin J. b. 1922, Ruth b. 1925, and Virgie Francis b. 1927.

John and his two Emma's had a total of seventeen children. The oldest and youngest child were separated

ed by a wide 41-year difference in their age.

Through the years, John supported his large family by farming on land he rented near Summersville. They were all members of the nearby Jacob Grove Baptist Church and active in their neighborhood. John and son, Rollin, served as longtime deacons at the church.

Ervin was drafted into the Army during World War II at the age of 20. He died about a year later in South Carolina from peritonitis and tuberculosis on July 18, 1943.

The other children grew up and started lives of their own, some in Green County and the surrounding area, but others far from home. Otto settled in Ohio, Earnest and Betty Alice went to Illinois, and Willie Elijah and Cora went to Indiana.

John T. Barnett passed from this world on February 15, 1934 at his home from the effects of chronic kidney disease. He is buried at Cave Spring Cemetery near Summersville. He was noted as a highly respected citizen in the community that would be greatly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

NCWAA Region XI



Photo submitted

Josh Gupton and Mark Graham participated in the National Civil War Artillery Association Region XI School of the Piece at the Battle of the Bridge Historic Preserve in Horse Cave recently. During the 8-hour day, the group was instructed on re-enactment procedures, artillery safety, and certified to perform cannoner positions. Gupton and Graham, along with others from our community, are qualified to perform as a complete artillery unit. "In time, we hope to have our own cannon to bring a piece of history back to our community," Gupton said.

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