

Risen House of Summersville

Lewis Franklin "Frank" Risen was a druggist and merchant in Summersville at the turn of the 20th century. He was born February 5, 1871 to Alfred L. and Cynthia Risen of Green County.

In 1895, Frank married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Katherine Poteet of Larue County. Her parents, John Thomas and Mary K. Poteet were also from Green County, but had moved to the Buffalo community where they ran a store.

Frank and Lizzie purchased property in the heart of Summersville in May of 1896 from Talton Wilson. By May of 1898, they had begun construction of their new home at the intersection of the Louisville-Nashville Road and the Lexington-Nashville Road (Hwy 61 and Hwy 323).

The beautiful two-story white house was designed to face the east corner of the lot which allowed for wide frontage in several directions. Probably the home's most unique aspect was that the three triangle-shaped gable ends were adorned with designs made



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from colored glass and mussel shells. The year 1898 was written out in the center gable using shells.

The Risens owned and operated a store where they sold dry goods and general merchandise. Frank, a druggist, worked from the store and would also travel throughout the local area selling medicine at other stores or to individuals.

Frank and Lizzie had three sons and three daughters: Strother Grady b. 1896, Rollin F. b. 1897, Alma b. 1902, Henrietta b. 1907, John Cecil b. 1909, and Golda b. 1911.

The Risen family decided to move from Summersville to Campbellsville. In February of 1914, Frank traded their house, store, and merchandise to William Barnett Scott for \$3,900 and Scott's home and farm in Taylor County.

W. B. Scott and his wife, Josie, owned the property in



Photo submitted

Frank and Lizzie Risen and two of their children pictured at their home in the early 1900s.

Summersville for only a few years before selling out and moving to Hodgenville in October of 1919. They had acquired several acres of land in and around Summersville. The land was annexed and a big sale day was held that brought a large crowd to the little town. Among the lots sold were that of the Risen house which brought \$3,900 and the store which brought \$2,425; both purchased by Ezra W. Calhoun. Vacant lots sold for \$25

to \$60 each.

Ezra Calhoun moved into the corner house with his wife, Henrie Reeves Calhoun. He was a prominent merchant and a farmer until suffering a severe stroke in October, 1929. He passed away on February 14, 1930 at their home. Funeral services were conducted there, with burial in the Wilson Cemetery at Gabe.

One month before Ezra's death, he and Henrie's daughter, Ruth, moved in to as-

sist her mother. She was joined by her husband, John L. Hall, and their four young children: Charlotte, Ruby, Marie, and James. Henrie later moved to Indiana with her daughter's family.

Henrie Calhoun's Summersville home sold at auction in February of 1948. It was purchased by Hugh and Grady Milby for \$7,400.

Since the Calhouns' time in the house, it was home to many other families. Mrs.

Mildred Hodges is the last known resident. She passed away there on January 3, 1983.

In August of that year, her son, T. J. Hodges sold the corner lot and house to The Peoples Bank & Trust Company. The home was demolished shortly thereafter to make way for construction of a 24-hour automatic teller machine, a modern convenience of its time.

The Risen house in Summersville stood for 85 years.



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Jan. 18, 2012
Water treatment plant - Greensburg City Council approved \$120,000 to buy land to house a new water treatment plant off Pendleton Court.

Marr hits 1,000 - Lady Dragon Rachel Marr hit the 1,000 point mark during the Green County - Caverna game.

Colvin at Longhunter's - Local musician Randy Colvin will entertain at the Longhunter's Coffee and Tea Company January 20.

Art Club gallery - Greensburg Art Club members will display their artwork in the Main Street office of Nancy Stearman, CPA.

Conquering the Beast - Warren Hickerson and Chris Hickerson conquered the Beast in 30 minutes to win the Snappy Tomato to Beast Challenge.

Jan. 16, 2002
Diaper Derby winner - Kristopher Wayne Nunn, son of Kris and Jennifer Nunn, was born on New Year's Day and is the winner of the Record-Herald Diaper Derby.

Judd dies after accident - Robert E. Judd died from injuries received when his vehicle hit a house on Campbellsville Road.

State competition - Diane Dehoney won a scholastic award in the 2012 State Junior Miss Competition.

Emergency person of the year - The Summersville Ruritan Club selected Green County Deputy Sheriff Tim Stump as

the Police Officer of the Year. Summersville Fire Chief Ronnie Bishop was named the Firefighter of the Year.

Jan. 15, 1992
Over the Trails, John H. Ewing, Jr. - Green County is not only the center of the state, but it's the center of Kentucky's highest rainfall, which averages 50.14 inches per year.

Portland, Mrs. Ray Coffey - We need more rain to catch up on our water level shortage.

First baby - The daughter of Clifton and Pam Bright, Victoria Caitlin, was born Jan. 1 and claims the title of First Baby of the Year.

Howard dies - Tate Howard, 82, a salesman with R. J. Reynolds Foods Company, died Jan. 5. Howard was known as a Bob White syrup salesman.

Jan. 14, 1982
Arctic air hits county - Weather reporter L. C. Estes reports a low temperature of -8 degrees with a wind chill factor of -50.

Pageant competition - Donna Compton, the 1981 Miss Green County, will compete in the Miss Kentucky Fair Beauty Pageant Jan. 15-16.

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Wilson White celebrated thirty years of marriage Jan. 15.

Firemen busy - Greensburg firemen made runs to the properties of Ann Mitchell and Cleo Posey.

Jan. 20, 1972

Power failure - Some residents of Greensburg were without power for over two hours during -5 degree temperatures.

Highs and lows - The recorded high temperature in Greensburg was 69 degrees on Jan. 13. On Jan. 15, the low temperature was -5.

New business owners - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vaughn purchased one-half interest of H. E. Shively Jewelers.

Home burns - The six-room log home and several outbuildings of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson burned.

Jan. 19, 1962
Bids for schools - The Green County Board of Education will be accepting bids to construct elemen-

tary schools in Pierce, Summersville and Greensburg.

Obituaries - Emma Etta Fancher, 80, Sunday; Herschel C. Atwell, 61, Jan. 14; Melisse Ann Noe, 85, Jan. 14; Vicki Lynn Ervin, infant, Jan. 14; Harold Lee Noe, infant, Jan. 11.

Donansburg - The wind has been rough over the weekend.

Featured at the Franklin - "The Racers" stars Kirk Douglas. Chubby Checker stars in "Twist Around the Clock". "Everything Ducky" features Micky Rooney and Buddy Hackett.



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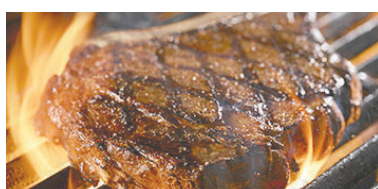
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