

The man behind the counter



Green County Public Library Genealogy
Laura Johnson

stepped away from Greensburg to work as a guard at the Federal Penitentiary in Frankfort. He quickly decided the job was not for him.

By 1938, he was in partnership with Roscoe O. Wilcoxson, a Hart County native. They operated Faulkner & Wilcoxson Restaurant and Grocery on the square.

In 1943, the business sold and Faulkner moved to the Howell Hotel building (location of Amedisys Home Health), where he operated another eatery before shifting back into the grocery trade in part of the Woodson Lewis building in 1945. Faulkner partnered with Wilcoxson again for that store. After Wilcoxson's death in 1949, Faulkner continued the store alone until selling it in 1951. He then returned to the Howell Hotel building for about a year where he operated a grocery.

His business locations changed often, but his work ethic never did. He opened a grocery on Court Street in 1952, selling half to John A. Simpson in 1957, and eventually the remainder. For a rare 17 month stretch, he found himself without a business, but even then, he stayed busy tending to his farms.

The business most closely associated with his name began in the summer of 1959, when he moved into a small grocery on Durham Street (previously Coffey's Grocery) across from Greensburg Elementary School. On opening day, Saturday, August 22, balloons were handed out to the children and shoppers received 5 lbs. of sugar free with a purchase of \$5 purchase. Renting the building from Ada Durham, and purchasing it in 1965, Faulkner created a lunchtime institution there for generations of students.

The store was a daily gathering place for Greensburg High School teenagers from 1959 to 1973. Freeman remembered sell-



Freeman Faulkner in front of his Durham Street store with longtime employee Hazel Squires.

ing "between four and five hundred sandwiches a day," with baskets of hamburgers and sandwiches lined across the counter while music flowed from the jukebox. His soft drink machines alone brought in more than \$18,000 during the final school year before the high school relocation. Even after the high school moved and elementary students were no longer allowed to leave the grounds for lunch, the store remained busy with workers from around town, many of whom had once been among those hungry teenagers, drawn back by memory and habit.

Over the years, Faulkner became known not only for his businesses but for his character. Friends remembered him as honest, generous, and quick with a joke. As part of a 1982 interview, Hubert Paxton recalled a day when Faulkner accidentally shortchanged him 35 cents, then drove nearly four miles that afternoon to return it. Clarence "Shorty" Judd, who worked for him for eight years, said that Freeman was never unfair. Bill Patterson, who had known him since childhood, said he never heard Freeman criticize anyone and noted how often he helped families through hard times by letting them buy food on credit.

By 1982, Faulkner had been in business for 50 years. Ill health forced him to retire

that summer, and he died on September 28, 1982, at age 80. His obituary noted his membership in the Greensburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church and his deep roots in the Liletown community. He was survived by his daughter, Maxine, and three sisters: Pauline Franklin of Greensburg, Violet Curry of Louisville, and Pansy Tucker of Indianapolis.

For half a century, Freeman Faulkner fed the community in more ways than one. His stores were more than places for thousands of students, farmers, workers, and neighbors to buy a sandwich or a sack of groceries, they were places to gather, laugh, and feel welcome.



ARE YOUR BRAKES SIGNALING A PROBLEM?

Bring your vehicle to us.
Drive in or call 270-465-8176 to make an appointment.

Taylor County Tire Sales

1636 New Columbia Road, Campbellsville
270-465-8176
Monday-Friday 7:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. ET

How Outdated Beneficiary Choices Can Derail Your Plans



Becky Todd
Financial Advisor
2413 Ring Rd Suite 105
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
270-737-0249
becky.todd@edwardjones.com
www.edwardjones.com/becky-todd



Kyle Todd
Financial Advisor
2413 Ring Rd Suite 105
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
270-737-0249
kyle.todd@edwardjones.com
www.edwardjones.com/kyle-todd



Kristen Manco
Financial Advisor
2413 Ring Rd Suite 105
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
270-737-0249
kristen.manco@edwardjones.com
www.edwardjones.com/kristen-manco

When you open a retirement account or buy a life insurance policy, you're asked to name a beneficiary. It might seem like just another form to fill out, but this simple step can affect your family's future.

Many people don't give beneficiary designations much thought after signing the initial paperwork. It may have been years ago, and life has moved on. But this might surprise you: These designations can override what's in your will or living trust. That means your retirement accounts and insurance proceeds could end up going to someone you didn't intend, creating what professionals call an accidental inheritance.

Life changes quickly. You might get married, divorced or remarried. You might have children or stepchildren. A loved one might pass away. You may decide to give to your favorite charity. Any of these events could mean it's time to update your beneficiaries.

The rules can get complicated. For example, after a divorce, some (but not all) states have laws that automatically revoke your beneficiary designations for IRAs, bank accounts and insurance policies. But no matter where you live in the U.S., the designations for 401(k) plans and pensions stay in place until you change them. In community property states, couples must split 50-50 the assets they acquired during marriage, adding another layer of complexity.

There are other considerations, too. It's a good idea to name a primary and a contingent beneficiary. If your primary beneficiary dies before you do, the contingent beneficiary receives your assets. Without this backup plan, your carefully considered wishes could go awry.

Naming minor children as direct beneficiaries isn't usually a good idea. Children can't legally receive and control assets until they become adults, so a court would have to get involved and appoint a guardian for managing the money. Instead, you might set up a trust or name a custodian to oversee the funds until your children are mature enough to handle them responsibly.

For family members with special needs, you'll want to be especially careful as about choosing your beneficiary. Some choices may jeopardize their eligibility to receive government benefits such as government disability payments or Medicaid. An estate attorney can help you make important beneficiary decisions.

One major benefit of proper beneficiary designations is that they can help your loved ones avoid probate, a time-consuming and potentially expensive legal process.

For these reasons and others, it's important to review your beneficiary designations regularly, especially after major life events. Contact your retirement account administrator or insurance company to update any outdated information.

A financial advisor can help you understand how your beneficiary choices fit into your financial strategy and ensure your assets go where you want them to go. It may also make sense to work with a legal professional who can help you ensure your beneficiary designations align with your plans for transferring your estate assets.

Don't leave these important decisions to chance. Taking time now to review and update your beneficiaries can help give you a sense of security and protect the people you love.

Edward Jones, its employees and financial advisors cannot provide tax or legal advice. You should consult your attorney or qualified tax advisor regarding your situation.

Edward Jones

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.
Edward Jones, Member SIPC

DID YOU KNOW?

Almost 9 out of 10 newspaper readers vote in local elections.

	Ky adults	Newspaper readers	Non-newspaper readers
Vote in state/national elections	69%	71%	60%
Vote in local/school board/city elections	84%	86%	72%



We Are Proud To Be

Your Local Newspaper



Greensburg Record-Herald

Source: The Kentucky State Study 2023: Conducted by Coda Ventures, Base: Total adults