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## Greetings from the Governor General

Dear Members,

Happy Spring! I want to begin by saying what a pleasure it has been for me to serve as your Governor General. My term expires in June and at the Annual Banquet you will select a new Governor General and Board of Governors. The nominating committee has been working diligently to develop a slate of officers for the term 2019-2021.



During the past two years we have had several excellent speakers for our luncheons and Annual Banquet. I know you will enjoy what we have planned for June 1st.

Betsy Smith, a Chautauqua speaker from the Kentucky Humanities Council, will portray Jemima Boone. We have continued our financial contributions to organizations that provide educational and historical benefits to our fellow Kentuckians. At the fall luncheon, Morgan Lowe, accepted our donation of \$750.00 for the Kentucky Humanities Council.

The by-laws committee has been reviewing our current by-laws and will be making several recommendations for change.

## First Families of Kentucky

Annual Banquet

Saturday the first of June  
Two Thousand and Nineteen

Pendennis Club

218 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard  
Louisville, Kentucky

Social hour at Five o'clock

Dinner at Six o'clock

\$75.00 per person

White tie preferred

Black tie acceptable

Speaker: Betsy B. Smith

"Jemima Boone: Life on the Frontier"

Kentucky Chautauqua

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The proposed recommendations will be sent out, in a timely manner, as required by our current by-laws.

The membership in the First Families of Kentucky continues to increase. I have been pleased to see the number of new members from all over the United States in addition to those joining from Kentucky.

In closing I would like to thank you and the current Board of Governors for making my term a very pleasant one. Again, it was my pleasure serving as your Governor General for the past two years.

Kindest regards,  
Arthur Dietz, Jr.  
Governor General

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Lexington Country Club Luncheon



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Memorial by Kay Thomas



Stephen L. Collins



Speaker Joan Mayer



Joan Mayer



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Sara VanHook-Weaver, Sandra Craddock, Rogers Barde

## BOONE

I can remember when I was younger, Mom saying to me, "We are related to Daniel Boone!" I can also remember answering her (probably in my teenager's most sarcastic voice), "Yea, Yea, who isn't?" Years later when I became obsessed with family history and genealogy research, I realized Mother was right! We are related. Daniel Boone was a brother to my five times great grandfather, Edward (Ned) Boone (1740-1780).

The following is a brief account of Edward's tragic death. Daniel and Edward were hunting in the area near Blue Licks, when Daniel chased an animal into the nearby woods. Edward sat down under a tree and began cracking some nuts to eat, not knowing Indians were hiding nearby. The Indians believing they were watching Daniel, sprang from their hiding place and brutally attacked and killed Edward. Daniel managed to escape, running to the nearby Boone Station for help. The following day, Daniel and a group of men went in search of Edward's attackers but were unsuccessful. Finding Edward's body, they buried him near the tree where he had been resting and cracking nuts.

This past June, I attended The Boone Society Reunion and Conference that was being held in Lexington, Kentucky. On one of the scheduled field trips we visited Edward's gravesite. It is being well cared for. An iron fence surrounds his Revolutionary War headstone, the grass is kept mowed, and the site has been marked with a DAR marker. To say the least, it was a most emotional visit for me - to possibly be walking in the very same footpaths that my ancestor walked. While Edward may not be as famous as his brother, Daniel, I feel proud to know his contribution to the settling of Kentucky. He gave his life to be a part of it.

Sandy Plummer Craddock

Proud new member of First Families of Kentucky

## EWALT

We live in the house my ancestor, Henry Ewalt, built in the 1790's. We usually say "1792, the year Kentucky became a state". Henry Ewalt, my third-great grandfather, was born January 27, 1754 in Palatine on the Rhine, Germany. He was the son of John and Sarah Ewalt. John was born in 1707. The Ewalts came to America in 1765. Henry was eleven years old at the time. They settled about two miles northeast of Bedford, Pennsylvania, on Dunning Creek. The farm on which they settled was Colfelt Farm. It was there that the Ewalt apple was developed. I have a print of the apple from an old Botanical Book. Unknown today, but it looks much like a Honey Crisp apple. Henry's parents are buried on the farm in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. As a child our family visited the graveyard. The tombstones are standing surrounded by a small enclosure.

While living in Pennsylvania, Henry joined the Pennsylvania Militia and fought in the Revolutionary War. He was commissioned an ensign on December 10, 1777. He returned after the war and married the widow, Elizabeth Frye Keller, whose husband was killed in the war. The Kellers were neighbors and friends of the Ewalts. Elizabeth was the daughter of Abraham Frye born in 1750 in Frederick County, Virginia. He moved to Fallowfield, Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1768. Henry and Elizabeth, along with their children, came to Kentucky in 1788. He bought 200 acres of land for a little over \$500.00. They built the house where we live about 1792. While many houses were built of logs, ours is of frame construction. It has four large rooms, two downstairs and two upstairs, a hall between and an ell. In 1810, he removed the ell and built a stone addition at the rear which provided a dining room, kitchen, an office and one room upstairs. The room upstairs is the traveler's room. It is locked from downstairs so the travelers could not pilfer the

silver.

My great-great-grandfather, John, came to Kentucky with his parents. His descendants stayed mostly around Bourbon County. My grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Ewalt Kuster's home, Springdale, was a couple of miles from our home here at Ewalt's Crossroads. First Families of Kentucky member, Theodore Roosevelt Kuster, is my younger brother. We grew up a couple of miles down the road from here.

The location of our house has been shown on maps as Ewalt's Crossroads since about 1830. Sometimes the weather man will say it is snowing at Ewalt's Crossroads. It is a landmark in Bourbon County. The house has been occupied by descendents of Henry Ewalt since it was built. It has been passed down by inheritance until our occupancy. The bad news: we are the first to buy it, the good news: we could!

Kay Thomas



Ewalt's Crossroads

## STILLWELL

The first of my Stillwell ancestors to arrive on the American shores of the Atlantic was Nicholas Stillwell, a native of Hull in northern England. He left England during the reign of King Charles I (1625-1649) as a result of religious dissent, and lived for a time at Leyden, in Holland. In 1638, along with his first wife, Abigail Hopton, and their two sons, Richard (born 1634) and Nicholas (born 1636), he was one of the first English settlers on Manhattan. After the death of his first wife, Nicholas married Ann Van Dyke, a Dutch woman, who bore him seven additional children. Nicholas died at Dover on Staten Island on 28 December 1671.

In 1639 Nicholas purchased in the name of his young son, Richard, a plantation on Long Island at Gravesend. Richard subsequently married Freelove Cook, daughter of the John Cook who was Solicitor General at the trial of King Charles in 1648, and who was subsequently executed for his role in the death of the King upon the Restoration of the Stuart Monarchy in 1660. Their eldest son was John Stillwell, born 18 May, 1660, who became High Sheriff of Richmond County, Staten Island, New York. John married Rebecca Throckmorton, daughter of John, a second generation American. His father, also named John, arrived in the New World with Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island in 1644.

The third son of John and Rebecca Stillwell was named Joseph, who was born on Staten Island, but who removed to Monmouth County, New Jersey. Joseph married Sarah Shepherd, daughter of Thomas Shepherd and Deborah Grover. The second son of Joseph and Sarah, Thomas, named for his maternal grandfather, married a kinswoman, Alice

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Throckmorton. Their eldest son was born in 1709 and named John. He married Mercy Burrows (or Burroughs), daughter of Eden Burrows. John Stillwell was known as a man of great virtue and education, with an extensive library for the time. John died in November of 1794, and was buried in the Lippit Burying Ground, Middletown, New Jersey.

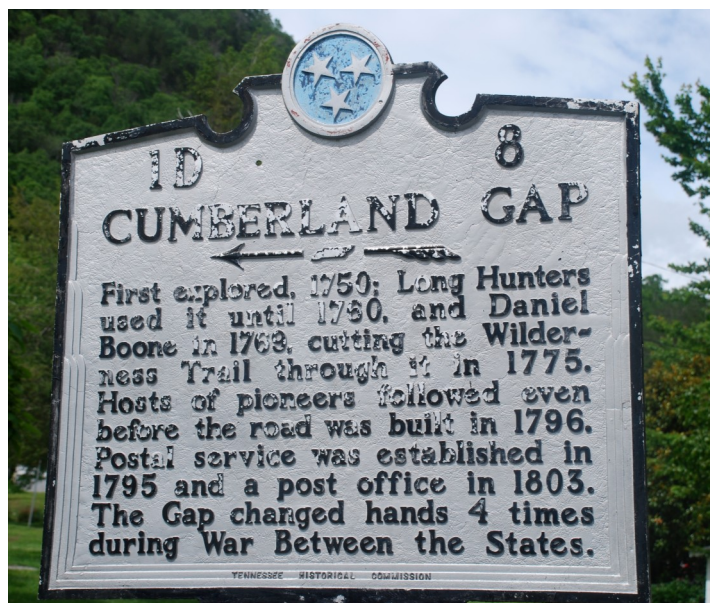
Joseph Stillwell, son of John Stillwell and Mercy Burrows, was born on 28 September 1739 in Monmouth County, New Jersey. On 22 October 1761 he married Mary Ogborne, who was born on 19 March 1742. Joseph was educated to the law, and subsequently held many positions in both civil and military life. In 1775, with the outbreak of hostilities with the British, Joseph entered the First Regiment of the Monmouth County militia as an ensign. In 1776 he was the commander of a guards unit sent to protect the lighthouse at Sandy Hook, and on 13 February 1777, while guarding the lighthouse at Highlands at Navesink, was captured by the British. He spent seven months as a prisoner of war until released. On 28 June 1778, Joseph was present for the Battle of Monmouth. On 15 June 1782, Joseph Stillwell was appointed lieutenant in a company of militia in the First Regiment, Asher Holmes, Colonel. During the war, his home was attacked, his furniture and other goods stolen or destroyed, and his family maltreated by the Tories. After the war, he was elected as a justice of common pleas in the County of Monmouth on 21 December 1784, and on 17 March 1786 he was elected as a member of the County Court. In that same year, he was elected to the state legislature, where he served for 16 years. Joseph Stillwell is one of my patriot ancestors as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He died on 8 March 1805.

One of the sons of Joseph Stillwell was also named Joseph, born in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, on 17 September 1765. As a young man, Joseph Jr. moved to "Caintuckee," arriving on 27 April 1789, and thus qualifying his

descendants for membership in First Families of Kentucky. He initially settled in Mason County, but later relocated to Nelson County. There, on 19 October 1793, he was married to Hannah Bennett, daughter of John Bennett, with minister Joshua Carmen presiding. The inventory of the estate of Joseph Stillwell was submitted to the Spencer County Court on 20 December 1831.

Lucinda Stillwell, daughter of Joseph and Hannah, married Spencer Shelburne. Their son, with the unusual name Euphrates Shelburne, married Elizabeth Foreman, and their daughter, Mae Elizabeth (1882-1928) was my maternal grandmother.

Will Schrader



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