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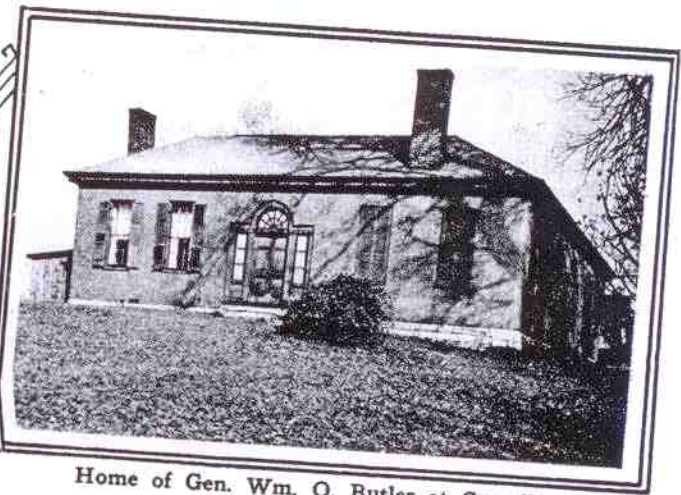
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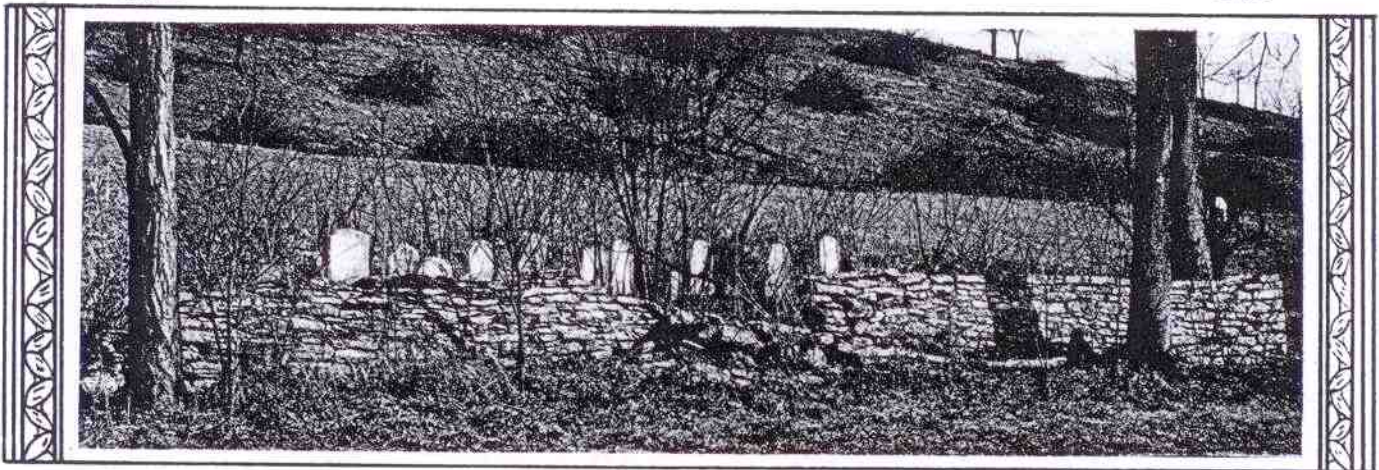
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Home of Major Thos. P. Butler near Carrollton



Home of Gen. Wm. O. Butler at Carrollton.



The burial ground at Carrollton where lie the bodies of Gen. Percival Butler, a Revolutionary soldier; Gen Wm. O. Butler, who fought with Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans and fought in the war with Mexico; Major Thos. P. Butler, who also fought in the Battle of New Orleans, and Capt. W. O. Butler, Jr., a confederate veteran.

(Special dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer)

Carrollton, Ky., January 27—A movement has been started here to perpetuate the memory of the Butler family, members of which lived and died in Carrollton, Carroll County, Kentucky. Establishment of a memorial library has been proposed.

The Butlers' record of military achievements in the service of their country is one of which residents of Carrollton are proud.

General Percival Butler, the father, was born in Carlisle, Pa., in 1760. He entered the Revolutionary War as a Lieutenant when 18 years old. He was with Washington at Valley Forge and took part in the battle of Monmouth and in the taking of Yorktown. At Yorktown, he served under LaFayette, who presented a gold sword to him.

General Butler was one of five brothers to whom Washington once offered the toast: "The Butlers and the Five Sons." LaFayette is said to have remarked frequently that when he wished anything done well, he sent a Butler to do it.

General Butler was buried in the family burial ground here. His three sons, Major Thomas L. Butler, General William O. Butler and Richard P. Butler also are buried

there. All of the sons were born in Jessamine County, Kentucky.

Thomas was aide to General Jackson at the battle of New Orleans. Because of his coolness and prudence, he was left in command of the city by Jackson to protect it against outbreaks. He was a member of the Kentucky Legislature from 1826 to 1848. He died in Carrollton in 1881.

William took part in the relief of Fort Wayne and in the battles of New Orleans and River Raisin.

In 1846 he was appointed Major General of Volunteers in the army operating in Mexico and was active in the storming of Monterey. For his services in this war a gold sword was given to him by Congress.

William's name was placed on the Democratic ticket with Lewis Cass for Vice President of the United States in 1848. In 1861 he was one of the six Commissioners from Kentucky to the Peace Conference, after which he retired. He died in 1880.

Richard, third son of General Percival Butler, was named for his uncle, Richard Butler, who was killed in St. Clair's defeat in 1791 and for whom Butler, Ky., is named.