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Tradesmen in Newport 1839-1840

The Commentary

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HUBBARD TAYLOR, ACTING AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR HIS FATHER JAMES TAYLOR THE ELDER OF CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HAD LAID OUT AND ON 14 FEBRUARY 1792 RECORDED THE PLAT AND CONDITIONS FOR DISPOSING OF LOTS IN THE TOWN OF NEWPORT SITUATED AT THE CONFLUX OF THE OHIO AND LICKING RIVERS ON THE UPPER SIDE OF THE LICKING.

THE TOWN CONTAINED 180 IN LOTS, 12 LOTS ALONG THE ESPLANADE AND 24 OUT LOTS AND ONE LEASE OUT LOT.

ONE HALF OF THE PURCHASE MONEY WAS TO BE PAID ON THE SALE BEING MADE OF A LOT OR LOTS TO THE PROPRIETOR OR HIS AGENT THE RESIDUE IN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER WHICH BOND AND SECURITY WAS REQUIRED.

ON EACH OF THE IN LOTS THE PURCHASERS WERE TO ERECT A HOUSE OF STONE, BRICK, FRAME OR LOGS HUGHED INSIDE OR OUT 16 FT. SQUARE IN THE CLEAR WITH A STONE OR BRICK CHIMNEY IN THREE YEARS FROM THE DAY OF SALE, ON FAILURE THE LOT REVERTED TO THE PROPRIETOR WITHOUT HIS BEING OBLIGED TO REFUND THE PURCHASE MONEY.

THE PROPRIETOR RESERVED THE TITLE IN HIS OWN HANDS AS A SECURITY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONDITIONS, ON THE COMPLETION OF WHICH A DEED WAS EXECUTED TO THE PURCHASERS SEVERALLY ON DEMAND.

THE STREETS WERE 66 FT. WIDE, THE IN LOTS 66 FT. FRONT AND 214-1/2 FT. BACK AND EACH RANGE HAD AN ALLEY 20 FT. WIDE RUNNING FROM STREET TO STREET.

18 OUT LOTS OF 3 ACRES EACH WERE LAID OFF ON THE BACK OF THE TOWN UP LICKING TO BE DISPOSED OF TO THE FIRST 18 ACTUAL SETTLERS IN TOWN.

IN JANUARY OF 1794, MASON COUNTY COURT GRANTED JAMES TAYLOR A FERRY ACROSS THE OHIO RIVER IN FRONT OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT TO THE OPPOSITE SHORE AND ALSO ACROSS THE LICKING RIVER FROM THE SAID LAND TO THE OPPOSITE SHORE.

AT APRIL COURT OF 1796, JAMES TAYLOR, ACTING AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR HIS FATHER JAMES TAYLOR THE ELDER RECORDED A RESURVEY OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT MADE THE 20TH OF AUGUST 1795 BY JOHN ROBERTS ESQ. AT THIS TIME, THE PROPRIETOR RELINQUISHED THAT PART OF THE CONDITION SUBJECTING THE LOTS TO FORFEITURE FOR NON COMPLIANCE OF BUILDING AND WOULD GIVE DEEDS FOR ALL THE LOTS ALREADY FORFEITED.

THE CENSUS OF 1800 LISTED THE POPULATION OF NEWPORT AT 106 PERSONS; THE GREATEST POPULATED TOWN IN KENTUCKY BEING LEXINGTON WITH 1005 PERSONS.

1795
BY 1808, THE FIRST BRICK HOUSE WAS BUILT BY JOHN BROWN LINDSEY NEAR THE CORNER OF FRONT AND COLUMBIA STREETS. (TORN DOWN IN 1862)

NEWPORT BEGAN TO GROW IN SIZE PHYSICALLY WHEN JAMES TAYLOR, THE SON, LAID OUT TAYLOR ADDITION FROM COLUMBIA STREET TO THE LICKING RIVER RESERVING THE FERRY RIGHTS FOR THE TAYLOR FAMILY AS ORIGINALLY STIPULATED.

CHARLES SEALSFIELD, A EUROPEAN WHO TOURED KENTUCKY ABOUT 1824, HAD STAYED AT CINCINNATI SIX DAYS, CROSSED THE OHIO RIVER IN THE FERRY BOAT AND LANDED AT NEWPORT TO FIND A SMALL COUNTRY TOWN WHICH CONTAINED THE GOVERNMENT ARSONAL FOR THE WESTERN STATES, A COURT HOUSE AND ABOUT 100 BUILDINGS SCATTERED IRREGULARLY UPON THE EMINENCE.

WHEN THE DIRECTORY WAS ISSUED IN 1840, IT DESCRIBED NEWPORT AS A PRETTY LITTLE TOWN LYING ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE OHIO AND THE EAST BANK OF THE LICKING RIVER. IT HAS 1000 INHABITANTS AND IS THE COUNTY-SEAT OF CAMPBELL COUNTY. THE UNITED STATES ARSONEL IS LOCATED HERE AT THE JUNCTION OF THE TWO RIVERS AND WAS ESTABLISHED ABOUT THE YEAR 1803-4. ITS PUBLIC BUILDINGS ARE A COURT HOUSE, ONE METHODIST CHURCH AND ONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, A COTTON FACTORY, A BALE-ROPE FACTORY AND ONE WOOLEN FACTORY, WHICH, WHEN IN OPERATION, EMPLOY FROM 3 TO 400 HAND.

THE STREETS RUNNING FROM THE RIVER WERE: EAST ROW, NOW WASHINGTON AVENUE; SARATOGA; MONMOUTH, YORK AND COLUMBIA, NAMES UNCHANGED TO THIS DAY; AND CABOT, NOW CENTRAL AVENUE.

THE STREETS PARRALEL WITH THE RIVER WERE FRONT; TAYLOR, NOW 3RD STREET, BELLEVUE, NOW 4TH; MADISON, NOW 5TH; JEFFERSON, NOW 6TH AND SHORT STREET WHICH WAS LOCATED BETWEEN MONMOUTH AND EAST ROW, NOW A PART OF THE FLOOD WALL.

FROM THIS, WE CAN SEE WHAT A SMALL PORTION OF NEWPORT WAS IN LOTS; FROM THE RIVER TO 6TH STREET AND FROM WASHINGTON TO CENTRAL, WITH THE ARSONEL DOWN BY THE LICKING AND OHIO RIVERS. THE BALANCE WAS IN FARMS AND WOODS.

AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$50. WAS MADE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS TAYLOR'S CREEK (BETWEEN NEWPORT AND BELLEVUE) ABOVE NEWPORT WHENEVER THE SUM OF \$350. SUBSCRIBED BY INDIVIDUALS SHALL HAVE BEEN PAID OVER TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

THE TRADESMEN IN NEWPORT WERE FROM BAVARIA, CONNECTICUTT, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DELAWARE, ENGLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, IRELAND, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, SCOTLAND, SOUTH WALES, TENNESSEE, VERMONT, VIRGINIA AND 57 WERE KENTUCKY BORN.

ON THE 24TH OF FEBRUARY 1840, JOHN J. CLARK, WHO HAD BEEN A SUBJECT OF VICTORIA, QUEEN OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND, UPON THE OATH OF JOHN B. LINDSEY THAT HE HAD MET THE REQUIREMENTS, ONE OF WHICH WAS BEING A RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES 5 YEARS, TOOK THE OATH AND BECAME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES HERE IN NEWPORT. JOHN FARRAR ALSO BECAME A CITIZEN AND WAS A FARMER RESIDING ON CABOT STREET. LABORER, FRANCIS HAMMER, BORN IN GERMANY AND A SUBJECT OF LEWIS 2ND, TOOK THE PREPARATORY OATH TO BECOME A CITIZEN THE YEAR BEFORE.

THE PUBLIC SQUARE WAS LOCATED JUST WHERE IT IS TODAY AND CONTAINED THE COURT HOUSE, JAIL AND CLERK'S OFFICE. IN 1828, A NECESSARY WAS BUILT BY CONTRACTOR JOHN B. LINDSEY FOR \$121.70. IN 1839 A POUND OR SHAY PEN WAS ESTABLISHED AND PUT UNDER THE CARE OF THE JAILOR. THE SQUARE WAS INCLOSED IN THE YEAR 1834 FOR \$165. BY GEORGE C. TARVIN, CONTRACTOR AND BRICKLAYER. NO MENTION IS MADE AS TO JUST TYPE OF INCLOSURE WAS CONSTRUCTED, BUT THE COURT ORDERED THAT THOS. W. HARRIS BE PERMITTED TO ERECT A GATE AT HIS OWN EXPENSE AT THE EAST CORNER OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE, ENCLOSURES TO BE SIMILAR IN EVERY RESPECT TO THE GATES ALREADY ERECTED AND TO KEEP THE SAME IN GOOD REPAIR.

ABOUT 1828, THE COURT HAD ORDERED TO LET A CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST BIDDER FOR A WHIPPING POST, PILLORY AND STOCKS, BUT THE ORDER WAS RESCINDED IN PART AND IT WAS ORDERED THAT THE LARGE LOCUST TREE IN THE NORTH CORNER OF THE COURT HOUSE BE THE PUBLIC WHIPPING POST IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CAMPBELL.

MAYOR OF NEWPORT IN THIS PERIOD WAS JOHN B. LINDSEY; SAMUEL WINSTON, MAGISTRATE; WITH JOHN F. GODDARD AND JOHN N. TALIEFERRO SERVING AS CLERKS OF THE COURT. J. W. BOWERS SERVED AS DEPUTY CLERK AND JAILOR WHILE CHARLES DANIEL WAS MARSHALL AND CHARLES STRIKER, CONSTABLE. JAMES H. WINSTON WAS COMMISSIONED CORONER. LAWYERS OF NEWPORT WERE AUGUSTUS BOYD, IRA ROOT, JAMES SOUTHGATE, JAMES TAYLOR JR., AND JOHN W. TIBBATS, WHILE CHARLES J. HELM AND LEO TIBBATS WERE LISTED AS STUDENTS AT LAW. CHARLES HELM WAS LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE IN SEPTEMBER OF 1840.

AFTER ABOUT 45 YEARS OF MEETING IN NEWPORT, ON THE 27TH OF APRIL 1840, A GREAT CHANGE IN THE COURT OF CAMPBELL WAS BROUGHT ABOUT AS THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY AN ACT OF THE LAST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF KENTUCKY TO LOCATE THE COUNTY SEAT OF CAMPBELL COUNTY WAS THIS DAY RETURNED THE COURT WHICH IS IN THE WORDS AND FIGURES FOLLOWING TO WIT -

*THE UNDERSIGNED, SAML. F. SWOPE, DAVID BROOKS AND CHARLES RUDDELL, THREE OF THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY AN ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, APPROVED, JANUARY THE 29TH 1840, TO LOCATE THE COUNTY SEATS OF CAMPBELL AND KENTON COUNTIES, WOULD RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT TO THE HONOURABLE COUNTY COURT OF CAMPBELL COUNTY (TO WIT) THAT ON MONDAY THE 30TH DAY OF MARCH 1840, THEY MET AT THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, IN SAID COUNTY OF CAMPBELL, AND AFTER HAVING BEEN FIRST DULY SWORN BY H. E. SPILMAN, ESQR., A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY, WELL AND TRULY WITHOUT PARTIALITY OR FAVOUR TO ANY ONE, TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES IMPOSED UPON THEM BY SAID ACT AND TO LOCATE THE COUNTY SEAT OF SAID COUNTIES OF CAMPBELL AND KENTON, AS NEAR THE CENTER OF SAID COUNTIES, AS THE FACE OF THE COUNTRY WOULD ADMIT. THEY PROCEEDED TO ASCERTAIN THE CENTER OF THE SAID COUNTY OF CAMPBELL, FROM VARIOUS MAPS OF THE COUNTY, FROM AN EXAMINATION OF THE FACE OF THE COUNTY, AND FROM INFORMATION DERIVED FROM AGED AND RESPECTABLE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY. AND ALTHOUGH THEY WERE UNABLE TO FIND THE EXACT CENTER, YET THEY WERE WELL SATISFIED AND SO REPORT THAT THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY OF CAMPBELL, IS A LITTLE NORTH OF EAST, AND ABOUT A HALF OR THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE FROM SAID TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, AND AFTER HAVING SO ASCERTAINED THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY, AND FINDING FROM THE FACE OF THE COUNTRY AT AND IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE CENTER, THAT THERE WAS NO SITE SUITABLE FOR THE LOCATION OF SAID SEAT OF JUSTICE, OWING TO THE UNEVENNESS OF THE COUNTRY AT OR IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE CENTER. THEY PROCEEDED TO EXAMINE THE VARIOUS SITES PROPOSED, AND SELECTED FROM AMONG THE NUMBER, ONE IN THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, AS THE MOST ELIGIBLE, AND NEAREST TO THE CENTER OF SAID COUNTY OF CAMPBELL, BELIEVING IT TO BE THE ONLY SUITABLE PLACE FOR THE SEAT OF JUSTICE IN THE VICINITY OF THE CENTER. THEY THEREFORE, IN PURSUANCE OF SAID ACT OF ASSEMBLY LOCATE THE SEAT OF JUSTICE FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY, AT THE SITE AFORESAID, IN THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, ON THE LANDS OF HENRY E. SPILMAN & BOUNDRIES STATED - WHICH LOTS OR PARCEL OF LAND THE PROPRIETOR

PROPOSED AND AGREES TO CONVEY TO THE COUNTY COURT OF CAMPBELL COUNTY, UPON WHICH TO ERECT A PERMANENT SEAT OF JUSTICE, AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY SAID ACT OF ASSEMBLY, OR IN ANY OTHER WAY SO AS TO SECURE TO SAID COUNTY COURT, A GOOD AND SUFFICIENT TITLE TO SAID LOTS FOR THE PURPOSES AFORESAID. ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY COURT OF CAMPBELL COUNTY. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF SAID COMMISSIONERS HAVE HEREUNTO SET THEIR HANDS THIS 31ST OF MARCH 1840.*

EACH COMMISSIONER RECEIVED \$17.50 FOR THE 3-1/2 DAYS ATTENDANCE TO LOCATE THE COUNTY SEAT. IT WAS ORDERED THAT THE COUNTY AND CIRCUIT COURTS OF CAMPBELL COUNTY BE HEREAFTER HELD IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, AND THAT THE PAPER RECORD &C OF SAID COURTS BE REMOVED TO THE NEW HOUSE OF BEN D. BEALL IN THE UPPER ROOM IN THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, UNTIL SUITABLE BUILDINGS CAN BE ERECTED AT THE PLACE FIXED ON FOR THE COUNTY SEAT, AND THE CLERK IS AUTHORIZED TO EMPLOY A SUITABLE NUMBER OF WAGGONS &C FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF SAID PAPER RECORD, PRESSES AND OFFICE FURNITURE, TO ALEXANDRIA, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COUNTY COURT AND THE JAILOR OF CAMPBELL COUNTY IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO TAKE POSSESSION OF AND SAFELY KEEP AND TAKE CARE OF ALL THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF NEWPORT, SUBJECT TO THE FURTHER ORDER OF THIS COURT.

AS THE CLERK DID NOT APPEAR FOR COUNTY COURT AT THE BRICK MEETING HOUSE, IN OR NEAR ALEXANDRIA, ON MONDAY 25TH OF MAY, THE SHERIFF OPENED COURT. WHEN THE CLERK DID NOT ANSWER ROLL CALL, IT WAS ORDERED THAT THE SHERIFF GO TO NEWPORT AND NOTIFY THE CLERK OR DEPUTY FOR THE CLERK TO APPEAR AT 11 O'CLOCK AM ON TUESDAY. COURT WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, BUT H. T. HARRIS, ESQR. BEING OF THE OPINION THAT THE COURT WAS ILLEGAL, ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM THE BENCH.

BY JUNE, THINGS SEEM TO HAVE CALMED DOWN AND BUSINESS WAS AS USUAL.

THE DIRECTORY MENTIONS THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BEING LOCATED IN NEWPORT DURING THIS PERIOD. REV. WM. B. ROSS OF OHIO LIVED AT YORK AND 3RD, BUT NO CHURCH AFFILIATION WAS STATED. WESLEY G. MONTGOMERY, HAVING PRODUCED TO THE COURT CREDENTIALS OF HIS ORDINATION AND BEING IN REGULAR COMMUNION WITH THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH WAS AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY WITH THIS STATE ~~XXXX~~ ACCORDING TO THE FORMS OF SAID CHURCH, JANUARY 1840. IN JULY, ISIAH T. HAYMAN, JOHN B. LINDSEY, GEORGE C. TARVIN, JAMES WALL AND EDWARD L. SOUTHGATE, TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH BOUGHT FOR \$500.00, LOT 29 BEING THE SAME LOT UPON WHICH THE CHURCH STANDS FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. LOT 29 WAS THREE LOTS ON 3RD STREET FROM SARATOGA TOWARD MONMOUTH, BACKED BY PINK ALLEY.

NOT LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY, BUT IN COURT RECORDS, IN FEBRUARY OF THIS SAME YEAR, THE TRUSTEES OF THE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWPORT, SECURED PERMISSION TO USE THE COURT HOUSE AS A PLACE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND RECORDED JOSEPH TOD, HENRY WALKER, JAMES TAYLOR JR., JOHN W. TIBBATTS AND WM. CALDWELL AS TRUSTEES OF SAID CHURCH.

NEWPORT'S POST MASTER WAS FRANCIS TO HELM.

PERHAPS DR. NATHANIEL B. SHALER'S ADVICE FOR COLDS, INDIGESTION, HEART BURN AND HEADACHES WERE AS FOLLOWS: FOR COLDS & CORN MEAL GRUEL OR

MUSH MADE WITH WATER, VERY THIN, WITH THREE OR FOUR ONIONS SIMMERED IN IT, PREPARED WITH A LUMP OF BUTTER, PAPER AND SALT AND EAT JUST BEFORE GOING TO BED. A WOOLEN STOCKING OR THREE OR FOUR FOLDS OF FLANNEL ROUND THE THROAT ARE EXCELLENT FOR A SORE THROAT. FOR INDIGESTION, A GOOD QUANTITY OF OLD CHEESE IS THE BEST THING TO EAT IF THE STOMACH IS DISTRESSED BY EATING TOO MUCH FRUIT, OR OPPRESSED WITH ANY KIND OF FOODS. SUCCORDY TEA IS VERY VALUABLE ALSO FOR INDIGESTIONS; ALSO HASTY PUDDING AND WEST INDIA MOLASSES. FOR HEARTBURN - EAT MAGNESIA. FOR HEADACHE - A HALF A SPOONFUL OF CITRIC ACID (ALWAYS TO BE BOUGHT AT DRUGGISTS) STIRRED IN HALF A TUMBLER OF WATER. SAGE IS ALSO VERY USEFUL WHEN MADE INTO A STRONG TEA.

THERE WAS A BUTCHER, A CHANDLER OR CANDLEMAKER, A CONFECTIONER WHO ALSO WAS A HOUSE PAINTER, FARMERS, FISHERMAN, 5 GROCERS - ONE OF WHICH WAS ALSO A BAKER, WITH ANOTHER A FERRYMAN AS WELL, A TOBACCOIST AND A TRADER THO WHAT HE TRADED IS NOT STATED. JOHN KEES WAS A TEACHER AT THE ACADEMY. THERE WERE BLACKSMITHS, A DRAYMAN, A SADDLER, A TEAMSTER, A WAGON MAKER AND 2 WAGONERS.

THERE MUST HAVE BEEN HOUSES OR BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS THERE WERE 9 BRICKLAYERS, A COUPLE OF HOUSE PAINTERS, 22 CARPENTERS WITH ONE, A JOHN VANDUSEN BEING A SHIP-CARPENTER, 17 LABORERS, THO JUST WHAT TYPE OF LABOR THEY PERFORMED IS NOT KNOWN, 5 PLASTERS AND A STONE MASON.

THORNTON WASHINGTON WAS A STEAMBOAT CLERK; GARRETT DAWSON, CLERK FOR GENERAL TAYLOR, CHARLES TANNER DID DOUBLE DUTY AS CLERK AND SCHOOL TEACHER; ARTHUR ST. CLAIR VANCE RESIDED IN NEWPORT BUT WAS CLERK FOR THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE AT CINCINNATI WHICH WAS LOCATED AT THE LYTLE MANSION, LAWRENCE, BETWEEN SYMMES AND 4TH STREET.

A VERY STRANGE SITUATION IS NOTICED WITH REGARD TO THE BARRACKS. THERE WAS A CLERK, A MUSICIAN, A BUGLER, A DRUMMER AND TWO SOLDIERS ONLY. MAYBE FURTHER RESEARCH WILL REVEAL THE ANSWER.

ROBERT KENMUIR WAS A CARPET WEAVER, WHILE HENRY JOHNSON WAS A WEAVER. THERE WAS A CHAIR MAKER, A COAL DEALER (IN 1830, JOHN FINK, RELATIVE OF MIKE FINK THE FAMOUS RIVERMAN, TOOK FROM BELLAIRE, OHIO, BY FLATBOAT A LOAD OF COAL TO MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY, WHICH WAS THE FIRST LOAD OF COAL EVER FLOATED ANY DISTANCE ON THE OHIO), A CORDAGE MANUFACTORY, A COTTON CARDER, COTTON MANUFACTURERS, DRY GOODS MERCHANTS SUCH AS HENRY H. MAYO AND SOUTHGATE AND EUBANK (OWNED BY EDWARD L. SOUTHGATE AND EDMUND T. EUBANK) WHO EMPLOYED WM. YOUNG AS CLERK.

EIGHT ENGINEERS LIVED HERE WITH ONE BEING AN ENGINEER ON THE N-PORT FERRY BOAT. JOHN FOWLER WAS A FERRY PILOT WITH TWO OTHERS AS FERRYMEN, 5 FOLLOWED THE RIVER, WHILE ANDREW FLEMING AND BENNETT FORD WERE RIVER PILOTS AND JOSEPH FORD, JOHN PEIRCE AND SAMUEL PERRY WERE RIVER TRADERS.

GEORGE W. DOXON, ONE OF THE FERRYMEN, IN 1831 HAD BEEN HAVING SOME TROUBLE, BUT HE FOUND THE SOLUTION IN GARDNER'S LINIMENT. HE WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER WHICH WAS PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1837 IN THE "DAILY CINCINNATI REPUBLICAN AND COMMERCIAL REGISTER" PRINTED & PUBLISHED BY JAMES H. HOOKER, CHARLES R. RANSAY & O. LOOKER JR., CINCINNATI, OHIO -

NEWPORT, KY.
JULY 28, 1834

I DO WITH PLEASURE ADD MY TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF GARDNER'S LINIMENT; BECAUSE IN THE SUMMER OF 1831, HAVING ABOUT 12 HORSES, A PART BEING EMPLOYED IN WORKING A FERRY BOAT BETWEEN THIS PLACE AND CINCINNATI, THE REMAINDER AS COACH HORSES, THE GREATER PART OF THEM BECAME BADLY CHAFFED OR GALLED DURING THE HOT WEATHER. I APPLIED TO JAS. GARDNER OF CINCINNATI, FOR A BOTTLE OF HIS LINIMENT, AND USED IT, AND IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TIME, MY HORSES WERE ALL SOUND AND WELL. I CAN ALSO RECOMMEND IT AS AN INVALUABLE MEDICINE FOR RHEUMATIC COMPLAINTS, BURNS SCALDS, CUTS, WOUNDS, OR BRUISES, FOR I HAVE USED IT ON THESE COMPLAINTS WITH GREAT SUCCESS.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY
G. W. DOXON

JOHN H. BARLOW WAS PROPRIETOR OF BARLOW'S HOTEL AT THE CORNER OF YORKE AND FRONT STREETS. MRS. SUSAN PERRY, JAMES BROWN, WYATT BAXTER, THOS. M. CARR AND IRA ROOT BOARDED THERE.

AN ORDINANCE (137) HAD BEEN PASSED THE 25TH APRIL OF 1834 BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT THAT ANY PERSON WHO MAY WISH TO KEEP A TAVERN IN THE TOWN OF NEWPORT SHALL MAKE APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND TRUSTEES GIVING THE LOCATION OF THE HOUSE WHICH HOUSE HAD TO CONTAIN AT LEAST 4 ROOMS WITH FIRE PLACES AND AT ~~XXXX~~ LEAST FOUR BEDS FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF TRAVELING GUESTS AND THE STABLE SHALL CONTAIN AT LEAST 6 STALLS OF WHICH HE OR SHE SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE POSSESSION.

MICHAEL STEIN OF BAVARIA RAN THE MANSION HOUSE AT THE CORNER OF BELLEVUE AND YORK (4TH & YORK) WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN A HOTEL, BUT AS YET I HAVE COME ACROSS NO RECORD TO PROVE IT. HOWEVER, HE WAS LICENSED TO KEEP A TAVERN IN THE NEWPORT MANUFACTURING COMPANY BUILDINGS IN THIS COUNTY FOR A YEAR. TAVERN RATES JULY 22, 1839 WERE -

WHISKEY FOR HALFPINT - 10-1/4¢
PEACH BRANDY FOR HALFPINT - 12-1/2¢
RUM OR FRENCH BRANDY FOR HALFPINT - 25¢
IMPORTED WINE FOR HALFPINT - 25¢
DOMESTIC WINE FOR HALFPINT - 12-1/2¢
HOLLAND GIN PER HALFPINT - 6-1/4¢
CIDER AND BEER, PER QUART - 6-1/4¢
CORN & OATS PER GALLON - 12-1/2¢
HORSE AT HAY, PER NIGHT - 25¢
BREAKFAST AND SUPPER, EACH - 25¢
DINNER - 37-1/2¢
LODGING PER NIGHT - 12-1/2¢
PASTURAGE FOR HORSES - PER NIGHT - 12-1/2¢
PASTURAGE FOR CATTLE - PER NIGHT - 6-1/4¢

THE RATES REMAINED UNCHANGED IN DECEMBER WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT

WHISKEY PER HALFPINT INCREASED TO 12-1/2¢
PEACH BRANDY PER HALFPINT INCREASED TO 25¢
DOMESTIC WINE PER HALFPINT INCREASED TO 25¢
HOLLAND GIN PER HALFPINT WAS INCREASED FROM 6-1/4¢ TO 25¢
DINNER WAS REDUCED TO 25¢
PASTURAGE FOR HORSES PER NIGHT REDUCED TO 6-1/4¢

IN NOVEMBER 1840 THE RATES WERE ESTABLISHED AT THE SAME RATE AS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN.

PERHAPS THE CITIZENS OF NEWPORT, AFTER THE ELECTIONS, HAD A HALFPINT, OR MORE, AND A PIECE OF ELECTION CAKE TO CELEBRATE THE VICTORY OF THEIR CANDIDATE. THE RECIPE FOR THIS CAKE WAS - FOUR POUNDS OF FLOUR, THREE ~~XXXXXX~~ QUARTERS OF A POUND OF BUTTER, FOUR EGGS, ONE POUND OF SUGAR, ONE POUND OF CURRANTS OR RAISINS, HALF A PINT OF GOOD YEAST, WET WITH MILK AS SOFT AS IT CAN BE, AND MOULD ON A BOARD, SET IT TO RISE OVER NIGHT IN WINTER; IN WARM WEATHER THREE HOURS IS ENOUGH. A LOAF THE SIZE OF COMMON FLOUR BREAD, SHOULD BAKE THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR.

MRS. NANCY P. GOSLEY RAN A BOARDING HOUSE AT THE CORNER OF TAYLOR AND YORKE (3RD AND YORK). OTHER WOMEN IN TOWN WERE SEAMSTRESSES, TAILOR-ESSES AND WASHER WOMEN.

OTHER PROFESSIONS OF THE MEN OF NEWPORT WAS HATTERS, A GARDENER, A HEMP HECKLER, A MACHINIST, A PUMP AND BLOCK MAKER, ROPE MAKERS, SHOEMAKERS, TAILORS, A TANNER, TINNERS, A TURNER AND A WOOL SPINNER.

JOHN LESLIE WAS A SCENE PAINTER AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE WHICH WAS LOCATED IN CINCINNATI ON SYCAMORE STREET BETWEEN 3RD AND 4TH STREETS.

ISAAC STRIKER WAS A GLUE MANUFACTURER.

JOHN KNIGHT WAS LISTED AS A SILK GROWER. WHETHER HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO GROW SILK IN NEWPORT OR JUST PASSING THRU TOWN, IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, HE MAY HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED IN THIS PURSUIT BY A LETTER PRINTED IN "THE PRACTICAL FARMER, GARDENER AND HOUSEWIFE; OR DICTIONARY OF AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE AND DOMESTIC ECONOMY" BY EDWARD JAMES HOOPER PRINTED IN 1839 BY GEORGE CONCLIN AT CINCINNATI. DR. THOMAS WHITE OF MOUNT PLEASANT, OHIO, WROTE ON DECEMBER 13TH, 1835 -

DEAR SIR;

ONE YOURS OF THE 4TH INSTANT CAME DULY TO HAND, AND IN REPLY, I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE SUCCEEDED VERY WELL, AND AM FULLY CONVINCED THAT THE CULTURE OF SILK WILL, BEFORE LONG, BECOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PURSUITS THAT HAS EVER CLAIMED THE ATTENTION OF OUR CITIZENS. IN MY VIEW, THERE ARE THREE REASONS WHY IT SHOULD BECOME SO. 1ST. IT MUST, AND WILL MOST INEVITABLY, BECOME A SOURCE OF WEALTH TO ALL WHO TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO IT, ESPECIALLY TO THE FARMING PART OF THE COMMUNITY, IF THEY CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO ENGAGE IN IT. TO THEM, IT WILL BE ATTENDED WITH BUT LITTLE EXPENSE TO RAISE THE COCOONS & A FEMALE OF ORDINARY CONSTITUTION WILL BE ABLE TO TEND FROM THIRTY TO FORTY FIVE THOUSAND WORMS, WHICH, IF WELL FED AND PROPERLY TAKEN CARE OF, WILL YIELD FROM TEN TO FIFTEEN POUNDS OF REELED SILK, OR FROM TEN TO FIFTEEN BUSHELS OF COCOONS, FOR WHICH WE WILL GIVE THEM FROM \$4 TO \$4.50 AND \$5 PER BUSHEL, ACCORDING TO THE QUALITY; OR MANUFACTURE THEM INTO GOODS, ACCORDING TO ORDER. GOOD COCOONS WILL YIELD ONE POUND OF REELED SILK PER BUSHEL; EACH POUND WILL MAKE TWELVE SQUARE YARDS OF GOOD SUBSTANTIAL GOODS, WORTH FROM \$1 TO \$1.50 PER YARD. THUS 30,000 WORMS WILL PRODUCE TEN POUNDS OF SILK, OR ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YARDS OF GOODS - AND SUPPOSING IT TAKE TWO THIRDS TO PAY FOR THE MANUFACTURE, IT WILL LEAVE THE PRODUCT FORTY YARDS OF GOODS; AND COUNTING THE LABOR AT ONE DOLLAR PER WEEK FOR FIVE WEEKS, (WHICH WILL BE THE TIME EMPLOYED) WILL REDUCE THE PRICE OF THE SILK GOODS TO TWELVE AND

A HALF CENTS PER YARD, OR \$1.50 PER POUND. NOW I WOULD ASK YOU, AND EVERY FARMER IN OUR COUNTRY, BY WHAT MEANS CAN OUR FEMALES CLOTHE THEMSELVES CHEAPER THAN BY FEEDING SILK WORMS? I KNOW OF NONE. IT IS ONLY THE BUSINESS OF FIVE WEEKS FOR A FEMALE TO PROVIDE HERSELF WITH FORTY SQUARE YARDS OF GOODS, WORTH MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YARDS OF THE BEST COTTON GOODS SHE CAN FIND IN THE MARKET - THESE ARE NO VISIONARY DREAMS; BUT PRACTICAL FACTS FOUNDED UPON EXPERIENCE. THIS SEASON I RAISED ENOUGH FOR ABOUT THREE HUNDRED YARDS OF SILK, WHICH DID NOT COST ME MORE THAN 12-1/2~~XXX~~ CENTS PER YARD TO RAISE THE COCOONS, COUNTING MY LABOR AT ONE DOLLAR PER DAY, AND THE LABOR OF ONE HIRED FEMALE AND MY DAUGHTER, EACH AT A DOLLAR PER WEEK. IT IS THE TEDIOUS PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING SILK THAT WILL FOR A TIME MAKE IT EXPENSIVE; BUT THIS EXPENSE FALLS ON THE MANUFACTURER, NOT ON THE FARMER OR SILK GROWER. AS IT RESPECTS THE FOOD FOR THE WORMS, I AM UNABLE TO SEE ANY GREAT SUPERIORITY THAT THE ITALIAN LEAF HAS OVER OUR OWN NATIVE LEAF. I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THE PRINCIPAL ADVANTAGE THE ITALIAN HAS OVER THE NATIVE IS, THAT THEY CAN BE BROUGHT INTO QUICKER USE, AS THEY ARE MUCH MORE THRIFTY IN THEIR GROWTH THAN THE NATIVE TREES. I FED MINE THIS SEASON PRINCIPALLY FROM THE NATIVE TREE, AND EXPECT TO FEED AS MANY AS ONE MILLION NEXT SEASON FROM THE SAME SOURCE; MY GROVE OF ITALIAN TREES BEING TOO YOUNG TO YIELD MUCH FOOD. ONE NATIVE TREE OF THE MIDDLING SIZE WILL PRODUCE FOOD ENOUGH FOR 3000 WORMS, OR A POUND OF SILK PER TREE; EACH TREE THAT A FARMER MAY HAVE, IS WORTH MORE TO HIM THAN TWO SHEEP.*

THE FIRST SILK FACTORY IN KENTUCKY WAS AT NEWPORT AND ON THE 23 OCTOBER 1844 WILLIAM B. JACKSON AND BROTHER WAS MANUFACTURING SILK AND I BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST ONE IN KENTUCKY. THEY MANUFACTURED HANDKERCHIEFS AND OTHER GOODS OF SMOOTH AND EXCELLENT TEXTURE.

NATHANIEL ~~XXXX~~ SOUTHGATE SHALER, IN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY TELLS THAT *HIS GRANDFATHER, RICHARD ~~XXXXXX~~ SOUTHGATE, EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO UNDERTAKE THE MANUFACTURE OF SILK, HAVING BROUGHT IN AN ITALIAN FOR THAT PURPOSE. AT THAT TIME, SOME SILK WORMS WERE GROWN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE COCOONS WERE REELED, SPUN AND WOVEN IN A LITTLE FACTORY. THIS WORK WAS MAINTAINED UP TO ABOUT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH (1857) WITH SUCH SUCCESS THAT THE WOMEN OF THE FAMILY REJOICED IN AN ABUNDANCE OF EXCELLENT BLACK SILK. SO GOOD WAS IT, INDEED, THAT IT TOOK THE PREMIUM IN THE SO-CALLED WORLD'S FAIR HELD IN NEW YORK ABOUT 1854".

GEORGE W. BURCAW, OWNED, LIVED OR WAS IN CHARGE OF THE NEWPORT EXCHANGE AT FRONT AND YORK. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN LIKE THE FARMERS MARKET HELD IN CINCINNATI TODAY.

PROFESSIONS WERE NOT STATED FOR SOME OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN TOWN. AMONG THESE WERE GENERAL JAMES TAYLOR, THE SON OF THE PROPRIETOR OF NEWPORT AND WHO HAD BEEN THE FIRST CLERK OF THE CAMPBELL COUNTY COURT, AND RICHARD SOUTHGATE, WHO HAD BEEN A LAWYER AND ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY, WHO WE KNOW AS LARGE LAND OWNERS OF CAMPBELL COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. ABRAHAM BLOOMER WAS A REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER WHO WAS PROBABLY UP IN YEARS.

MARY PUTNAM MAYO, A NATIVE OF BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT, (BORN AUGUST 5, 1773) DIED JULY 22, 1838 AND WITHIN FIVE MONTHS, DANIEL MAYO, HER HUSBAND, A NATIVE OF ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, FOLLOWED HER TO THE GREAT BEYOND. (DANIEL MAYO BORN SEPTEMBER 30, 1762, DIED DECEMBER 25, 1838.)

BOTH ARE BURIED IN EVERGREEN CEMETERY IN SOUTHGATE. MR. AND MRS. MAYO WERE THE PARENTS OF DANIEL D. AND HENRY H. MAYO, LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY. THEY HAD DIED IN POSSESSION OF ~~XX~~ OUT LOTS WHICH LATER BECAME MAYO'S ORCHARD SUBDIVISION AND MAYO'S HEIRS SUBDIVISION. AN INVENTORY OF DANIEL'S ESTATE WAS RECORDED IN FEBRUARY OF 1839 AND FROM THIS, IT WOULD INDICATE THAT THIS ORCHARD HAD BEEN AN APPLE ORCHARD FOR HE DIED POSSESSED OF -

CIDER MILL - VALUE \$23.00
CIDER PRESS - VALUE \$10.00
3 BARRELS VINEGAR - \$15.00
14 EMPTY HOGSHEADS - \$14.00
36 EMPTY BARRELS - \$10.00

PERHAPS YOU ARE AS INTERESTED AS I WAS TO LEARN THE POSSESSIONS OF A FAMILY DURING THIS PERIOD. THE BALANCE OF THE INVENTORY AND THE APPRAISEMENT OF THE PERSONAL ESTATE WAS -

1 MILCH COW - \$15.00
1 BALD FACE COW - 20.00
1 WHITE BACK COW - 12.00
1 LARGE YOKE OXEN - 32.50
1 OLD OX - 25.00
SOW AND 3 SHOATS - 10.00
DEARBORN WAGON - 15.00
OX CART - 30.00
LOG CHAIN - 3.00
BROWN HORSE - 15.00
GEARS FOR 2 HORSES AND STREACHERS - 5.00
HARROW - 3.00
PLOUGH - 5.00
HAY RAKE - 10.00
WOOD SAW AND AXE - ~~2X88~~ 2.00
1 LARGE AND ONE SMALL BRASS KETTLE - 5.00
KITCHEN UTENSIALS - 12.00
4 SMOOTHING IRONS - 1.50
2 STEEL YARDS - 1.00
1 SPADE AND 4 HOES - 2.50
LOT OF CARPENTER TOOLS - 6.00
LOT OF OLD IRON - 2.00
2 SYTHES AND CRADLE - 6.00
WHEEL BARROW AND GRIND STONE - 1.00
1 BEE HIVE - 3.00
STOOL FOR SICK ROOM - 3.00
2 HEMP HECKLES - 2.00
HALF BOX SOAP - 1.00
2 SAFES - 1.00
BLOCK AND TEACKLE - 1.50
CUPBOARD WARE - 4.00
SLEDGE HAMMER AND CROW BARROW - 5.00
BREAKFAST TABLE - 2.00
KITCHEN TABLE - .50
4 BASKETS - 1.00
2 BUCKETS AND KEELERS - 1.00
LOT OF TIN WARE AND CROCKS, LADLE AND GRATER - 2.00
DEMIJOHN - 1.00
HALF BUSHEL AND LOOKING GLASS - 1.00
2 DINING TABLES AND COVERINGS - 12.00
2 SMALL TABLES - 4.00
6 OLD CHAIRS - 1.50
1 DOZEN CHAIRS - 6.00
4 ROCKING CHAIRS - 6.00

1 SETTEE - 2.00
DESK AND BOOK CASE - 20.00
2 BUREAUS - 7.00
2 LARGE AND 3 SMALL WAITERS - 1.00
5 BRASS CANDLE STICKS, 2 SNUFFERS, 3 TRAYS - 2.00
TEA CHEST - 1.00
2 PR SHOVELS AND TONGS - 2.00
2 PR AND IRONS - 2.50
1 DRESSING GLASS, SMALL GLASS AND LARGE GLASS - 18.00
LOT OF BOOKS - 25.00
20 YARDS RAG CARPETING - 5.00
PARLOUR CARPET - 10.00
TRUNNEL BED AND BED STEAD - 5.00
2 CELERY GLASSES .75
CANDLE STAND 1.00
3 WINDOW CURTAINS - 1.00
STAIR CARPET - 2.00
PASSAGE CARPET - 3.00
8 PR SHEETS - 8.00
4 TABLE CLOTHS - 3.00
2 BED AND BEDSTEADS AND 3 UNDER BEDS - 25.00
2 SETS CURTAINS - 10.00
8 BLANKETS - 20.00
1 COMFORT - 10.00
1 WHITE COUNTER PANE - 5.00
2 CALICO QUILTS - 6.00
8 COVERLIDS AND SPREAD - 4.00
WASH STAND AND CANDLE STAND - 2.50
FANCY BED STEAD - 4.00
SMALL PIECE CARPETING - .75
CARPET RODS - .50
WASH BASIN - .25
3 OLD CHESTS - .50
2 OLD BEDSTEADS - .50
2 WASH TUBS AND IRON HOOPED BARREL - 1.00
100 POUNDS LARD - 10.00
10 SHEEP - 15.00
 ELIZA - 3 YEARS OLD - 200.00
 BETSY - 8 YEARS OLD - 300.00
 HENRY - 11 YEARS OLD - 350.00
 LUCY - 6 YEARS OLD - 250.00
 BAZIL - 51 YEARS OLD - 300.00

AND SO, WE HAVE TURNED BACK THE CLOCK TO LEARN OF THE BEGINNING OF
NEWPORT, SOMETHING OF ITS GROWTH AND THE TRADESMEN IN NEWPORT 1839-40.

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