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POINTS OF INTEREST
Carroll County

On the night of March -- 1785 a number of Indians made a terrible assault on the home of Mr. William Elliott at the mouth of the Kentucky river, killed Mr. Elliott and burned his house to the ground.

According to Mr. James H. Newman it was not the owner of the house but his brother that was killed, some of the servants also were killed.

Places located on map:

Elliston
1. It seems that after the house of Mr. Elliott was burned Captain Elliott built at the same place a block house and was driven from his post in each of two succeeding summers.

2. In 1789-90 General Charles Scott built a block house on the second bank of the Ohio on an elevated position and fortified it by picketing. This post was occupied until 1792 when the town of Port William was laid out.

3. A mound on the farm of Dr. Dunn from which many Indian relics have been taken and most of the bones of a skeleton.

4. There were no real battles in Carroll county during the Civil War, but at one time there was quite a skirmish beginning in Carrollton when some drunken men assaulted a boat which was transporting a body of soldiers but were so heavily fired upon that they ran and were pursued where the pursuit ended. There might have been a battle but the captain of the boat would not agree to hold the boat for the soldiers to land; consequently the offenders were driven off and the boat moved on.

5. A very old fort described in Collins History as having been about two and one-half miles above Carrollton, once surrounded by a stone wall and later covered by forest trees, from which the Ohio could be seen for ten miles must have stood near the Craig place located on nearly as possible from description.

6. Another skirmish took place on Goose Creek on the Worthville road and Mr. Mat. Carlisle was killed. The fight began near the home of a woman who pleaded for his life, but they only moved on to a hill nearby and killed him there.

7. Another skirmish took place between Ghent and Warsaw.

8. The old Craig house said to be the first brick house built on the Ohio river in Kentucky between Pittsburg and New Orleans, also the first built west of the Alleghenies, stood on the Ohio river about two miles above Carrollton on the site now occupied by the residence of Mrs. Nannie Fitschen who was Mr. Craig's great grand daughter.

At one time this house was fortified against the Indians, the men guarding with guns while the women with kettles of hot water stood at the windows of the second story to guard against onslaught of the Red Men should they approach too near the house.

There were many old Indian relics found on the Craig farm. Note: It might be interesting to observe here that wild turkeys and bald eagles once frequented this farm, and that sugar syrup was made from trees on the farm.

9. An Indian grave which may have been the one described in Colins History of Kentucky as having been opened in 1837 and found to contain bones of a person of a very large frame together with a silver snuff box may be found on a hill across Highway No. 42 from the site of the old Craig house.

✓ 10. Lock No. 1 which was partially by Guerrillas on August 29, 1864, is about two miles out of Carrollton on the Kentucky river.

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Dr. C. L. Dunn, Veteranary Surgeon, Carrollton

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Location of grave given by Mrs. Nannie Fitschen

Personal knowledge of writer Miss Myrtle Garvey, Carrollton, as to location

General knowledge

Misses Mary and Ella Hampton.

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Historic Sites Outside Cities:

The home of Miss Anna V. Parker, who is president of the Cabie M. Froman Woman's Club at Ghent and is a great grand daughter of Jane Craig and great great grand daughter of Benjamin Craig II. is a large frame building on the Sanders road about four miles off Highway 42, and contains ~~an~~ interesting oil paintings of Lewis Sanders' and George Nicholas' family of whom also Miss Parker is a descendant. One of the possessions here is an interesting table which was made by ~~Perber~~ Clay, a brother of Henry Clay.

The Old Grass Hills farm of Lewis Sanders, a very early settler near Ghent is situated in the southern part of the county about six miles from Ghent, on a road leading to the right from the Sanders pike.

The original dwelling which was entirely hand build, begun in 1812, finished in 1816 still stands. It is occupied by Mr. Curtis Montgomery and family, who are busy restoring this famous structure which was built of logs with the old exposed rafters inside. The logs were put together with wooden pegs. The nails were made of iron and by hand. In fact all the material was made by hand and the whole structure was hand built. There is at least one fine old ash floor. The flooring was placed in a pond and kept wet for two years before being used.

The interior has been restored and is beautiful, the cracks between the logs having been filled and the rooms whitened. The old fire-place in the living room is still in tact. The old library is in perfect condition.

Stone porches resembling the old fashioned ones are being built.

An old lilac bush is still to be seen, one of the many which adorned the garden walk. Many roses were were formerly seen in the garden.

There is a monument which marks the Sanders burying ground which is