Designed by: Mr. Paul L. Sullivan

# History & Facts

By: Jean Hedgepeth

# Mr. Mansfield Burks

My first WWI soldier for this newsletter is Mr. Mansfield Burks. He was born February 7, 1889 and died March 4, 1984. He is buried in the Pearl Webb Cemetery, beside his sister, Ora. Neither of them ever married, so they always lived together.

Mr. Mansfield was the son of William Henry and Mel Branden (Millie) Mansfield Burks. They are both buried on the family farm. In 1880, Mr. W.H. Burks had six servants.

After Millie died in 1897, Mr. Burks married her sister, Jennie Mansfield. Mr. Mansfield was one of six children. Ora Jane 1887, Bill 1890, Martha 1891, Richard 1893, then in 1895, she had twins Wash and Tom. Mr. Mansfield was a farmer. In the winter time, he would come to the store where I worked and tell me stories about this life. He told me about going out west to get rich, but came home with 25 cents and a coon dog. He did not have enough to hire a cab, so he and the dog walked home.

In 1910, he was living with his cousin Charlie Y. Wilson in Oklahoma. After he came home, he bought the home place and became a very successful farmer. Later, he became president of Canmer Deposit Bank.

He registered for WWI on June 5, 1917, then enlisted on October 3, 1917, and was released on April 7, 1919. I did not find where he served. He was a help to many people during his life time. The Canmer community was blessed to have had a person like Mr. Mansfield.



# Mr. John A. Howard

My other soldier for this newsletter is Mr. John A. Howard. He was born in Monroe County, KY on February 17, 1867 and died in Larue County on August 10, 1929 of brain cancer. He was the son of Mr. Harman Barlow and Mary F. Howard. He married Minnie Frances Pace of the Pascal community in 1893. She was the daughter of Dr. W.T. Pace and Eudora Alice Wilcoxson, who are also buried in Pearl Webb.

They had five children. A baby that was born and died in 1894 and buried in Pearl Webb Cemetery, W.H., 1896, L. Ruth, 1899, Robert L., 1903, and John A., 1905. John A. was a teacher and taught at Pascal. His sister-in-law, Daisy, also taught at Pascal. Mrs. Daisy was my mother's teacher.

In 1900, he was living at Canmer, then in 1920, he was living in Elizabethtown. Being a teacher, I suppose he moved about. When he passed away, he was brought back to Pearl Webb and buried where his little daughter was buried. Mr. C.H. Dixon of Magnolia buried him.

I could never find when he entered WWI or when he was released.



# **Miscellaneous**

I would like to share with all of you about my recent visitor. Mrs. Martha Jane Truelove from Morgantown came to Canmer to find out more about the old Methodist Church. Her grandfather, Bro. Robert Henry Roe, was pastor here in 1897 and 1898. He was also pastor of the Greensburg Methodist Church at the same time, but lived here at Canmer in the Methodist parsonage on Church Street.

They had a baby born in Canmer that year. A little girl named Gladys. She only lived to be six months old. They buried her in Pearl Webb Cemetery. Brenda found her grave. It is near the Wheeler lots under a cedar tree. I am so proud of our cemetery and those whose help to keep it nice. I'm glad that after a 120 years, we could help this lady find a grave.

Also thanks to Jeremy Logsdon for helping me to sow and straw some of the new graves.

# Persons buried at Pearl Webb Cemetery, since the last newsletter:

# **Ruth Lyons Callahan**

Born: November 18, 1936

Died: July 22, 2016

\* inadvertently omitted from the last newsletter.

## **Esther Gill**

Born June 13, 1921 Died January 14, 2017

# **Vetra Short Wilson**

Born December 23, 1918 Died February 19, 2017

# **Hazel Logsdon Sidebottom**

Born: October 31, 1916

Died: May3, 2017

# From the Treasurer's Desk:

By: Brenda Dudderar

I was contacted by Rosemary Staples in Louisville, KY. She said the Staples family has 7 cemetery lots they would like to sell at Pearl Webb. She can be contacted at 502-599-8456. If you are interested you can call her.

As always we would love to have some of you volunteer to help us at the cemetery Memorial Day weekend. If you could sit for a few

hours one day we would certainly appreciate your help. Please email or call if you can help. We also need help on the upkeep of the grounds. If you are willing to help with these projects please contact us.

I feel like I am beating a dead horse, but once again we are asking you to put your name on the bottom of your saddles. We picked up flowers and limbs, so Mr. Priddy could begin the mowing season. We threw away some perfectly nice saddles that had blown in the ditch next to the highway. We had no idea where they belonged and they had no name. We hate throwing them away.

Thanks to your generous donations and the sale of lots we once again had more income than expenses.

It takes much manual labor to keep the cemetery as beautiful as we can to honor those who have passed away. Please consider helping us sometime.

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