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Resident of North Carolina Contacts Historical Society

Recently, I was contacted by a lady on Facebook messenger telling me that her great-great grandfather was John Buckner Tabb, and her great-grandmother was Mary Amanda Tabb. She also told me that she would like to order some books from the Hardin County Historical Society.

I replied to her and told her that my great-grandfather was Robert Chambers Tabb, and he was the older brother of John Buckner Tabb. These brothers were two of the sixteen children of John Chisman Tabb and Elizabeth VanMeter Davis.

I referred her to McClure's Two Centuries in Elizabethtown and Hardin County page 760 that explains the Tabb genealogy. I took a snapshot of that page and sent it to her. She had never seen this, but she had done research on Ancestry.com.

She proceeded to tell me that her great-grandmother, Mary Amanda Tabb, married E.D. Durham who owned Durham Bottling Works. Her grandmother was one of the twin girls from this union.

To make the story more interesting, she proceeded to tell me her great-great-grandmother, Evaline Wade Price, who married John Buckner Tabb, was the granddaughter of Elizabeth Rawlings Hart Gunterman, who was captured by the Indians. If you have never heard or read this story, then you need to go to Haycraft's History of Elizabethtown and read this account. It is rather horrific what this lady endured while she was a captive.

I told the lady that I had told this story many times while giving a tour of the museum, but I had never had anyone to tell me they were a direct descendent of the lady captured by the Indians. She told me that her mother and grandmother had told her this story many times over the years.

Thinking she was local, I finally asked her if she had been to the Hardin County History Museum, It was at this point that she told me she was from Raleigh, North Carolina, and it was on her bucket list to visit the museum and Elizabethtown.

Kenny Tabb

The reprint of 2 Centuries in Hardin County is now complete and copies will be available at the April 24th meeting at Nolin RECC. Cost is \$75.00 plus shipping.

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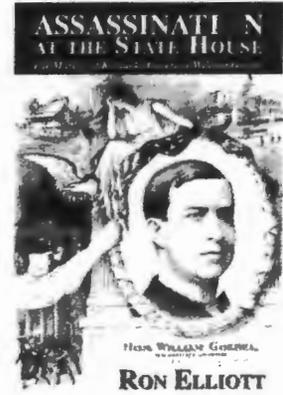
The members of the Durham Bottling Works, with one exception are all heavy weights. Mr. E. D. Durham, of this city, President of the Bottling Works, tips the beam at 235; Mr. R. H. Durham of Columbia, and J. W. Durham, of Greensburg, brothers of E. D. Durham and stockholders of the Bottling Works, weight 213 and 225 respectively. The jumbo of the Durhams however, is Mr. Fred L. Durham of Broadhead, a cousin of the above named, who will travel for the Bottling Works this season. He weighs 325 pounds. The combined weight of the four Durhams is exactly 1,000 pounds. The only small man connected with the Bottling Works is Mr. S. P. Thurman, Secretary and Treasurer, but he is only small in size, and what he lacks in avoirdupoise is made up in efficiency and hustling qualities. —

Mirror Elizabethtown

RON ELLIOTT to speak at April 24th Meeting at Nolin RECC

Ron Elliott, author of his new book, Assassination at the State House.

Elliott's detailed examination of the vitriolic 1899 political campaign, the ensuing assassination of William Goebel and the resulting civil and political turmoil sheds an informative and intriguing into this darkest corner of Kentucky's history. The author's equally fascinating investigation of the criminal proceeding, which lasted 20 years, and the political legacy of this quintessential story of Kentucky politics proves that "politics are the damnedest" in Kentucky.



Please NOTE the April meeting will be held at the Nolin RECC meeting room. The cost of State Theater has increased and this move will the society \$150 in venue fees. A map is attached to help those who don't know the location of Nolin RECC



MENU from Heartland Catering

Sirloin Tips and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Dessert
Decaf Coffee and Tea, and Water

Cost of meal \$10.00

RSVP at Brown Pusey House (270)
765-2515 no later than April 20th.

This ad appeared in several issues of the Louisville Daily Journal May and June 1848

WINTERSMITH HOUSE ELIZABETHTOWN, HARDIN COUNTY KY

THIS establishment being pleasantly situated on the corner of Main street and the Public Square, has been leased by the subscriber and thoroughly repaired and refitted, is now open and ready for the accommodation of the traveling public. The rooms being large commodious and airy, which together with the healthy location, renders it one of the pleasantest places in the State, for families from the South to sojourn during the summer months

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C. Chatfield



Message from the President.

Greetings everyone, a lot is happening in our community and the Society has an opportunity to get involved. The City has approved funds for restoration of the Lincoln Heritage House at Freeman Lake and Etown Tourism is matching those funds. Negotiations are still taking place on restoring the Sarah Bush cabin as the engineers determine exactly what needs to be done. Although neither of these cabins are the originals, they represent a typical dwelling settlers would have built and are a primary piece of our tourism advertising.

The City has asked us to consider a partnership to help utilize the facilities and make them more functional. I spoke with Mayor Berger and Charlie Bryant to discuss possible events/programs to open up the house and make it accessible to the public on a limited schedule. The City would provide routine maintenance on the buildings and HCHS along with a committee would oversee the volunteer program. We must start small and determine what works and if we have enough support to sustain such a program. This is the perfect venue for mini-productions of historical events, demonstrations and social events depicting life in early Hardin County. This is a great way for HCHS to get involved as well as volunteers from other historical organizations in the county. After all, our mission is to preserve history and recognize historical sites.

We've already established the importance of these two cabins and the City and Tourism have stepped up to do their part. Now it's time for us to do our part.

Think about this and we will discuss in greater detail at the April meeting. Your board members can't do this alone, so we're counting on you to give back to your community by joining us for an afternoon at Freeman lake. Let's meet some new people and have a little fun!

Hope to see you at our new meeting location, NOLIN RECC on April 24th.

Twylane Van Lahr

Meeting April 24th at Nolin RECC

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