

Historic Home of Jeremiah Yewell (1782-1862) Daviness County, KY

Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 14 September 1975, p3A:

HISTORIC HOMES of OWENSBORO

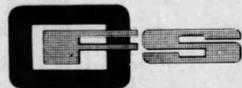


JEREMIAH YEWELL HOUSE

Jeremiah Yewell, the first distiller of Oldham County, built this home circa 1850. The structure was first designed to be a church; but, since no pastor could be found, Yewell finished it into a home. Bricks were made and fired on the property. The solid brick masonry walls are thirteen inches thick. Each wall extends into the ground to form the foundation. The original baseboards in the home are a foot in height. The old family cemetery on the property still contains the tombstone of Jeremiah Yewell. Located off Fairview Drive, with over 200 acres of prime farm land, the home is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yewell, III.

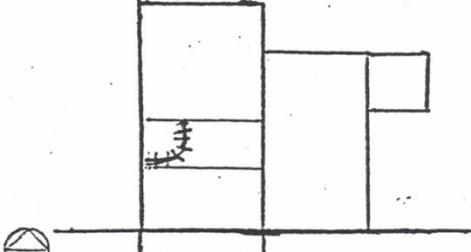
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1. STATE Kentucky COUNTY Daviess TOWN Owensboro VICINITY County STREET NO. Off Fairview Drive on private lane		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY ⑧		
ORIGINAL OWNER Jer^emiah Yewell ORIGINAL USE Home PRESENT OWNER Roy Yewell, III PRESENT USE Home WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES 2		2. NAME Jer^emiah Yewell House DATE OR PERIOD Circa 1850 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER		
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC No		
<p>Jer^emiah Yewell was an extensive farmer and first distiller in Oldham Co., Ky. (See Yewell Gen., pp. 66-67) He removed to Daviess Co., Ky. where he built one of the first brick houses. He was born 21 July 1782 and died 19 March 1897. He married first Susannah Pope and second Dicy Ellinder (Wilhoite) by whom he had a son Franklin. It is said Jerimiah Yewell came to Daviess Co., Ky with his two brothers circa 1844. Jermiah bought 500 acres in Daviess Co., Ky. from Thomas Watkins in 1837 and in 1836 owned 209 acres at Panther Creek, Ky. Jer^emiah Yewell's ancestors were General Yowell, a Ky. pioneer and Wm. Yowell, killed in a steamboat explosion on the Mississippi River about 1818-20. His great-great grandson now owns the home and acreage. In the early days of Owensboro, then known as Yellow Banks, there was no church near the Yewell home. A request was made to secure a pastor (circuit) but this could not be done until a church was built. So Mr. Yewell made the bricks on the front lawn of his home and built a small church on a hill just above the house. A cemetery still may be found next to the non-extant church. The tombstone of James Yewell may be found there along with many slave graves. (See 1876 Atlas, Dav. Co., Ky. pp.38-3) A small brick school house also stood near the house, know as the McFarland School, but no longer exists. Originally, the house consisted of two rooms up and two down. An addition was made in 1945 and a smaller back addition circa 1950. The exterior walls are three-brick thickness. Original roof was tin. Attic rafters are 2x8 with hand-hewn nail. There is a fireplace in each room, original exterior shutters, 10-lights of original glass still surround the front door. The woodwork is wide and plain, made of poplar. Floors are lovely, wide-board type. An open-type cooking fireplace can still be seen in the old kitchen.</p>				
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered No	Interior Excellent	Exterior Excellent
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH		
		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Mrs. M. David Orrahood, Chr. Daviess County Hist. Pres. Comm. 2725 Frederica St. Owensboro, Ky.		
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Personal interview with Mr. & Mrs. Roy Yewell, III		DATE OF RECORD 3-17-71		

From **An Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, KY.** (Leo McDonough & Co., 1876, p.36, Uppertown Precinct plat), former lands of Jeremiah Yewell (tracts of 95, 237 ¾ & 237 ¾) are shown along the bottom edge of plat, at below the James M. & Franklin Yewell tracts is what is now Fairview Drive, within the Franklin Yewell tract is the Zion Church & the Jeremiah Yewell home, above their tracts is the Horse Fork Creek and along left side of Franklin Yewell tract is the Old Hartford Road:



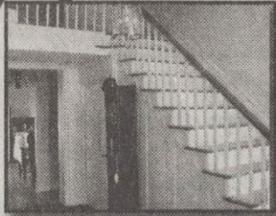
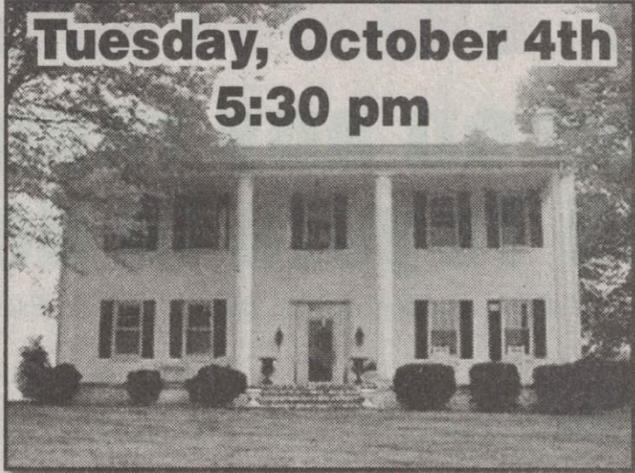
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Jeremiah Yewell Plantation

This historical pre-civil war landmark home was built in 1859, as the central piece of the 650 acre Yewell Plantation. Since the 1850s, generations of the Yewell family have watched this area become the favorite growth area of Daviess Co. Gov. Louie Nunn placed this home on the registry of Kentucky historical homes.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Since construction in 1859, this home has been in the Yewell family. Recent restoration has given way to modern features since as central gas heat and air conditioning, thermopane windows and much more. You must see this home to appreciate the quality, beauty and charm it has to offer.



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Owensboro, Ky. 42301

Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY
30 September 2005, p1B:

**Yewell plantation
house will be
auctioned Tuesday**

A piece of Daviess County history will go on the auction block Tuesday.

Alliance Real Estate, Auction & Estate Services will sell the old Jeremiah Yewell plantation house at 5:30 p.m.

The four-bedroom house at 2412 Little Brook Trail — off Fairview Drive — was built in 1859 as the centerpiece of the Yewell plantation. It was added to the Kentucky Historic Landmarks list by then-Gov. Louie Nunn in the early 1970s.

It is currently owned by James Yewell and Sharon Yewell.

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Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 26 June 1971, p1B:

At a meeting of the Daviess County Historical Society on 25 June 1971 – “Also at the Historical Society dinner, three homes in Owensboro and Daviess County were commissioned historical landmarks. These are the Juste Nicola Vairin home on Old River Road; the Jeremiah Yewell home, odd Fairview Drive in the county; and the pre-Civil War residence of W. B. Tyler, which now houses the law offices of Thacker-Kramer-Thacker on East Fourth Street. The following persons accepted certificates from the Kentucky Heritage Commission:” ... Roy Yewell III a direct descendant of Jeremiah Yewell.

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Kentucky Family Records (West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, KY, Vol. 3, pp.3-5):

YEWELL FAMILY DATA

Submitted by Mrs. R. A. Magan, Route 2, Utica, Ky. 42376

Major Charles Yewell(originally-Ewell) English Gentleman.

Captain Charles Ewell came to Virginia in 1690.

Major Bertrand Ewell was born in Prince William Co., Va. 1715-died 1795.

Captain Thomas Yewell was born 1615 in Va.; married Ann Sturman.

Captain Thomas Yewell, born 1644 in Va.; married Ann Lee, daughter of Richard Lee, ancestor of Robert E. Lee.

David Yewell (Culpeper Co., Va.) father of James Yewell, born Aug.20, 1755.

James Yewell married Nancy Shirley on May 23, 1779, Madison Co., Va. and moved to Jefferson Co., Ky., later to Oldham Co. Their children were: Simeon, Jeremiah, Margaret, Julius, Martin, Patsy, Levy, Lucinda, Nary and Nellie.

Jeremiah Yewell, born in Va., July 27, 1782, married first- a Miss Pope and she was the mother of Albert G., Alan P., Sally, Minerva, Ruth Ann and Benjamin P. His second wife, Dicey Ellender Wilhoit, became the mother of four children: John, Algernon S., James M. and Franklin.

About 1841, Jeremiah Yewell moved from Oldham Co., Ky. to Daviess Co. bringing his family by flatboat while his slaves drove the livestock across the country. He acquired considerable land near Owensboro and in 1847 gave his son John Yewell, 313 acres lying in the fork of Panther Creek in the County of Daviess and State of Kentucky, the 16th day of July, 1847 "in the consideration of the natural love and affection which he, Jeremiah Yewell, bears unto his said son, John Yewell." Recorded in Deed Book H, page 400, Daviess County, Ky., Court House. Att. G. C. Sebastian, D. C. .

Dicey Ellender Wilhoit Yewell died Aug. 20, 1852, buried in Yewell Cem. on Old Hartford Road, born 1792 married ca 1820.

Jeremiah Yewell, born July 27, 1782- died May 29, 1862

John Yewell, born Mar. 4, 1822- died Dec. 9, 1881- married Mar. 27, 1860 to Elizabeth P. Garret, born Mar. 10, 1839- died Dec. 9, 1910 (dau. of George W. Gabbert.)

Children of John Yewell: Births and Deaths

1. Mary Dicey Yewell, born Jan, 31, 1861-died Feb. 11I, 1940
2. Jeremiah W, Yewell, born Sept. 27, 1862- died Dec. 28, 1916
3. Lula J. Yewell, born June 11, 1865
4. Minerva. E. Yewell, born July 18, 1868- died Jan. 4, 1931
5. Daisy J. Yewell, born Dec. 28, 1870- died Mar. 25, 1911

Marriages

Mary Dicey lowell to M. D. Wells, January 28, 1877

Lula J. Yewell to Philman Chissom, December 28, 1884

Daisy Yewell to Roe Chissom, March 15, 1891

Emma Yewell to Price Ryon, April 16, 1885

This is the Bible Record of John and Elizabeth P. Yewell as copied by Mattye Wells Gordon. The Bible was destroyed when the home of Dr. A. J. Gordon, Pleasant Ridge, Ky., burned.

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Daviess County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume II (West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, McDowell Publication, Hartford, KY, 1977, pp31-32:

Zion Baptist Church or Yewell Cemetery

Located opposite the intersection of Southeastern Parkway and Old Hartford Road. Copied by Michael J. Edgeworth, March 11, 1961 and rechecked by Holly M. Leftwich January 27, 1974:

Harwood, Ruth Ann	12 Nov 1813	Feb 7, 1872
Kinder, Mary (wife of W.)	28 Feb 1797	2 Mar 1877
Montgomery, Thomas J.	13 Aug 1842	9 Apr 1863
Ray, G. W.	1819	13 Apr 1863
Wells, Ora E. (dau. of M.D. & Mary Dicey)	22 May 1879	4 Jun 1885
Wells, Melvin (son of M. D. & Mary Dicey)	28 Mar 1881	23 Mar 1897
Yewell, Jeremiah (aged 79 yrs. 10 mos. 9 das.)	20 Jul 1782	29 May 1862
Yewell, Jeremiah (aged 15 years)		16 Dec 1854
Yewell, Algernon S.	7 Oct 1825	5 Jan 1893
Yewell, Dicey (wife of Jeremiah, aged 60 yrs.)		20 Aug 1852
Yewell, John	14 Mar 1822	9 Dec 1881
Yewell, Elizabeth P. (wife of John)	10 Mar 1839	9 Dec 1910
Yewell, Jerry W. (son of John & Elizabeth P.)	27 Sep 1862	28 Dec 1916
Yewell, Mary Elizabeth (wife of James M.)	31 Jan 1833	24 Aug 1861
Yewell, Mary J. (wife of Frank)	13 Mar 1843	5 Mar 1863

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Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY
24 March 1897, p8:

DEATHS.

Melvin Wells, the 11-year-old son of Mr. Richard Wells, of the Red Hill neighborhood, who was accidentally shot in August, 1895, died yesterday about 2 o'clock, at the home of his father, from the effects of the wound. The funeral will occur today, interment in Yewell cemetery, near Zion church.

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A History of the Daviess – McLean Baptist Association in Kentucky, Rev. Wendell H. Rone (Owensboro, KY, 1943, pp249-250):

ZION

We have been fortunate, in, finding a complete record of this Church. On November 13, 1859, Elders I. R. Allen, John G. Howard, and J. P. Ellis constituted the Church out of members who had been dismissed from Macedonia and Pleasant Grove Churches for that purpose. The names of the constituent members were as follows:

Jeremiah Yewell	Franklin Yewell	James Yewell
John Yewell	Mary E. Yewell	Boswell Robinson
Helena Robinson	Nancy J. Robinson	James Stone
Sofronia Stone	Laura A. May	Sarah H. Ware
Albina Montgomery		

A new brick house of worship had been erected about four miles from Owensboro on the Hartford-Owensboro road. The cost of the new building was placed at \$1,200. This building was used by the Church during her entire history. A cemetery adjacent to the Church lot is all that is left at present. The building was torn down some years ago.

From the time of her organization to her extinction the Church was served by the following pastors and clerks:

PASTORS		CLERKS	
John G Howard	1859-1861	J. B. Stone	1859-1861
A. B. Smith	1862-1863	Franklin Yewell	1861-1867
D. E. Yeiser	1863-1867	Jerry Small	1868
W. H. Dawson	1867	W. P. Small	1869-1873
J. P. Ellis	1867-1869	J. Y. Small	1874-1877
William Head	1869-1870	E. T. Berry	1878-1888
D. E. Yeiser	1870-1876		

From the year 1876 to the year 1888 the Church reached a low ebb and it was, despaired of her ever recovering. After 1883 no report was made to the Association and the name of the Church was dropped from the roll in 1886.

In December, 1888, a meeting was called to grant letters and to disband the Church. As no letters were called for it seemed to be the desire of the Church to continue but for a time she could not secure a pastor. Finally in the early part of 1890 Elder E. H. Maddox began to serve the Church regularly and with the assistance of Elder B. Y. Cundiff and the Mission Board rehabilitated the work. On March 29, 1891, a reorganization was brought about by Elders E. H. Maddox and B. F. Swindler on 35 members. A manifest revival of the work ensued as new life was infused into the Church. After her second organization she was served by the following pastors and clerks:

PASTORS			
E. J. Maddox	1891-1895	E. H. Maddox	1901-1903
F. W. Whittenbraker	1896-1898	J. D. Hocker	1903-1905
J. J. Cloar	1898-1900	Norris Lashbrook	1905-1906
CLERKS			
W. W. Lewis	1891-1897	Mrs. P. V. Pardon	1901
C. C. Hubbard	1898-1900	W. E. Berry	1902-1906

The Church last reported to the Association in 1906 and in 1907 her name was omitted from the list of Churches. After this there is absolute silence. No doubt she dissolved and lettered off her members to other Churches. During her history of about 50 years she received 125 persons into her fellowship by baptism and 105 by letter. She dismissed 124 by letter, excluded 11, and there are 35 deaths reported. No doubt there are many still living who were baptized into her fellowship upon a profession of faith. Her highest membership under the second constitution was 80 in 1897.

The old record book of this Church is very unique in that it gives the names of all who died while members of the Church and in most instances the CAUSE of their death. This ranged

from congestion to heart disease to erysipelas to typhoid fever. The death of her pastor, Elder E. J. Maddox, on September 16, 1895, of typhoid fever is recorded.

From first to last this church was served by the following deacons with the year they were ordained or recognized by the Church:

James F. Yewell and Moses P. Fuqua in 1860; Richard Small in 1861; James M. Yewell in 1863; John Yewell and Nester Leaman in 1867; Frank Mayfield and E. T. Berry in 1878; W. J. Bennett and James Bottorf in 1891; M. H. Coons in 1896.

No doubt her close proximity to Owensboro and other sister Churches limited her field of labor to such an extent that she could not expand to any degree. According to financial and numerical ability she proved her worth in supporting all the benevolent work of the denomination. It is a sad commentary that she came to an untimely end. The old pulpit stand from this church has been in the possession of and has been used by the Seven Hills Church in Owensboro since 1910.

We have concluded the histories of all the Churches that have belonged to this Association during her history and have become extinct. For the sake of preserving an account of them we are including two small Churches that were constituted before this Association was organized. Both of these were anti-mission Churches. One was located in Daviess County and the other in Ohio County.

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History of Kentucky, Volume III Judge Charles Kerr, editor (Chicago & New York: The American Historical Society, 1922, pp61-62):

Algernon S. Yewell, D. O. For the past seventeen years Doctor Yewell has been one of the leading representatives of osteopathy at Owensboro, In his profession he has enjoyed the fruits of his own work and the widespread recognition given the profession as a whole as one of the soundest branches of the science of healing. Doctor Yewell represents an old and honored Daviess County family, and was born on his father's farm December 15, 1872. He is a son of Franklin and Martha (Ray) Yewell and grandson of Jeremiah and Dicey Ellinder (Wilhoit) Yewell, The Yewells came to this country at the very beginning of colonization, the tradition being that three English brothers came together. Jeremiah Yewell was born in Virginia in 1782, came to Kentucky at an early date, and was an extensive farmer and also one of the first distillery operators in Oldham County. About 1841 he moved to Daviess County, bringing his family by flatboat while his slaves drove the livestock across the country, Jeremiah Yewell acquired extensive tracts of land in the vicinity of Owensboro, his home being southwest of the city. He died there highly honored and respected in 1862. His first wife, Miss Pope, died leaving the following children: Albert G., Alan P., Sally, Minerva, Ruth Ann and Benjamin P. Dicey Ellinder Wilhoit was the mother of John, Algernon S., James M. and Franklin Yewell.

Franklin Yewell was born in Oldham County, Kentucky, in 1829, came to Daviess County at the age of twelve, and for many years operated an extensive farm and stock business southwest of Owensboro. He finally moved to Owensboro and for a number of years was engaged in the real estate and money lending business. He died at Owensboro March 10, 1897. He was a stanch Baptist and reared his family in the same faith. His first wife was Mary Ray, who died a few months after their marriage. He then married her sister, Martha Ray, who became the mother of three children, Mary E., Sally Leota and Algernon S.

Algernon S. Yewell grew up on his father's farm, also attended school in Owensboro, was a student in the Owensboro College, and prepared for his professional career in the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri. He graduated in 1903 Doctor of Osteopathy, and at once began practice in his home city and has had a busy program of professional activities for many years. He also has control of 400 acres of land in Daviess County and makes a specialty of raising Duroc hogs, in which much of his time is now spent. He is an extensive raiser of stock and does an extensive business in this line.

In 1899 Doctor Yewell married Bertha Chism, a native of Daviess County. They are active in the Baptist Church and Doctor Yewell is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner.

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Additional notes by Jerry Long:

Jeremiah Yewell married 1st Susannah Pope, 2 April 1807 Bullitt County, KY and 2nd Dicey Wilhoite, 20 July 1819 Jefferson County, KY. He is listed in the 1810 & 1820 censuses of Jefferson County, KY, 1830 census of Oldham County, KY (Oldham County formed in 1823 from parts of Henry, Jefferson & Shelby Counties), and in the 1840 & 1850 censuses of Daviess County, KY. The obituary of Jeremiah Yewell's son, Franklin (1829-1897) states he came to Daviess County in March 1837 (Owensboro Messenger, 20 March 1897, p5) and the book, An Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, KY. (Leo McDonough & Co., 1876, p.28) states that Jeremiah's son, J. M. Yewell came to the county in 1837.

The home of Jeremiah Yewell, at what is now 2412 Littlebrook Trail, a short distance off of Fairview Drive, was built about 1850. Jeremiah was buried in the Yewell family cemetery on his farm. In 1859 the Zion Baptist Church was constituted and located near the cemetery. The church and cemetery were along the east side of the Old Hartford Road just opposite of the intersection of what is now Southeastern Parkway and the Old Hartford Road and across from the Hillcrest Golf Course; on the back side of where the cemetery was located is a street named Yewells Landing.



Former location of Yewell Cemetery ("Cem" in image) is across the Old Hartford Road from the Hillcrest Golf Course

The gravestone of Jeremiah Yewell and other markers in the Zion Baptist Church (Yewell) Cemetery remained until 1976 when it was decided to relocate the graves due to construction in the area. Members of the Yewell family in the old cemetery were moved to Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro. The tombstone of Jeremiah Yewell (shown below) was embedded in the front porch of his former home at 2412 Little Brook Trail.



The Jeremiah Yewell home in 1976 was located on the farm then owned by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Marion Yewell, III (1942-2019), a great-great grandson of Jeremiah Yewell. At an auction in 2005 the property was sold by James Marion Yewell (1946-2021) & wife, Sharon. James was a son of Roy Marion Yewell, Jr. (1919-1967), grandson of Roy Marion Yewell (1879-1962), great-grandson of James Marion Yewell (1827-1911) and great-great grandson of Jeremiah

Yewell (1782-1862). In 2006 the South Central Bank of Daviess County sold the property to Jennifer & James R. Yeckering, III, who in 2010 sold it to Joseph W. Taylor.

Also see: "Historic Homes of Owensboro", Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, September 14, 1975. "Lt. Colonel Nathaniel Pope, c1610-1660", James Houston Barr, Louisville, KY, 2002, p.94, copy in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY.