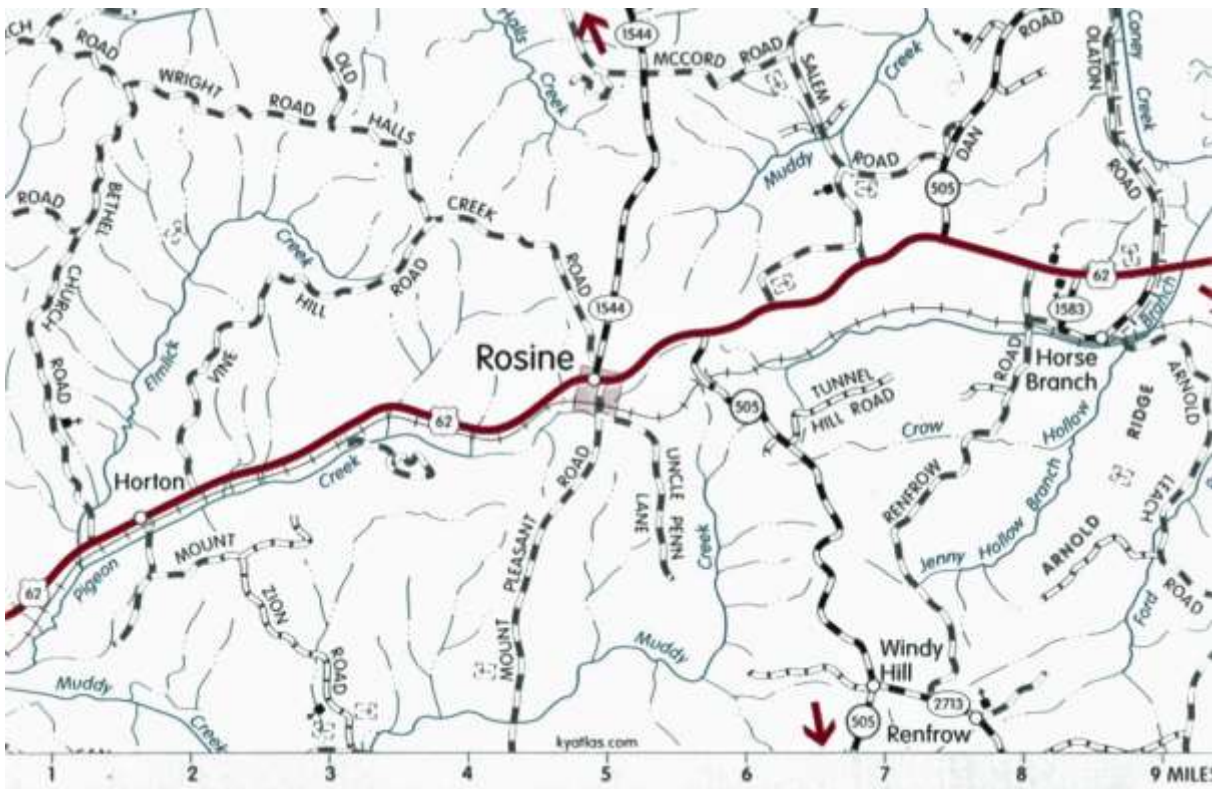


Rosine, Ky. – From Railroad Camp to Birthplace of Bluegrass Music

By Jerry Long



**The Kentucky Encyclopedia, John E. Kleber, editor,
The University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 1992, p782:**

Rosine, a small rural town in eastern Ohio County, is located eight miles east of Beaver Dam and fourteen miles west of Caneyville on both U. S. 62 and the Paducah & Louisville (P&L) Railroad. The area was originally known as Pigeon Roost after a local branch of Muddy Creek, where in pioneer days huge flocks of pigeons came to roost in the large cedar trees. With the coming of the Elizabethtown & Paducah Railroad (now the P&L) in 1872, the town was founded as Rosine by Col. Henry D. McHenry (1826-90), a local lawyer, coal entrepreneur, and U.S. congressman. His wife, Jenny (Taylor) McHenry, in 1867 had used the pen name Rosine for a

book of poetry. *Forget Me Not*. The post office, established on January 16, 1872, as Pigeon Roost, changed its name to Rosine in 1873. The town was officially incorporated on March 16, 1878, and grew quickly, with lumber as a major industry until a fire destroyed the business district in 1900.

By 1990, Rosine was no longer a thriving city and was unincorporated. The city is known as the home of Bill Monroe, the "Father of Bluegrass Music," who was born three miles to the south.

WENDELL C. ALLEN

Sources – “Rosine Post Office 103 Years Old Today”, Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, 16 January 1975, p.9; “One Hundred Years of Rosine Relived”, Ohio County News, 13 September 1973, p.8; Kentucky Place Names, Robert M. Rennick, The University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 1984, p.105.]



Kentucky Historical Highway marker in Rosine on Highway U.S. 62, just west of Kentucky Road 1544, on the right when traveling west; marker erected in 1974. Picture taken by Jerry Long on 23 April 1980.



**Fogle's Papers: A History of Ohio County, Kentucky,
McDowell A. Fogle, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 1981, p.314:**

Henry D. McHenry... in addition to having a brilliant legal career, represented this district in Congress, was chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee for many years, and,

at his death, presiding officer of the 1891 constitutional convention. He, in his latter year was also successful in business, being a leader in obtaining the construction through Ohio County in 1871 of the Elizabethtown & Paducah Railroad, which later became a part of the Illinois Central's Kentucky Division. The new railroad town of McHenry was named for this enterprising native son, while the second railroad station above Beaver Dam was christened Rosine, in honor of Colonel McHenry's wife, the former Miss Jennie Taylor, who was the author of many poems under the nom-de-plume, "Rosine".



**Ohio County, Kentucky, in the Olden Days,
Harrison D. Taylor, Louisville, KY, 1926, p.94:**

In 1867, Mrs. Jennie T. McHenry, wife of Henry D. McHenry, published, in Louisville, a book of sixty-two poems entitled *Forget Me Not*. Most of them had been printed previously in newspapers and magazines, principally in the *Louisville Journal*, over the name "Rosine." A second edition appeared in 1907. One of her poems is "To Jennie C. Morton." Mrs. Jennie Chinn Morton, of Frankfort, was the wife of John C. Morton (son of the pioneer merchant Isaac Morton) and the Regent of the Kentucky State Historical Society.

[Note – copy of booklet, Forget Me Not: Collection of Poems, by Jennie Taylor McHenry, born 1832, died 1914 (Bradley Gilbert, Louisville, KY, 1867, 62 poems, 83 pages), can be found on Google Books internet site.]



Ohio County, KY Deed Book X, pages 163-166:

This indenture made this 15th day of September 1873 between Henry D. McHenry of Hartford Ohio County, Kentucky of the first part and J. H. Pearson of the second part. Witnessed that the said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid, cash in hand, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged do hereby sell, grant and convey to the party of the second part his heirs and designs the following described property, viz: Block Number Eight (8) in the town of Rosine .

To have and to hold the same with all the appurtenances thereon to the second part his heirs and assigns forever with covenant of "General Warranty".

Witness my hand and seal this day and year first above written.

Henry D. McHenry

State of Kentucky, County of Ohio: I Sam'l K. Cox, Clerk of the County Court for the county and state aforesaid do certify that the foregoing deed from Henry D. McHenry to J. H. Pearson was this day produced to me in my office and acknowledged by Henry D. McHenry to be his act and deed, and that the said and this certificate have been truly recorded therein.

Given under my hand this 15th day of September 1873.

Sam'l K. Cox cl'k
By E. R. Murrell D.C.

[by preceding deed in Deed Book X, page 163, Henry D. McHenry sold to John MacLeod block number 9 in town of Rosine for \$1.00]

Whereas Henry D. McHenry a citizen of the town of Hartford County of Ohio and state of Kentucky, has laid off a town in Ohio County Kentucky on the Elizabethtown and Paducah Rail Road to be known and called the town of "Rosine" a plat whereof has been made out and is hereto attached as part hereof. Now in order that the streets of said town shall be public and for the free use of all persons purchasing lots in said town and all others. The said McHenry does hereby convey to the trustees of said town hereafter to be appointed for the use of the public. All the streets as laid off on said plat and of the dimensions as there laid off to be known and called by the names there laid down and named and the said McHenry does hereby also convey to the president and directors of the Elizabethtown and Paducah Rail Road for the use of said rail road, the parcel of ground marked on the plat as the "Property of E. & P. R. R. Co" being 83 feet from the center of the road and the north side thereof, and laying between MacLeod and Amelia Streets, and also 400 feet by 133 being from the center of the tract to Bluff Street, and 400 feet west of Amelia Street, and in addition thereto the said McHenry conveys to the said rail road 66 feet, being 33 feet on each side through the tract of land on which the town is situated and on the eastern part of the town on the R. R. where the high dump is thrown up. [?] He conveys 50 on the north and 60 feet on the south side of the road from the center of the rail road as shown on the plat. But it is expressly understood that the said McHenry reserves all the coal and other minerals which may under lie the streets of said town or that part conveyed to the rail road and the right to mine the same at pleasure.

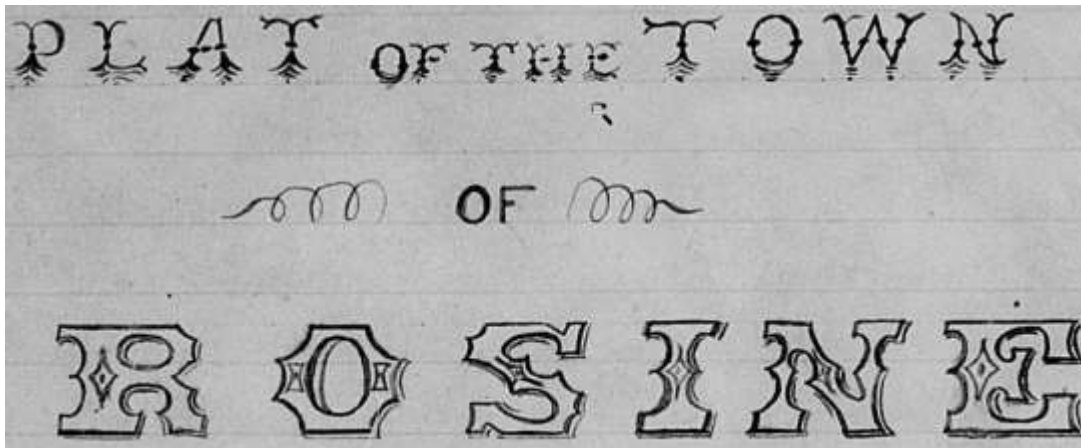
In testimony whereof the said McHenry has hereto set his hand and affixed his seal 15th day of September 1873.

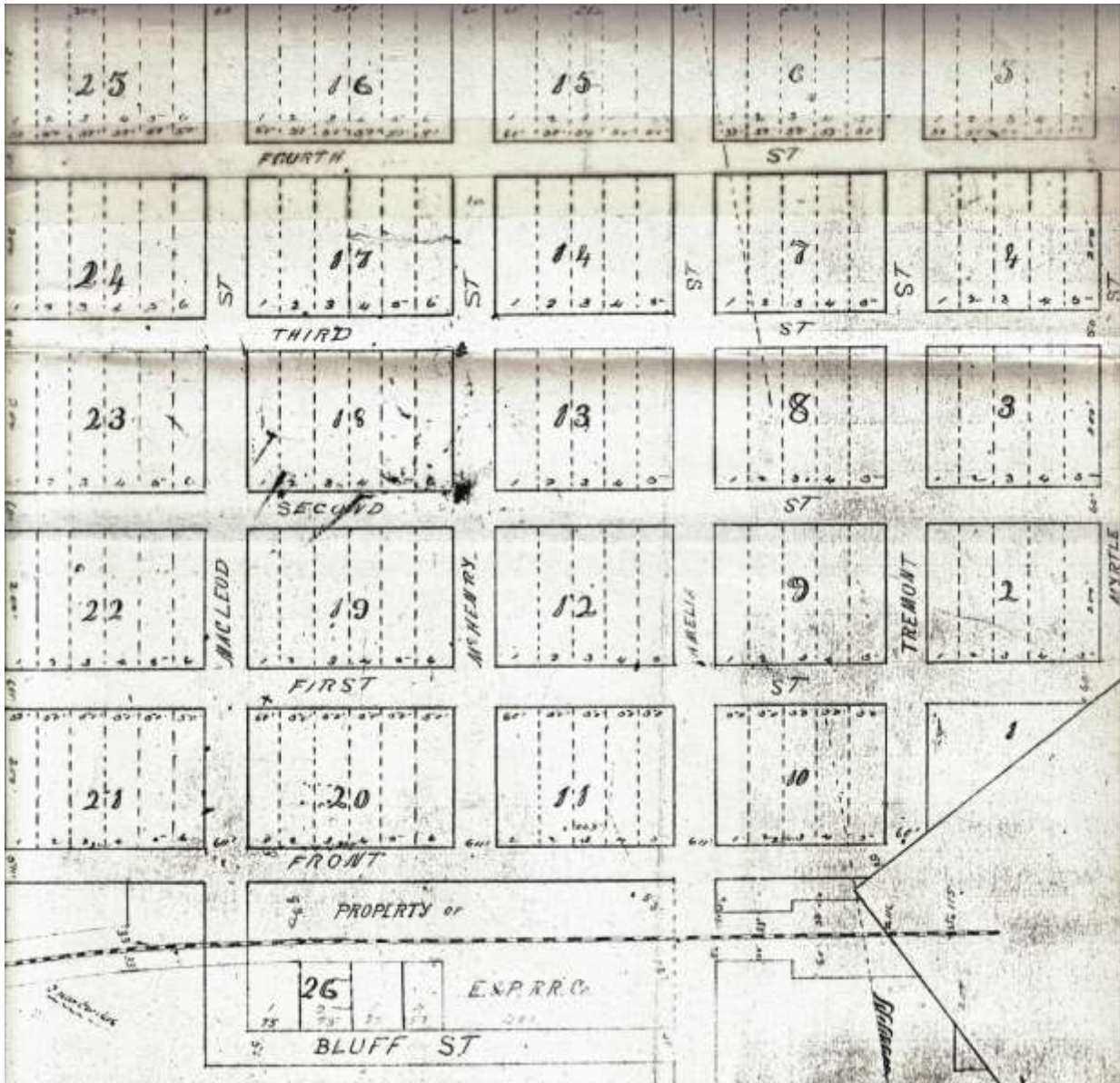
Henry D. McHenry

State of Kentucky, County of Ohio: I, Sam'l K. Cox clerk of the county court for the county and state aforesaid do certify that the foregoing deed to the trustees of Rosine and Elizabethtown and Paducah Rail Road was this day produced to me in my office and duly acknowledged by Henry D. McHenry to be his act and deed and that the same and this certificate have been duly and truly recorded therein together with the annexed plat of said town. Witness my hand this 15th day of September 1873.

Sam'l K. Cox, Cl'k
By E. R. Murrell D. C.

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U.S. Appointments of U. S. Postmasters at Rosine, National Archives

Leonard T. Cox	10 Jun 1873	Walter C. Earp	22 May 1914
Timothy M. Raley	1 Nov 1883	Nora Kessinger	4 Mar 1918
James W. Taylor	23 Nov 1885	Maymee Embry	22 Mar 1926
Moses S. Ragland	20 Apr 1889	Mrs. Maymee Embry	7 Jul 1926
Cinderilla Whittinghill	24 Jun 1893	Boyce Clive Taylor	31 May 1950
Thomas Allen	19 Jun 1897	Boyce Clive Taylor	20 Sep 1950
Logan P. Crowder	11 Oct 1910	Vada Lou Stogner	Feb 1974



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 17 March 1875, p.3:

(first Rosine community column published in the Hartford, KY newspaper):

LETTER FROM ROSINE.

ROSINE, KY, March 16.

A GOOD START OFF.

Editor Herald: I have observed letters from other parts of the county in your noble paper, and thinking it probable that some of your readers would like to hear from the little town of Rosine, I have concluded to "drop you a few lines" in default of a better scribe.

DESCRIPTION OF "THE TOWN.

Rosine is located ten miles east of Hartford on the L. P. & S. W. railroad. It contains 60 inhabitants, 3 dry-goods stores, 1 drug store, and 1 blacksmith shop, all of which are doing a good trade, considering the hard times.

A NEW DOCTOR.

Our highly esteemed friend, N. J. Rains, who has teen at Louisville attending the Medical School, has returned with M. D. attached to his name. We wish him unbounded success in his profession.

Respectfully,

L. S. C.

[We will be pleased to hear from Rosine every week. Editor.]



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 18 August 1875, p.2:

LETTER FROM ROSINE.

ROSINE, OHIO COUNTY KY, Aug 10.

Editor Herald: – Our little town is keeping up pretty well, considering the scarcity of money and unfavorable appearance of crops in this vicinity. Our population consists of about seven or eight families, of various occupations. We have three dry goods stores, one drug store, a confectionary, one hotel, one mechanic, one teacher, one physician, and a section boss. There are two or three men whom we cannot place. They are not fanners, mechanics, merchants, lawyers or doctors, but are usually seen sitting or lounging around the door on empty barrels or boxes; and, I dare say, that some poor woman pays the penalty as she busily plies her needle round the extensive circles on the retrospective part of their pants.

Our merchants seem to be doing a tolerably lively business, and if they would only spend one-fourth of their time in cleaning around their doors that they do in playing marbles and gazing on such like scenes, there might soon be something said in regard to the neat appearance of the town; but as it is, nothing can be said on the subject that would reflect any credit on the inhabitants.

There are no whiskies kept here except for medical purposes, yet there is a house men go into, and sometimes come out with exceedingly red noses, and a breath in perfume not unlike that which you would inhale by putting your nose to the bung-hole of a whisky barrel. X.



Kentucky Gazetteer and Business Directory For 1876-7,
R. L. Polk & Co. & A. C. Danser, Louisville, KY, 1876, pp.468-469:

ROSINE.

A station on the Louisville, Paducah & S. W. R. R., located in the southeastern part of Ohio county, 12 miles from Hartford, the county seat, and 99 from Louisville. The principal shipments are tobacco, lumber and country produce. Express, Southern. Daily mail. Population 75. Leonard J. Cox, postmaster.

Business Directory.

Cox, Leonard J., Druggist and Express and Station Agent.

Crowder, C. G., general store.

Lewis, J. W., general store and produce.

Raines, N. J., Physician.

Raley, James, general store and tobacco.

Tilford, Elisha, teacher and justice of the peace.

Tilford, —, blacksmith.

Vanort, G. B., Hotel.



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 31 October 1877, p.1:

Rosine Letter:

Editor Herald:

Our town is situated on the P. & E. R. R. It is one of the most flourishing places in the county, six years ago a luxuriant corn field was growing, where now stands our famous village, which is but a budding flower to what it is destined to be. Famed for Christianity, perseverance, education, wealth, and all that is worthy of leading this life for. We have two interesting schools in our town, Miss Ellen Day instructor in public school. J. P. Heavrin in select school. Our merchants have the largest stock of goods ever brought from the East. The farmers are aroused from their morning slumber, by the shrill whistle of the Rosine mills. A mill which has not a superior in its structure in the State of Kentucky, one which we are proud of. The farming community at large, have the finest crops of corn, wheat, and tobacco that have been produced for a number of years. Tobacco leaves measuring four feet in length by three feet in breadth. Fruit not surpassed by any of the Southern States. Vegetables in abundance of all kinds. What doth hinder our land from being a Paradise.

Yours truly, X. Y. Z.



Kentucky Gazetteer and Business Directory For 1883-4, Volume IV,
R. L. Polk & Co. & A. C. Danser, Detroit, MI & Louisville, KY, 1883, p.590:

ROSINE. In Ohio county, on the C.,
O. & S. W. Ry, 12 miles east of Hartford,
the county seat, and 99 southwest of Lou-
isville. Contains a church and a steam flour
mill. Express, Southern. Population, 200.
Mail, daily. Leonard T. Cox, postmaster.

Cox J W, blacksmith.

Cox Leonard T, Druggist and Ex-
press Agent.

Crowder C G, hotel.

Iler H L, grocer.

Janes Samuel K, grocer.

Jarvis H, blacksmith.

Johnson George L, carpenter.

Lewis J W & Sons, flour mill.

Morgan S D, police judge.

Ragland M S, dry goods.

Raines N J, physician.

Raines V B, druggist.

Raley James & Son, general store and to-
bacco.

Taylor Rev James W (Methodist).

Vanort G R, hotel.

Wedding R R, attorney-at-law.

Wedding S J, physician.



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 14 April 1880, p.1:

Rosine Racket:

Editor Herald:

Rosine, once famous for immorality, drunkenness, rioting and even murder, has become equally famous for morality, sobriety, gentleness and a general good feeling among her citizens. We are not cognizant of the least antipathy existing among any of our citizens – each seems to be moving along attending to his or her own affairs. It is needless to say that under such circumstances we are prospering beyond our most sanguine expectations.

Six years ago Rosine (then Pigeon Roost) was struggling for existence and her appearance and surroundings were, by no means, very enviable, but now she rivals her most flourishing sister town.

The best mill on the line of the P. & E. Railroad is located here – we have four first class dry goods merchants, all doing an excellent business and selling goods as low as any retail store in the Green river country. We have two drug stores, conducted by first-class druggists, who keep a well selected stock of pure drugs of all kinds except whiskies, brandies, and such other drinks as are only fit to blunt the mortal sense, undermine the constitution and lay the foundation of untold misery, wretchedness and woe. The blacksmith's hammer rings from two different points and are

well wielded by men who know when and how to strike. The hotel is conducted on the latest improved style and two grocery men keep a large and well selected stock of the best groceries, besides we have several mechanics, such as wagon makers, plow stockers, painters, plasterers, stone and brick masons, mill-wrights, et cetera, also several school teachers, a preacher, lawyer, doctor and a big fat judge, all moving right along in peace and prosperity, Millwood's correspondent to the contrary notwithstanding. AGRICOLA.



Ohio County, KY 1880 Federal Census

The following merchants and professionals were listed as residing in or near the town of Rosine on 28-30 June 1880. Their age and profession are listed:

Brady, George L.	26	telegrapher		Morgan, Salathiel	31	school teacher
Bratcher, Amos	23	druggist		Otto, Edward	51	merchant
Bunch, G. T.	24	merchant		Pearce, Elisha F.	35	wagon maker
Campbell, Edward	58	saloon clerk		Ragland, Moses S.	36	merchant
Campbell, Robert	53	school teacher		Rains, Newton	32	medical doctor
Cox, Leonard T.	37	druggist		Rains, Van Buren	30	druggist
Day, Ellen	28	school teacher		Raley, David	26	merchant
Edomondson, Moses	44	r.r. section foreman		Raley, James	62	merchant
Fields, Robert W.	40	merchant		Raley, Timothy	24	town marshal
Gilstrap, Francis M.	41	grocer		Rogers, John B.	29	blacksmith
Hocker, David M.	29	school teacher		Sherman, John	35	blacksmith
Lewis, Henry W.	27	engineer		Stone, Moses	28	merchant
Lewis, John W.	62	miller		Taylor, James W.	50	minister
London, John	31	plasterer		Van Nort, Green B.	41	hotel keeper
Martin, John T.	25	merchant clerk		Wedding, Robert R.	26	school teacher
				Wise, Daniel	63	miller



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 25 October 1882, p3:

Fire in Rosine

Rosine was visited by a fire Saturday morning which destroyed almost the entire business portion of the town. In nearly every case the loss was total, or nearly so, and the amount of insurance was quite small. The fire was the work of an incendiary, as there had been no fire about any of the stores for several days, and none at all in the store of Raley & Son where the fire originated.

The following is a list of the buildings burned and the probable loss of the occupants:

Raley & Son, tobacco factory, vacant, and store, both buildings and the contents of the latter a total loss. Insurance small. Net loss, \$2,000. M. S. Ragland, tobacco factory, store and part of stock. No Insurance; loss \$2000. Frank Allen, store and contents, loss unknown. Rains Bros.' stock of drugs in same building, total loss. Rains Bros.' new store building, almost completed. H.

L. Iler, grocery store, total loss. Mr. Iler also had three hogs at the rear of the store which perished in the flames. Otto's dwelling and store and small stock of goods and S. K. Jones' grocery store and stock were totally consumed. The only buildings left in the portion of the town where the fire was are the two hotels, a saloon and a dwelling or two. A large quantity of staves and heading which were stacked in the street were burned up.



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 16 June 1886, p3:

OHIO COUNTY.

Facts and Figures From the Assessor's
Books --- An Interesting and Exact Description.

The County Clerk, Mr. T. J. Smith, has kindly put us in possession of the following summary from the Assessor's Books, which have Just been completed. We give the property of all kinds, and its value by precincts:

Rosine has 57,378 acres of land valued at \$211,380; 792 horses valued at \$39,200; 182 mules valued at \$11,190; 1,680 sheep valued at \$2,095; 1,841 hogs valued at \$2,285; 2,175 cattle valued at \$10,205; 19 stores valued at \$16,600; 340 carriages, &c., valued at \$445; total assessed value of personal property, excluding the value under the equalization law \$82,360, value under the equalization law, \$6,300; grand total assessed value \$330,040; 722 males over 21 years who pay poll tax, 779 legal voters, 1,208 children between 6 and 20 years of age, 1 white person who is deaf and dumb; 522,220 pounds of tobacco, 426 tons of hay, 78,780 bushels of corn, 4,836 bushels of wheat.



Kentucky Gazetteer and Business Directory For 1895-1896, R. L. Polk & Co. & A. C. Danser, Detroit, MI & Louisville, KY, 1895:

Rosine, Ohio County, on the C., O. & S. W. Ry., 12 miles east of Hartford, the county seat and bank location. Exp., Southern.

Crowder, L. P.,	confectioner
King, J. W. & Co.,	grocer
Ragland, J. M.,	grocer
Ragland, M. S. & Son,	general store
Watts, H. P.,	blacksmith



Ohio County, KY Deed Book 20, page 61:

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the town of Rosine, Ky., it was ordered that the incorporation of said town be extended and that the boundary be as follows: Beginning on the south west at junction of Pigeon Roost and Faughts Branch, thence a straight line east ward to J.

M. Holloways including him, thence a straight line to Mrs. Curleys including her, thence a straight line to sign board – directing to McDaniels mill, thence a straight line to J. W. Raglands including him, thence a straight line to Mrs. Cottons including her, thence to the place where John Satterfield lives on the Rail Road including him, thence a straight line to the beginning. This 4 May 1894.

M. S. Ragland chairman.

U. G. Ragland, town clerk.

A copy attest. W. P. Thomas chairman.

J. H. Ragland town clerk.

State of Kentucky, county of Ohio, Sct.

I, M. S. Eagland, clerk of the Ohio County court do certify that the foregoing extended boundary of the town of Rosine Ky., was this day lodged in my office for record, and that I have recorded it, the foregoing, and this certificate in my said office. Given under my hand, this 22 day of July 1899.

M. S. Ragland, O.C.C.C



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 29 August 1900, p.3:

Fire at Rosine

Almost the entire business portion of Rosine, this county, was destroyed by fire about 12 o'clock last Thursday night. The fire broke out in Marion Liken's store house, then being occupied by his family as a residence. Loss on house 1 and contents \$400 The fire quickly spread destroying the following property: C. W. Stewart, groceries and furniture, loss \$1,000; B. B. Collins vacant house loss \$300; Jonathan Raley store house occupied by B. P. Rial as saloon, \$500; B. P. Rial fixtures whisky &c., \$600; Masonic lodge building over the Raley store, \$350; M. S. Ragland & Son, general store, \$2,000. All the above was a total loss, as there was no insurance carried by any of the parties. Total loss \$5,150. We are informed that Lon Hull and Joe McDaniel were arrested charged with having set fire to the buildings but upon the examining trial they proved and alibi by showing that they were at J. A. McDaniels, Butler county, at the time the fire occurred. Hence they were promptly released.



Ohio County, Kentucky School Records, 1909-1913, Ohio County Genealogical Society, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 2004, pp.291-294:

Rosine School class of 1911-1912:

Parent or guardian	student	birthday
Robert & Sarah Goff	May Goff	Jan. 19, 1898
	Tyrom C. Goff	Oct 10, 1899
Chas. W. & Martha Royal	William E. Royal	Nov. 2, 1896
Steve & Elizabeth Kendoll	Thomas Kendoll	Aug. 21, 1900
Elizabeth Raymer	Ira W. Hazelip	Oct. 10, 1895

Gabrel B. & Cora Smith	Artie M, Hazelip Adnia Smith Gabrel B .Smith Nancy B. Smith	Dec. 23, 1897 Jan. 25, 1893 Sept. 20, 1900 May 3, 1903
Sarah Otto Worn & Sinie Evens	Jessie Smith Roy Evens Ray Evens	Aug. 10, 1902 Feb. 25, 1903 May 15, 1904
Sarah Aldridge Mary Ann Johnston Thomas Raymer Sidney C. & Dora Swift	Mary Aldridge Louis B. Johnston Claudie B. Johnston Hudson Swift Ruey Swift	Feb. 14, 1894 Mar, 8, 1897 June 27, 1903 Oct. 26, 1899 July 26, 1903
Robt. D. & Mable Culbertson	Tom P. Culbertson Johnnie Culbertson Birtha Culbertson Stelie McDaniel	Sept. 28, 1894 Nov. 28, 1896 Nov. 24, 1899 June 7, 1897
W. C. & Annie Earp Samial L. & Mary H. Basham	Russel Earp Andrew Basham Jessie Basham	Oct. 5, 1903 Sept. 28, 1893 Aug. 20, 1901
Jas. B. & Nannie M. Johnston	Cecil Cinclair Lucile Cinclair Mamie Leach	Jan. 27, 1892 Jan. 13, 1895 Nov. 13, 1903
John D. & Fannie Leach John & Flzie Pearce Chas. Johnston Thos. Peach Jas. B. & Ora Morris	Ever Pearce Lilie Johnston John Peach Effie Morris Vernie Morris	Feb. 20, 1899 Aug. 23, 1891 Aug. 17, 1897 Feb. 22, 1905 Apr. 2, 1903
Riley & Martha Hurt	Mosses Hurt Lillie Hurt Myrtle B. Hurt Ever Hurt Susan M. Hurt Tinsy Hurt	July 14, 1893 June 12, 1895 Aug. 6, 1897 Sept. 23, 1900 Apr. 19, 1902 May 16, 1904
J. H. & Elda M. Monroe	Lizette Pearce Kellie Pearce Nathan Monroe	Feb. 14, 1894 Mar. 10, 1896 Feb. 12, 1903
Justes & Leonie Matthews	Stella Matthews Tina Matthews Forest Matthews	Mar. 28, 1898 Mar. 12, 1900 Oct. 17, 1902
Hurmon Otto Ellen Allen Thorton & Canhadie Ragland Finley & Lula Nimmo John W. & Trude Wilson	Catie Otto Eugene Allen James Ragland Venam Nimmo Welca Wilson Valeria Wilson Honore Wilson	Sept. 1, 1892 July 24, 1897 Nov. 15, 1903 Sept. 15, 1904 Oct. 21, 1898 Sept. 3, 1900 June 16, 1902

	Schofield Wilson	Dec. 20, 1904
Geo.& Luly Kuykendoll	Wm. C. Kuykendoll	May 17, 1893
	Loney Kuykendoll	Feb. 14, 1904
Andrew & Rachel Alford	Duey Alford	Jan. 26, 1899
	NelieAlford	Oct. 14,1397
Pery & Lola Crowder	Loney Crowder	Feb. 24, 1893
Fletcher T. & Nancy Wilson	Wm. F. Wilson	Dec. 19, 1897
	Clara Wilson	Aug. 15, 1899
	Damom Wilson	Oct. 12, 1901
	Shelton Wilson	Sept. 13, 1903
Josia & Arzina Albin	Homer Albin	July 11, 1891
	Arana Albin	June 5, 1893
	Evert Albin	Sept 16, 1897
	Myrtie Albin	Nov. 11, 1904
Joshaway & Mary Pitman	Verdie M. Pitman	May 16, 1896
	Annie M. Pitman	Apr. 13, 1898
	Alice Pitman	Feb. 17, 1899
	Euliss Pitman	Oct. 15, 1903
Manford & Rosinnie Autry	Mary C. Autry	July 11, 1892
	Flora Autry	July 7, 1894
	Archa Autry	Nov. 3, 1896
	John Autry	Feb. 3, 1898
	Wavey Autry	Apr. 4, 1900
	Vechel Autry	Jan. 31, 1900
Tom H. & Artie Hines	Roy Hines	Mar. 23, 1895
	Clarence Hines	Jan. 20, 1899
	Ira Hines	Nov. 29, 1902
	Johnnie Hines	Feb. 1, 1905
Thos.& Minnie Ragland	Mary Ragland	Sept. 13,1901
	Jimmie Ragland	Oct. 21, 1903
John H. & Leona Ragland	Arthur Ragland	Mar. 6, 1902
	Harland Ragland	Dec. 11, 1904
	Icydeese Russell	May 3, 1896
Fred & Jane Baize	Jannie Baize	May 20, 1903
Jeff H. Ralph	Charlie Ralph	Sept. 1, 1904
John A. & Eliza Goodman	Myrtle Goodman	Oct. 18, 1899
	Girtrude Goodman	July 18, 1901
	Willie Goodman	May 2, 1903
Florence Clark	Norby Clark	June 28, 1894
	Jennie Clark	Mar. 24, 1896
	E. B. Clark	Feb. 28, 1898
	Lenor Clark	Oct. 18, 1900
	Sarah Clark	Dec. 3, 1902
Eugina Atchison	Golda Atchison	Dec. 13, 1893
	Rhoda Atchison	Mar. 15, 1896
	Ulissus Atchison	Sept. 3, 1899

	May Atchison	May 1, 1902
	Homer Atchison	July 11, 1904
Wm. Walter	Elmer Walter	Feb. 28, 1899
	Mamie Walter	Oct. 8, 1901
Robert Simpson	Nancy Simpson	Oct. 11, 1896
	Nora Simpson	Sept. 24, 1899
	Dewie Simpson	Jan. 24, 1903
	Glen Simpson	Oct. 2, 1904
Lee Raines	Maggie Hatler	June 9, 1895
	Beulah Raines	June 13, 1903



Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 1967:



“The Story of Rosine”, by Wendell Allen, was published in the Ohio County Times, weekly newspaper at Hartford, KY. It appeared in three parts – 23 November 1967, p.3 & 11; 30 November 1967, p.13; and 7 December 1967, p.3 & 15. The articles contained a detailed history of the Rosine community and multiple pictures of residents. Wendell Allen (1937-1999), of Rosine, was considered the unofficial mayor of Rosine. Over many years he was the voice, historian, advocate of Rosine. He wrote a Rosine newspaper community column and published numerous articles on the community.



Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 3 June 1971:



Charlie Monroe got his first glimpse of the new sign welcoming U.S. 62 travelers to Rosine after he assisted Jackie Ferguson in the special unveiling ceremony. The sign, which pays tribute to the Monroe brothers, was a project of the Rosine youth group.



The Paducah Sun, Paducah, KY, 29 July 1984, p.2E:

Bill Monroe's music keeps Rosine on map

By David McCormick, Associated Press Writer

ROSINE. Ky. — The blues weren't born in St. Louis any more than rock was born in Liverpool, but bluegrass was born right here.

On Jerusalem Ridge overlooking this Ohio County town of about 350 people, a boy named Bill Monroe grew up listening to his uncle saw the old mountain fiddle tunes, and soon learned to play them himself .

Years later, in the 1940s, Monroe incorporated that old-time string band sound in a music that people named after his band, the Blue Grass Boys.

If there, had been no Bill Monroe, there would be no bluegrass music, wrote folk music historian Bill Malone of Tulane University. Commonly thought of as a traditional music as old as the hills, bluegrass is considered the personal invention of Monroe, and was not widely heard until the early 1950s, making it the contemporary of rock 'n' roll.

Although he moved away in his youth and came back only to visit. Monroe wrote several tunes about the land and people. One of the best-known is about the man who inspired him to play music, Pendleton Vandiver, better known as the "Uncle Pen" of Monroe's song.

Vandiver's grave was given a special monument by Monroe in 1973, and has since become a sort of shrine to thousands of bluegrass fans who turn up here year after year to see where it all began.

"That's what helps keep us on the map," said the town's "un-elected mayor," Wendell Allen. "We don't have much to interest any tourists unless they're died-in-the-wool bluegrass fans."

Allen is a singer himself, and for the past 11 years has put on a small bluegrass festival in Rosine. This year's event begins Thursday and continues through Saturday night with five area bands.

Although there are people in Ohio County who don't know about Monroe and Rosine, packages of envelopes from all over the country are sent regularly to be postmarked from the home of bluegrass music.

Postmaster Vada Stogner lives on the old Monroe family farm and her husband owns Uncle Pens fiddle, but that's nothing special as far as she's concerned. "To me, he's not all that famous," she said.

Scarcely a week passes when Mrs. Stogner is not called upon to give directions to the home of Monroe's sister, Bertha, his last close relative here.

"The family's just about died out," said Allen. "Bill gets by here every now and then to visit the cemetery and stop by his sister's, but that's about it."

There are those here who feel Rosine's most famous son should do more for his hometown, and who resent the fact that visitors pay more attention to someone who left a half-century ago than to those who remain.

Monroe, 72, lives outside Nashville, Term. He has some land in Ohio County where he holds an annual bluegrass festival in August.

"You won't see a lot of people from Rosine going down there," Mrs. Stogner said.

Monroe, known as "the father of bluegrass music," not only developed this sound but taught it to such disciples as Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs who eventually became stars in their own right.

Two of Monroe's best-known songs were "Muleskinner Blues" and "Blue Moon of Kentucky."

Best known as a mandolin player, Monroe was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1970 and has played on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville since 1939.

Allen feels the Monroe legacy is something the town should be proud of.

"So many of the little towns like this have just been forgotten," he said. "Maybe the music will help keep us holding on here."

[This article was also published in several other Kentucky cities, including Bowling Green and Madisonville.]



Beaver Dam Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 18 September 1996

Rosine Cemetery

By Bobby Anderson

Rosine Cemetery, where Bluegrass legend Bill Monroe was laid to his final rest last week, had its beginning as a family burial place by the Ashford, Wilson and Hughes families in the post-Civil War era. These families pioneered the area even before it was known as Pigeon Roost Station.

John S. Ashford, who moved from Allen County, Kentucky to the area now known as Rosine in 1859, was the perhaps the first to be buried there, according to the writings of Jerry Long, an Ashford descendant, of Owensboro, Kentucky. Ashford's grave is marked only by a large cedar stump which stands near the middle of the cemetery. He was buried beneath a large cedar tree, which later was cut - but its venerable stump remains.

Three of Ashford's sons-in-law successively owned 75 acres along Pigeon Roost Creek. First to own the land was Robert McReynolds, who purchased it in 1854. In 1860, he sold the land to Meridith Hughes who in turn sold it to William Downs in 1869. Between 1869 and 1908, Downs and his wife, Martha Ashford Downs, sold 22 tracts from the farm, all lots which eventually led the formation of the town of Rosine.

Long wrote that in 1867, when John S. Ashford died, he was burned on the farm then owned by Meridith Hughes. His grave may be found near the center of the present-day cemetery surrounded by other Ashfords and members of his family, including the Hugheses and Wilsons. Ashford was the first buried in the cemetery – if not, then the first male, Long wrote that when Meridith Hughes wife, Sarah Ashford Hughes died between 1860 and 1867, she may have also been buried on the farm, and her father, John Ashford, beside her later in 1867,

John S. Ashford, who had been a successful farmer in Allen County, Kentucky, came to the area of present-day Rosine in 1859, possibly following his sons-in-law there, after they had married his daughters and left Allen County. His family was devastated during the Civil War with the deaths of two sons and the injury of another, William Henry and Jessie Ashford were killed in the battle of Shiloh in Tennessee and are buried on the battle grounds there. Another son, Joseph lost an arm in the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia. All were Union soldiers. Ironically, another son-in-law, Nimrod B. Wilson, fought for the Confederacy in the same war.

The oldest marked graves in the cemetery are those of John Ashford's descendants, including Meridith Wilson, a Civil War veteran, who married two of Ashford's daughters, Sarah and Cynthia; and Alonzo Wilson, the son of Nimrod B. Wilson, husband of Catherine Ashford. Catherine is also buried there.

An interesting connection between the Ashford family and the family of Bill Monroe is the marriage of Samuel Franklin Ashford and Mary Dick Monroe. Samuel was the son of John S. Ashford by his second marriage. Samuel first married Cynthia Ann Shroader [sic]. His second marriage was to Mrs. Monroe, the step-grandmother of the Father of Bluegrass, Bill Monroe.

Logie Anderson, the wife of the author, is the great-granddaughter of John S. Ashford, and the great-granddaughter of William Henry Ashford who was killed during the Civil War.

[See article, “Rosine Cemetery, Ohio County, KY”, by Jerry Long on the internet site, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy.]



Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 30 December 1999, p.1A:

Rosine loses a favorite
By Don Wilkins, Times-News

Wendell Allen spent his life loving two things—his parents and his hometown of Rosine. Although he never stopped loving either one, his life was cut short last Wednesday at Owensboro Mercy Hospital after battling cancer for nearly two years.

He was 62 years old.

Allen carried a constant torch for Rosine, promoting his town's history and rich musical heritage at any opportunity.

His tenacity even brought him the nickname "mayor of Rosine" for many years.

But it was September of 1998 that Allen officially became the honorary mayor of Rosine after a declaration by Judge-Executive Dudley Cooper.

"That was a happy day for Wendell," Cooper said. "Since he was already considered the mayor of Rosine, I thought it would be a nice tribute to him for all the hard work he had put in promoting Rosine."

Allen's dedication went beyond just being an ambassador to Rosine.

He was a singer, historian, writer and a surgical technician for 41 years.

For over 25 years, Allen kept his readers updated on the events in Rosine for the Ohio County newspapers.

"Wendell was a newspaper editor's dream," said Dave McBride, Times-News editor. "He was one of the most faithful news correspondents we had in advising his community."

Though he wrote alone for the majority of the years, he spent the last 10 years co-writing the Rosine News with Francis Harvey.

"I know he wrote the news even when he wasn't able to," Harvey said. "He knew how important it was to the people who lived outside the county."

Allen's passion for music also gave him a reputation for being a fine singer. He once performed in front of the ambassador of East Germany and the governor of Kentucky.

And instead of concentrating on his own church choir, he established the Rosine Area Community Choir that brought all of Rosine's faiths together under one singing voice.

His community pride ensured the small town of its Community Park, which hosted a festival in June and September for the last 26 years.

Magistrate Bill Burden said he saw the energy Allen put into the festivals because he always wanted everyone to have a good time.

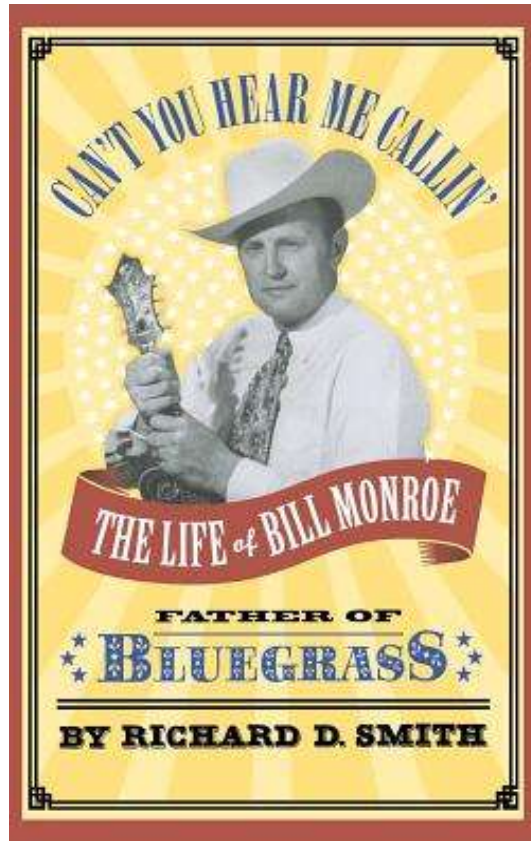
"He was so dedicated to that park and those festivals," Burden said. "Even with the cancer, he was out there working telling me, 'Bill, I've just got to keep going.' That was Wendell's life to see those festivals happen. It's sad to lose a man like him because he always tried to see that Rosine got everything it deserved."

Except for the one year Allen lived in New Orleans, he called Rosine home and lived with both parents before his father, Stanley, died in 1998.

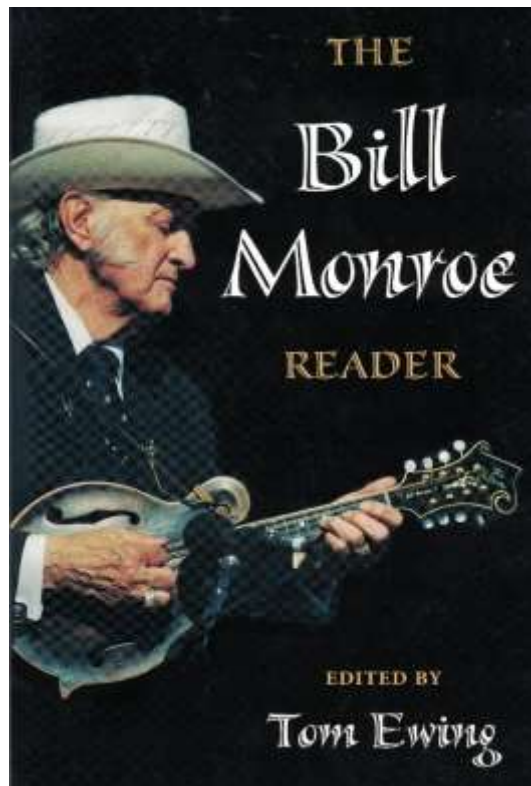
Allen retired. From Owensboro Mercy in April to spend more time at home with his mother, Loretta, and concentrate on his health.

Loretta Allen said her son lived life to the fullest and only wanted what was best for Rosine. "Wendell loved his community and worked for it," she said. "In many ways, Wendell was Rosine."





Book published in 2000



Book published in 2006



Illinois Central Railroad depot in Rosine, 1917



Illinois Central Railroad tunnel at south edge of Rosine



Rosine post office



Rosine General Store and Barn added to the National Register on 1 August 2003; picture from Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 14 January 2004, p1A.



Woosley's General Store in Rosine at intersection of Highways 62 & 1544. Operated by Edith & Everett Woosley from 1944 until 1989. It was the center piece of the Rosine community. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. Highway 1544 is on the left and on opposite side of 1544 and down about a block is the Rosine Cemetery. Picture was taken by Jerry Long on 23 April 1980.



Rosine Barn Jamboree



Bill Monroe Museum opened in Rosine in April 2018



Rosine United Methodist Church



Monument honoring Bill Monroe, father of bluegrass music, in the Rosine Cemetery



Uncle Pen's Memorial in Rosine Cemetery erected by his nephew, Bill Monroe, in 1973



Grave of Wendell C. Allen, honorary mayor of Rosine in the Rosine Cemetery



Graves of two of the many veterans buried in the Rosine Cemetery – Wesley P. Phelps (1923-1944), World War II hero, who was awarded the US Congressional Medal of Honor; and Joseph Melvin Ashford (1839-1904), Union soldier during the Civil War; who lost his right arm during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in 1864; two of his brothers, William Henry & Jesse Ashford were killed during the Battle of Shiloh in 1862. Prior to the birth of Rosine the cemetery was the Ashford family burial ground.



My connection to Rosine

I was born and reside in Owensboro, KY about thirty miles from Rosine. My father, Mitchell C. Long, was born in 1925 along the Vine Hill Road a short distance outside of Rosine. In official records his birthplace is recorded as Rosine, KY. Numerous relatives of my dad lived in the Rosine community. My grandparents, Benjamin F. & Anna Mae Long, owned a farm off of the Halls Creek Road about two miles north of Rosine. Growing up for many years my family visited them on their farm every two weeks. During the summers my brother and I lived on the farm. My great-great-grandparents, Benjamin F. & America Long, at the time of the 1880 federal census were living at Rosine. My grandmother's parents, Joseph Benjamin & Hester Ann (Ashford) Young; grandparents, Joseph Melvin & Thenie Ann (Watson) Ashford; and great-grandfather, John S. Ashford, are buried in the Rosine (Ashford) Cemetery.

– Jerry Long



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- Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 28 September 1967, p.11 – picture of Rosine school class of 1913
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- Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 13 September 1973, p.2 – “History Shows Community Boomed At Turn Of Century”, town of Rosine
- Ohio County News, 13 September 1973, p.1 – “Rosine Centennial, Monroe Homecoming begins Today”; and p. 8 “One Hundred Years of Rosine Relived”
- Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, 13 September 1973, p.8 – “A Monroe Brother comes home to Jerusalem Ridge”, by James Hines; picture of Monroe home near Rosine
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- Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, 16 January 1975, p.9 – “Rosine post office 103 years old today”, by Wendell Allen
- Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 10 July 1975, p.15 – group picture at Rosine railroad tunnel
- Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, 2 October 1975 – “One of Bluegrass’ greats: Charlie Monroe died at age of 72”
- Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 2 October 1975 – “Famed Bluegrass Music Star Charlie Monroe Dies Saturday” and “Charlie Monroe Remembered By Bluegrass Music Fans”, by Wendell Allen
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- Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 15 January 1976, p.11 and Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 16 January 1976, p.10 – “13 Postmasters Serve Rosine During Post Office’s 104 Years”
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 9 April 1979, p.1C – “A man for the woods... Jim Hines still building onto ‘writing place’”, by Laurie Watson
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- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 16 December 1979, p.1E – “Rosine keeping time with bluegrass”, by Keith Lawrence
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- Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 22 May 1980, p.2 – Wesley Phelps, Medal of Honor recipient, marker erected in the Rosine Cemetery; and 29 May 1980, p.1 – Tribute to Rosine hero Wesley Phelps
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 29 August 1980, p.1C – “Ramblin’ man ... Tex Atchison made music, history with fiddle”, by Keith Lawrence; Atchison grew up outside of Rosine on a farm adjoining the Monroe family; Atchison was a pioneer in the western swing movement of country music
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- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 21 August 1981, p.1D – “Fiddling fame: Tex Atchison’s strings find home in Nashville Hall of Fame”, by Keith Lawrence
- Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 28 August 1981, p.11 – Tex Atchison fiddle donated to Country Music Hall of Fame Museum; picture of him holding fiddle
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- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 7 August 1985, p.1C – “Rosine ‘Mayor’ turns in key to city: Unofficial Administrator of community leaving hometown for job in New Orleans”, Wendell Allen, age 48, credited with creating Rosine Community Park in 1976
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 13 October 1985, p.1E – “Friendly Sorts: Postmasters make post offices more than a place to buy stamps”, by Joe Adams; picture of Vada Stogner, Rosine postmaster
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- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 21 July 1988, p.6B – Wendell Allen gives talk on history of Rosine at meeting of Ohio County Historical Society
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 26 January 1989 – “Rosine personals”: Mrs. Edith Woosley has retired and the Woosley’s General Store is now being operated by Hoyt & Eleanor Bratcher
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- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 11 May 1990, p.1D – “Rosine roads honor Bill Monroe”, by Steve Thomas
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 28 May 1991, p.1 – “Rosine honors medal winner”, by Tracy L. McQueen; Wesley P. Phelps
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 27 November 1991 – “PBS sets Rosine filming”
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 16 April 1992, p.11A – “History uncovered at Rosine”, by Wendell Allen; stone walk is uncovered in Rosine; the stones, some large, others small, and various shapes, were, as local historians tell, put down by prisoners housed in the Rosine town lockup as means of paying their fines. The stones were washed and smooth by the gentle flowing, sometimes raging waters of the Pidgeon Roost Creek, better known locally as the Rosine Branch which formed the southern borderline of the Rosine city limit. The stone walk is found in what was the center of the business district and believed to have been placed in the 1870s and 1880s, possibly later. The walkway stretched for two blocks on the east side of McHenry Street, all along Front Street, across

from the railroad, and on the west side of McLeod Street. At the intersection of the street stepping stones were placed to allow ladies, and gentlemen too, to cross the street without getting their feet muddy. Wagons and buggy wheels could cross between the stones. An early real estate drawing of the Illinois Central railroad shows the stone sidewalks along Front Street, the lockup, hotel, depot, pool hall and other businesses fronting the railroad from Amelia Street to McLeod. In August of 1900 fire broke out destroying all businesses on Front Street except the post office. Water from the public well was not enough to put out the fire. One block of stones was uncovered Saturday. The remainder on McHenry Street will come later. Townsfolk hope a historical marker can be erected along this historical spot in Rosine as well as obtaining an ordinance to protect the remaining stones from being disturbed or moved. The stone walk on McHenry Street is about four feet wide with a stone edging next to the street. Rosine was one of 80 sites across Kentucky chosen to be included in televised Bicentennial Moments during the state's celebration. Rosine, its people, musical heritage and contribution to the history of Kentucky has been captured on film in two documentary films to be released, and the stone sidewalks received attention in the film making.

- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 22 October 1992, p.2B – “Rosine happenings”, 30-minute documentary film, “Rosine – The Legacy of Uncle Pen”, aired on KET network
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 25 January 1993 – Rosine community column: There was a Catholic Chapel in Rosine during the 1940s. Located in a room in the home of the late W. H. (Uncle Bill) Pierce, the chapel served as a church home for the few members of the Catholic faith who lived in the Rosine area. At that time, the only Catholic Church in Ohio County was St. John's, located on the Sulphur Springs Road just south of Hwy. 69. Each Tuesday evening the pastor of St. John's came to Rosine; and during summers, a week of evening missionary services were held in the yard next to Uncle Bill's Store. Uncle Bill Pierce had a dream of larger, more conveniently located Catholic Church in Ohio County. Approximately one year prior to his death in 1967, Uncle Bill was able to see the fulfillment of his dream when he was among the persons who broke ground for the building of the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Beaver Dam. (Uncle Bill Pierce was called Uncle Bill by most of the people who knew him. He was, however, a great-uncle to the writer, Frances J. Harvey, of this week's Rosine column, the brother of her paternal grandmother, Agnes Cordelia Pierce Johnson.
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 11 February 1993 – Rosine community column: Here's some more history of Rosine - A question: What did Lee Cannon, Tom Allen, Talton Embry, and L.P. Crowder have in common? They each operated a drug store at Rosine, but not at the same time. Rosine over the years had a dozen or more doctors. The last practicing in Rosine was Dr. Newt Rains. He passed away February 13, 1929. Dr. Rains is buried at nearby Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Grace (Maze) Pharris, a niece of Dr. Rains, has Dr. Rains's office ledger.
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 4 March 1993 – Rosine community column: On 9 September 1892 Elizabeth Frances Carter, 66, of Rosine, made application for a pension. The application shows that she was employed as a nurse by Andrew Johnson, Military Governor of Tennessee. Honorably discharged from the U.S. military after serving three years and six months in 1865, she enrolled as an Army nurse in April, 1862, and was commissioned by Andrew Johnson. Andrew Johnson of Tennessee was a representative, senator, vice president and president of the United States. On 4 March 1862, he was

appointed by President Abraham Lincoln, the Military Governor of Tennessee, and this is where Elizabeth Frances Carter of Rosine became connected with once President Andrew Johnson. Miss Carter, on 24 March 1893, made inquiry again of her pension. Later in 1893 she died. Who was Elizabeth Frances Carter 1826-1893?

- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 8 April 1993 – “Rosine’s Ole Barn”, by Frances Harvey”, currently the ole barn in Rosine is the home of the Ole Barn Jamboree that is held each Friday night, it was built in late 1940s
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 10 June 1993, p.12 B – “Veterans honored at Rosine Cemetery”, 79 veterans were honored, including: Howard Campbell, USN, who was killed while aboard ship in 1937; Harlan Logsdon, US Army, who drowned during training at Fort Knox in 1941; Wesley Phelps, USMC, who was killed in action during the Battle of Peliliu Island in 1944 and was awarded the Medal of Honor, posthumously, in 1946; Onis Rains, US Army, who was killed in action in France in 1945; Manford D. Stewart, US Army, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1967; and, Meredith Hughes, Civil War veteran, who was the first veteran buried in Rosine Cemetery, in 1867
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 2 September 1993 – picture of Rosine grade school class of 1940-1941, grades 1 to 4
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 2 September 1993 – picture of Rosine school class of 1940-1941, grades 5 to 8
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 11 November 1993 – Rosine community column: here is this week's note on Rosine history. W.P. (Uncle Billy) Thomas, teacher and businessman of Rosine, served as deputy sheriff of Ohio County under John Sept Moseley. In 1867 Mose Ragland came to Rosine, engaged in leaf tobacco and general trading. He owned the Ragland Tobacco Warehouse at Rosine. He was elected Ohio County Court Clerk. He is buried in Rosine Cemetery. The last police judge for Rosine was W.C. Earp, a cousin of the famous lawman Wyatt Earp. He too is buried in Rosine cemetery. He was appointed Rosine police judge on November 18, 1907.
- Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 26 January 1994, p.14 – “Rosine television documentary premieres”, on January 19 on WKPC-TV, Louisville
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 17 February 1994 – Rosine community column: On February 18, 1868, 126 years ago next Friday, deeds for a railroad right-of-way through Ohio County were recorded in the Ohio County Clerk's office at Hartford. While researching old deeds for another subject, we recently discovered one of the railroad right-of-way deeds that related to Rosine. The deed read as follows - "The undersigned do hereby grant, convey and release to the Elizabeth Town and Paducah Rail Road Company sixty-six feet (or so much as may be necessary within the provisions of the charter of said company) through our lands and towns or city lots respectively, for the cite and route of said Elizabethtown and Paducah Rail Road in consideration of the construction of said road through our lands, and the benefit we will derive from its being so constructed. Witness under my hand this 18th day of February, 1868. Wm. H. Pearce." There are certain to be several more deeds regarding property in Rosine among these deeds for the railroad right-of-way. This is, however, the only deed that we saw since we were only looking at deeds for Pearce! Pierce properties. Many readers of this column will remember W.H. Pierce, known to most people as "Uncle Bill", who operated a grocery store in Rosine during the 1930s, 1940s and early 1950s. The Wm. H. Pearce who helped to get a railroad built

through this area by giving a little of his land as part of the right-of-way was Uncle Bill Pierce's uncle for whom he was named.

- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 9 June 1994 – picture of Rosine’s baseball team, Redlegs, who played on field on Highway 62 west of Rosine
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 22 September 1994, p.14B – “Biography of honor medal winner”, by Kenneth D. Fryer; biography of Private First Class Wesley Phelps, US Marine Corps Reserve, recipient of our nation’s highest award for Bravery, The Medal of Honor; killed in action during the Battle for Peleliu Island on 4 October 1944; his remains were interred in the Rosine Cemetery in November 1948
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 20 July 1995, p.5A – “Rough River Ripples”, by Dorothy Gentry; old original walkway on McHenry Street to Front Street in Rosine is uncovered
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 4 January 1996 – Rosine community column: No doubt there are several in Rosine who won't know three cemeteries existed in Rosine. One, a private family plot, the Otto cemetery was located near the end on the left of the road leading up to the railroad. The other was the Faught cemetery, a resting place for some early Rosine families. Leaving town west, motorists cross Faught's creek and the cemetery is at the top of the hill, corner up from what once was home for the Rosine baseball team. Then there is the present Rosine cemetery, first referred to as the Ashford cemetery where burials take place today.
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 11 January 1996 – Rosine community column: Rosine town boundaries is the history for this week. Street layouts are well defined and recorded in Deed Book X, page 166 at the courthouse. West boundary is Faught’s Creek back of the cemetery, south under Highway 62 the P&LRR to Pidgeon Roost Creek-East as the stream flows under Mt. Pleasant Road & railroad along a tributary that flows along east boundary of old Rosine ball park connecting eventually to 4th St.-then 5 blocks in length-then 5 blocks in length-now only 2. Northern limit was north of cemetery. All trets within these limits were 5 Cocks long each direction along Tremont & Myrtle, east of present Baptist Church, not developed. McLeod street when drawn crossed the railroad & connected to Bluff street on the south of town. We trust our readers enjoy knowing this about Rosine, especially our young at Rosine.
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 28 March 1996 – picture of Bettha Monroe Kurth in front of Rosine United Methodist Church sign; church was established in 1889
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 12 September 1996, p.1A – “Bill Monroe was county native son: A living legend dies” and “Bill Monroe dies September 9 in Springfield, Tennessee”, by Wendell Allen
- Beaver Dam Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 18 September 1996 – “Rosine Cemetery”, by Bobby Anderson; Rosine Cemetery began as the Ashford family cemetery
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 19 September 1996, p.1A & 8A – ”A Grateful farewell”, funeral of Bill Monroe
- Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 15 January 1997 – “Rosine Post Office celebrates 125 years”, by Wendell Allen
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 16 January 1997 – “Rosine Post Office celebrates 125 years”, by Wendell Allen
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 18 January 1997, p.1C – “Rosine Post Office Anniversary: For 125 years, office has delivered more than mail”, by John Martin

- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 27 March 1997 – The first school at Rosine opened April 1, 1876, 121 years ago this Monday, April 1, 1997. The first school was located at the west corner of McLeod and Third Streets. School at Rosine was one of the last to close when consolidation came. The school had two large rooms with upper and lower classes separated by a folding partition; a lunch room and held graduation for eighth grade students, complete with caps and gowns, just like high school. School at Rosine ended June 6, 1965. This photo, a replica of how the school appeared at closing, is courtesy of Wendell Allen of Rosine.
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 1 May 1997, p.1A – “Monroe’s final honor”, monument in Rosine Cemetery unveiled
- Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 13 August 1997 – Rosine community column: Green Berry Van Nort located at Rosine in 1871, operated the Van Nort Hotel, next to the railway station; after he stopped operating the hotel Slats Morgan took over & renamed it The Summit
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 19 March 1998 – Rosine community column: an undertaker shop at Rosine was operated by Pressley Likens. The business was located on Front Street that runs parallel of the railroad and was the second building from the corner of Front and McLeod Streets where Andrew Alford ran a store, next was a store operated by Uncle Bill Pierce, which burned in 1937 and he relocated on the highway where the Rosine post office site is. The undertaker shop was housed where Pauline Davis presently resides. The Likens undertaker business provided needs for the deceased other than caskets, some of which were stored in the rear of Uncle Bill Pierce's store, said Golda Johnson Ruby of Rosine. Eight-six year old Ruby (Stewart) Gray of Hartford recalled Pressley Likens and his business as a young girl at Rosine. After the undertaker shop closed, Russell Earp operated a pool hail in the building. Golda Ruby recalled going to a silent movie there. Silent movies first came to Rosine in 1915, according to the late Mayme Crowder Embry. After the Earp pool hail closed, Osiah Taylor opened a grocery there. Al part of the great history of a once booming mercantile center.
- Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 29 April 1998, p.11 – picture “Rosine - Fashion At The Turn Of The Century - What must have been the fashion about 1900 is being worn by Mrs. Lou (Tilford) Stewart, seated, and her daughter, Pearl. Mrs. Stewart was a sister of Mrs. Fannie Leach, wife of John Leach, who operated a general store at Rosine for many years at the corner of Front and McHenry streets, which stands today. The original building constructed of logs from the John Leach farm was brought to the site by the late Less Probus with a team of mules. Photo courtesy of Wendell Allen, Rosine.
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 30 April 1998 – Rosine community column: Rosine was founded a railroad town -- a mercantile center for the surrounding territory. Freight, mail and passengers arrived and left by train. There was no highway. Passenger service ended after 88 years in 1958. In 1941 six passenger trains of the Illinois Central railroad came through Rosine with only the two local trains, No. 122 and No. 125 stopping. These two trains were then discontinued, leaving the "fast trains", No. 101, No. 102, No. 103, and No. 104. The last passenger train to stop at Rosine was No. 101, "The City of New Orleans" southbound in 1954 to let passenger Irma Havens Phelps off. IC trains No. 103 south and No. 104 north, the "Irvin S. Cobb", continued until 1958 when all service ended -- a sad day in Rosine history.

- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 3 September 1998, p.10A – “Rosine to celebrate 125 years”
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 17 September 1998 – Wendell Allen made official honorary mayor of Rosine
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 4 March 1999 – Rosine community column: the Illinois Central railroad in Rosine had a curve midway and was at the top of a three-mile hill heading from to Horse Branch. The walls and roof of the first tunnel were of wood, which often caught fire from sparks from the old steam engines. In later years the structure was bricked and concrete reinforced; but on March 6, 1902, a big landslide was about to happen. Fifty or more men were working frantically when a huge rock estimated to weigh four to five tons came thundering down crushing Granville Maiden, Tommy Dobbs, and a black man called "Spider". Charlie Talley was the IC section foreman at. Lee Jones was a member of the work crew.
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 19 April 1999, p.1B – “Lil’ Country Store”, by Kim Stacy; Willis & Ramona Goff acquired the Bratcher’s Market in Rosine in August 1997 and reopened it as the Rosine General Merchandise next to the Rosine Barn
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 29 July 1999 – Rosine community column: on 24 July 1940 the Rosine Grade School opened in a new building built to replace one destroyed by fire; the school was closed in the spring of 1965; it is now a private residence
- Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 29 December 1999, p.1 – “Allen loses 2-year battle with cancer”, Wendell Allen
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 30 December 1999, p.1A, 2A, 16A & 20A – “Rosine loses a favorite” and “Allen’s name a Rosine staple”, both articles by Don Wilkins, Wendell C. Allen, 62, unelected mayor of Rosine, died 22 December 1999
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 30 December 1999, p.7A – editorial, “Two local people provided lessons on life: Allison Williams, Wendell Allen both had impact on people’s hearts”
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 16 July 2001, p.1B – Our People: Wilma Hutchings: Bill Monroe’s biggest booster shares his passion for Rosine”, by David Blackburn; Hutchings lobbied to get the stretch of US Highway 62 renamed “Blue Moon of Kentucky Highway” n honor of Bill Monroe
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 28 February 2002, p.5B – “Rosine Happenings”, by Frances Harvey; recollections of Rosine by Rosine native , Wilma Johnson Hutchings of Louisville
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 12 August 2002, p.1B – “Crossroads: Woosley boosts bluegrass music, Rosine with the Barn”, by David Blackburn; Edith Woosley ran the Rosine General Store for 45 years
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 5 September 2002 – picture of Rosine school class of 1954-1955
- Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 6 August 2003, p.11 – “Frances Harvey works hard to promote Rosine community”, by Sam Ford
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 9 October 2003 – picture of Rosine school class of 1932-1933, grades 1 to 4
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 23 October 2003, p.1C – picture of Rosine Elementary school class of 1930

- Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 14 January 2004, p.1A – “Two Rosine sites now added to National Register”, by Sam Ford; in 2003 the Rosine General Store and the Rosine Barn were added to the National Register of historic places
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 15 July 2004 – picture of Rosine school class of 1930
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 5 August 2004 – picture of Rosine school class of 1932-1933, grades 5 to 8
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 9 September 2004, p.4C – picture of Rosine Community Park circa 1980
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 13 January 2005, p.16B – “Rosine Post Office receives name change”, renamed Bill Monroe Post Office
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 24 August 2005, p4B – “Rosine post office renamed in honor of Bill Monroe”, by Adrienne Steinfeldt
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 15 September 2005, p.2A – Rosine General Store reopens on September 2
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 1 December 2005, p.10B – “Rosine Society News”, by Frances Harvey & Selena Gilstrap; Rev. Everett Woosley purchased the what became the Woosley General Store building in 1943 from the widow of Mr. Jett Carter. Mr. Carter built the store, circa 1927, and operated a store there until his death. The Woosleys ran the store from 1944 until 1989. The building, still owned by Mrs. Woosley, has housed a general store, except for a few months, since it was built. Other general store operators in the building included Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt (Eleanor) Bratcher, the late Mr. and Mrs. Willis (Pal and Ramona) Goff, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn (Vivian) Taylor and the late Carroll Howard and his daughter, Juajuana. While the Woosleys operated the store, there was a time that the building also housed a barber shop and the Rosine Post Office. The late Robert Burden was the barber and the late Boyce Taylor was the postmaster. The only time that the store building was used for other than a general store was in the very early 1940s. The late Veachel Autry I operated a poolroom in the building for about two months.
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 1 June 2006, p.1A – “Rosine dedicates veterans’ monument”, just above the Rosine Barn on Kentucky Highway 62
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 29 April 2007, p.1G – “Homemade Jam: Rosine’s Old Barn almost as famous as musical legend who played there”, by Leigh Ann Tipton
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 15 November 2007, p.1A & 2A – “Honor Guard carries Phelps’ name proudly”, by Don Wilkins, Kentucky historical highway marker honoring World War II hero, Wesley Phelps, was dedicated in Rosine on 11 November 2007
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 20 December 2007, p.8A – “Rosine Society News”: there are copies of some written works of Rosine native, James Hines, in the archives at the Daviess County Library in Owensboro [these were collected and organized into four hard-bound volumes by Jerry Long, of the Kentucky Room at the library; some collected works of James Hines are also found at the Western Kentucky University Library and the University of Kentucky Library]
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 17 January 2008, p.1A – “Veterans wall being added to Rosine park”, by Bonnie Hayse
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 22 May 2008, p.1A – “Rosine dedicates veterans wall”

- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 31 July 2013, p.5B – “Rosine Happenings”, by Frances Harvey; In 1868, the Paducah & Elizabethtown Railroad Company received a charter to build a railroad through Ohio County, including what is now known as the Rosine area. Early settlers in the area were called upon to give portions of their land for a right-of-way on which to build the railroad. These landowners, ancestors of many Rosine area people, gave the land for a right-of-way free of charge. The railroad was established circa 1870. Persons giving Paducah & Elizabethtown Railroad right-of-ways included William H. Pearce (old spelling), William Arnold, Abraham Kirkendale, John Ferguson, Samuel Ferguson, William Faught, H. H. Wilson, William H. Miller, W. P. Downs, John Benton, Henry Thomson, Job S. Arnold, Isaac Bratcher and others. Copies of the right-of-way deeds are on file in the Ohio County Clerk's office. Some of the copies are hardly legible and some are illegible due to old-time methods of copy.
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 30 April 2014 – picture of Rosine school class of 1930
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 18 March 2015 – picture of Rosine school class of 1948-1949, grades 4 to 8
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 12 August 2015 – picture of Rosine General Merchandise store
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 1 May 2017, p.1C – “Kravets repurposing Woosley General Store”, by Suzie Bartholomy; Sam Kravets is renting former store and hopes to turn it into a museum
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 5 July 2017 – “Woosley General Store grand opening this weekend”, by Seth Dukes
- Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 1 August 2018, p.2A – “Community Highlights – Rosine”, 6 pictures
- Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 6 August 2018, p.1B – “New museum honors life of Monroe”, by Steve Vied; Bill Monroe Museum opened in April across the street from the Rosine Barn Jamboree

