Virginia Ferguson Davis
(1912-2014)

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Virginia Clay Ferguson Davis

March 29, 1912 — May 14, 2014

Virginia Clay Ferguson Davis passed away Wednesday, May 14, 2014. She was born March 29, 1912 in Island, KY to William Clayton and Ethel Mae (Stewart) Ferguson of McLean and Muhlenberg counties. She had been a resident of Calhoun, KY for over 66 years until August of 2005.

She is survived by daughter Beverly Hicklin and son Samuel L. Davis (Shirley); grandchildren, Polly H. Foreman (Jeffrey Wann) and Timothy R. Davis (Denise); great-grandchildren, Claire and Aidan Wann, Hudson, Mason, Bryson and Abigail Davis; nieces, Sharron Ferguson Pickett (Joel) and Jacqueline Ferguson Ashby (Charles); and several cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Wendell Davis, brother Samuel Sherman Ferguson and son-in-law Charles W. (Wes) Hicklin.

Virginia retired from the Selective Service Program in 1973. She enjoyed hobbies of painting, genealogy and sharing her knowledge of the history of McLean County, Ky. It was an honor to her to be named McLean County Historian. She was co-editor of the McLean County Pictorial History published in 1992. She was a member of Capt. William Rowan Chapter NSDAR, Mollie Morehead Chapter 2605 UDC (charter member), Kentucky Genealogical Society, West Central Kentucky Family Research Association and life member of McLean County History and Genealogy Museum.

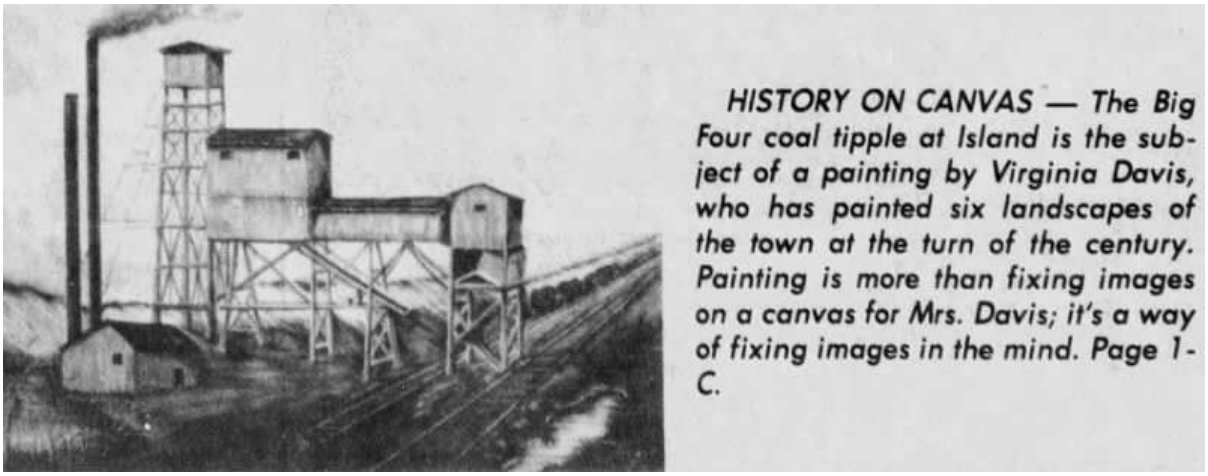
She was a member of Calhoun Baptist Church. She had been in past years the Church Historian, a class officer and served on numerous church committees.

Graveside services will be 11:30 am Eastern Time/10:30 am Central Time at Calhoun Cemetery in Calhoun, KY.

Memorials may take form of contributions to Calhoun Cemetery Beautification Fund, c/o Winfred Williams, P.O. Box 201 Calhoun, KY 42327.

Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, McLean County, KY

<u>Messenger-Inquirer</u>, Owensboro, KY, Monday, 20 April 1981, p.1A:



HISTORY ON CANVAS — The Big Four coal tipple at Island is the subject of a painting by Virginia Davis, who has painted six landscapes of the town at the turn of the century. Painting is more than fixing images on a canvas for Mrs. Davis; it's a way of fixing images in the mind. Page 1-C.

<u>Messenger-Inquirer</u>, Owensboro, KY, Monday, 20 April 1981, p.1C:

History on canvas . . .

Woman's paintings show Island as it was

By Mason Smith, Messenger-Inquirer

Virginia Davis

CALHOUN – Painting is more than fixing images on a canvas for Virginia Davis.

It's a way of fixing images in the mind.

"I just thought that so many of the historical buildings in Island (where she grew up) are gone now."

So she has made six oil-on-canvas paintings of Island – or rather landscapes of how Island was around the turn of the century.

Most of the landmarks are either gone or soon to be demolished.

There's a picture of the old main street – complete with wagon tracks up the middle and stepping stones across the mud. She painted the scene from an enlarged photograph made in 1906.

It looks a lot like Dodge City from "Gunsmoke." The street burned in 1927.

Mrs. Davis said quick action by a telephone operator probably saved the rest of the town. Esther Carter (who still lives in Island) pulled a telephone from the office wall and hurriedly gave it to a lineman, J.D. McAfee, who tied into the main line to Central City and called for help.

There's a painting of the old Island elementary school. "I painted that from memory," she said. "All the rest were painted from photos or records of some kind, but I couldn't find anything about the old school."

The school stood in a grove of trees, and all the class pictures from those days were made in front of the neighboring Island Baptist Church.

She has painted the railroad station where Island students used to ride to school. The Louisville and Nashville Railroad ran several passenger trains a day between Owensboro and Russellville; students rode three miles up to Livermore High School on the 9:04 and came home on the 5:15, she said.

In the background is a miniature of the old frame post office. The clerk here was a dwarf who used to stand on a stool to reach customers at the window, Mrs. Davis said.

Also in the background, up the tracks from the station, is the old Island bridge.

"This is the only landmark that's still standing," she said. "But they're talking about replacing it soon." The bridge is important enough for a separate painting.

And there's a painting of the Big Four coal tipple.

"I'm 69 and one month old," Mrs. Davis said. "And the coal company began one year before I was born." Her father was a partner in the now defunct company, she said.

Mrs. Davis began painting as a hobby in 1973. She works in a spare bedroom in her brick home on Calhoun's main street.

"I've never had a drawing lesson in my life," she said. "Some of the (sketching) on these took a lot of work.

"I must have drawn the octagon thing (the vestibule) on the church five times before I got it right."

The paintings will go on display from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday in the city-county Multipurpose Building in Calhoun, Mrs. Davis said.

After that, they will be displayed in the First Security Bank of Island.

"I guess my favorite is the painting of the church. That church and the one here in Calhoun are the only two I've ever belonged to," she said.

There are a lot of memories in these paintings, Mrs. Davis said.

Downtown Island in 1906 as portrayed by Virginia Davis

<u>McLean County News</u>, Calhoun, KY, Thursday, 20 March 1986, p.12;

Island... history of community compiled

Submitted by Virginia Ferguson Davis Route 1 Calhoun, KY

"An Island With no Water in Sight" might describe this eight square mile tract of land first called Worthington.

William Worthington, a son of Robert Worthington of Worthington's Marsh in Berkeley County, Virginia, was born 1 May 1761, Frederick County, Virginia, a few miles from the site of Charles Town, West Virginia. He moved with his parents to Westmoreland County Pennsylvania about 1769. On the 4th of June 1781 he volunteered to serve on an expedition against the

Northwestern Indians under George Rogers Clark, and was captured below the mouth of the Miami River. He remained a prisoner of war until his escape from an from an Island in the St. Lawrence and made his way through enemy territory and after many hardships arrived home in Westmoreland County in December 1782. He married Mary Meason (Mason) shortly after his return to Pennsylvania and remained in Westmoreland County until February of 1786 when the family began the migration of Kentucky. They arrived at Fort Vienna (now Calhoun) in March of that year and remained in the area about 13 years, then moved about 10 miles up stream on the south side of Green River, Muhlenberg County, (now McLean County) where he accumulated several large tracts of land. He was appointed Circuit Court Judge of Muhlenberg County in 1803 and served in the legislature from 1812 to 1826.

In 1829 William Worthington was appointed postmaster of the Worthington Post office located in his home, Muhlenberg County, (now McLean County). His son-in-law, William Kincheloe, was appointed postmaster 5th October 1836. (Ref. Listing of Muhlenberg County Post offices and report from GSA Records Service, Washington, D.C.)

On the 25th of August 1827, Mrs. Mary Worthington died and was buried in the orchard near her home (property now owned by H.I. Eaton). About 1845 Judge Worthington moved to Point Worthington, plantation in Mississippi owned by one of his sons, and a few years later died there on the 5th of June 1848. His body was packed in salt and shipped by boat to his old home in Kentucky, where he had spent more than 60 years of his life, and was there buried by the side of this wife. Two stone-walled graves, each covered with a marble slab, (now destroyed) marked the last resting place of the judge and his wife. On one was carved, "Wm. Worthington, Died June 5, 1848 aged 87 years." – on the other, "Mary Worthington, Died August 25, 1827, aged 66 years."

The writer and several residents of Island remember these graves being located at the rear of the old Elementary School in the town of Island. Worthington Post Office was moved near Point Pleasant in McLean County about 1856 (McLean County being created in 1854) and operated as such until it was discontinued November 1, 1860. Mail and freight at that time arrived by boat via Humphrey's Landing and Point Pleasant.

Worthington's Chapel was established as a Methodist Episcopal Church, South, about 1884. However, the church had long before been constituted as a place of worship and two previous buildings and a school house were built on land given in 1854 by the widow and heirs of Thomas Worthington, born 27 May 1786 in Fort Vienna (now Calhoun). Thomas was the son of William Worthington, Revolutionary Soldier.

When the Owensboro & Russellville Railroad was built in 1872 a station was built on Worthington land and a new post office was established May 20, 1873 and called Island Station. The name was changed to Island November 29, 1882. (Ref. GSA Administrative Records, Washington, D.C.) Island was rightfully named. When Green River overflows and flood waters comes through the Thoroughfare, Black Lake and Cypress Creek, it is a small Island. At the time of the 1937 Flood, Island was about ¾ mile wide and less than two miles in length.

An Act by the General Assembly 23 March 1873 changed the name of the Owensboro Nashville Railroad Company to the Evansville-Owensboro-Nashville Company. This Company later went into bankruptcy and was sold to the Louisville Company for one million two hundred thousand dollars on 1 July 1880 and became the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

Enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, 6 April 1873, was "An Act to prohibit the sale of spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors at Island Station, or within two miles thereof in quantities, less than one quart." (If less than one quart was sold the person or

persons doing so would be deemed guilty of keeping a tippling-house (a saloon) and would be fined as provided by law. (Ref. Law Library, Frankfort, Ky.)

About this time, 30 March 1872, the Island Baptist Church was organized by a group of about 20 members from New Hope Baptist Church in Muhlenberg County. The earlier church was destroyed by fire and land was purchased and a new building was built almost immediately. In 1922 the building was moved to town at the site of the present building and served as a place of worship until a new building was erected and dedicated August 3, 1969.

The population had increased, the town was progressing and farmers had a way to ship hay, grain and lumber by rail. A need for a larger school was recognized and on April 30, 1896 land was purchased from William H. Ellison and his sister Minnie Gross, for a total of $51.25. A building was erected near the Baptist Church about one fourth mile east of Island. This building served grades one through eight until 1931 when a more modern plant was built in the town of Island on the site of the old Worthington home place just south of the Worthington Graves.

The turn of the century saw the beginning of a new industry. The sale of coal and mineral rights was increasing and larger and more modern mines were being opened and coal shipped by rail. E.H. Flanagan operated the Slope Mines, with the exception of a few non working periods, from 1901 to 1935. These mines brought into Island some of the first out of State miners from Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Some of those were, Louie Freulinger, George Busick, Bruno Halneider, W.M. Overhultz, Steve Leuchosh and from Lynch Kentucky, Mr. and Mrs. Ira G. Reynierson in 1926. Other mines were the Big 4, Memphis Coal Co., Pittsburg & Ky. Coal Co., West Virginia Coal Co., the E.M.T. owned by Edwards, McHargue and Thompson which was sold in 1929 to Clarence S. Rose and became the Island Coal & Mining Co., which employed over 160 men.

The Harris Colliers Company was one of the first Strip mines known in this part of Kentucky which operated with the most modern equipment and coal screening processes of the day (1923); however it was soon found that the coal was too far underground thus necessitating a double removal of dirt to reach the vein, and the Company went into bankruptcy.

Other smaller mines were in operation and at one time there were about 700 miners in the Island coal fields. There were Commissaries to accomodate the miners and their families.

One of the first oil wells on the south side of Green River in McLean County was drilled by using a wood constructed derrick and located near Fox Hollow in 1923.

On August 18, 1904, the M.E. Church South purchased a parcel of land from Dr. C.D. Almon and his first wife Lena (for and in consideration of the sum of $35 cash in hand paid) (Ref. Deed Book V. page 25, McLean Co. Ky.) This tract was a part of the William Worthington land later sold by his heirs to Jonathan Eaton, later to W.T. Ferguson who set aside a part for the Union Cemetery (now east side of Island Methodist Cemetery).

In 1907 the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company built the first line across Green River at Livermore linking Island and southern counties with those of the north. The line was strung by linemen "Bud" Smith, Clayton Ferguson and Kelly Hite. In 1908 a Telephone Exchange was already operating in rented space in Island. In 1910 lease agreement was made and entered into the 1st day of June between Isaac T. Nall of Island, Kentucky and the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company for the "front room 18' x 18'. in which room is now occupied by the party of the second part as a telephone exchange."

Until 1914 few students in the Island community had the opportunity to acquire an education higher than 8th grade. At that time an arrangement was made with the L & N Railroad Company and the McLean County School System for Island students to attend Livermore High

School which was a city school. Transportation was paid by the students who were issued ticket books by the L & N for a months travel from Island to and from Livermore. In 1926 thirty six students rode the trains to school in Livermore.

After experiencing the depression, loss of the coal industry, shipping by rail and several fires, Island has had a hard struggle toward becoming growing community, but it is still an Island with no water in sight – until Green River and all the creeks rise.

<u>McLean County News</u>, Calhoun, KY, Thursday, 4 June 1987, p.1:

Virginia Davis, Calhoun, has worked since 1983 gain recognition for Island, where she was born. Her efforts have included a series of six paintings of historic sites around the southeastern McLean County town. (NEWS staff photo by Stephen M. Vest)

<u>Bluegrass Roots</u>, Quarterly Journal of the Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY, Volume 18, Number 3, Fall 1991, p.84:

Virginia Ferguson (Mrs. Wendell) Davis received the 1991 award for Achievement in Genealogy from Kentucky Genealogical Society. A resident of McLean county, she has done original work in history and genealogy, has assisted many others in developing their family histories, and has worked to honor Revolutionary patriots. The award was presented by Alfred Saylor, chairman of the KGS Awards Committee.

<u>McLean County News</u>, Calhoun, KY, Thursday, 14 March 1996, pp.1A & 2A:

Virginia Davis got a surprise at Monday's fiscal court meeting as she was named "County Historian" by Judge Executive Larry Whitaker. Davis has been involved with the McLean County Historical Society and William Rowan Chapter of DAR for many years. Davis was joined by her daughter Beverly and son-in-law Charles from Louisville. Whitaker is shown in the background.

Calhoun woman honored for efforts in preserving McLean County history

By Amy Grewe, NEWS managing editor

If anyone ever wanted to know anything about the history of McLean County, Virginia Davis would probably be the person they would go to for help. Davis, of Calhoun, has spent many years researching not only her family's history, but the history of McLean County. She also helps others who want to learn about their family's roots. On Monday, her efforts were rewarded when Judge-Executive Larry Whitaker named her "County Historian." I think the greatest asset we have

and will always have is our people, " Whitaker said. The recognition was a surprise to Davis who was brought to the meeting by Shelia Heflin under the impression she was going to talk about tourism in the county.

To her surprise she was joined at the meeting by friends she has worked on historical projects with as well as her daughter Beverly Davis Hicklin and son-in-law Charles from Louisville.

"That's the best kept secret this court house has ever had," she said.

An interest in history is nothing new for Davis. "

I've always liked history from the time I was in school," she said.

She graduated from Livermore High School and attended Bowling Green Business University from 1930-31.

Most of her jobs were involved with record keeping.

Her first job with the was Kentucky Emergency Relief Association after the Depression. She later worked in the WPA office which led to a temporary job with the U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census in Louisville. She was then appointed to the State Welfare Department in Frankfort.

After her children, Samuel L. Davis and Beverly, began school she received an appointment to work in the Selective Service Program under Civil Service. She retired in Feb. 1973. She then began such hobbies as art and genealogy.

She is a member of the Captain William Rowan chapter DAR and has held the office of registrar of that chapter since 1989. She is also a member of the Kentucky Historical Society, the Kentucky Genealogical Society and the Western Central Kentucky Family Research Association.

Some of the projects she has worked on include a tour of historical sites in McLean County, restoring monuments in Calhoun cemetery and worked with Calhoun Baptist Church on compiling its history. She was also co-editor of the McLean County Pictorial History published in 1992.

In August 1991 she won the regional award for outstanding achievement in genealogy research. It was presented to her in Frankfort by the Kentucky Genealogy Society.

One of the first requirements for someone to join DAR is to trace her roots to a soldier in the Revolutionary War. She has proven that she has five ancestors who were in the war. She said she has more, but does not have the needed proof.

She also helps out in the County Clerk's office by assisting others who are working on their family tree.

She said it is important to remember our roots.

"We have a free country and we want to keep it that way and it was bought with a price and those Revolutionary soldiers were the ones who put their life on the line that we might live that way," she said.

She began working on her family tree 14 years ago and said it is an ongoing process.

The goal of DAR is to preserve history and promote education and patriotism.

"We need to leave something for our younger people to enjoy," Davis said.

Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Monday, 7 December 1998, pp.1B & 3B:

Her Story Is History

Woman an authority on county's past
By Matthew Francis, Messenger-Inquirer

Virginia Davis sits among her paintings of McLean County scenes inside her Calhoun home Wednesday afternoon. Davis is the county historian and a self-taught painter, and she combined the two interests in depicting local scenes with her work.

Encyclopedias, textbooks and the Internet are reliable sources for historical information, but if you're looking for an obscure tidbit about McLean County's past, you might want to skip the trip to the library and give Virginia Davis a call.

For years, the 86-year-old Calhoun resident worked as a deputy clerk in the McLean County courthouse and was considered the authority on the county's history. Her reputation and grew so large that on March 11, 1996, she was proclaimed the county's official historian by the fiscal court.

"I think they gave me it because I'm about the oldest one to left," Davis joked. "But it was a real surprise. I always say it was the best secret the courthouse ever kept."

But spend an afternoon with Davis, and it's clear that the distinction had little to do with age and a lot to do with knowledge. She rattles off date after date, fact after fact, with relative ease.

Like how McLean was actually part of Virginia, Fincastle County to be precise, in 1772. Or the story of how Captain William Rowan received a plot of ground for his service in the Revolutionary War which he turned into a settlement known as "Rhoadsville." Rhoadsville eventually became known as Calhoun.

"That's the importance of history," Davis said. "Learning these things is the only way we can preserve our heritage."

Heritage is clearly important to Davis, and she is even an amateur genealogist. She began dabbling in genealogy in 1982 when she was trying to gain entrance into the Daughters of the

American Revolution. To be admitted, she had to prove a direct lineage by bloodline to a Revolutionary War soldier.

"A lot of people think you do genealogy to find things in people's closets," Davis said. "But, that's not why I do it. I'm a Christian, and I know where I'm going. I would just like to know where I came from."

She quickly became hooked on the research, and decided to trace the family tree branches of her husband Wendell, to whom she was married 58 years. What she learned was truly amazing.

She found that his ancestors came from Pennsylvania, the same as hers. His ancestors were from Fayette County, just as were hers. And when she sent to get the plat from the land owned by her husband's ancestors, she found it was directly across: a creek from the land owned by her ancestors.

"That's something for 'Ripley's Believe It Or Not," she said.

Davis is also an accomplished painter, despite having only seven hours of formal training in the form of one lesson from Kentucky Heritage artist Don Ensor.

And, just as in the rest of her life, history plays a key role in her art. Her favorite painting is of downtown Island, her childhood home, as it looked from 1902 to 1926. It shows the L & N railroad track running in front of the Nall Brothers Cash Store, the J.M. Hinant Cash Store and Pollocks.

The area has particular significance to Davis – her parents first met in the building where the Nall Brothers Cash Store was located. All three buildings burned to the ground in a fire on Mother's Day in 1926, an event which Davis can remember as if it were yesterday, right down to the detail that the side of a nearby house was scorched by the blaze.

Her other paintings include the Island Depot, which hangs in the McLean County Chamber of Commerce building, and the old Island wooden bridge. They must serve as her lasting images of a past that no longer exists, she said.

"It's a shame we haven't preserved our history better in McLean County," Davis said.

Nobody can accuse Virginia Davis of not doing her part.

<u>McLean County News</u>, Calhoun, KY, Thursday, 1 February 2001, p.8:

Mrs. Virginia Davis and her daughter, Beverly Hicklin, have abstracted the McLean County Wills 1854-1911. There were 425 wills during that period. The county was founded in 1854 and Kentucky Vital Statistics (birth and death records) began in 1911. The will abstracts will be a help to genealogical researchers in McLean County. Captain William Rowan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has the books to see. For more information call 273-3586.

<u>McLean County News</u>, Calhoun, KY, Thursday, 3 May 2001, p.3B:

Cessna, Davis earn DAR awards

The Captain William Rowan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Marilyn Graham Cessna and Virginia Ferguson Davis with certificates and community

service pins at the Island Heritage Council breakfast Saturday. Cessna spearheaded efforts to construct both the Island walking trail and city park, which will include a replica of the Island wooden bridge. She is president of the Island Heritage Council, is on the Island City Commissioners Board and is a member of the Captain William Rowan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Cessna strives to make Island and McLean County a better place to live for persons of all ages.

The Captain William Rowan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Marilyn Graham Cessna, left, and Virginia Ferguson Davis with certificates and community service pins at the Island Heritage Council breakfast Saturday. Island Mayor Charlie Strole made the presentation.

Virginia Davis is McLean County's historian. She has recorded many of the earlier McLean County scenes in her oil paintings. Davis was one of the charter members of the McLean County Historical Society and helped organize and co-author the McLean County Pictorial History. Mrs. Davis and her daughter, Beverly Hicklin have abstracted the McLean County Wills 1854-1911. She is active in the West Central Kentucky – Family Research Association, the Captain William Rowan Daughters of the American Revolution and the Mollie Morehead No. 2605 United Daughters of the Confederacy. She often contributes articles and searches for data for each of these groups.

<u>McLean County News</u>, Calhoun, KY, Thursday, 2003:

History and Genealogy News

By Euleen Rickard

In 1781, William Worthington volunteered in Westmoreland, Penn., and served as a private in the American Revolutionary war under George Rogers Clark He was captured below the mouth of the Miami River and was a prisoner of war until he escaped and made his way back home in 1792. There he married Mary; Meason (Mason) and in 1786 the family migrated to Kentucky, arriving at Fort Vienna (Calhoun) in March of that year. They stayed in Fort Vienna for thirteen years, then moved upstream on the south side of Green River in Muhlenberg County where Worthington acquired several large tracts of land. In 1803, he was appointed Circuit Court Judge and he was a member of the state Senate from 1814 to 1826. In 1829 he was appointed postmaster of the Worthington post office that was in his home. When the railroad was built in 1872, a station was built on Worthington land, and the town was called Island Station, later changed to Island in November 1882.

Mary Mason Worthington died in 1827 and was buried on the home place. Judge Worthington left Kentucky in 1845 and died in Mississippi in 1848. His body was packed in salt and shipped by boat back to be buried beside his wife.

Their graves were just back of the Island School that I attended. They were stone-walled about eighteen inches above ground and covered with marble slabs. The inscriptions were "Wm. Worthington, Died June 5, 1848, aged 87 years." and "Mary Worthington, Died August 25, 1827, aged 66 years. To the students who played on the hill, their graves were to be respected, and we were not allowed to go there without a teacher.

In the 1950s, the marble slabs were destroyed and their graves plowed over, a careless act that destroyed a part of the early history of Island and McLean County.

Virginia Davis, an Island native and descendant of Worthington was instrumental in getting a marker placed at the site of the graves, and a Kentucky Historical Highway marker in honor of Judge Worthington placed on the lawn of the Baptist church at the corner of Highways 431 and 85. In a heritage day program sponsored by the Island Community Development Association, it was dedicated on Nov. 14, 1987.

As you pass this marker be reminded that it is a memorial to the life of William Worthington, a pioneer with courage and fortitude, a life to be celebrated along with Lewis and Clark.

<u>McLean County News</u>, Calhoun, KY, Thursday, 8 March 2012, p.7A:

Museum News

By Euleen Rickard

The main event this month is the birthday of member Virginia Davis. Virginia, a woman of many accomplishments will celebrate her 100th. She was born on March 29, 1912 to Clayton and Ethel Ferguson in Island. She had one brother Sherman.

Early on, education was important to her. With no high school in Island she got her high school education by riding the Louisville and Nashville passenger train three miles to Livermore High School, as she said, "Going over on the 9:04 and home on the 5:15."

She attended the Bowling Green College of Commerce. She served as a state welfare worker and was an employee of the Selective Service System, serving as a clerk-coordinator for 11 counties.

In 1937 she married Wendell Davis and they settled in Calhoun. They have two children, a daughter Beverly and a son Samuel. In 1973 she began painting as a hobby working in the bedroom of her home. She said she never had a drawing lesson in her life. However, she painted many wonderful pieces, among them six oil on canvas paintings of Island as it was around the turn of the 20th century.

She worked at the McLean County Courthouse for 17 years, where in addition to the duties of her work, she answered letters requesting genealogy research. She was a member of the McLean County Historical Society until its demise.

About that time the McLean County History and Genealogy Museum was formed and she became an active member, helping in various ways. One March 11, 1996, by order of the McLean County Fiscal Court and Judge-Executive Larry Whitaker, she was recognized as County Historian with duties to be "nothing less than the exemplary effort heretofore demonstrated and much appreciated by the people of McLean County."

Virginia now lives in Louisville near her daughter. If you would like to send her a card her address is: Mrs. Virginia Davis, Twin Brook Nursing Home Room C-2, 2526 Dutchman Lane, Louisville, KY 40205

McLean County News, Calhoun, KY, Thursday, 26 April 2012, p.1B:

Virginia Davis, seen here with family, celebrated her 100th birthday on March 29.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Virginia Davis
Address Route 1
City, State Calhoun, Ky. 42327
Date July 1982

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. ____ on chart No. ____

Chart No. 1

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Virginia (Ferguson) DAVIS
b. 29 Mar 1912
p.b. Island, McLean Co. Ky.
m. 6 Sept 1937
d.
p.d.

2 William Clayton FERGUSON (Father of No. 1)
b. 24 Dec 1889
p.b. McLean Co. Ky.
m. 29 Jul 1909 Greenville Ky
d. 19 Dec 1961
p.d Owensboro, Ky.

3 Ethel Mae STEWART (Mother of No. 1)
b. 29 Sept 1889
p.b. Hopkins Co. Ky.
d. 11 May 1972
p.d. Calhoun, McLean Co. Ky.

4 Samuel FERGUSON (Father of No. 2)
b. 24 Sept 1868
p.b. Ohio Co. Ky. ?
m. 20 Mar 1889
d. 25 June 1940
p.d Island, McLean Co. Ky.

5 Sophia Helen SHACKLETT (Mother of No. 2)
b. 24 Dec 1866
p.b. McLean Co. Ky
d. 6 July 1954
p.d. Owensboro, Ky.

6 William Sherman STEWART (Father of No. 3)
b. 29 June 1866
p.b. Hopkins Co. Ky.
m. 25 Dec 1887
d. 20 June 1920
p.d Hopkins Co. Ky

7 Lou Ella (Leweller) JONES (Mother of No. 3)
b. 24 Dec 1866
p.b. Buena Vista Tenn
d. 19 Feb 1943, Island, Ky
p.d. Bur. Madisonville, Ky.

Wendell DAVIS (Spouse of No. 1)
b. 27 Feb 1910
p.b. McLean Co. Ky
d.
p.d.

8 William T. FERGUSON (Father of No. 4)
b. 14 Nov 1834
p.b. Ohio Co. Ky
m. 5 Aug 1856 (Robertson Co TN
d. 4 Sept 1907
p.d Island, Ky.

9 Mary E. GISH (Mother of No. 4)
b. 5 Feb 1841
p.b.
d. 24 Feb 1907
p.d Island, Ky.

10 Absolam Redmond SHACKLETT (Father of No. 5)
b. 7 Dec 1826
p.b. Meade Co. Ky.
m. 25 Jan 1849
d. 27 Aug 1910
p.d Island McLean Co. Ky.

11 Minerva J. HUMPHREY (Mother of No. 5)
b. 26 Dec 1827
p.b. Meade Co. Ky.
d. 26 Jan 1883
p.d. Island, Ky

12 Isiah M.P. STEWART (Father of No. 6)
b. 4 Jan 1829
p.b. Jonesboro, Tenn
m. 27 Jan 1850 Dandridge Tenn
d. 3 Nov 1910
p.d Hopkins Co. Ky.

13 Orlena EUDALEY (Mother of No. 6)
b. 20 May 1833
p.b. Tenn
d. 20 Nov 1921
p.d. Madisonville, Ky.

14 Henry Thomas JONES (Father of No. 7)
b. 9 Aug 1840
p.b.
m. 8 Feb 1866
d. 14 Apr 1912
p.d Hanson, Ky.

15 Mary Hester KING (Mother of No. 7)
b. 20 Aug 1839
p.b.
d. 9 Apr 1923
p.d. Mortons Gap, Ky.

16 Samuel C. FERGUSON (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 1 Oct 1809
m. 22 Sept 1831
d. 29 Sept 1845

17 Christina KITTINGER (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 1808 ?
d. ?

18 John N. GISH (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 15 Oct 1812
m. 10 Nov 1839
d. 25 Jul 1899

19 Nancy OVERHULTZ (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 17 Mar 1818
d. 3 Aug 1893

20 Blancit SHACKLETT (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 18 Mar 1787
m. 10 June 1807
d. 5 Dec 1858

21 Rachel ASHCRAFT (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 12 Apr 1789
d. 29 Dec 1861

22 George HUMPHREY (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 22 Aug 1789
m. 14 Oct 1812
d. 22 May 1834

23 Barbara JENKINS (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 21 Sept 1793
d. 2 Jul 1876-Island, Ky.

24 Nathaniel M. STEWART (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 12 Oct 1806
m.
d.

25 Sarah E. MITCHELL (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. ca 1807
d.

26 David W. EUDALEY (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. N.C.
m. 29 Dec 1817 N.C.
d. Sept 1878

27 Sarah BALDWIN (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 1807 N.C.
d.

28 Alfred JONES (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. N.C.
m.
d.

29 Edie PARRISH (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. N.C.
d.

30 Bronson KING (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
m.
d.

31 Laura JONES (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d.

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