

#### General Lafayette's Visit to Versailles

On page 243 of my Woodford County history (Page 109 May, 1921, Register) I gave an account of the visit of General Lafayette to Versailles the latter part of May, 1825. I described the scene that took place at the home of the widow of George Taylor Cotton, whose maiden name was Elizabeth O'Bannon, see page 381. That story was given to me by the wife of James Clay, a granddaughter of George T. Cotton who is today a resident of Versailles. At the time I wrote that incident I wrote of another that was just as interesting but was crowded out for the lack of space in the Register, so I am inserting it here as a part of Woodford County history. It took place the same day and on the same occasion. After leaving the home of Mrs. Cotton, on Elm Street near the entrance to Versailles, the procession moved down Main Street to the Watkins Tavern, conducted by Henry Watkins (the stepfather of Henry Clay) for many years. The old hostelry stood

\*See pages 38, 39 and 181.

where Ausden's Inn now stands, and when he reached there he was met by his old friend and comrade in the Revolution, General Calmes.\* When General Lafayette stepped from his carriage he discovered his old friend approaching with outstretched hands and they fell into each other's embrace and wept like children. I have often heard Judge Wm. E. Ashmore and Mrs. Betsey Young, both my relatives and both witnesses, relate this incident in our home before the Civil War. For Judge Ashmore, see page 204 (page \*68, May, 1921, Register). (For Youngs see page 36, May, 1920 Register) or 69 Woodford County history. On page 181 (page 98, January, 1921, Register) you will find a picture of the old tavern, so long the property of Henry Watkins and his wife, who was the mother of Henry Clay. You will also find some interesting reading about the Clays and Watkins families from the pen of Mrs. Sam Woodriddle, and will also find on page 36 much of interest about General Calmes from the pen of Captain John Andrew Steele whose grandfather headed the procession from Frankfort to Versailles, an escort for General Lafayette (page 77, May, 1920 Register). General Calmes came to Kentucky with Colonel Thomas Marshall about 1785, and settled in Woodford County, and his claim for services in the Revolution was adjacent to that of Colonel Marshall's running to the Lexington road. Stories about Lafayette, Calmes and others of that period were quite frequently related about the fireside—by the elderly citizens who witnessed important events in

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subversion of our institutions that have been built up under our democratic constitution.

France incurred a serious loss when she forced these people to flee from that wrath that refused to be either subdued or suppressed, and America has never had to regret her action of shelter and protection from their persecutions.

Col. John Buck, Rev. William Buck and Charles Buck, III., were Virginians who came to Kentucky and settled in Woodford County the latter part of the eighteenth century. They were sons of Charles Buck, II\*, and Anne Richardson of Virginia she a granddaughter of Marquis De La Calmes, the Huguenot.

The above Charles Buck, III., enlisted in the war of 1812 from the county of Woodford, serving in the company of Capt. Jack Bayliss who, through his dare-devil courage during his service in the Revolution and war of 1812, acquired the soubriquet of "Fighting Jack Bayliss." After the war Charles Buck, III., married a sister of Capt. Bayliss and settled upon his Woodford County farm.

Charles Buck, III., and Lucy Bayliss were the parents of Col. John W. Buck who owned a farm on the Georgetown pike that adjoined the Leavy estate, near Midway. Chas. William Buck, son of Col. John W. Buck, lived there also with his interesting family and was a member of the county magisterial court. While a resident of that vicinity, in 1885, he was appointed Envoy Extraordinary

and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Government of Peru by President Cleveland. Since his service in Peru, Charles William Buck has been interested in politics and literary work, and in both fields he has succeeded. His historical novel, "Under the Sun, or the Passing of the Incas," published in 1902, has been widely read and favorably mentioned.

Charles Neville Buck, a son of Charles William, was also a citizen of the county and is an author and novelist of much merit. Both now live in Louisville, Ky.

The Rev. William Buck was in Woodford before his brother Charles, III. arrived and settled near Versailles. He was one of the most noted Baptist preachers of that day. After a lengthy residence in Woodford he removed to Louisville where he founded a religious paper known as "The Western Recorder," said to be the first Baptist paper published west of the Allegheny mountains, and its influence has grown until now it is considered the leading paper of that denomination in the United States. After thoroughly establishing this paper he moved to Waco, Texas, where he lived the remainder of his life.

Col. John Buck, Thomas Buck and Charles Buck, II., were Virginians. They married three of the granddaughters of Marquis De La Calmes, Miriam, Anne and Mary Richardson. The two former Bucks were in the Revolution, and the latter was the father of the three brothers who settled in Woodford County.

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\*See pages 181, 218.

view them I learned that both were dead, and when I had despaired at getting in touch with any one who could give me satisfactory information, I ran across the sketch of the General written by Capt. John Andrew Steele some years ago, and by permission, I am appropriating it. General Calmes was a brother of Isabella Calmes who married William Richardson, Jr., the mother and father of the three Richardson girls who married the Buck brothers, spoken of in a previous sketch, hence the Buck brothers were nephews of General Calmes and were his neighbors as well in the county of Woodford. Captain Steele's sketch follows:

"One of the earliest settlers of Woodford County was General Marquis Calmes, a noted Revolutionary soldier and Indian fighter whose name deserves honorable mention in the history of our State and county. He was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, in the year 17—. He was of Huguenot ancestry, his father, the Marquis De La Calmez (Anglicised into Calmes) was a nobleman of wealth and culture who fled to America to avoid religious persecution and to find a home where he could worship God according to his belief and the dictates of his conscience. With many others of the same sect he landed first in Carolina, but finally located permanently in the valley of Virginia. There he married Lucy Neville, said to be a lineal descendant of the Earl of Warwick, "the King Maker" of England, and reared a large family, the oldest of which was Marquis.

[For wife see pages 227-229.  
[See pages 21, 318, 303.

When young Calmes arrived at the proper age he was sent abroad to be educated, as was the custom of the wealthy persons of that period. During that time the war of the Revolution broke out and being deeply imbued with a love of freedom and liberty he hastened home, raised and equipped a company at his own expense, and as its Captain joined the third regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall, father of the great chief justice, himself an officer in the same command. At the battle of the Brandywine Col. Marshall was badly wounded, and Calmes, who had risen to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, afterwards led the regiment with distinguished bravery. He crossed the Delaware with Washington, fought at Monmouth and other engagements and was at Yorktown when the combined forces of Washington and Rochambeau, assisted by the French fleet under Count De Grasse compelled the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, the result of which was the Independence of the Colonies.

It is related that upon one occasion he, single-handed and alone, captured three British soldiers. He had gone to a spring for water, and seeing them approach from the opposite direction concealed himself in the bushes. Upon reaching the spring and suspecting no danger they laid their guns aside when Calmes sprang forward like a tiger from his lair, seized their arms and marched them into the American camp amid the plaudits of the army. After the termination of the war, having heard of the great fertility and

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"In the VIII century the castle consisted only of a dungeon. It was enlarged at the end of the XII century, and it is from this period that date the four round towers overlooking the court which replaced the moats. Four beautiful gypsum chimneys represent mythological subjects. In the room in the western tower, painted murals, as well as a painted ceiling, depict the allegory of "la Renemec (allegorical divinity known as Jupiter's messenger).

The history of Languedoc tells us that in 1216, Olivier de Termes sold his rights to the castles of Servies and Villetritouls to the Chapter of St. Nazaire and that Louis IX confirmed this transaction. In 1535 Salvi and Antone de Comminges and Guillem de Caltlenau were co-lords of Servies and belonged to the Legions of Languedoc. The land and the castle passed later on to the House of Vie'. In 1784 Joseph-Francois de Calmes inherited them from his nephew and Serview became the residence of the family." (The Baron Jean de Calmes, of the fifth generation, became the owner and the chateau is still owned by his descendants). "The Calmes were already lords of Barbayra since 1540. The Duke of Joyeuse having pillaged the castle in 1589, the king authorized them (The Calmes) to install themselves where they

thought best on their grounds and placed them "under his hand," that is to say under his personal protection. It is thus that this House was established in the Corbieres." (from the files of Paul Monroe Calmes. Author unknown by editors. )

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### A VISIT TO THE CALMES CHATEAU

The following comes from a letter written by Ruth Calmese Ahring after she and her husband, Roy, made their trip to the South of France in 1976. After corresponding with Gaston Calmes in France, Ruth & Roy made their way to Carcassone and by phone, with the help of the desk clerk doing some translating, made plans for lunch on the following day. Gaston with his family also brought a young lady, Maglia, to act as interpreter. This is an account of their visit to the chateau.

"The drive was about 30 miles from Carcassone. The country was beautiful, rather rocky with vineyards all along the way.

"About the chateaux... It was first built in the 8th century. It was one tower and a dungeon, then added to in the 12th century. The 8th century part is a round tower that has paintings and sculptures on the walls. Part of the chateau is furnished. The walls are from four to six feet thick. In fact it had been an old fortress. The living room is quite large with blue and green silk material on the walls. The divan is covered in the same material. The chairs are needlepoint with the crest on each one. The floor is of red hand made tiles. The mantels are of marble and it is hard to describe them. The library has lots of old books. The paper in there is quite old and some is coming off. The tower room roof is bad. Gaston is having it replaced. The old tile roofs were put on over bamboo. Now they have to put steel in and then the roof. They are also putting in a bath.

"About ten rooms are furnished. The beds are large and all have canopies. They have one room with heat. The kitchen is just as it was with an old fireplace that has an old spit large enough to handle a steer, a stone well, and a ----- charcoal stove. No modern stove. There were lots of questions that I would have liked to ask but felt that I couldn't. The girl was having a time interpreting first in French and then English.

"In the library was a large picture covered with glass that showed all the crests that went back to the eighth century. The picture of that did not turn out well. The Calmes have had the chateaux since 1600. That is about the time that the Catholics and the Protestants had all the trouble. This side of the family is Catholic. When Gaston saw Hugenot on the paper that I took with me, he could hardly believe it.

"The grain is stored on the third floor. It was pulled up by pulleys. There is a commanding view of all the valley. The slits were still there where the guards watched. In the dungeon was a passageway to outside in case it was needed for escape. The front door is old wood and quite thick. It bolts inside with a large six by six that comes out of the wall and then is secured with a wedge.

"They were very nice to us.....After we had seen all the chatueaux

#### AN OLD CASE SETTLED

In the Court of Appeals Wednesday the case of Calmes vs. Eubank from this county was affirmed.

This was a suit to determine what was meant by the will of a man who died in 1828. Seventy years ago there lived in Woodford county Marquis Calmes, who came originally from North Carolina. At his death in 1828 his will was probated. It was written by himself and provided that certain lands in Clark county should be given to his daughter, Miriam, who had married a man named Eastin. At her death it was to go to her children, with reversion to Spencer Calmes, the son of the testator, who was charged with the duty of seeing that this property was settled upon Miriam Eastin and children as the testator declared his intention should be done.

To Miriam Eastin were born four children, Columbus, Mark, and Thomas Eastin and Priscilla, who afterward married a Weaver. To the latter was born a daughter called Miriam, after her grandmother. She married W. Z. Eubank and died a number of years ago, leaving three sons.

During all this time nothing had been done looking to the interpretation of the seemingly contradictory clauses of the old Calmes will and about eight years ago Mr. Eubank brought suit in behalf of his children to have the will construed and quiet the title to his children's property. The Circuit Court decided in their favor, none of the opposing heirs being before the court.

Spencer Calmes, the son of Marquis Calmes, and who is mentioned in his will, went to Missouri and died there more than half a century ago, and his heirs are scattered all over the country from Maine to California. In cases similar to the suit brought by Mr. Eubank, five years is allowed in which persons having opposing interests may take action. Nothing was heard of these descendants of Spencer Calmes until this time had nearly expired, when they instituted legal proceedings just five days before the time of limitation expired. As Thomas Eastin, the last child of Miriam Calmes Eastin, had died in the meantime they brought suit for the property claiming that under the will it should revert to the heirs of Spencer Calmes. Marquis Calmes was evidently not a scholar and had used words in his will with the full meaning of which he was evidently not familiar, and the work of the court was to say what he did mean. This the higher court has decided as meaning that the descendants of Miriam Calmes should have a fee simple title to the property.

This property is very valuable. It embraces the Oil Springs property, the Lum Eastin Mill property, the farm of Minor Histe and other property. The Oil Springs could be made one of the nicest resorts in this part of the State and now that the cloud has been removed from the titles, we should be glad to see some syndicate obtain control of it and make it a place of fashionable resort.



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% Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, Ky., Nov. 16, 1940.

Mr. Dillard P. Eubank,  
 737 Kirby Place,  
 Shreveport, La.

Dear Mr. Eubank:

I hope the above address is correct--the Shreveport postmark was stamped directly upon it, as was also the "Rec'd" stamp of the hotel where I get my mail.

As soon as I received your card, I asked Dan Bowmar, Jr., of Versailles (Gen. Marquis Calmes founded Versailles) if his town or the Gen. Calmes Chapter D.A.R., of Versailles, had issued any pamphlet and he said he knew of none. How father, however-- Mr. Dan M. Bowmar, Editor Woodford Sun, Versailles, Ky.--has written articles frequently in the Woodford Sun about Gen. Calmes, and he contributed one on Woodford County, which had mention of his founding Versailles, to the Kentucky Progress Magazine (which I relinquished in 1932). I published a picture, several times, in the magazine of the Calmes Tomb, which Gen. Calmes had his slaves build on his Woodford County farm, and which still stands (on Payne's Mill Pike, one mile from Versailles-Lexington Road, U.S. 60 two miles east of Versailles). I have visited the tomb, and picked up a couple of the old-time nails nearby, which had come from Gen. Calmes' residence on the farm--converted into a barn a few days before I went down there).

In glancing at an index to the Register (published by the Ky. State Historical Society, Frankfort) I noticed an article, "Genl. Marquis Calmes, of Woodford County," by John A. Steele, in Vol. 10, page 47. Not long ago I checked through the Kentucky index to the Shane papers (Draper MSS) at the Library here, and noticed some of them dealt with the Calmes brothers, in and around Indian Old Fields, where they first had large tracts of land before Gen. Calmes came over to Woodford County and built his residence opposite "Buckpond," the home of Col. Thomas Marshall (still standing), father of Chief Justice Marshall. You probably will find these two sources in your library at Shreveport. If your library has a file of Kentucky Progress Magazines, the issue of June, 1930, contains an article on Woodford County, by Dan M. Bowmar, telling about Genl. Calmes.

Theodore C. 1911 must Lexington Ky.

With best regards to Atchison (tell him I had the Louisville Times artist out at the George Atchison (Pres. U.S. one day) home recently, sketching it for the Times)--

Sincerely yours,

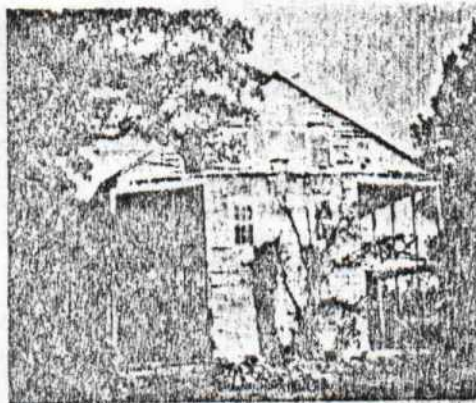
*C. Frank Dunn*  
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*(sent year ago)*

## THE OIL SPRINGS

*Old hotel building at Oil Springs. Tract of land now opened by local Girl Scouts, named Camp Richard Clark in honor of the donor.*



The Oil Springs, located twelve miles east of Winchester, were part of a land grant of 3,800 acres from the State of Virginia to General Marquis Calmes, Benjamin Berry, Cuthbert Combs and Benjamin Combs. In 1705, an agreement was made for the division of this tract. Calmes' allotted portion included the tract on which the mineral springs were located.

General Calmes transferred the springs tract to his daughter Mariam and her husband, Thomas Eastin, who later erected the buildings for a resort at the site. Thomas Eastin, known popularly as "Lord Eastin", was a member of a titled English family. He was educated for the law but chose the quiet life of farmer, stock raiser and hotel proprietor.

The reputation of the spa was widespread and people came from near and far to "take the waters," which were thought to possess medicinal value. An analysis once made of the water from the Oil Springs revealed a concentration of seventeen different minerals.

The resort became a favorite site for political rallies and patriotic celebrations. The romantic aura of the surroundings was enhanced when General Charles Scott, crusty Revolutionary War veteran, met and wooed Mrs. Judith C. Cist, the widow of Colonel Nathaniel Cist. They were married July 27, 1807 and resided at the Cist mansion, Canewood, until the death of General Scott in 1813.

The decline of Oil Springs as a resort town began in the early 1900s and today the ruins of the old hotel are a nostalgic reminder of a once glamorous era of Clark County history.

## OLD STONE HOUSE ON CALMES LAND

*Old stone house on former Calmes land. Boonesborough Road. Owner, Russel Smith.*



On the old Calmes farm, which embraced 240 acres, is a very old stone house. The identity of the builder is not certain but considerable evidence points to Robert Clark, Jr., who was owner of the farm prior to its acquisition by Henry Waller Calmes in 1810.

In a deed of conveyance made by Sheriff James Sympson for the heirs of Robert Clark, Jr., a description of the property notes: "Land is situate and bounded as follows lying on the waters of Lower Howard's Creek, including the residence of Robert Clark<sup>19</sup>."

Robert Clark, Jr., son of Robert and Susannah Henderson Clark, was born in 1759 in Virginia. During the Revolutionary War he served as major in the 11th Regiment of the Virginia Line. He came to Kentucky in 1782 and on June 20th of that year made a land entry for 3,000 acres in Lincoln County. He later settled in Clark County, and in 1794 was granted license as a minister of the Baptist Church. In 1796 he was named a justice of Clark County. From 1799-1801 he was a representative in the Kentucky Legislature.

In the year 1805, Robert Clark entered into a disastrous partnership with William Smith in operation of the Red River Iron Works in eastern Kentucky. In the venture Clark suffered financial ruin. He died the following year and Smith brought suit against his estate, forcing the sale of the farm which was purchased by Henry W. Calmes for the sum of \$2,287.00.

The Calmes family are descendants of a French Huguenot nobleman, Marquis de la Calmes and his wife, Winnifred Waller. Their son William married Lucy Neville and they became parents of eight children—six sons and two daughters. Among the sons were Marquis Calmes (early settler at Indian Old Fields) and Henry Waller Calmes, who lived on Lower Howard's Creek.

Near the old stone "mystery" house is another stone building of equal interest. It was known as the loom house. Here the home produced flax and wool were spun into thread on the spinning wheels and woven into cloth on the homemade looms. The coarse, durable cloth, called linsey woolsey, was used for making clothing. From the loom house came the supply of household linens, blankets, coverlets, etc. Many of the pioneer households were completely divorced from a money economy and each family unit was almost entirely self-sustaining. Henry Waller Calmes lived on this farm until his death, September 20, 1831. Elizabeth Calmes died January 23, 1847. They are buried in the family graveyard on the farm.



EUGÈNE CALMES, of Franklin, Ohio, a great-great-grandson of General Marquis de la Calmes, was among the descendants visiting the Calmes tomb in Woodford County on June 22. Mr. Calmes devoted much effort to the tomb restoration project. (Photo submitted)

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MRS. A. B. KARSNER, regent of the General Marquis Calmes DAR chapter, spoke at dedication ceremony at the Historical Society Museum in connection with the restoration of the Calmes tomb. (Photo submitted)

# Calmes descendants meet, visit restored mausoleum

By Moss Vance

A dedication ceremony at the Historical Society Museum in Versailles and a visit to the restored Calmes tomb on Ashview Farm (formerly "Caneland") marked the closing ceremonies of a June 21-22 reunion of the Calmes family and the Genealogical Society of Versailles.

About 65 members of Calmes family descendants, from about 10 states, attended the reunion, headquartered at the Springs Inn in Lexington, and the dedication ceremony in Versailles which celebrated the completion of a decade-long project to restore the mausoleum of General Marquis Calmes IV and his wife, Priscilla.

A luncheon was held at the Springs on the 22nd preceding the Versailles ceremonies for the family members and a few Versailles guests.

Mrs. A. B. Karsner, regent of the General Marquis Calmes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, spoke at the dedication, welcoming the family members and recognizing the officers of the Calmes genealogical society, Otis Angel of Lexington, president, and C. James Calmes of Lubbock, Texas, secretary-treasurer. She also recognized Margaret Ware Parrish of the Woodford Historical Society, museum curator Ruth Coyle, and Mrs. Richard Holt and Bell Kitchen of the Calmes DAR chapter.

zation of the DAR chapter in 1923 and its being named for General Calmes, who helped found Versailles and gave the town its name, and noted that the chapter erected a bronze plaque in General Calmes' honor at the corner of Elm and Frankfort streets in Versailles in 1927. She exhibited a gavel of black walnut made from part of the stair railing in the old Calmes home, presented to the chapter in 1925 by Mrs. Ernest Dunlap, who with her husband at that time owned "Caneland," the name given to the farm generations earlier by General Calmes.

Mrs. Karsner also recalled that in the early 1930s some repairs were made to the mausoleum's mortar and that an iron fence was placed around it through the generosity of William Railey, author of a history of Woodford County.

Mrs. Karsner was joined by Otis Angel and C. James Calmes for dedication of a plaque bearing General Calmes' name and the date of his birth, Feb. 26, 1755, and his death, Feb. 27, 1834. Framed color photographs of the tomb before and after its restoration flanked the plaque.

Afterwards, the descendants and guests visited the site of the tomb, the restoration of which was completed in the summer of 1990 after a long period of fund-raising by Nora Etta Calmes Angel and her husband, Otis,

and other family members. Mrs. Angel is the great-great-granddaughter of the famed general.

The handsome structure is enclosed by a black plank fence and is surrounded at its base by flowers planted and tended by the Angels, who also visit the site regularly to mow the grass within the fence.

The condition of the tomb had deteriorated markedly over the years and at the time actual work began on its repair in July 1990, grass and weeds grew out of the opening in its top and weeds obscured the bottom part. Several large cracks threatened its structure.

The restoration of the tomb cost about \$15,000 and the fence an additional \$2,300. A story about the completion of the project and pictures of various stages of the work were published in The Woodford Sun on Aug. 23, 1990.

Mrs. Angel said she hopes a perpetual care fund can be established to ensure the preservation of the tomb far into the future.

Among the descendants attending the celebration was one still carrying the general's name, 12-year-old Marquis Paul Calmes of Austin, Texas, who told The Sun editor he was proud of his lineage.

The tomb can be seen from Payne's Mill Road on the farm which is now owned by Wayne and Muffy Lyster, but there is no access for the public.

# Drive begins to restore Marquis Calmes tomb

Restoration of the tomb of Marquis Calmes, one of the persons responsible for the laying out and naming of Versailles, is under way.

The tomb, located on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dunlap Jr. on Payne's Mill Rd., contains the remains of Gen. Calmes and his wife, Lucy Neville Calmes, and has fallen into disrepair over the years.

Descendants of the Calmes family approached Dr. Hambleton Tapp of the Woodford County Heritage Committee in August seeking his help in getting a restoration project going, and Dr. Tapp agreed to help coordinate the Marquis Calmes Tomb Restoration Project.

Through the years, the Marquis Calmes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has had the Calmes tomb as an interest. Dr. Tapp said. "In fact, years ago the chapter erected a Calmes memorial stone with a plaque on the triangle between North Main and Elm Sts. in Versailles, and they

were also interested in maintenance of the bronze plaque attached to one side of the Calmes sepulcher, a plaque which unfortunately was vandalized some time ago."

Members of the local DAR chapter, the Heritage Committee, and Calmes descendants are interested in the restoration of the tomb and in raising funds for the project. Several members of the Calmes family have already offered to donate to the restoration, Dr. Tapp noted.

In September, Dr. Tapp took Rex Cecil, a Woodford County resident and an architect with McLoney and Associates in Lexington, to the Dunlap farm where they visited the somewhat dilapidated tomb.

Cecil agreed to make pictures, drawings, and estimates of the cost of restoring the tomb and suggested a qualified stonemason should study the

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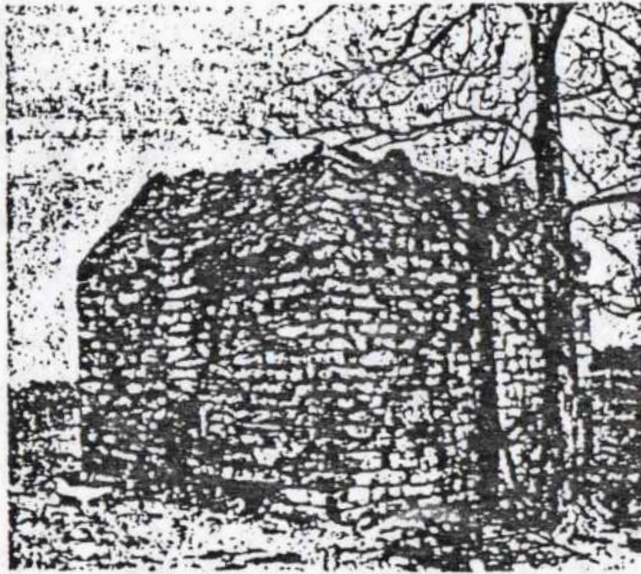
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site, too, Dr. Tapp said.

Mrs. George Dunlap has agreed to receive checks made to the Marquis Calmes Tomb Restoration Project addressed to her residence on Payne's Mill Road or to the Woodford Bank and Trust Co.

"One problem to be resolved is that of designating a suitable path from the road to the site of the tomb, one that will in no way interfere with the operation of or safety of the farm," Dr. Tapp said.

The tomb is located less than one-half mile from Payne's Mill Rd.



The Gen. Marquis Calmes tomb.

[Photo by Jim Curtis]

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## 90 Acres Of Land At Indian Old Fields Recently Deeded To Girl Scout Council

Richard Clark of Indian Fields, Clark County, recently deeded 90 acres of land to the Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council for the perpetual use of all Girl Scouts of the Wilderness Road Council.

The council is made up of 49 counties of Eastern Kentucky, one in West Virginia, one in Virginia and one in Tennessee.

The land is located at Indian Fields, and formerly was known as Oil Springs, a resort of some

renown. The old hotel building is still in existence as are parts of the old water system built to supply the hotel.

The property brings to five the number of camp sites owned by the Wilderness Road Council. Established camps are conducted at properties located in Floyd, Harlan and Morgan Counties. Troop and day camping is held at property located at Spears, in Jessamine County

near the Fayette County line.

The acquisition of the Clark property will bring to the girls in this council a much more primitive area for camp use, and will afford them different opportunities for outdoor living than has heretofore been possible, according to Scout officials.

Transfer of the property was completed on April 6, 1964.

The council is planning to use

this area for troop camping, a planned event in which the leaders and girls of troops live out-of-doors together for a stated period of time, usually one, two or three days and nights.

Such an event makes possible the development of outdoor skills such as meal preparation, sleeping arrangements, safety in the out-of-doors, and does much to build a sense of responsibility for others in the girls. Such

trips are planned and carried out by the girls under the patrol system used in their regular troop program, officials said.

The camp is located on the banks of Lubegrud Creek, so named by Daniel Boone when he spent the year of 1770 at Oil Springs, whose healing and medicinal waters were used by the Indians long before Columbus discovered America. There, within one acre, are five mineral

springs, all of different waters, and it is said to be the only place in the world where such a condition occurs.

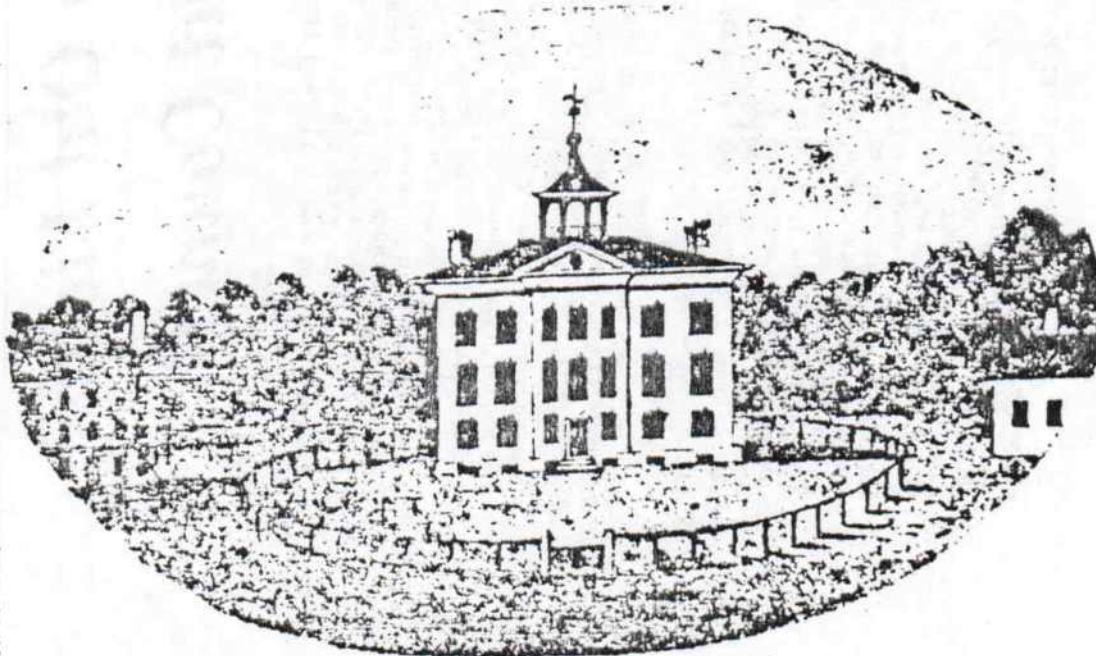
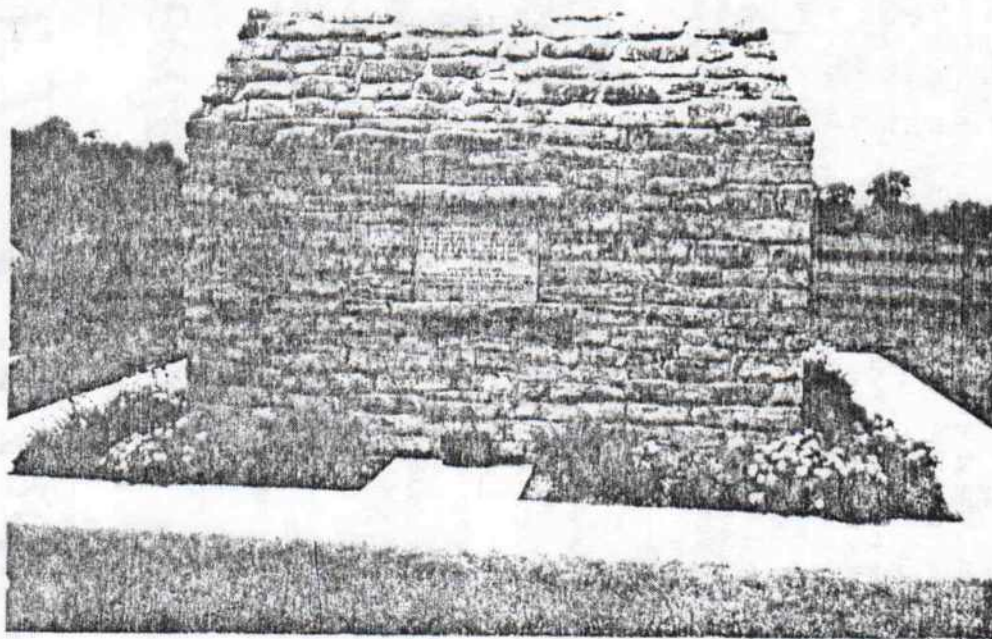
Near there in 1753 was the first fight on Kentucky soil between the Indians and the whites, and this fight was really the first battle in the French and Indian War. In this same locality is "Indian Old Fields," "Eskippikithiki," or "Ken-ta-ke," only Indian village in the state, from

which Kentucky gets its name. Overlooking this meadowland is Pilot Knob where Daniel Boone in June, 1769 first beheld the Blue Grass Country. It was there that the famous "Blue Grass" started growing in Kentucky, the seed coming from the Blue Grass hay that John Finley, who operated a trading post, had packed his goods in, in Pennsylvania.

A group of citizens of Clark

and surrounding counties are being recruited to act as the Camp Committee for this property. It will be the responsibility of this group to plan all future improvements necessary to the property and make the recommendations for action to the Board of Directors of the Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Layne of Winchester have accepted the chairmanship of this committee.

GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VERSAILLES, INCORPORATED  
VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY



*State House Frankfort Kentucky*

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*Will Book, I page 474, Clerk of Woodford County Court, Versailles, Kentucky*

In the name of God amen I Marquis Calmes of the County of Woodford and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and retentive memory and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life recommending my Soul unto God through the mercy of Faith in Jesus Christ and my body to the Earth, and real and personal Estate goods, and chattels I devise the following manner. First. I give unto my son William that tract of land he now lives on as being marked out to him as is known to his Brothers and neighbours. Also the slaves that is at this time in his possession in his possession during his natural life at his death, the land to be equally divided (but not to be sold) among my four Daughters and their children and the negroes and than increase now in the possession of my son William at his death to be equally divided among my four daughters. Next I give to my son Marquis the land he lives on as marked out to him with the negroes now in his possession and their increase. Next I give to my son George during his natural life the place whereon he now lives with the negroes now in his possession and their increase at his death the said land and negroes to descend to my son Spencer At his death to descend to my Son Spencers two oldest children, Next I give to my son Marquis all my land laying on the East side of Clear Creek to include one half of said tract also negroes. Robert Step a small boy and a small girl Amy the foregoing land and negroes put into the hands of Marquis, the annual proceeds to go to the better support of my son Fulding but no part thereof to be sold and at the death of Fulding the aforesaid lands and negroes is to descend to my son Spencer with their increase and at Spencers death to his children but yet he may sell the land if he thinks proper and apply the proceeds in the purchase of Congress lands for his children. Next I give to my son Spencer the place whereon I now live containing two hundred and sixty three acres and at his death to descent to his Son Marquis and at Marquis's death it is to descend to his Brother Wallin and also I give my Son Spencer all the negroes now in his possession which he has at this time at Clear Creek. Next I give the one half of my Clear Creek place not heretofore Willed to be equally divided between my Daughters Nancy and Priscilla at Nancy Death the said land is to descend to her son William and in case of William death my son Marquis is to take possession of said land and apply the profits to the better support of his sister Nancy and his children and at the death of my Daughter Nancy and her son William and in case Nancy should have no other descendants

then the aforesaid land is to descend to my daughter Sally and her children .  
Next I give to my daughter Priscilla here before named dividend of my Clear  
Creek land and at his death to descend to his daughter Priscilla including  
the negroes that is now in his possession to his and her children with their  
increase. Next I give to my daughter Marium my settlement right on Lubol  
ground containing Four Hundred acres also one hundred acres of my Prem hon  
as surveyed by Marquis Calmes Inn and a proportion of the same to make the  
same one hundred acres was taken of my three sons . Also sixty eight acres  
taken of Marquis Calmes Serv. as per nevert to Commissioners of S<sup>o</sup> County  
and at his death it is to descend to his three children at their death  
the S<sup>o</sup> land is to revert to my son Spencer who I appoint my lawful attorney.  
And I cause him to be interested for the valuable consideration of one  
dollar to cause to be made and kept in possession my daughter and at her death  
to descend to her children, the aforesaid land and premises and I also give  
all the negroes now in her possession with their increase which I vest  
the title as attorney or agent that he my son Spencer Calmes is to cause my  
daughter Marium to be kept in possession of the aforesaid negroes for which she  
is to receive one dollar for her interested part. Also I will to my daughter  
Nancy all the negroes she has now in her possession and I give my son Marquis  
an interest in the said negroes of the value of one dollar in order that he  
may keep my daughter Nancy and her children in the possession of the aforesaid  
negroes . All my negroes not not heretofore disposed of I will to all  
my children to be equally divided . My faithful servant Nancy is to make  
her own election among my children as to who she will go to. But may it be  
remembered that is is my special commands that none of my negroes contained  
in this my last will and Testament or their increase should be sold but con-  
tained to be the property of my children and their descendants forever. And  
it is my will that my personal Estate be divided equally between my children  
without making a public sale . It my will and desire that my son Marquis  
and Spencer should see this my Last Will and Testament executed and hereby and  
thereon I do revoke all former wills made by me as writing my hand this 7th day  
of September 1828.

Marquis Calmes (Seal)

Witnesses present:  
Henry W. Calmes  
James Case  
John McKinney , Jr.  
A. Dunlap

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
March County Court, 1834

Woodford County, Set.,

The Foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Marquis Calmes deceased was produced in Court and proven to be the act and deed of the said Marquis Calmes dec'd by the oath of James Case, Alexander Dunlap and John McKinney, Jr. as subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to record. Whereupon Marquis Calmes and Spencer Calmes the Executors therein named came into Court and took the oath required by Law and together with Alexander Dunlap, Jacob Darneal and Thomas Eastin, their security executor and acknowledged Bond in the sum of Thirty thousand Dollars. Conditions according to Law, Letters Testamentary is granted them.

Attest: John McKinney, Jr. CWCCC

*George H. Lanier Memorial Hospital  
and Nursing Home*

May 12, 1982

David F. Eubank, M.D.  
Raytown Clinic  
9406 E. 63d Street  
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Dear Cousin:

Your information has filled in one more gap in the descendants of Marquis Calmes, IV, who lived at Versailles, Kentucky. In my records, I show that Thomas Eastin and Marium Calmes were married on 18 December 1823. I had no other information, so it is with great pleasure to hear from you.

I am a descendant of Spencer Calmes, the brother of Marium. Spencer moved his family and two brothers, Marquis and Fielding, to an area near Sedalia, Missouri, in or about 1830. He purchased several parcels of land and evidently tried to become a gentleman farmer. Legend has it that he was afflicted with drink and women. His family, after some time, required him to issue a transfer of all his property to his eldest son, John William, for the purpose of using it for the support of the family. John William, who was a lawyer, evidently did not do very well as a farmer and investor as the records show that he sold, at different times, the land that Spencer had bought in Missouri and the land inherited in Kentucky. Records also show that after sale of these pieces of property, John William moved his family to Lexington, Missouri. His youngest son, Edward Price, married Sarah Elizabeth Boggess, whose family lived on the river bottom at Hardin, Missouri. Edward Price moved to Oklahoma in 1903, establishing a drug store at Arapaho, Oklahoma. His second son, Paul Evans, went into business with his father after completing his pharmacy training in Kansas City. Paul Evans married Tennie Almeda Clements, and from this union, I was born September 23, 1921. I married Bettye Jeanne Long of Garber, Oklahoma, and we have two children, a son Paul M. and a daughter Charla. They each have a boy and a girl. My son has named his boy Marquis Paul, so I guess the name Marquis will be carried on for a while. I did not follow my father in the drug business as World War II came along, and I went into the Army becoming a Medical Service Corps officer. I stayed in and after 27 years, retired transferring what I had learned into the civilian hospital field. My first stop was as an assistant administrator of Memorial Medical Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. Then to Baylor University Medical Center as Associate Director, and after 4 years to here. We will complete 10 years as Administrator in October of this year.

4800 48TH STREET  
VALLEY, AL 36864

PAUL M. CALMES, ADMINISTRATOR

David F. Eubank, M.D.  
May 12, 1982  
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Three years ago, one of the Calmes descendants decided that we should have a reunion in the Lexington, Kentucky, area. Invitations were sent to all of the descendants that were known. Some 100 plus showed up, including two black families, who turned out to be descendants of a slave family that had been on a Calmes plantation in Mississippi at the close of the Civil War. It was interesting to talk with a number of relatives who were just names on a family tree. We met again last year and will hold another reunion on June 19th in Lexington this year. We have decided to try to raise sufficient funds to renovate the burial tomb of General Marquis Calmes and his wife Priscilla. He is my great-great-great-grandfather, and according to your chart he is your great-great-grandfather. The burial chamber was erected by slave labor from field stone without mortar and is located on the home place near Versailles.

Since 1960 I have been accumulating information on the Calmes family. It appears that someone has taken time to do a lot of work on the Eubank family.

Enclosed is a sketch of the Calmes family by Walter H. Buck whose grandmother was a Calmes.

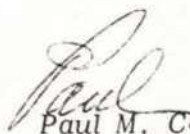
Also enclosed is a copy of the will your newspaper article was describing. I picked this up in 1963 at Versailles, Kentucky. Since then the courthouse burned and all the records were destroyed.

It was good to receive your information which will be placed in the folder that I have for Marium Calmes.

I have been trying to remember if it is in Raytown that Rob Boggess from Hardin, Missouri, had a funeral parlor. It has been about 15 years since I was in Missouri checking out leads and seeing relatives.

Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

  
Paul M. Calmes

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from Mt. Pleasant - 1st village  
in Miller Co. Mo.

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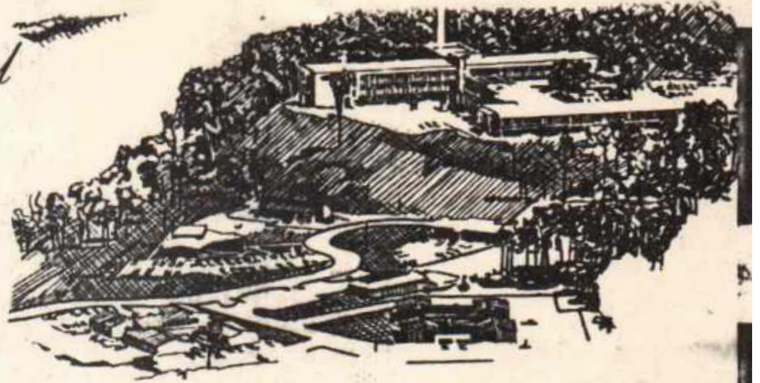
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(my father) Pillard Price

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PAUL M. CALMES  
ADMINISTRATOR

December 1, 1980

Mr. John V. White  
~~6205 Foster #3~~  
~~Overland Park, Kansas 66202~~

Dear Cousin,

I am sure that you're a distant cousin if there is a Calmes connected with your mother's family. Somewhere I recall the name of Eubank. I believe that I had correspondence from someone in California who mentioned the Eubank name.

General Marquis Calmes and Priscilla Heale were married February 11, 1782, and had 9 children. 5 sons named: (1) William, born in 1783; (2) Marquis D.L.F., born in 1785; (3) George, born in 1789; (4) Fielding, no date of birth; and (5) Spencer Neville, born in 1793. 4 daughters: (1) Nancy, no date of birth; (2) Priscilla, born December 16, 1799; (3) Mariam, no date of birth; and (4) Sally or Sarah, no date of birth.

You would need to let me know if your line is from one of the sons, and if so, about when the Calmes married the Eubank, and maybe we can get our information together.

I am a descendant of the 5th son, Spencer Neville Calmes, who married Sara W. Edwards and moved to Missouri in the early 1830's. His eldest son, John, married and lived in Lexington, Missouri. His son Edward Paul moved to Oklahoma along with his son Paul Evans who was my father. I married and have 2 children. My son is Paul M. II and lives in Houston, Texas. He and his wife have a son named Marquis Paul.

I retired from the Military Service in 1967, and have been working as a hospital administrator ever since. We moved from Dallas, Texas, in 1972, to our present address.

The Calmes family had its first reunion on July 12, 1980, in Lexington, Kentucky. That is about 20 miles from Versailles where General Marquis Calmes had his home. From the reunion we are trying to raise money to have General Marquis and his wife's


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tomb restored and declared as a historical site. I am enclosing a copy of the announcement. An architect has been engaged to give us an idea about the costs for restoration. Once that is done, we will send requests to all Calmes descendants to ask for donations to fix it up. We plan on another meeting of the family this next year some time in June.

Let me hear from you again.

Sincerely,

  
Paul M. Calmes  
Administrator

PMC/db

Enclosure

## Drive begins to restore Marquis Calmes tomb

Restoration of the tomb of Marquis Calmes, one of the persons responsible for the laying out and naming of Versailles, is under way.

The tomb, located on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dunlap Jr. on Payne's Mill Rd., contains the remains of Gen. Calmes and his wife, Lucy Neville Calmes, and has fallen into disrepair over the years.

Descendants of the Calmes family approached Dr. Hambleton Tapp of the Woodford County Heritage Committee in August seeking his help in getting a restoration project going, and Dr. Tapp agreed to help coordinate the Marquis Calmes Tomb Restoration Project.

Through the years, the Marquis Calmes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has had the Calmes tomb as an interest, Dr. Tapp said. "In fact, years ago the chapter erected a Calmes memorial stone with a plaque on the triangle between North Main and Elm Sts. in Versailles, and they

were also interested in maintenance of the bronze plaque attached to one side of the Calmes sepulcher, a plaque which unfortunately was vandalized some time ago."

Members of the local DAR chapter, the Heritage Committee, and Calmes descendants are interested in the restoration of the tomb and in raising funds for the project. Several members of the Calmes family have already offered to donate to the restoration, Dr. Tapp noted.

In September, Dr. Tapp took Rex Cecil, a Woodford County resident and an architect with McLoney and Associates in Lexington, to the Dunlap farm where they visited the somewhat delapidated tomb.

Cecil agreed to make pictures, drawings, and estimates of the cost of restoring the tomb and suggested a qualified stonemason should study the

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site, too, Dr. Tapp said.

Mrs. George Dunlap has agreed to receive checks made to the Marquis Calmes Tomb Restoration Project addressed to her residence on Payne's Mill Road or to the Woodford Bank and Trust Co.

"One problem to be resolved is that of designating a suitable path from the road to the site of the tomb, one that will in no way interfere with the operation of or safety of the farm," Dr. Tapp said.

The tomb is located less than one-half mile from Payne's Mill Rd.



The Gen. Marquis Calmes tomb.