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Ceres, CA 95307
Feb. 18, 1980

Kathryn Owen
423 E. Broadway
Winchester, KY 40391

Dear Kathryn

I reread your letter of August 18, 1979 and wondered if you were able to copy the newspaper article. I would like to have it. If you can't xerox it, please copy it for me.

You also mention an old Bible in the Nelson Strode family. Could you obtain it and copy the family history in it? I just checked with the phone company, they had no Nelson Strode in phone book, but had several other Strodes, probably descendants.

I think Mary Boyle's father might be Stephen Boyle, but if you could check into the Boyle family further, I would appreciate it.

If you know Strode descendants having the Bible, please give me their address and phone number and I could call them. Thank you for whatever help you can give me and I will remit whatever the cost.

Sincerely

Lucille K. Pester
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Concerning the moving of the cemetery and John Strode; Sr. grandson.

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3014 Willow Rd.
Kelseyville, Ca 95451
7 November 1991

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423 East Broadwy
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Dear Kathryn:

It was so good to hear from you and know you are still so active in genealogy -- we were impressed that you have heard recently from three other Captain John Strode's descendants too -- we too have been receiving correspondence from old and new cousins.

Of course we are particularly interested in your phone call from John Strode in Alabama, in that he too is interested in getting a monument erected to our ancestor's burial plot.

We do hope you can find his address, if you did obtain it, because we would certainly like to give him a call.

We have no idea about how much a monument such as Charles Conley suggested would be but would appreciate a ballpark figure too, since this would enable us to let some of our Strode correspondents know of the project, because it would appear to be too costly for just us.

I note he wanted us to write but we would go along with what he suggested, so if he's willing to just give us an idea we could go on from there and get into details later.

Your thought is also good, and he could include that addition in a second guesstimate, right?

Thanks again for your wonderful work, and willingness to go the "extra mile" to help us all.

Genealogically yours,

Franklyn + Ione
Franklyn and Ione Brown

Strodes
Deed
Christened

This Indenture made and entered into this sixteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven between Mrs Strode Junr and Eleanor his wife and John Strode Jr. and Ruth his wife of the one part and Polly Christened of the other part and all of the County of Clark and State of Kentucky witnesseth that the said Mrs Strode Junr and Eleanor his wife and John Strode Senr and Ruth his wife for and in Consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars lawful money of said State to them in hand paid and received to be paid at and before the executing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged they the said

Date

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This is from
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Families of England +
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Pedigree III

1880, Cicero, Ill.

8 Alfred b. 1863, Mo.

42 Letitia b. 5 Feb. 1775 m. 27 Sept. 1791 William Lander
(1765-1834) and had at least John Strode Lander (1792-
1846) m. 1812 Elizabeth Haggard (1791-1835).

This son is
not on list
from
Skinner
book

43 Stephen b. 26 Feb. 1777 m. 16 Apr. 1798 Mary Strom
(Storms) b. 23 July 1782, dau. of Jacob. He appeared
as 76 in 1850 census, Carroll Twp. Platte Co., Mo.

living with his sister Eleanor Lafferty (44), age 67,
and her dau. Jane Brasfield and the latter's son,
John. He was known as "The Indian Fighter". It

seems very probable that he was the Stephen in the
War of 1812 in the 5th Regt. Ky. Vol. Mil. from Aug.
15, 1812 to Mar. 1813 at \$6.66 a month, - one muster
roll dated Georgetown, Ky.; taken prisoner 22 Jan.

1813, though it is conceivable that this Stephen was
son of Jeremiah (41). A Jacob and a Joseph took out
land patents in 1821 in Boone Co., Mo. and a letter
tells me that there was also a Stephen there then,
so it seems that this Stephen migrated there first.

Either he or his nephew (148) entered land in Clay
Co., Mo., Nov. 1832 and Nov. 1833 and John S. Strode,
possibly his son, Apr. 1834. No Strodes were found
in Platte Co. censuses from 1860 to 1880. A Stephen

Polly Donnalson and Rebecca Sphar, daughters of the slain pioneers, were captured by Indians while playing outside Strodes Station (1792) and they were not restored to their families until 1795 following Anthony Waynes victory at the Battle of Fallen Timbers.

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 presents do grant bargain and sell alien release and
 to the said Polly Sutherland his heirs and assigns and
 tract or parcel of land containing fifty acres, together with
 regular the rights members and appurtenances there
 in or in any wise appertaining situate lying and
 the aforesaid County of Clark and State of Kentucky
 near of Strodes Creek, it being the same tract of land
 the said John Strode Jur. now lies and apart
 Strodes preemption of one thousand acres and bounded
 tract Beginning at a Stake corner to the said
 road near and Stephen Strode Jur. thence with
 the Strodes line 145 P 6 1/2 poles to a stake in the line
 of Gully near the west bank of Strodes Creek, thence with
 the line 175 P 6 1/4 poles to a stake another corner to said
 thence with another line of the same 111 P 4 1/2 poles to a
 and bounded on the east bank of said Creek and
 corner to said Gully, thence with another line of
 86 P 2 1/2 poles to a hickory in the aforesaid preemption
 with said line 112 P 30 P 1 1/2 poles to a stake and corner
 of Abijah Brooks deceased, thence with a line of said
 16 P 1/2 to a stake near a signature marked as a pointer
 to said John Strode Jur., thence with his line 819
 to the beginning, together with all and singular
 members improvements and appurtenances thereunto
 or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold
 and premises hereby bargained and sold or
 to be unto the said Polly Sutherland his heirs
 in fees to the only proper use and behoof of him of
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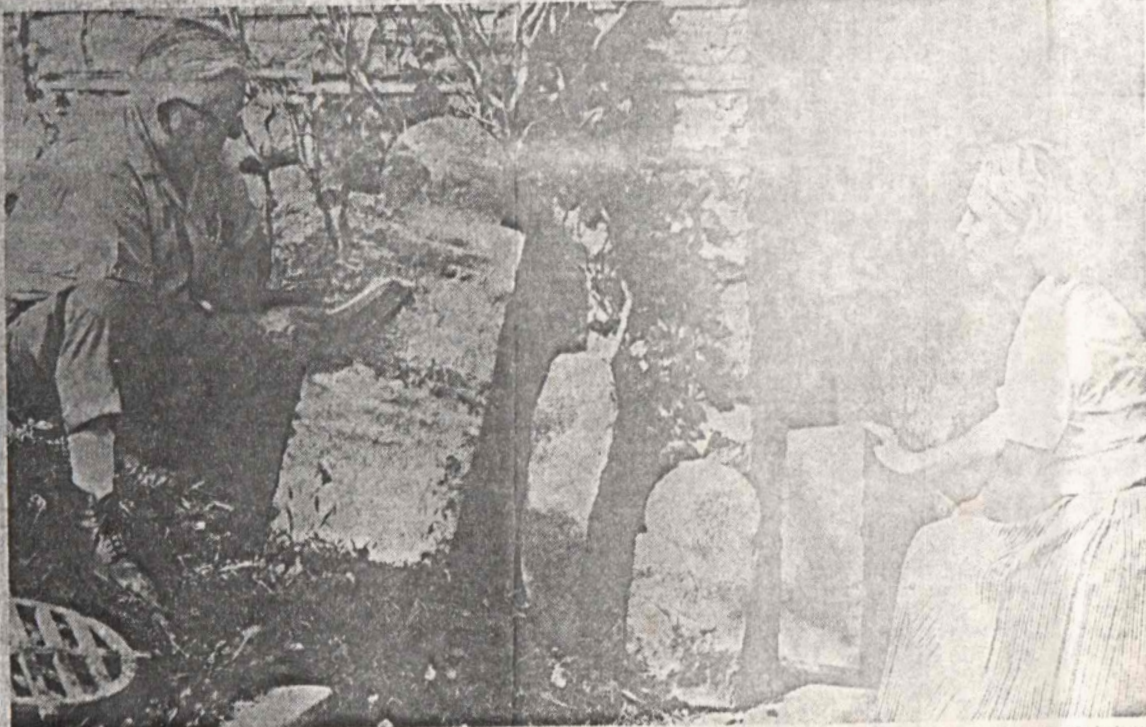
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High School Band Contestants Named

Names of the bands that will participate in the Fayette Lions

620-A Central Ave

Alameda Calif.

11-14-65

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Dear Mrs. Owen,

Mrs. W. H. Whitley of Paris, Kentucky, was kind enough to send us a copy of the newspaper clipping from the Lexington Herald regarding the unearthing of graves at Strode's Cemetery, showing your picture and mentioning one was that of pioneer John Strode.

We are almost positive we are directly descended from John Strode through his son,

James, who married Margaret Farman and their son, John Farman Strode, who

married Nancy Evans.
Their daughter, Nancy,
married John ~~Rade~~,
our great-grandfather,
who left Independence
area with his father,
Reverend Thomas,
to be pioneer settlers
in Colorado.

We are trying to
establish that the
Nancy who married
John Strode was
Nancy Evans, daughter
of Samuel Evans
and Mary Farman,
which would
make us twice
related to the
Farman's!

If you should
have any further

information on John Strode and his family we are always eager to know more. Did they find any more grave markers with corroborating evidence? We noted dates agreed perfectly with our own data on John Strode / Mary Boyle and their children as we have it.

It appears the Strode + Farman lines are indeed illustrious and interesting - it's like a giant jigsaw puzzle! Sincerely,
Mrs Franklyn Brown

Feb. 9, 1985

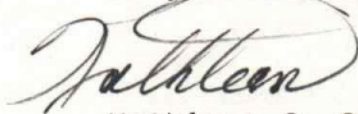
Dear Kathryn,

Thank you so much for your lovely letter of Feb.1. Enclosed is our Strode chart as complete as we have it as of this date. I assume that your Captain John Strode and my "2ed gen. "C" John Strode are one in the same. I am shown in 8th gen. #D3.2.1.2.3.2. I am new at geneology but am having a very good time with it. I believe that is mostly due to the fact that I have been very lucky. Your help is very much appreciated. Please let me know if there is a charge for your services. (I have been in geneology long enough to know that small duplicating and mailing charges add up in a hurry.)

Our line of the Strodes has "daughtered out" as you will see on the chart. My uncle Kenneth Strode is the last of the male Strodes on our line. My grandfather, Byron's, first son Leighton died at thirty years old unmarried and Byrons only brother had no children.

Thanking you in advance I am-

Very sincerely,



Kathleen C. Greaney
4863 Cole Road
Memphis, Tn 38117
Ph. 901-761-4199

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STRODE FAMILY

This sketch was written by Jeremiah Strode of Texas, March 17, 1846 for Miss A.E. Hopkins, later, Mrs. Laughlin of Lexington, Ky. Mr. Strode wrote:

"This information from my Uncle Capt. James Strode of Berkley Co., Va. and John Strode of Culpepper Co. Va. who processed the records A.D. 1791. The coat of arms is the sun, moon and seven stars. The mansion stands yet, eleven miles south of Strausburg, France. They are of ancient and noble families belonging to the Hugenots (the Protestants of France). They left their homes in the year 1356 and made their abode in the dens and caves of the valleys of Piedmont, Italy until after the Romans were defeated at Toulouse by Lord Raymond of Scotland. During the reign of Cromwell they went to Scotland and had their names and arms recorded.

Our great-great-grandfather chartered a vessel and set sail for America about 1690. He died on the passage, leaving four sons, William Strode, Samuel Strode, George Strode and Edward Strode. Edward Strode the younger was our grandfather. He died in Berkley Co., Va. aged 108 years. Wm., George and Samuel went to Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Georgia.

Edward Strode was the father of John Strode Sr. founder of Strode's Station, Clark County, Ky. he was born in Va. Jan. 11, 1736. His wife Mary was born in Va. Feb. 22, 1734, they had twelve children: Elizabeth, Edward, Eleanor, James, Mary, John, Nancy, Susana, Jeremiah, Letitia, Stephen and Waller.

Susannah married _____ Magowan
Nancy married Abijah Brooks, she died July 1855. Their children were Abijah, Samuel, Dr. John S. Brooks, Nellie who married John Breckinridge.
Elizabeth married _____ Ecton. Robert married _____ Young.

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Abbie Hastings married David Hopkins in Clark Co, Ky. in 1828. They had one child, Anna E. Hopkins born 1830 and married Tarlton C. Laughlin in 1847. He died young and left her with four children Judge Henry C. Laughlin of Chicago, Nannie, married Dr. Neeley; Tarlton and Julian of St. Louis.

Samuel Brooks, second child of Abijah and Nancy Strode Brooks married (1) Margaret Kenney (2) Elizabeth Peck. Elizabeth Brooks married Joseph Mitchell; James married Annie Magowan. Abijah died in Confederate Army. Mary married Christopher Clay. Nannie Brooks married Buckner Woodford.

Samuel Brooks by his second wife Elvina Scott Brooks had two children, Joseph and Alice. Alice married Benjamin Woodford. Dr. John Strode Brooks, third son of Abijah and Nancy Strode Brooks married J.H. Kerr? Jenny married M.A. Kenney; Abbie married Charles Throckmorton; Sallie: Fanny married W.S.Morgan.

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John Strode Jr. was the 6th child of John Strode Sr., founder of Strode Station and his wife Mary, was born Sept. 25, 1763 and died August 2, 1832. His wife Ruth Constant Strode was born Mar. 24th, 1770 and died Aug. 21, 1845. They had 15 children: John, James, Mary, Jeremiah, Sally, Abigail, Stephen, Letitia, Ann, Elenor, Elizabeth, Constance, Martha, William and Nelson.

James married Mary Doyle
Mary married Shrites
Sally married John Clinkenbeard
Abigail married Gunn
Elenor married Gardner Berry
Elizabeth married George Doyle
Martha married Breckinridge *Elmore Breckenridge*
Nelson (1815-1895) died Winchester Ky.; his wife Elvira (1819-1884). They had four children: W.D., Dr. J.T., Elizabeth, and James Strode and one son Edward by second marriage
W.D. married Martha Hunt; Dr. J.T. married Bell Hall;
Elizabeth married Minor Hisle; James married Nannie Flynn,
Edward married Sally Gordon

Sally Strode, 5th child of John Strode Jr. and wife Ruth Constance married John Clinkenbeard, son of William and Mary Mooney Clinkenbeard of Strodes Station. To them were born 17 children: William, Martha, John S., Mary, Jonathan, Isaac, Stephen, James David, Elmore, Thomas, Hood, Ruth, Andrew, Allen, Sallie Joanah.

Children of John and Sallie (Strode) Clinkenbeard-marriages

- William Clinkenbeard m. Harriet Rice 1847
- Martha Clinkenbeard m. George Fry 1840-12 children
- John S. Clinkenbeard m. Louisa Bryant² children-Martha C. (2nd wife)
3 children
- Mary Clinkenbeard m. Robb Dodsworth 1847- 12 children

-3- Strode

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Jonathan Clinkenbeard m. Mary Wilson 2 children

Isaac Clinkenbeard did not marry

Stephen Clinkenbeard m. Emma Bybee -1854 4 children

James Clinkenbeard m. Martha Grimes-1858 6 children

- 1. Alice m. Sutton W. Moores (2) Sallie m. Richard Smithe
- (3) John m. Carrie Smitha-6 c. (4) Hattie m. Thomas McDonald
- no c. (5) Kirby m. Maggie Askins 4 c.

David Clinkenbeard

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Thomas Clinkenbeard m. Luch Smith 5 ch.

Hood Clinkenbeard m. Mariah Buckels (2) Margaret Browning-1 ch.

Ruth Ellen Clinkenbeard m. Caleb Dodsworth-1863

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Allen Clinkenbeard m. Florence Johnson 1871

Sallie Clinkenbeard m. William Scott 2 ch-Matilda and Shela Harriet

Joanah Clinkenbeard died 1870

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James Clinkenbeard born June 17, 1829 died March 6, 1889; married 1858 to Martha Ann Grimes born Mar. 7, 1830 died Sept. 16, 1887 Their six children were:

- †(1) Mary Alice b. Mar. 16, 1859 d. Mar. 1947 married Charles Sutton (2) William Moores
- (2) John William b. Feb. 14, 1861 d. Nov. 1942, married Carrie Smitha and had six children. Walter married Naomi Hadden, Susie married Harve Wilson had 3 children; Henry married Granville, married _____, Martha Lee married Stanley Myers, had 3 children
- (3) Sallie married Richard P. Smitha had 1 child Mattie who married Robert Creed Farney--7 ch.
- (4) Harriet b. Sept. 17, 1863 d. Feb. 12, 1949, married Thomas McDonald
- (5) Kirby b. Nov. 28, 1865 d. Dec. 21, 1853, married Maggie Askins had 4 children: Hattie m. Carl Hamilton -3 ch. Roy married Gussie Chatterbuck -1 ch.; Annie m. Archie Nichols-5 ch.; Alice m. Lawrence Nichols 2 c. (2) Robert Gibbs
- (6) Bettie b. Jan. 4, 1868 d. Feb. 11, 1870

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3. John S. Clinkenbeard married Louisa Bryant, had 2 children John Clinkenbeard and Emma Clinkenbeard who married Charles Landrum.
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8. David Clinkenbeard died at age 13
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-(2)-Margaret-Browning-
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7:30 P.M. - JUNE 1941

County National Bank, Citizens National Bank and the Home Savings Bank. T. F. Phillips was listed as a druggist and S. R. Zinn as a merchant tailor, with W. H. Garner listed as merchant grocer. Hotels were the National Hotel and the Webster House. Physicians and surgeons listed were H. C. Hart, H. Taylor and John A. Mills.

IT WAS PLEASING to sit at Dr. Curry's desk and pore over the quaint map of Winchester in the tattered old atlas. What a tiny town the yellowed map depicted, without the sprawl of today's suburbs—the town was perfectly square in shape and all the residents of 1877 were within a stone's throw of one another. There was even a lake where the First Christian Church now stands. It was a compact little world, perhaps more orderly than today...but progress and change (not always synonymous) are inevitable.

WITH TODAY'S version of the Scrapbook, you'll find a copy of the layout of Strode's Station. The map was supplied by Miss Kathryn Owen, who noted she had been besieged by Clark history buffs with requests to copy the map. This way, every one of The Sun's 23,000 readers will have an opportunity to see the map. By each cabin is the name of the occupant, which leads us to idle speculation—what were they like? Can we ever visualize William Clinkenbeard?...or Granny West?...or Patrick Mooney and Joe Drake? Who were they—these pioneers to whom we all owe so much? What did they look like? What did they talk about? We'll never know....perhaps.

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WINCHESTER, Ky., Sept. 17—History literally was being unearthed near here today.

And the day's activities were climaxed by a local history buff's identification of what she hailed as a long-sought "find."

It is a grave marker which Miss Kathryn Owen of Winchester, who commented, "History is my hobby," declared "I'm absolutely certain" is that of a prominent pioneer Kentuckian, Capt. John Strode.

He founded Strode's Station in the 18th Century just west of this Clark County seat near where U.S. 60 now is located. And, investigators said, there's quite a story involved in his illustrious career.

Just one example cited: Though he was the leader in his pioneer community, he didn't want the county seat located there because he didn't want to rear his family in a "big city."

Remains Are Reburied

The marker was among a few found as remains of pioneers were hunted and those discovered were removed for reburial in a special section of the Winchester Cemetery.

And, as the past yielded to the future and also some of its own lore, it all was part of another step in what's dubbed 20th Century "progress"—the locating and building of another modern road.

Most of the graves found—the 57th was discovered just before 4 o'clock this hot, sunny afternoon—were unmarked or

farm now owned by J. O. Tyler Jr. had been plowed.

In one excavation was found an iron casket somewhat in the shape of a human form. Coroner Leon Pace, owner of Scobee Funeral Home, which has a contract with the State Highway Department for moving the remains, said he opened the casket before its reburial. It contained the body of a woman whose hands were covered with gloves.

"I removed one glove and found the hand well-preserved," Pace said. He added there was a veil around the head, the material extending around the neck where a large bow was tied.

Baby Buried Atop Adult

Atop the iron casket, the coroner said, was found the remains of what appeared to be a baby and a plate inscribed, "My Darling." There were buttons and safety pins, too, he added. It was speculated the mother had died in childbirth and the baby buried along with her.

The casket was found among other remains on a hilltop, which Miss Owen said was believed to have been a later graveyard of the Abijah Brooks family. Most of the graves were found on the higher ground.

The Strode marker was found later, downhill, where work was in progress today, in what the historian said was the Strode's Station cemetery. She added that one of Strode's daughters married a Brooks.

Some Shallow Graves

Some of the bodies had been buried two deep, Pace said. Rusty, square-shaped nails were found frequently, apparently from wood coffins which rotted.

Most of the information about the pioneers, Miss Owen said, came from an interview that William Clinkenbeard, a resident of Strode's Station, gave in 1780 to the Rev. John B. Shane, a Presbyterian minister. This now is part of the Draper collection in Wisconsin, she added. She recounted:

A Revolutionary War veteran, Captain Strode first came to Kentucky in 1776, marked and improved land, and in December 1779 received a land grant of 1,000 acres. He started building a cabin in the winter of 1779-80 at the station. He returned to Virginia and brought his family to Kentucky in 1784. He had 12 children.

Letters On Marker

The marker Miss Owen said is that of Strode bears letters, "I. S." or "J. S." She said the latter is more likely, with a part of the first letter being obscured by age. It also says, "Died Aug. 18, 1805." There is also a figure "7." Miss Owen said Strode's will was probated Aug. 26, 1805, strengthening her conviction the marker is his.

Another marker bears no inscription; a third, merely "August 1799," and a fourth, what appears to be "1791" and the distinct letters "J.D.D.," beneath which is "A 68," apparently the last referring to an age. The remains of Strode's two

sons had been moved years ago to the Winchester Cemetery.

Coroner Pace said the reburials, begun early this week, are expected to be completed Tuesday.

The site from which the remains are being taken is just south of U.S. 60 and within sight of the four-lane superhighway, Interstate 64.

The Van Meter Road, which links I-64 and U.S. 60, is to be extended southward, and the graves' site is right in the path; hence the transferrals. Ultimately, the road will be a bypass around Winchester to join U.S. 227 south of the new George Rogers Clark Memorial High School.

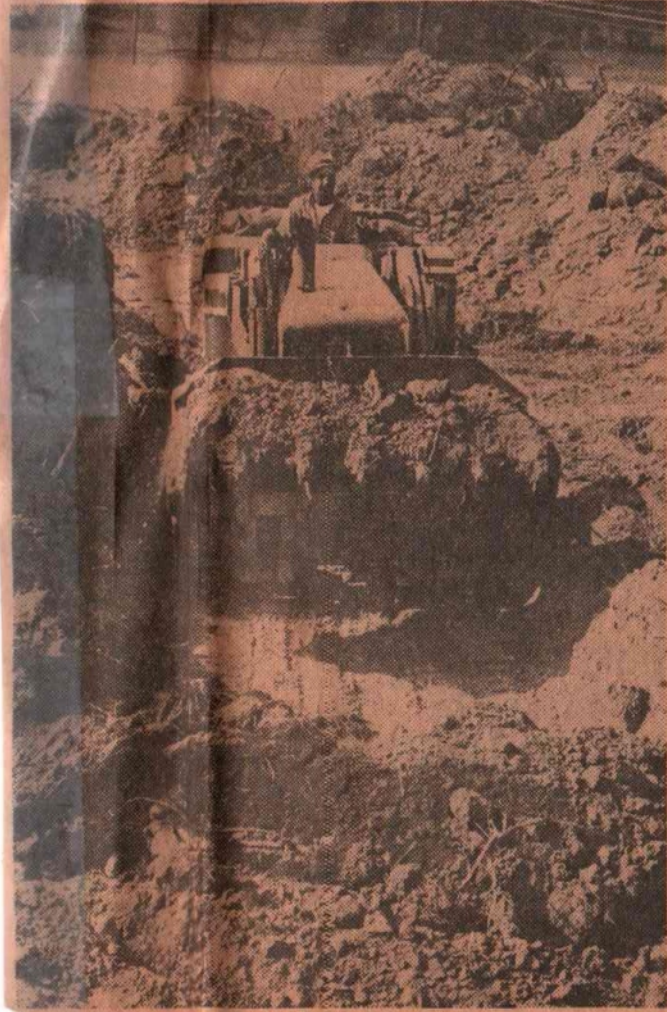
Bids were opened today by the State Highway Department on the road project involving the old burying grounds. It extends from U.S. 60 south to the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Co. tracks, a distance of 0.704 mile. The apparent lowest bidder was Watts & Call Construction Co., Lexington, at \$177,098.



only had fieldstones nearby. But through the years, authorities said, the land on the



PIONEERS' REMAINS, GRAVE MARKERS MOVED—Four grave markers found as pioneers' remains were moved for a highway right of way near Winchester are examined, top photo, by Floyd Osborne, superintendent of the Winchester Cemetery, where reburials are taking place, and Miss Kathryn Owen, Winchester, who said, "History is my hobby." Gordon Tracy, lower left, operates a high lift used to excavate, seeking the grave sites, just before the 67th remains were found yesterday. Clark County Coroner Leon Pace, lower right, in charge of the removal, points to a fieldstone believed to be the marker of another grave. Work, begun early this week, is expected to be completed Tuesday, Pace said.





HISTORY MYSTERY — Two old gravestones almost overgrown by the silent grass — this was the scene at Strode's Station in the spring of 1965 before the burial ground was removed to make a path for the new Winchester by-pass. Any legible marking on the stones had worn away years ago. Whether the pioneers who slept beneath the stones met death by disease, old age or at the end of a tomahawk is unknown. Little is known about the Strode's Station pioneers, although they were the first permanent residents of Clark County, with exception of Indians. (Sun Photo)

Progress, Change Uproot Customs

By **DON EDWARDS**

Progress and change — two forces not always synonymous but totally inevitable — uproot customs, laws and even an occasional ghost.

Clark Countians found this to be true last month as the bulldozer's throaty growl temporarily interrupted the sleep of Clark pioneers as the Strode's Station burial ground gave way to the new Winchester by-pass, which eventually will link the Lexington and Boonesboro Road.

Little is known of the history of Strode's Station. The primary source of facts about the tiny settlement comes from an interview conducted in 1843 by the Rev. John D. Shane.

The interview was with William Clinkenbeard, one of Clark County's first settlers who lived at Strode's Station. Clinkenbeard died one year after the historic interview, but not before he brought a few facts to light.

Strode's Station was instigated by a Virginia gentleman — John Strode. Strode first came to Kentucky from Berkely County, Va., in 1776 when he marked and improved a portion of land in the Clark County area.

He returned to Virginia, then came back to Clark County in 1779 and acquired 1,000 acres

of land. During the winter of 1779-80, Strode built a cabin that was to form the nucleus of the station.

To establish the station he offered other pioneers, primarily in the Boonesboro area, the use of land free of rent until after the Revolutionary War. By 1781 Strode's Station was firmly entrenched in Clark County with 25 cabins.

As Clinkenbeard's mind strove to fill the gap of 62 years, he listed many of the occupants of the 25 cabins. His list included: Strode, Stephen Boyle, Matthias Sphar, John Douglas, Jimmy Bathis, Granny West, Joshua Stamper, Pressley Anderson, John Rice, Robert Taylor, Jacob Sphar, Barney Mitchell, John Constant, Frederick and Benedict Couchman, James Duncan, Joe Dark, Patrick Mooney, John Hart, Patrick Donnalson, Joshua Bennet and John Kirk along with himself.

Each man was allowed one-fourth acre of land for a garden, the old pioneer recalled, and there were no fences between the gardens, only rows of stakes. The north end of the station contained a 100-acre cornfield with a fence separating the garden from the cornfield.

Clinkenbeard recalled the Indian attack on the station on March 1, 1781, and gave this version: Jacob Sphar was driving cattle along the

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fence line by the garden when Indians, who were hidden in ambush in the cornfield, shot him fatally.

Patrick Donnalson, hearing the gunfire, ran to see what had happened to Sphar, and was killed instantly when a bullet struck him in the head. The Indians, fearing a counterattack, fled.

Clinkenbeard recalled that a party had been sent to Boonesboro earlier to reinforce the fort against a possible Indian attack. When the attack failed to materialize, the group returned nine miles through danger-infested wilderness.

Upon reaching Strode's Station, the old pioneer remembered, the group was so overjoyed at their safe arrival, they wanted to fire their rifles to celebrate. Strode came out from the settlement and told them not to fire, explaining that the station had been under attack with two men slain, and that any more gunfire would terrify the women and children.

Clinkenbeard also told of Rebecca Sphar and Polly Donnalson, daughters of the two men slain in the attack. The two girls were captured by the Indians in 1792 while playing outside the station and were not restored to their families

until 1795 following Gen. Anthony Wayne's victory at the Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Strode died in 1805 at the age of 76 after spending the balance of his life battling Indians, disease, starvation and the weather for his 1,000 acres of Clark County soil. Ruth Boyle, his wife who bore 12 children, outlived her husband by several years — the exact date of her death is unknown.

Miss Kathryn Owen, Clark County historian, notes that the finding of a gravestone marked "J.S." with the date of death being Aug. 18, 1805, ascertains that Strode was buried at the station. Records in the Clark County courthouse state that Strode's will was probated Aug. 28, 1805, she said.

The pioneers buried at Strode's Station slept for nearly 200 years before being removed to the Winchester Cemetery — their final resting place.

One is justified in wishing more records of these settlers existed in order to better know the people who laid the foundation for Clark County as we know it today.

They were typical of the early Kentucky pioneers — a brave, hardy people. Their past is shrouded in mystery — their lives were cloaked in glory.