

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO INTERVIEWED WITH ME

- ADLENE ABSTAIN
- MINNIE ALTA BROADDUS
- JUANITA POPE BONE
- LAURA BROOKS
- REV. THURMOND COLEMAN - J-TOWN BAPTIST CHURCH
- LLOYD DAVIS
- DIANA DOW
- MARTIN DUNBAR, JR.
- ROBERT GASKIN, JR.
- RICHARD GREATHOUSE
- NATHANIEL GREEN
- SARAH JONES
- MARY MARGARET MERIWETHER KELLER
- WILLIAM KELLER
- EARNESTINE LYONS LOGAN
- ANNA MERRIT
- LULA BALD MCCOY
- ANN SPENCER REYNOLDS
- CHESTER TROWEL
- LINDA WILSON

- Effie Lyons - DECEASED

- BEN BOGERT / DECEASED / BODILY

SEPTEMBER 23

- 3 - slides Jefferson county map - 1879 - Harrods Creek - Prospect 1879 - Middletown & Jeffersontown
- Prospect got its name when they were looking for a turnaround for the interurban

HARRODS CREEK

- AFTER THE CIVIL WAR LARGE LAND HOLDINGS WERE SUBDIVIDED AND SOLD IN SMALL PARCELS. MANY BLACKS WHO WERE FORMER SLAVES SETTLED IN THIS AREA.
- WEALTHY FAMILIES BUILT LARGE HILLSIDE HOMES - WORKING CLASS WHITES AND THROUGH A TWIST OF FATE SOME BLACKS CARVED OUT HOMES ALONG THE RIVER

MERIWETHER

- AROUND 1890, HARRY MERIWETHER AND HIS BROTHER BOUGHT LAND ALONG HARRODS CREEK FROM THE ALLISON FAMILY. HARRY LATER SOLD HIS HALF ACRE TRACT OF LAND TO HIS GRANDSON, HARRY HALL MERIWETHER FOR \$40.00. (MW marker)
- 1898 HARRY HALL MERIWEATHER BUILT A UNIQUE HOUSE ON A HILL OVERLOOKING HAARODS CREEK WITH A STEAMBOAT INSPIRED PORCH WITH ARCHES. (Early MW house - 1 present MW house - 2 - MW family - Harry Hall & wife Elnora - Harry M. reading collier mag.) (present MW house - view from porch)
- FAMILY FARMED, RAISED AND SLAUGHTERED HOGS, BUILT AND MANAGED DOCKS AND BUILT VACATION COTTAGES (^{slides} Harrods Creek bridge - dock area)
- HARRY HALL ALSO WORKED FOR L&N RAILROAD HIS WIFE ELNORA MCINTYRE WORKED AT THE WESTERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

- DAUGHTER MARY MARGARET MERIWEATHER KELLER AND HUSBAND WILLIAM "PETE" KELLER LIVES THERE.

- LARGE SETTLEMENT OF BLACKS LIVED IN THE NECK, IN BACK OF THE MERRIWETHER PROPERTY (neck road) CHILDREN IN HARRODS CREEK ATTENDED THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE NECK (2 slides of the neck school). CHILDREN FROM HAPPY HOLLOW AND PROSPECT WENT TO PROSPECT SCHOOL BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD CONSOLIDATED THE BLACK SCHOOLS IN THE AREA

- ONE OF THE TEACHERS WHO TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM DURING THIS TIME WAS LUCY JACKSON. RECORDS SHOW THAT SHE TAUGHT AT GOOSE CREEK/LYNDON AND ORELL FROM 1892-1894 AND AT PROSPECT 1905- 1906 - teachers paid \$25.00/MO. (Lucy Jackson picture taken in 1887)

- **JEFFERSON JACOB SCHOOL** -(named for **Laura Brooks Grandfather - freedman**) A TWO STORY BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1917-1918. IT CONSOLIDATED HARRODS CREEK AND PROSPECT. THE TWO ACRES OF LAND WAS PURCHASED FROM THE SHIRLEY FAMILY FOR \$400.00 WITH ROSEWALD FUNDS. IT BECAME KNOWN AS THE JEFFERSON JACOB CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL - DISTRICT "F."

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 11/18/1886 MINUTES STATES

-The colored people of the community will do all the necessary excavating; furnish all the material for the walls and floor of the basement to be made of concrete and will, under supervision of a competent person, do all the work necessary in making forms and filling same with concrete at no cost to this board

-The colored people of the community agrees to haul all material necessary for the erection of a two room school building with two rooms in the basement for manual training and domestic science at no cost to this board.

- This board has the assurance that mass meetings have been held in each of the interested district and that the people are in favor of the consolidation.

- It is expected that this Board shall have the school-bldg ready for use for the term of 1917 - 18.

- On a motion of Charles Hite, seconded by Henry Schaffner the proposition of Mr.

Gray and Kennedy with reference to consolidation of colored schools F and W in according to the conditions enumerated is accepted. (earlier Jacobs School students)

-JACOBS SCHOOL AS IT IS TODAY (front of present day school - 2 back - 3 back/w pump)

- -THE SMALL BUILDING IN THE BACK THAT ONCE WAS A KINDERGARTEN IS NOW A SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER(small building)

THE SCHOOL NOW BELONGS TO PROSPECT LODGE (earlier picture of Prospect Lodge members)

- MR. DUNBAR. SAID MRS. MAHAN BOUGHT JACOB SCHOOL AND LET THE LODGE PAY FOR IT ON TIME. AS MASTER OF THE LODGE DUNBAR WAS TRYING TO CATCH UP ON BACK PAYMENTS. MRS. MAHAN CALLED MARTIN DUNBAR AND GAVE HIM THE DEED AND WROTE PAID IN FULL ON THE NOTE.

JAMES TAYLOR SUBDIVISION (Harrods Creek Marker)

- **JAMES TAYLOR** WAS BORN IN 1885. - HIS MOTHER DIED SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS BORN. HE WAS RAISED BY HIS FATHER AND GRANDPARENTS ON WOLF PEN BRANCH ROAD

- HE WAS VERY TALL AND A HANDSOME MAN. HIS FRIENDS CALLED HIM "BIG JIM." (Picture of James Taylor)

- JAMES TAYLOR WAS A FARMER, DEVELOPER AND QUARRY OWNER.

- MARRIED AND HAD THREE CHILDREN. HE WAS SO TALL, THEY PLAYED LONDON BRIDGE BETWEEN HIS LEGS.

- AROUND 1922-23 HE BOUGHT LAND FROM THE SHIRLEY FAMILY AND SOLD LOTS TO BLACKS WHO WORKED IN THE AREA AND HAD TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES TO WORK. RICH FAMILIES SERVANTS NEEDED A PLACE TO LIVE

- DAUGHTER MINNIE ALTA BROADDUS SAID HE CAREFULLY SCREENED BUYERS FOR LOTS FROM SHIRLEY AVE TO DUROC AVE. BUILT HIS HOME AT 6600 SHIRLEY AVENUE(James Taylor by his house - present house)

- DAUGHTER LATER MARRIED STENSON BROADDUS ON THE LAWN OF 6600 - MOM NOT WELL. COULDN'T TEACH IF YOU WERE PREGNANT, SO TALL IT DIDN'T SHOW. WWII BOUGHT COULDN'T BUY MATERIAL - BOUGHT BARRACKS AND MADE A HOME.

- CLARENCE WEATHERS FAMILY LIVED IN THE AREA AND ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW JAMES TAYLOR WELL, HE WAS WELL THOUGHT OF BY ALL.

- **MARTIN DUNBAR'S** FAMILY OF FOUR GENERATIONS (family)

- MOTHER - TAUGHT AT JACOBS SCHOOL

- WENT NORTH BUT RETURNED WHEN MOTHER BECAME ILL. LIVED WITH GRANDPARENTS. HIS GRANDFATHER STOKES WAS THE FOREMAN OF THE WATSON 100 + ACRES OF PROPERTY ON WOLF PEN BRANCH ROAD. AS A YOUNG BOY, MARTIN WORKED ON THE FARM MAKING FIFTY CENTS A DAY. FIRST PAY THREE DOLLARS. GRANDMOTHER SAID HE OWED HER HALF OF HIS MONEY FOR FEEDING AND CLOTHING HIM. IT WAS GOOD TRAINING.

- ATTENDED MUNICIPAL COLLEGE - DRAFTED INTO ARMY. MRS. BROADDUS AND HER HUSBAND INTRODUCED HIM TO HIS WIFE - WORKED AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY 31 YEARS. CATERER - FIRST MINORITY OWNER OF A KFC FRANCHISE IN STATE OF KY.

- SUCCESS NEVER MADE HIM WANT TO LEAVE SHIRLEY AVE.

SUTHERLAND NEXT DOOR HAS CAUSED PRICE OF PROPERTY TO ESCALATE.

GREEN CASTLE BAPTIST CHURCH CAME INTO BEING IN 1869 ALONG THE BANKS OF THE OHIO RIVER, OFF ROSE ISLAND ROAD IN THE GROVE OF LOCUST TREES. THE CHURCH WAS NAMED GREEN FROM THE GREEN GROVE SOF THE LOCUST TREES AND CASTLE IN HONOR OF MRS. CASTLE PARKER. An old log cabin owned by ben parker had originally been the site of prayer meetings). THERE WAS NO CHURCH BUILDING THEN. THE FIRST CHURCH WAS BUILT AND OCCUPIED IN 1873. (3 slides - 1913 Prospect map Green Island Road - Church sign - church)

- GREEN CASTLE IS BLESSED WITH A RICH LEGACY, STRONG ROOTS AND BEAUTIFUL LEAD GLASS WINDOWS DONATED BY ITS MEMBERS (3 slides of church windows)

- GREEN CASTLE BAPTIST CHURCH ON ROSE ISLAND ROAD AND HARRODS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH ON RIVER ROAD SERVES THE BLACK FAMILIES IN HARRODS CREEK AND JAMES TAYLOR SUBDIVISION.

-- LAURA BROOKS GREW UP IN HAPPY HOLLOW BUT MOVED FROM THAT AREA MANY YEARS AGO. WE DECIDED TO FIND HAPPY HOLLOW (Happy Hollow street sign)

- FOLLOWING THE ROAD TO THE END (Happy Hollow road)

- HAPPY HOLLOW IS NOW AN EXCLUSIVE GOLF COURSE

- TOLD THE BROOKS HOUSE IS THE ONLY HOUSES LEFT ON THE LAND. (Brooks/Tucker house 3 - 1 - 2)

BERRYTOWN/GRIFFEYTOWN (2 slides maps of 1879 Anchorage & Middletown - 1913 Lots Layout in Berrytown) *stop*

AROUND 1850, THE ARRIVAL OF THE LOUISVILLE NASHVILLE (L&N) RAILROAD, THROUGH HOBBS STATION STIMULATED THE CREATION

AND GROWTH OF A CLUSTER OF COMMUNITIES WHICH BECAME ANCHORAGE, BERRYTOWN AND GRIFFYTOWN. (Map of Griffeytown 1913) THEIR HISTORY DIFFERED IN THAT GT AND BT WERE IMPOVERISHED HAMLETS POPULATED BY SERVANTS OF THE AFFLUENT RESIDENTS OF NEIGHBORING ANCHORAGE

*SOME WORKED AT CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL AND KY CHILDREN'S HOME.
A SINGLE INTERURBAN CAR PROVIDED PRIMARY TRANSPORTATION
FOR SEVERAL OF THESE ISOLATED COMMUNITIES*

GRIFFYTOWN

- AROUND 1879 DAN GRIFFY, A FREEMAN PURCHASED A LOG CABIN FROM ONE OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF MIDDLETOWN, MINOR WHITE. GRIFFY MOVED THE CABIN TO OLD HARRODS CREEK ROAD - THUS ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY OF GRIFFYTOWN

- GRIFFYTOWN SCHOOL ½ ACRE OF LAND - ONE FLOOR FRAMED BUILDING BUILT IN 1934 OVERALL COST OF 2500.00 - TEA, BRING A BOOK - THERE WAS A BLACK SCHOOL IN MIDDLETOWN PRIOR TO 1905 IDENTIFIED WITH THE LETTER "T." JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL ARCHIVIST SHIRLEY BOTKINS STATES - 1889 - 1893 STATISTIC CENSUS READS; 66 CHILDREN BETWEEN AGES 6 AND 20. 30 MALES 36 FEMALES ATTENDED. KEEP IN MIND STATISTICS WERE INFLATED PRIOR TO 1898.

- DIANA DOW REMEMBERS HOW NEIGHBORS SHARED WITH EACH OTHER - BABY FARMS - SHARING FOOD - EATING AT NEIGHBORS HOUSES - **BURIAL OF SLAVES FACING EAST IN MIDDLETOWN CT.**

BERRYTOWN

- ALFRED BERRY BOUGHT A PARCEL OF LAND FROM SAMUEL KNOX IN 1874. FOLLOWED BY LILLY AND GILES FAMILIES WHO FORMED THE CORE FOUNDING FAMILIES OF BERRYTOWN (Berrytown marker)

-BERRYTOWN CEMETERY PURCHASED IN 1890 BY UNITED BROTHERS OF FRIENDSHIP LODGE #83. LODGE MEMBER MAINTAIN A CEMETERY THAT TELLS THE HISTORY OF EARLIER SETTLERS WHO LIVED THERE,

INCLUDING THE BERRY FAMILY. MANY OF THEM HAD BEEN ENSLAVED PEOPLE. (2 slides - Cemetery marker - cemetery photo)

- MORE THAN 300 BURIALS HELD.

- RICHARD LILLY WAS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF BERRYTOWNS AND ONE OF ITS EARLIEST FAMILIES (Richard Lilly - Mary - George - Nell - daughters Sarah Jones and Mary Ashby) *stop*

RICHARD LILLY WAS A VETERAN OF THE CIVIL WAR. HIS NAME APPEARS ON THE PLAQUE OF THE MONUMENT THAT ED HAMILTON MADE TO HONOR ALL BLACK SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT FOR THE UNION ARMY DURING THE CIVIL WAR. THE MONUMENT IS IN WASHINGTON, DC *stop*

-JUANTIA BONE POPE - GRANDMOTHER, KATIE FRAZIER BOUGHT LAND, CLEARED IT AND PUT UP A TENT FOR HER FAMILY OF EIGHT.

- KATIE FRAZIER WALKED TO ANCHORAGE TO WORK AT GRAYTOWER. CLOTHES FROZEN AROUND HER LEGS - FROSTBITE. PAID \$7 - \$8.00 A WEEK. WORKED 7 DAYS A WEEK . MAN COMPLAINED TO MANAGER ABOUT BLACKS TAKING FOOD. THEY ARE JUST GETTING THE REST OF THEIR PAY.

- LULA BALD MCCOY'S MOTHER AND FATHER DIED, 7 STAIR STEPS WENT TO LIVE WITH THEIR GRANDMOTHER - LAVERNE DAVIS

- THERE WERE PEOPLE IN BOTH COMMUNITIES WHO WERE SCHOOL TEACHERS, PIANO TEACHERS, SEAMSTRESSES, BRICK MASONS AND MANY OTHER OCCUPATIONS. THERE WERE ALSO BUSINESS SUCH AS DRY CLEANER, GROCERY STORES AND RESTAURANTS.

-BERRYTOWN'S FIRST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DISTRICT "D" WAS A ONE ROOM LOG CABIN THE LAND WAS BOUGHT BY SUBSCRIPTION FROM THE SAMUEL KNOX ESTATE. IN 1892, WHEN THE MEN IN THE COMMUNITY FINISHED THEIR DAILY WORK, THEY BUILT THE CABIN BY MOONLIGHT. BENCHES AND CHAIRS FOR THE SCHOOL WERE

MADE BY THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE WOMEN HELD TEAS AND ASKED EVERYONE TO BRING A BOOK FOR THE LIBRARY. SCHOOL TERM WAS THREE TO FIVE MONTHS LONG.

-NEW SCHOOL, FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAS CLOSE ENOUGH FOR CHILDREN TO WALK HOME FOR LUNCH. (Berrytown Forest School)

- CHILDREN SENT TO LINCOLN INSTITUTE AFTER FINISHING FOREST SCHOOL - COUNTY SUBSIDIZED.

-JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM 1948 SURVEY REPORT
BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF NEGRO PUPILS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IS RELATIVE SMALL AND BECAUSE NEGRO PATRONS OF THE SCHOOL LIVE IN WIDELY SEPARATE, SMALL COMMUNITIES, THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE FACILITIES IS VERY DIFFICULT

PETERSBURG NEW BURG (2 slides maps 1879 - 1913)

- LITTLE INFORMATION EXIST ON HOW THESE RACIALLY SEPARATED COMMUNITIES - LESS THAN ONE MILE FROM EACH OTHER ALONG SHEPHERDSVILLE ROAD CAME TOGETHER TO FORM THE PRESENT DAY NEWBURG. (Which means new town in German) *stop*

- A GERMAN COUPLE ESTABLISHED THE ORIGINAL NEWBURG NEAR POPULAR LEVEL ROAD. HOWEVER, ELIZA CURTIS HUNDLEY TEVIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST FREED SLAVES TO OWN PROPERTY IN WHAT WAS THEN CALLED THE WET WOODS. IN THE 1830S TEVIS MOVED TO THE AREA BECAUSE IT WAS THE ONLY LAND THAT WHITES WOULD SELL TO BLACKS.

- THERE ARE DISCREPANCIES ABOUT ELIZA TEVIS' HISTORY. SHE WAS OWNED BY JOHN B. HUNDLEY (slave trader/landowner Bashford Manor Estate). SOME SAY SHE WAS HIS HALF SISTER, SOME SAY SHE WAS HIS MISTRESS. IN 1819 HUNDLEY DEVELOPED SMALLPOX AND TEVIS NURSED HIM BACK TO HEALTH. SHE RECEIVED PROPERTY AND MONEY FROM HIS ESTATE AFTER HIS DEATH. SHE WAS FREED

AROUND 1832. TEVIS HIRED A PROMINENT LAWYER IN LOUISVILLE TO SUE THE HUNDLEY ESTATE FOR MONEY OWED HER AND WON.

- TEVIS BECAME A SLAVEHOLDER BY BUYING HER SISTER, MARY BEARD AND POSSIBLY OTHER RELATIVES OUT OF SLAVERY - FREED SLAVES COULD BUY OTHERS OUT OF SLAVERY, THEY COULD NOT SELL THEM - SMALL CHILDREN WERE OFTEN GIVEN TO HER WHEN FAMILIES WERE SOLD OFF AT THE SLAVE MARKET. SHE MARRIED HENRY TEVIS BUT AS AN EMANCIPATED WOMAN, ELIZA DECIDED TO KEEP HER PROPERTY IN THE FAMILY AND MADE A WILL LEAVING HER PROPERTY TO HER NEPHEW **HENRY BEARD**. *(show map) 1913*

- RELATIVES OF TEVIS, BEARDS, LOGAN'S, LYONS, GREENS RESPECT AND CARRY ON HER LEGACY - FOREST CHURCH AND FOREST CEMETERY WAS PART OF HER LAND. SHE WAS BURIED THERE AND THE ONLY MARKER OF HER GRAVE UNTIL RECENTLY WAS A LARGE ROCK. A PLAQUE HAS NOW BEEN PLACED ON THE ROCK DESIGNATING IT AS HER GRAVE (3 - 1 slide Forest cemetery 2 of marker).

ANNA MERRITT'S GRANDPARENTS, DAVID AND MARTHA SPENCER WERE SLAVES AT FARMINGTON. WHEN THEY WERE FREED AROUND 1865-66, THEY WENT TO LIVE IN NEWBURG. PICTURES AT FARMINGTON

JEFFERSONTOWN

- JEFFERSONTOWN HAD A LARGE COMMUNITY OF BLACK FAMILIES. ONE OF THE WELL KNOWN FAMILIES WAS THE WILSON FAMILY. LINDA WILSON, THE NIECE OF ALBERTA WILSON HAS SHARED MUCH ABOUT THE WILSON SIDE OF HER FAMILY.

- JAMES BURKE WILSON AND ISABEL DAVIS WILSON WERE HER GRAND PARENTS. THEY WERE THE COOK AND BUTLER FOR NEWSPAPER MAGNATE HENRY WATTERSON.- THEY LIVED ON BILLTOWN ROAD.

- IN LATER YEARS, ALBERTA WILSON HAD THE OLD FAMILY HOME REBUILT. ALBERTA WAS A GRADUATE OF KENTUCKY STATE -

additional training at Louisville Municipal College, Hampton University and Tuskegee) . SHE DIDN'T HAVE CHILDREN SO SHE WAS FUN TO VISIT WITH ALTHOUGH SHE WAS VERY STRICT. SHE WAS A SMALL, BEAUTIFUL SELF CONTAINED WOMEN, 4ft 8inches TALL (Alberta Wilson).

- THE FAMILY HAS MANY TREASURED MEMORIES OF THE WILSON FAMILY INCLUDING EARLIER PICTURES (Wilson family)

- ALBERTA TAUGHT BASIC WRITING AND READING, SEWING AND TAILORING. SHE TAUGHT AT THE JEFFERSONTOWN SCHOOL AND LATER AT CENTRAL (jeffersontown school).

- J- TOWN PARK DEDICATED TO UNCLE JAMES WILSON

REVEREND THURMOND COLEMAN - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF JEFFERSONTOWN

- BORN IN LOGAN WEST VIRGINIA, COAL FIELD AREA. ONE OF EIGHT CHILDREN. DAD BARBER

- TOWNS & COMMUNITIES BROUGHT BLACKS FROM THE SOUTH TO WORK IN THE COAL FIELDS, QUARRIES, STEEL MILLS IN NJ AND PA - IGNORANT SPOON - DID NOT WANT TO GO UNDERGROUND.

- REVEREND COLEMAN CAME TO KENTUCKY ON A WORK PROGRAM AT THE LINCOLN INSTITUTE.

- DAY LAW PROHIBITED BLACKS FROM GOING TO SCHOOL WITH WHITES - TEACHERS AT LINCOLN INSTITUTE WELL QUALIFIED AND CARING - CHILDREN CAME FROM DETROIT, CHICAGO AND OTHER PLACES. SOLDIERS WERE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL THERE WHEN THEY RETURNED FROM WW II.

WHITNEY YOUNG SENIOR WAS THE PRINCIPAL - MARRIED CORA ELIZABETH TODD - WENT TO WORK AT THE UNDULATA FARM - BUTLER, CHAUFFEUR, GOFER.

- ATTENDED CLASSES AT SEMINARY AND BECAME MINISTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF J-TOWN.

- BECAME FRIENDS WITH YOUNG DOCTOR, GREATHOUSE - TREATED FAMILIES FOR ILLNESSES - THEY ENTERED THROUGH SIDE DOOR OF HIS OFFICE. GREATHOUSE BECAME CORNER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY.

- FOUGHT FOR HIGHSCHOOL AND LOST JOB AS SCHOOL BUS DRIVER - THE JEFFERSONTOWN HIGH SCHOOL WAS ENTERED INTO THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORICAL PLACES IN 1985.

- ASKED FOR EQUIPMENT FOR PARK DEDICATED TO JAMES WILSON. BLACKS IN J-TOWN NEVER ASKED FOR MUCH SO THEY DIDN'T GET MUCH.

- REVEREND COLEMAN SAID ALL HE ASK IS THE INFORMATION I COLLECTED WILL EVENTUALLY BE ON LINE AND AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH. WHEN YOU MAKE IT, DON'T FORGET TO BRING SOMEONE ELSE ALONG WITH YOU.

THE INFORMATION I HAVE COLLECTED WILL EVENTUALLY BE ON LINE AND AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING RESEARCH.
***THIS PRESENTATION IS AVAILABLE TO CHURCHES AND GROUPS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS HISTORY. **CALL 635-5083.

MY THANKS TO PEN BOGERT FOR ALL OF HIS HELP WITH THIS PROJECT AND TO THE FILSON CLUB HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

CURATOR OF MIDDLETOWN CEMETERY, SLAVES FACE EAST.

- MOST PEOPLE HAD NO PLUMBING SO YOU HAD TO USE A OUTHOUSE. SOME OF THE PROMINENT PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD LIKE ROY HUGHES HAD INDOOR BATHROOM.

- EVERYONE HAD TO CARRY WATER FROM A COMMUNITY PUMP - BATHS WERE ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN A METAL TUB. WATER FROM RAINBARRELL WAS HEATED ON KEROSINE STOVE FOR BATHS.

- GRIFFEYTOWN AND BERRYTOWN WERE SELF CONTAINED COMMUNITIES. THERE WERE FRUIT TREES, BLACK BERRIES AND WILD GREENS.

- WHEN BUTCHERING PIGS, EVERYONE WAS GIVEN SOME OF THE MEAT. SOME PEOPLE HAD MORE THAN OTHERS BUT THEY SHARED.

- MEALS OFTEN CONSISTED OF FRIED BALONEY, POTATOES, GREENS AND HOME MADE BISCUITS - SOMETIME THERE WERE PIES AND DAY OLD BREAD.

- GRIFFEYTOWN COLORED SCHOOL HAD GRADES 1-4 ON ONE SIDE OF THE ROOM AND 5-8 ON THE OTHER SIDE. THE SCHOOL WAS ALSO USED AS THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

- A TRIP TO CHICKASAW PARK WAS LIKE GOING TO NEW YORK. OFTEN MADE TRIPS TO BERRYTOWN WHICH WAS A 3 MILE WALK.

- NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZED TO KEEP URBAN RENEWAL OUT. THEY WANTED TO BULLDOZE OVER THE WHOLE PLACE.

- GRIFFEYTOWN WAS NEVER INCORPORATED

- DR. ALEXANDER FIRST BLACK TO GRADUATE FROM U OF L MEDICAL SCHOOL. HE GRADUATED WITH HONORS, JOHN THORNTON OWNS SEVERAL MCDONALD, BUTCH MCDONALD OWNS POWELL ELECTRIC, MARY JONES FIRST A A INDUCTED IN LOUISVILLE'S CHAPTER OF SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME, FELTON SPENCER ALSO FROM GT. TAUGHT TO EXCEL, SPEAK UP, BE AN INDIVIDUAL. 400 FAMILIES.

8 - DIANA DOW SAYS, 3RD AND 4TH GENERATION ARE MOVING BACK TO GRIFFEYTOWN. WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER, THEY COULDN'T WAIT TO LEAVE TOWN.

9 - THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED THE WORLD AND FOUND OUT THEY HAD THE WORLD WHERE THEY STARTED.

10 - STRONG COMMUNITY TIES BROUGHT THEM BACK - THEY ARE TIED TO THE LAND.

GRIFFEYTOWN SCHOOL - 1500KS MARKED CONDENSED
- WE WERE RAISED AROUND WHITES, IT MADE US DIVERSE, THEY EXPOSED US TO THINGS.

7 - MIDDLETOWN FINALLY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CAN'T UNCOVER THEIR HISTORY WITHOUT UNCOVERING OURS.

1 - WORKERS CAME FROM THE SOUTH IN BOX CARS TO WORK IN THE QUARRY IN ANCHORAGE. THEY LIVED IN THE BOXCARS UNTIL THEY WERE ABLE TO BUY PROPERTY. THEY STAYED HERE BECAUSE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITIES OF GRIFFEYTOWN AND BERRYTOWN.

4 - THE DOWNS PROBABLY CAME FROM A PLANTATION IN MIDDLETOWN - RECORDS SHOW THERE WAS A DOW PLANTATION OWNER IN MIDDLETOWN AND HE HAD SLAVES.

- ON THE PLATT MAP IN MIDDLETOWN ARE THE SAME NAMES AS THE PEOPLE IN GRIFFEYTOWN, BULLETS, OXMOORE, DICKERSON

2 - GRIFFEYTOWN WAS SET UP BY DEVELOPERS IN MIDDLETOWN WHO WANTED TO KEEP FREEDMEN CLOSE BY FOR WORK ON THEIR FARMS.

3 - A DOLLAR DOWN, A DOLLAR A MONTH GOT YOU A BABY FARM WITH 30 TO 60 FT. FRONTAGE.

5 - MIDDLETOWN CEMETERY HAS A SECTION WHERE SLAVES ARE BURIED. IT MAY HAVE BEEN THE FIRST INTEGRATED CEMETERY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY.

6 - SLAVES ARE IN UNMARKED GRAVES. ACCORDING TO DR. JONES,