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## "A Glimpse of Yesteryear"

by Fay Finley

We often speak of the good men in our families, but wait. A lady named Aunt Rosy and one called Aunt Ada or Grandma Susy must share the spotlight. They bore the children, kept house, cooked the food, sewed the clothes and even dried the tears, whatever kind they were, of pain, anger or just hurt feelings. And also had time to keep the love line tight with their men. They were contented, happy and proud of their part in the Craddock Generation. We tip our hats to that heritage.

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Two mistakes need corrected. The first one in the December Issue really tells how much I am slipping. My very own anniversary. Carl and I were married 28 years Dec 1 and not 27. Now the second mistake was in the January Issue. Tammy and Marty were married on Jan 28th not the 26th. Sorry bout that, Tammy.

The snow is really coming down out there today. It's beautiful. In contrast to it's beauty is the awful mess it makes when the kiddos track it in the house. Hope we will be able to find some good "white" snow to make snow ice cream with. (It all melted)

The UPS man came yesterday and brought a package, ( with a jigsaw inside) and it was addressed to "Bird Co" % Ada Morris. Thank you Joe and Debbie, Carl and I will make you a bluebird house, (they have become dependent upon human provisions and cannot live without man made bird houses you know, ha ha just teasing, Gay) or would you rather see some of the bird houses we have made so far? Ha Ha. Maybe the Jigsaw will improve our quality.

The FBI "Scam Division" called me today, (Jan 16) and said they were investigating a report that I was collecting money and not giving anything in return.

For just a few crazy moments my heart almost stopped as I frantically tried to think what I could have possibly done wrong, then as common sense took over I tried to decide if the caller was David or Joe Bob. It turned out to be David, with a complaint about the Cookbooks. He doesn't think I am specific enough as to when they will be ready. Ha ha. He's gonna try to stir up some trouble. Anyway, I told him that it's up to everyone else. Whenever we get enough orders to meet the minimum required, (200) (plus a minimum of 150 recipes) then I can order the cookbooks. So we'll let it ride for a few more weeks or months and if I don't get the quota then I shall return everyone's money ( I get to keep the recipes though). Really ya'll, send some recipes and order a book or two. Someday you'll be glad you did.

Dave said he was thinkin about building Gay some cabinets but didn't understand why she was in such a hurry since they had only lived there for a couple of years.

They enjoyed their new grandbaby, Jarrod Trey and described him as being very cute and just as spoiled.

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Don't forget the Reunion at FT Cobb Lake, coming up June 26th. Hope all of you can make it this year. I believe all of my brothers (except Leonard and Onis) are making plans to come. Leonard and Daisy are going to Canada for their vacation this year and I have not heard anything from Onis and Betty one way or another. We hope they can come.

Now as for my married children, I hope all of them will be able to attend. Roger and Pam, Dale and Dee and Lynne and Randy have all said they are gonna try, Mary and Tammy will be there and as for Chuck and Judy and Larry and Linda, we hope they can make it but haven't heard anything for certain. I just hope all the

cousins and kin can make it.

Cousin Susan (Craddock) Lafferty from Paint Lick, Ky wrote a long letter telling me about her family and some genealogy of our ancestors. They have a Craddock Reunion once a year, the last Sunday in June at Mammoth Cave National Park. Wouldn't it be fun if we could all go there sometimes and meet our Kentucky relatives?

Susan is now on the Craddock Connection mailing list and we're happy to welcome her and hubby, Robert Anthony Lafferty, their son, Eric Shannon, daughters, Kara Lynn and Jennifer Ann and Kara's son, Kyle A. Her daughters are both in college and their son is a Navy man in active duty and currently stationed in San Diego. Her husband is retired from the Navy since 1988. Susan has one sister (also our cousin) living in Louisville, Ky. She has two sons in the Navy.

Susan has researched Craddock History since 1971 and has written two books, "Craddock Cousins, then and now" and "The Descendants of Jesse Carby and Susannah Bell of Hardin County, Kentucky". These books can be purchased for \$30 each from Susan Lafferty, 11200 Hwy. 52 W., Paint Lick, KY 40461 if anyone is interested in Craddock Ancestry.

Susan, the Mrs. Aubry Finley of Verden Ok. that sent John Durrett Craddock his information, is my Aunt Fay, the only one remaining in my Dad's family. She is very dear to me and a joy to be around. I get to see her fairly often but not enough. We live 32 miles apart.

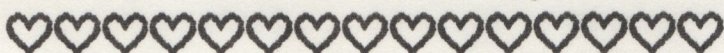
Susan wants to exchange photocopies of pictures of the early Craddocks. She has pictures of James Bascum and Sarah (Wells) Craddock and several of their children, also Robert Willis and Cordelia and most of their family.

Susan, the only photos I have are of present day people. Thank you very much for the info. This branch of the Craddocks are all fun-loving nuts, but a good bunch of folks.

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 14th Christofer & Terry Grevstad 12 yrs.
- 16th Charles & Judy Morris 17 yrs.
- 20th Dale & Delores Morris 17 yrs.



For some reason it just don't seem right that two of my sons were both married in the same year. Help me kids, is

this right or wrong?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 1st Christopher J Grevstad 1954
- 4th Karla Denise (Craddock) Garber 1965
- 6th Rachael Dawne craddock 1985
- 8th Dayle Lindsey Craddock 1989
- 11th Kimberly Lane (Craddock) Mann 1960
- 14th Viola Ann (Parham) Craddock 1948
- 16th Tammy (Eisenman) Rice 1965
- 20th Brandon Lewis Kuykendall 1992
- 21st Christopher Smith 1985
- 22nd Aubry Finley 1911
- 22nd Rita Jo Morris 1975
- 26th Summer Lynn Morris 1980
- 27th Terry Elizabeth (Loveless) Grevstad 1953

Onis and Betty's Trica reported some good news, her sister, Karla and her hubby Gary are expecting a visit from the stork in about 7 months or a trip to the cabbage patch or wherever they come from, they are gonna get one of those sweet and precious, squalling little bundles of joy. Karla and Gary, congratulations.

Trica says "Mom has been quilting like crazy and dad has set up his own driving range in the garage with tarps and a carpet swatch to tee off of. Sometimes I think they're nuts, but I guess it's just having fun!"

Darling Trica, we old folks have to get our kicks too. Let Mom and Dad do their thing. Some day your Dad may be playing pro golf with Chi Chi and he needs his practice. As for Mom quilting, well we might have another ice age and you're gonna need all the cover you can find.

Trica, hope you can make the reunion, we'd all like to see your new baby.

Let me hear your good news; thanks to all of you for your support and letters of encouragment; send recipes and order cookbooks; plan for reunion; be kind to one another; I love each and every one.

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This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.

The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease. For His compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him.

Lamentations 3: 21-25