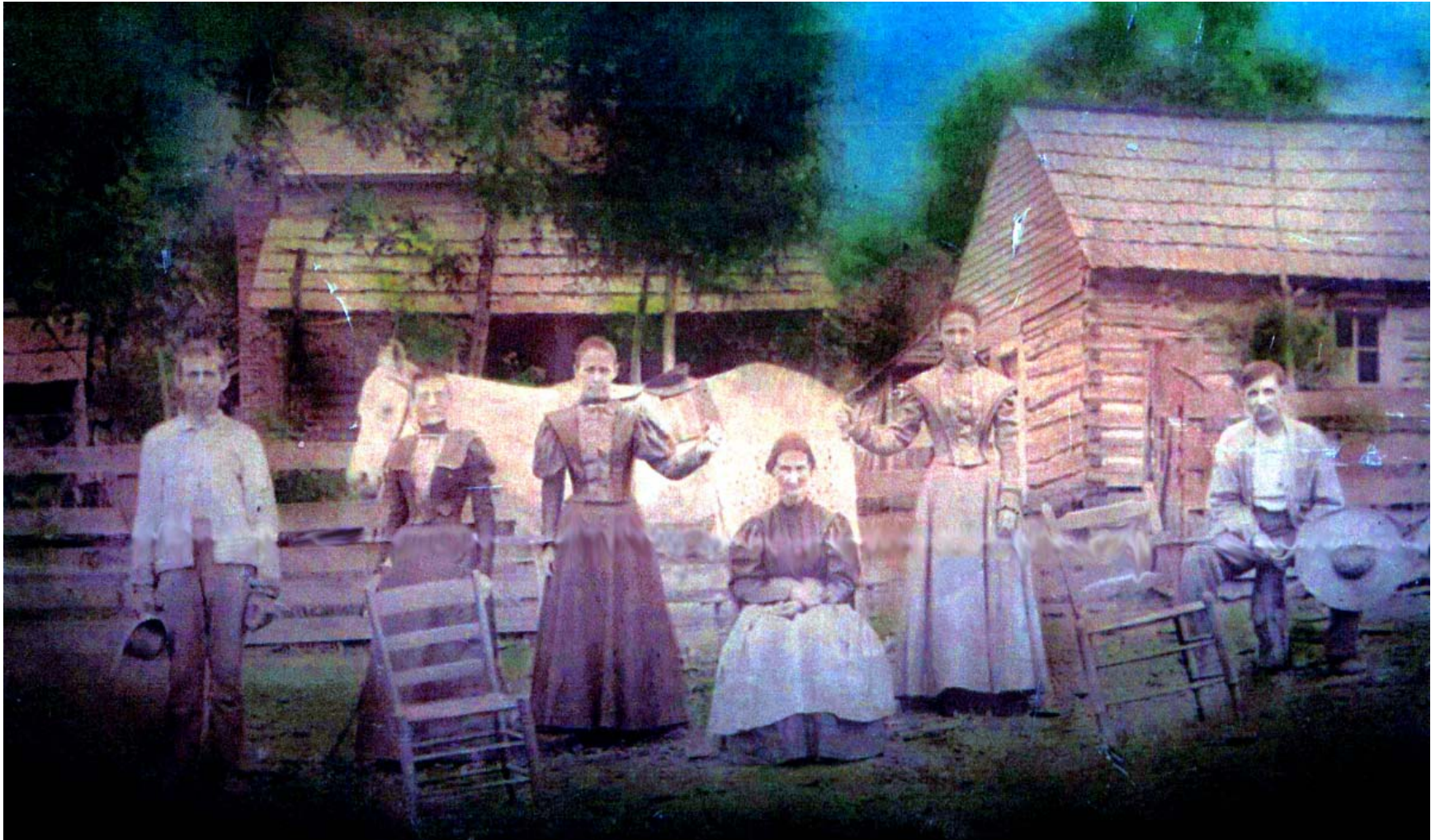


Heritage Collector Series No. 26

On the Melton family farm, 1890s



Nancy Amanda Cornwell Melton and her family posed on the family farm in Henry County's Fifth District, near Cottage Grove, in the 1890s. With her are (from left) Luther Sinclair, a Henry County neighbor and relation by marriage; daughters Ophelia Cornwell, Martha Ann Cornwell and Mary Elizabeth Cornwell and son William Washington Cornwell.

Melton family farm operated at turn of the century

The original of the photo on the reverse, a recent gift to the Heritage Center from Richard Moredock of New York City, is a hand-tinted photograph of his great-great-great aunt, Nancy Amanda Melton, and her family. It was taken in the 1890s on her farm in Henry County's Fifth District.

Nancy Amanda (seated, center) was born in 1825 in Sumner County, Tennessee, Moredock recounted. She was the daughter of Alfred and Lucy Ann Beard, descendants of English Quakers who arrived in Maryland in 1650. Nancy's great-grandfather was Capt. David Beard of Virginia, a Revolutionary War soldier and Indian fighter who moved to Sumner County with his family in the 1780s.

In 1856 in Sumner County, Nancy Amanda married Enoch Lin Cornwell, a cabinet maker who had come from Smith

County. They had three daughters, Ophelia and twins Martha and Mary, and a son, William Washington Cornwell, all born just across the Cumberland River in Wilson County. Enoch Lin died in 1875, and by 1880 Nancy Amanda had married a Henry County farmer, George W. Melton.

Ophelia Cornwell, a school teacher, married twice in Henry County: J.W. Bomar in 1887 and W.A. McCall in 1900. She died childless in Henry County in 1901. In about 1910, Mary and Martha moved with their mother to Florida, where Nancy Amanda died in 1916 at the age of 90.

William Washington Cornwell kept the Henry County farm and married Mary Ellen Throgmorton of Henry County in 1899. They had one daughter, Mattie Ellen Cornwell, who was born in 1900 and died in Paris in 1982.

Paris-Henry County Heritage Center 2005 Spring Calendar of Events

February 27 - May 2

Exhibit, "Stitches in Time"

In tribute to Black History Month, this exhibit displays local quilts and talks about the rich tradition of quilting in African-American history. Come learn how quilts were instrumental tools for workers in the Underground Railroad.

Saturday, March 19, 12-1:30pm

Lunch & Lecture Series

Join us at the Heritage Center for brown bag luncheon. We will look at original copies of

the *Paris Post-Intelligencer* from 1889 and learn about the importance of Tennessee in the Women's Suffrage Movement. Come see two treasures from the Heritage Center's archive and enjoy an informal discussion.

Saturday, April 16, 12-4pm

Exhibit Opening, "Willie 'Mr. T' Wardlow"

Take the time to look at our latest exhibit in our permanent exhibit room. Mr. Wardlow was an entrepreneur from Henry County, an avid racing enthusiast, and founder of the Black Drag Racers Association.

Saturday, April 23, 12pm-1:30pm

Lunch & Lecture Series

Topic and speaker TBA.

Saturday, May 21, 12pm-1:30pm

Lunch & Lecture Series

Topic and speaker TBA.

Saturday, May 21, 6:30pm

Fifth Annual Grapes & Gourmet

Wine tasting is 6:30-7:30 pm, auction at 7:30 pm, and silent auction running throughout. Tickets: \$15.