

WOOD IN TAYLOR COUNTY

From timber to craftsmanship

There was a time when a handmade piece of furniture was a precious commodity. Early settlers who moved from colonial states to new frontiers like Kentucky often brought with them some small handmade furniture item they had been fortunate enough to acquire. Despite limited wagon space, such an item would somehow make a new frontier with fewer purchasing resources seem more civilized and more like home.

Early furniture makers had small shops. They may have worked alone, or with a young apprentice being schooled in the trade. While some men might have figured out how to make a usable table, it took talent and training to make a piece of art.

Because these shops were small, they are rarely advertised in early Kentucky papers. Two Louisville manufacturers, John M. Stokes and Patterson & Woodruff, began advertising in the 1850s with an emphasis on mahogany and cherry furniture. Otherwise, many purchases of such fine furniture took place at estate and auction sales.

It is in the Roaring 20s

when fine furniture ads became more frequent. But between the Great Depression and two world wars, new fine furniture was a luxury few could afford. Hand-me-down tables and chest-of-drawers from family members were beautiful, well-made and welcomed by young families.

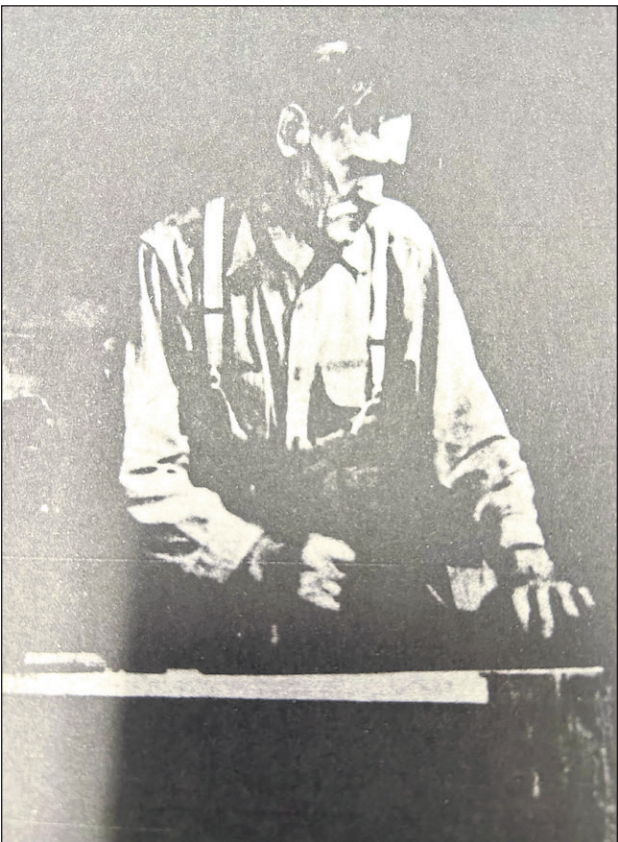
Cherry wood was plentiful throughout Kentucky, including Campbellsville. Its wood possesses a curly and dappling grain. The more crooked the tree, the more interesting wave variation appears in the wood.

Cherry first became a staple for Campbellsville's Charles Herford in the 1920s, an antique dealer who specialized in Kentucky-made furniture. As quality pieces became harder to find, Herford started making reproductions. Bruen McMahan worked for Herford and when Herford closed his shop, McMahan opened his business in 1944. There were eight McMahan brothers, and they all worked in the shop at one time or the other.

Five years later, a McMahan Furniture ad appeared in the



VIRGINIA GRAVES HISTORIAN



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Wednesday May 4, 1949, Courier Journal, which was focused on all things Derby; and by March of 1953, the Courier featured the "beautiful antique reproductions" being made in eight cherry furniture shops in the small town of Campbellsville.

The writer noted that the reproductions made in Campbellsville were by no

means a "rush process," highlighting the high degree of skill involved in each step. One example he highlighted was the intricate carvings on the back of the dining room chairs which were done entirely by hand — and that the man responsible for this painstaking task could do no more than four each day.

One of the shops

mentioned was that of Tim Bradshaw Clark (1864-1959) who, at that time was 80 years old, owned the smallest shop in Campbellsville and who worked alone. At the time of the interview, Clark mentioned that it took him two weeks to make a desk, and four-five days to make a drop leaf table.

McMahans, owned by Bruen McMahan (1911-1990) was the largest cherry shop in Campbellsville, which employed 32 men at the time of the 1949 interview. At Bruen's death, his son, Thomas R. continued the business.

Other shops mentioned in the Courier's article included: Kearns Antique Furniture, owned by Joe Kearns; Coppock Old Fashion Antique Shop, owed by Linnie Coppock; Williams Furniture, owned by Oscar Williams; Hereferd Furniture, owned by Hereferd's son-in-law Homer McKinley; W.M. Cox and Son, located in Acton; and Fess Johnson, located five miles from Campbellsville.

The Courier's writer ended his article with the prediction that antique reproduction business was here to stay in Campbellsville. Seems he was right. As time went on, more cherry shops opened. Lester McMahan operated McMahan

Display Store at the old Ritz Motel on East Main. Finis McMahan started his own shop. Nephews of Bruen, David and Eugene McMahan bought out Finis in 1965 and continued the business at Campbellsville Cherry Antique Reproductions on Saloma Road and Eugene McMahan eventually started Campbellsville Cherry Handmade Furniture on Water Tower Bypass. Gary Humphress & Son started their cherry shop in the Yuma-Christie Chapel area and operated a show room on East Main Street until 2016.

In February of 1998, it was the Lexington Herald-Leader highlighting Campbellsville's cherry furniture industry and its statewide reputation for fine craftsmanship in a three-page, color spread.

The Campbellsville Chamber of Commerce and Tourism once used the industry as an attraction and provided maps with self-guided tours to the various cherry furniture shops.

Today, cherry wood is the fourth most harvested lumber in the U.S. after oak, poplar and ash. Known for its durability and stunning good looks. When first harvested it is light in color, but as it ages, it turns a deep reddish brown.

EARLY DAYS

TEN YEARS AGO
January 2015
Campbellsville High School student Masi Wilson was awarded a \$1,000 Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year.

Taylor County found itself on the cohort end of a 19-13 margin early in the second quarter of Friday's game with cross-town rival Campbellsville. However, the Cardinals tallied 29 of the final 31 points before intermission and never looked back en route to a 78-50 romp over the Eagles.

Brooklyn Shay Garrett of Campbellsville announced the birth of a daughter, Tinlee Grace, at 10:58 p.m. on Dec. 2 at Spring View Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.,

Becky Ellen McCorvey of Campbellsville and Kyle Bryan Salsvury of Campbellsville were married on Jan. 11 at First United Methodist Church in Campbellsville.

The Rev. David Lyons, 82, of Campbellsville, died, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015

Terry Lile, a 15-year veteran of the Campbellsville Police Department, was promoted from lieutenant to major.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
January 1995
Amanda Wright represented Taylor County against 75 other girls for the title of Miss Kentucky County Fair at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville on Jan. 13-14.

Donna Wise completed her backcourt recruiting several months early by signing Taylor County's All-Fifth Region point guard Farrah Sullivan to a Campbellsville College basketball grant-in aid.

Shelby Hedgespeth Jr. was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Taylor County Judge/Executive Fred Waddle.

The area's annual tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. took place that weekend with a community reception Saturday and a march and evening service Sunday.

FORTY YEARS AGO
January 1985
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar

Cave returned home Jan 4, from a three-week visit in Gloucester, England. They visited Mrs. Cave's four brothers.

Jeremy Brent Garrett, born at 10:54 a.m. Jan. 1 was the county's first baby of the year. The son of Randy and Deborah Garrett, he weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
January 1975
Open house and dedication services for the new Taylor County Public Library were Sunday, Jan. 12.

Melissa Sue Vance, Taylor County's first baby of 1975, weighed in at 9 pounds, 12 ounces.

Chris Bowen, first baby of Taylor County in 1974, celebrated his first birthday, Jan. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Smith of McNear Street celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on New Year's Day.

Lucille Kirtley was in the Baptist Hospital in Louisville.

NINETY YEARS AGO
January 1935
Mrs. Josie Robinson Durham, wife of J.M. Durham of Campbellsville, died at her home on Lebanon Avenue on Monday, Jan. 14. She was survived by her husband and three sons, Luther, Lywood and Elwood and one daughter, Mary, all of this city. Funeral was the day prior with burial in Brookside.

Bessie Dabney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dabney, and Theo Farmer, were married Tuesday, Jan. 8. The groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Farmer. All parties resided the Mannsville section of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Newcomb were hosts at a rock party last Thursday, Jan. 10. Fourteen guests were present and during the evening delicious refreshments were served.

HUNDRED YEARS AGO
January 1925
Katherine Buckner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Buckner of this city, died in Asheville, North

Carolina, where she had been for two years on account of her health. She was survived by her parents and one sister, Mrs. George R. Turner. Burial was in Brookside.

I.J. Bohanon, an employee of the Campbellsville Ice Cream Plant, got one of his hands caught in an ice crusher that week and as a result his little finger was severed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Henderson on Tuesday, Jan. 13, was a son.

HUNDRED TEN YEARS AGO
January 1915
Dr. T.F. Cleaver, of Lebanon, bought of W.O. Gaines and Garvey Tay-

lor, two purebred horses last week, price unknown.

A fire that originated on the roof of the W.I. Young house last Saturday was extinguished immediately with little damage.

SAMKE, Mackin, Lebanon, purchased four horses of J.R. Davis, Tom Roots, and John Leet, of this city, and Ed McVay of Cane Valley, for Army uses at the British frontiers.

Easton Sanders and Miss Alla Marples were united in marriage in this city the prior night. The bride was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Marples and the groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.P. Sanders, all of this city

TWENTY YEARS AGO
January 2005
Thomas and Patsy Barnett of Campbellsville celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan.9 at their home.

Garnet W. "Junior" Henderson was honored with an 80th birthday celebration on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Stanley Sr. and Betty McCubbin of Campbellsville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Lynwood Maurice Mitchell, 84 of Campbellsville died on Tuesday, Jan. 11 2005, at Greenview Hospital in Bowling Green, Kentucky

HOUSING

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR:

• Campbellsville Public Housing

• Section 8

Federally subsidized, eligible applicants pay 30% of adjusted income

Housing Counseling Available

For details call: (270) 465-3576

or pickup application packet at 400 Ingram Ave.

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid Notice

The Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority (CHRA) will be accepting sealed bids for replacement and repair for roofing as follows:

Replace all roofing on approximately 47 buildings. (see full bid package for specific buildings) Owens Corning TruDefinition Duration shingles (or equal), installed following manufacturer specifications Owens Corning ProArmor Synthetic Roof Underlayment (or equal) Roof starter Remove all vents and replace with full ridge vents. Replace all fascia board and trim Replace all gutters and downspouts (6-inch gutter)

Bid to include all materials and labor. Contractor is responsible for measurements and determination of the amount of materials needed. Color to be approved prior to installation. If pricing varies by color, please include pricing variations with the bid. All labor and materials should be guaranteed for one year from installation completion date.

The following is expected: Remove all shingles and roof starter, inspect decking, valley tin and vents for damage. Install underlayment, roof starter and shingle per manufacturers specifications. Replace all gutters and downspouts. Replace soffit, decking and valley tin as needed. Clean up around work areas. Disposal of all removed materials

All labor and materials should be guaranteed for one year from installation completion date. Bid packet can be picked up at the Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority, 400 Ingram Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718.

The bids should be clearly marked SEALED BID ROOFING, and mailed to or dropped off at Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority, ATTN: JH, 400 Ingram Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718. All bids must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, January 31, 2025 with the bid opening on Friday, January 31, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at 400 Ingram Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718. The Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Equal Opportunity Employer.

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid Notice

The Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority (CHRA) will be accepting sealed bids for both tree removal and trimming:

Approximately 47 trees to be removed.

Approximately 40 trees to be trimmed and all dead limbs removed.

All trees marked for removal to be cut down and all debris removed. Stumps to be ground down, dirt added and seeded and strawed. Any damage done to yard areas around the tree removal to be repaired and seeded and strawed.

All trees marked for trimming and dead limbs cut out: debris to be cleaned up and removed. Area around to be repaired, seeded and strawed if necessary.

Bid packet with specifics and maps indicating locations of trees can be picked up at the Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority, 400 Ingram Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718. The bids should be clearly marked SEALED BID: TREES and mailed or dropped off to Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority, ATTN: JH, 400 Ingram Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718. All bids must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, January 31, 2025 with the bid opening on Friday, January 31, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. at 400 Ingram Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718. The Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Equal Opportunity Employer.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered on November 14, 2024 in the Taylor Circuit Court Civil Action No. 24-CI-00142, styled James Bottoms vs Joretta Thompson, et al, the Master Commissioner of the Taylor Circuit Court will sell at public outcry the following real property at:

0 Maple Road, Campbellsville, Kentucky 42718

PVA Map # 10-004-01

The sale will be conducted at the front door of the Taylor County Courthouse, Campbellsville, Kentucky, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, January 23, 2025. The real property will be sold to the highest and best bidder or bidders. At the time of sale the successful bidder(s) shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit of 30 days. Amount to be raised: \$4,060.42 plus interest at the judgment rate. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder(s) shall execute a bond at the time of sale, with sufficient surety approved by the Master Commissioner prior to the sale, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid. If Plaintiff is the successful bidder(s) in lieu of a deposit the Plaintiff shall be permitted to bid on credit up to the total Judgment amount.

CRAIG COX,
TAYLOR CIRCUIT COURT
MASTER COMMISSIONER

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FRIDAY - 4:00 PM

Contact Customer Service at 270-465-8111, Option 1 or classifieds@cknj.com

Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

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