

Smart and talented, Dixie Wade was Taylor County's star

The Wade family has been in and around Taylor County for many generations. John Wade and his wife, Mary Lyons Wade, were married in 1819 in Washington County, Kentucky. In 1840, the couple is listed in Marion County, however since Marion County was created from Washington County in 1834, it is likely that the couple was living in what is now Marion County at the time of their marriage.

The 1850 census lists the names of four children living in the Wade home: Ellen Wade, age 24, Sarah Wade, 20, Joseph M. Wade, 17, and Louisa Wade, 15.

Ten years later, Joseph Marion Wade was living in Taylor County, married to Ann Marie Sanders. The couple ultimately would have eight children: Mary Emma Wade, Richard Taylor Wade, Joseph Harding Wade, Durham Sanders Wade, Robert Alfred Wade, Margaret Wade, George P. Wade and Charles H. Wade.

Joseph Harding Wade married Lela Maude Higason. Besides farming, Wade served in the state legislature in 1902-1904 and again during a special session in 1905. The couple had only one child, Dixie, who was born in 1905. Both smart and talented, Dixie Wade began making local headlines while she was still quite young.

In June of 1917, the *Greensburg Record-Herald* reported that the Russell Creek Academy in Campbellsville had the distinction of having the youngest graduate in the state, in the person of Miss Dixie Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wade.

Dixie, only 11 years old, had not only passed the common school examinations, but made the highest grade of any of the common school students. The newspaper also reported that she was making rapid progress in violin and piano music.

On Dec. 16, 1918, the *Louisville Courier-Journal* published a large rendering of Dixie, titled "Campbellsville, Kentucky Girl Enthusiastic Red Cross Worker." The article stated that Little Miss Dixie Wade of Campbellsville was one of the state's most enthusiastic Red Cross workers. According to the paper, Miss Wade, who had not reached her teens, had just returned from the South where she has been helping out the Red Cross and other patriotic workers



Photo of Dixie Wade Moody. Age unknown, but assumed to be taken after her marriage.



This photo of 13-year-old Dixie Wade was published in the Dec. 16, 1918, edition of *The Courier-Journal* in Louisville.

with her violin and her talent for expression. The paper went on to say that "having graduated when she was just 11," she was now a full-fledged sophomore of Russell Creek Academy.

Music was undoubtedly Dixie's forte and her name appeared frequently in local papers as a violin and piano soloist. As a result, it may not have surprised anyone when the Sept. 8, 1921, *Central Kentucky News Journal* announced that 16-year-old Dixie Wade had left for Louisville to attend the Louisville Conservatory of Music.

Once in Louisville, her performance opportunities expanded. In June of 1922, the *Greensburg Record* published that Campbellsville had been "heard from over a considerable territory" when Miss Dixie Wade played a violin solo for a radio station in Louisville and was later the accompanist for Professor Hardaway, principal of the

Louisville Conservatory of Music.

On Sept. 20, 1923, the *CKNJ* published that 18-year-old Dixie Wade had left for Miami, Florida, where she would pursue a post-graduate degree at their Conservatory of Music. It also was announced that she would be a teacher at the school.

In January of 1924, Campbellsville learned from the *CKNJ* that Miss Dixie Wade had been selected pianist of the Baptist Young People's Union of the First Baptist Church in Miami, Florida, one of the largest congregations in the South. She likewise still was teaching music in Miami. But by August of the same year, she was back in Campbellsville and had taken a position in the music department of the now Campbellsville College as an instructor in violin.

A new opportunity came Dixie's way in August of 1926. The Madisonville

newspaper announced that Miss Dixie Wade, now age 21, would be the new music teacher for the high school there. Soon thereafter, Campbellsville learned Dixie Wade would be featured on a radio program to be broadcast on a new radio station in Hopkinsville. The program was being sponsored by the Women's Club of Madisonville, and Campbellsville citizens who owned a radio would be able to listen to her perform several numbers on piano and violin.

A young lady as lovely and talented and beloved as Dixie Wade certainly would begin to attract men eventually ... assuming she stayed in one place long enough. The right man turned out to be from Campbellsville. On July 4, 1928, Dixie's parents announced the engagement of their daughter to Henry Hatcher Moody.

The marriage took place at Campbellsville Baptist Church on Saturday, Sept. 1, 1928, which received a lengthy, front-page description of the bride's beauty, those in attendance, and other parties and events leading up to the wedding. Henry Moody was reported to have spent his last three years at the University of Louisville Medical Department. Exactly when and how they met is not known.

Upon Henry Moody finishing his medical degree in 1930, the couple moved to Cynthiana in Harrison County, where they spent the rest of their lives together. Dr. Moody entered the army in 1942 and was honorable discharged as a major. The couple had one child, Henry Hatcher Moody Jr.

When one scrolls through Cynthiana newspapers, the names of Dr. and Mrs. Moody are often seen in social columns. It appears that Dixie taught school for a while, but she was rarely on stage or the star attraction. Perhaps that was how she wanted things. She was a wife and a mother. She chose to contribute to her community as a patron and rarely as a performer.

After more than 40 years of marriage, Dixie Wade Moody died in 1971 at age 66. Dr. Moody died in 1975 at 71. They are buried together at Battle Grove Cemetery in Cynthiana.

Virginia Graves is coordinator of the Taylor Regional Archive Center, a non-profit organization which preserves local history and genealogy. For information, call 270-789-4343 or send an email to info@TaylorRegionalArchiveCenter.com.

EARLY DAYS

TEN YEARS AGO December 2015

Seth Smith was awarded the Kentucky PGA Player of the Year in the 10-and-under division at the Wildcat Club in Lexington.

Tommy Murphy, 75, formerly of Campbellsville, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2015 in Elizabethtown.

Gary Valentine (Jill) and Debbie Wyatt (David) announce the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents, Chester and Lula Valentine. They were married in Green County on Dec. 24, 1965 by the Rev. Milton Judd.

TWENTY YEARS AGO December 2005

Campbellsville Woman's Club hosted its annual Christmas Home Tour.

Frost-Arnett Co. in Campbellsville donated \$1,654 in support of the American Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fund for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Ronald McDonald visited Campbellsville Elementary School after the school collected 1 million soda can tabs. Money generated from the tabs benefits families who need to stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

THIRTY YEARS AGO December 1995

Veronica Duka admitted she was a bit nervous Saturday night shortly before the first-ever Miss Campbellsville Pageant.

Chad Sullivan of Campbellsville was a finalist in the Farm Bureau Discussion meet, a competition event for young farmers during the Kentucky Farm Bureau Convention in Louisville.

Privates Eric Melton and Greg Wright of Campbellsville graduated from Marine Corps Recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina.

The Golden Circle Club of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church met for a noon meal with 14 present.

Elwood Sharp, 68, was born Feb. 4, 1927, in Green County and died Monday, Dec. 4, 1995, at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown.

FORTY YEARS AGO December 1985

A ceremony designed to honor the five young men from Taylor County who died during the Vietnam War was held. During the ceremony, a wreath was placed by the mayor and the county judge-executive on the south side of the Taylor County Courthouse, which honors the five. Their names - Pfc. Roger K. Hoosier, Pfc. David (Mike) Bertram, Sgt. Alton Ray Phillips, Sgt. Harold Morris Hardin and Spc. 4 Marshall K. Jones - are inscribed on the concrete marker.

FIFTY YEARS AGO December 1975

Clarence Goodin, Route 1, entered Jewish Hospital in Louisville on Dec. 5 for surgery.

Chester Blakeman is a patient at Baptist Hospital in Louisville having suffered a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sublett, Route 5, Campbellsville, celebrated their wedding anniversary

sary with an open house at their home.

SIXTY YEARS AGO December 1965

Randy Rice, son of Virginia Rice of Campbellsville, was named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* state football team. Rice was quarterback of the Centre College football team and a senior at the Danville school.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO December 1955

For 50 years, Coca-Cola has been bottled in Campbellsville. The first plant was owned by Joe Willock, where the first bottle of Coke was capped in 1905. At the time the equipment for bottling Coca-Cola consisted of foot peddled machines and the bottles were cleaned by hand and brushes.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO December 1945

John Johnson, elected as jailer on the Democratic ticket last month, assumed his duties.

A ton and half truck, traveling at high speed, crashed into a large tree at the A.H. Akin home on Columbia Avenue and all four occupants of the cab escaped any serious injury. The large truck was almost a total loss and the tree was well marked to a height of some 10 feet.

NINETY YEARS AGO December 1935

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Typewriters Educational Research Bureau in New York City, two students of the business department of Campbellsville College have passed required tests and have made a record of more than 40 words per minute on new matter, writing for 15 minutes. The students are Miss Fannie Mae Willock, of this city, and Miss Dorothy Manning of Stanford and have been issued bronze medals. These awards were given by the Woodstock Typewriter Co. of Chicago.

HUNDRED YEARS AGO December 1925

For the year 1915, the county court clerk sent to the state treasurer \$17,047.49, as the amount collected through the year for motor car licenses for Taylor County owners.

HUNDRED TEN YEARS AGO December 1915

In a letter to J.R. Davis, of this city, T.M. Estes tells of the sales of tobacco at the Lebanon warehouse. Mr. Estes says the opening sale of 22,000 pounds sold at from \$2.50 to \$25 per hundred and the crop was average from \$6 to \$13.50 per hundred.

A pretty home wedding was that of Miss Georgia Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Phillips, and John F. McKenty, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. McKenty, which took place at the home of the bride with the Rev. L.C. Kelly officiating. Directly after the wedding, the couple took the 6:14 train for a bridal trip.

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TAYLOR COUNTY DISTRICT COURT LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Earl Rice of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Lloyd W. Rice, of Campbellsville, Kentucky on this day November 19, 2025. All creditors must file claims by May 19, 2026. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Gaines of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executor of the Estate of Diana Leigh DeWitt of Campbellsville, Kentucky on this day November 21, 2025. All creditors must file claims by May 21, 2026. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Susan Smith Burress, of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Glenfield Smith of Campbellsville, Kentucky on this day November 24, 2025. All creditors must file claims by May 24, 2026. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ashley Shofner of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Carolyn Shofner of Campbellsville, Kentucky on November 25, 2025. All creditors

must file claims by May 25, 2026. Fiduciary represented by Hon. Wesley Bright of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Nancy Pettigrew of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Diana Lynn VanCleave of Campbellsville, Kentucky on November 26, 2025. All creditors must file claims by May 25, 2026. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John C. Miller of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debra Hughes of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Alice Florence Wolf of Campbellsville, Kentucky on December 4, 2025. All creditors must file claims by June 4, 2026. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

Margaret Sneed, Administratrix of the Estate of John Ray Durbin has filed FINAL Settlement this December 9, 2025. A hearing for confirmation and approval will be held on January 7, 2026. Any exception to such settlement must be filed before that time. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

Patricia Forbis, Executrix, of the Estate of Roscoe Skaggs has filed

FINAL Settlement this November 20, 2025. A hearing for confirmation and approval will be held on January 14, 2026. Any exception to such settlement must be filed before that time. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

Cheryl Akrami, Executrix, of the Estate of Kimberly Ann Hunt has filed FINAL Settlement this November 20, 2025. A hearing for confirmation and approval will be held on January 14, 2026. Any exception to such settlement must be filed before that time. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

Catherine Grubbs, Executrix, of the Estate of Marie A. Caldwell has filed FINAL Settlement this December 2, 2025. A hearing for confirmation and approval will be held on January 14, 2026. Any exception to such settlement must be filed before that time. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Nicholas Wood and Shelly Alyssa Wood, both of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Guardians in regards to Lillian Rose Wood, of Campbellsville, Kentucky, on this day December 1, 2025. All creditors must file by July 1, 2026. Guardian represented by Hon. William G. Fowler, II of Lebanon, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Clerk.

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Applications may be secured from City Hall located at 240 W. Main St., John O. Thomas, City Administrator.

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