

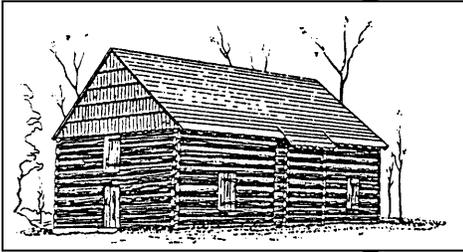
Fall 2018
The Cane Ridge

BULLETIN

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Cane Ridge Day 2018 Celebrated June 23



The Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery spoke during the morning program.



The Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins spoke in the afternoon.



Dr. Watkins and Dr. Lowery presented, to Curator James Trader, a print of the Brush Run Church (painted by Kate Seeley of Austin, Texas), the first Disciple of Christ Church started by Alexander Campbell near Bethany, WV.



The choir of First Presbyterian Church in Paris, KY performed during the afternoon.



The Backroom String Band has performed annually during lunch on Cane Ridge Day for many years.

Additional photos of Cane Ridge Day may be viewed and purchased at www.chuckperryphotography.com



Dean Phelps performed during the morning program.

SPEAKER

The Curator is available to preach or speak to a fellowship group about Cane Ridge throughout the year. Please contact Cane Ridge to schedule a speaking engagement as early as possible. Honoraria or Donations for the ministry of Cane Ridge are expected, and, depending on the amount of travel required, mileage and housing may be necessary.

GIFTS TO CANE RIDGE

Gifts to continue the mission and ministry of Cane Ridge should be sent to:
Cane Ridge, P.O. Box 26, Paris, KY 40362-0026

The text at the right is taken from the Closing Day Meditation on October 31, 2018 by James H. Trader, II, Curator of the Cane Ridge Meeting House.



Notes from the Ridge

By James H. Trader, II

What do Jonathan Swift, Daniel Boone and Raccoon John Smith Have in Common?

Jonathan Swift was born in Ireland of English parents in 1667. He became an Anglican priest. In the 1690's, he began writing satire.

He was appointed Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin in 1713, essentially exiled from England, becoming a leader in the resistance against the English.

Swift wrote *Gulliver's Travels*, a satire of the popular travel journals of his day. His attacks, beyond the foibles of society, were as sharp against the religion of his day. His priesthood gave him a particular weight in his arguments.

In 1673, an act of government, The Test Act, excluded from public office those who refused the sacrament of the Church of England, but dissenters held office by taking the Anglican sacrament only once. To prevent this evasion, Tories in the House of Commons introduced a Bill for Preventing Occasional Conformity, which was defeated in each case by the Whig Lords.

Gulliver's Travels was completed in 1725. In it, Lemuel Gulliver was an unimaginative Doctor whose four voyages take him to several new lands. The first (and best known) is Lilliput, a land of people one-twelfth his size.

Gulliver's second voyage is to Brobdingnag, a land of Giants.

The third voyage is to Laputa, the flying island. Here they are all addicted to pure intellectual pursuits, especially astronomy and music.

The fourth journey takes Gulliver to the land of the Houyhnhnms. This is a utopia of rational, sentient, talking horses. He is shown for the savage he is and placed with the race of humans that are called Yahoos.

Gulliver's Travels, became well known on both sides of the Atlantic. So well-known, in fact, that Daniel Boone is known to have had a copy.

Boone had said it was his favorite book. When he went on his extended hunting trips he frequently carried a Bible, a book of history or *Gulliver's Travels*, to read by the light of the campfire. Boone would read to his hunting companions from Swift's book. Some believe that Boone may have conjured up the Bigfoot story based on the Yahoos.

Boone told tales of having killed a big hairy, ten-foot tall giant he called a "Yahoo". Theodore Roosevelt wrote in "Daniel Boone's Move to Kentucky," in 1897 that Boone was encamped with five other men on the Red River and read to them from

Gulliver's Travels. A young man... in the party came into the camp with two Indian scalps taken from a Shawnee village he had found on a creek running into the river; he announced ..., he had been to Lulbehrad (a mispronunciation of Swift's Capitol of Brobdingnag, Lorbrulgrad) and had killed two Brobdingnags. That creek in Kentucky is today is called Lulbehrad Creek. Daniel Boone is credited with numerous Kentucky place names including our own Cane Ridge because of the Cane he found abundantly here on the Ridge.

There on the banks of Lulbehrad in Montgomery County, a church was built for a congregation of Separate-Baptists.

Elder Jeremiah Vardeman was pastor from 1810 to 1817. He was succeeded by Elder "Raccoon" John Smith who served till 1823. Smith's sermons were often one and a half hours long, sometimes running to 2 hours. He was a man of wit and humor, a logician and a Warrior.

In the 1820's, Smith became influenced by the teachings of Alexander Campbell who was having a powerful influence among Baptists around the country.

Smith implemented Campbell's suggestion for "ordered" Communion, using Deacons to present an unbroken loaf of unleavened bread for individuals to break.

The Baptist ministers had been presiding over the sacrament, breaking the bread and pouring the wine themselves. Smith's use of Campbell's literature began to cause division or unrest in his congregations. The Lulbehrad Church would experience a near complete division around 1816. Daniel Boone's nephew, Thomas Boone, succeeded Smith as pastor. Thomas' grave marker is all that's left to indicate the churchyard.

Raccoon John was responsible for hundreds of Baptists joining the Disciple churches and for establishing many others. He spoke in the pulpit here at Cane Ridge on more than one occasion.

From Jonathan Swift to Barton Stone the reformers of every age have had profound effects on faith and society.

Barton Stone's words, that opinions on the Bible should not be used as a test of Christian fellowship, echo Jonathan Swift's opposition to a literal "Test Act." Raccoon John Smith's introduction to an ordered and more regular, more open communion echoes Alexander Campbell's rejection of fencing the table and Swift's rejection of using communion as a Test. Daniel Boone's search for freedom on the Western frontier brings to mind the search for freedom of belief for those who founded a new faith here on a ridge in the middle of the Bluegrass.

2018 Season Opens With Service on April 2...



Participants gather before the opening day service begins in the Meeting House on a chilly April Day.

... And Closes With a Service on October 31



The closing day service saw about 35 people celebrating a successful 2018 season. Chuck Kemp, pictured in the center photo accompanied the singing and James Trader offered the meditation.

Cane Ridge Receives Many Generous Gifts in 2018

Cane Ridge receives gifts for the Museum and archives throughout the year. In 2018 we received almost 600 journals and magazines of the Christian Church published

in the 20th Century from Jeffersontown Christian Church in Louisville and its pastor Douglas Meister.

We also received almost 30 books from Jon Hull and Caryn Yoast. These books had originally been part of the collection of Tim Browning. Cane Ridge received the majority of Browning's collection several years ago following his death.

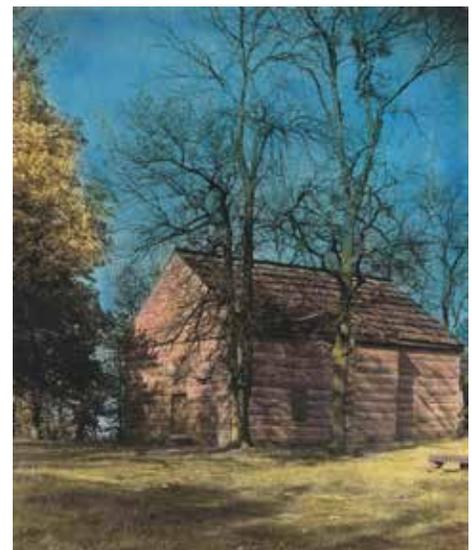
Kaye Templin donated a church record book from White Oak Christian Church, Bath Co., Kentucky.

Evelyn Cartmill of South Elkhorn Christian Church, Lexington, donated a color photo of Cane

Ridge taken by Lawrence C. Hay in 1947. (see below)



Kaye Templin donates a 1930-1955 church record book from White Oak Christian Church, Bath Co., KY



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Sundays 1-5 pm

Winter-November 1-March 31
Open by appointment when
curatorial staff is available.

Work Groups Help Maintain Cane Ridge Grounds

2018 was a banner year for work groups. In June alone, 3 separate days saw participants in the Disciple Mission Project meeting in central Kentucky. Others included a group from the Mt. Carmel school (pictured below), Mill Creek, NC (pictured at right), Danville, KY (pictured), and Clintonville, KY.



Students of the Mt. Carmel School helped to clean the drives and debris from a tree that was removed.

The Clintonville group which cleared debris from a tree that was removed, included Arnold Willoughby, David Blevins, Elaine Hacker, Tori Hacker, Bruce Current and Chuck Kemp.



Members of Mill Creek Christian Church in North Carolina worked in June, including Jennifer Burton, Mr. and Mrs. William Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Parker, Megan Beasley, Myra Beasley, Dean Parker, Ethan Parker, Mike and Earlene Gibbons and Jerry Burton.



Members of First Christian Church, Danville, KY started a week of mission work with a day spent staining and painting picnic tables on the Cane Ridge grounds.