

Nov. 1979 JC Porter Interview with **Elaine Conley** (dau. Of Cody Greene, s/o Olive Greene, d/o Rev. Steve Porter, s/o Andrew J Porter) of **Sandy Hook, KY**.

JC: **Elaine Conley**. I've got my tape recorder on here. You said the Porters were always mean?

Elaine: Yeah. High tempered. They wouldn't take nothin. I'll bet that has been our **Andrew (Porter)** because he was ....

JC: But it doesn't add up though.

Elaine: They were a little bit overpowering and a little bit.....

JC: Let's see, here is what it says. "This indenture made and entered the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1878 by and between **James Porter** and **Sarah Jane** his wife...I don't know who that is. Of the county of **Elliott** and state of Kentucky of the first part and **Larkin M Porter** of the county and state aforesaid of the second part witnesseth that for and in consideration the party of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part is about to and will become the something of **Andrew Porter** in the criminal court of **Carter** County in two bonds, one a change...

Elaine: See if you've got that \_\_\_\_\_ paper folded up in your stuff, I can't find that nowhere. I might have stuck it right in here.

JC: Might have. No I gave it back, I'm sure.

Elaine: Maybe this is it.

JC: I know I gave it back to you, you must have put it in your other folder there. Anyway, it says something about **Andrew Porter** in **Carter** County. **Andrew Porter** lived in **Robertson** County for a few years there after he came to Kentucky.

Elaine: Eight hundred dollars. Well see if any of those **Porters** there married a **Sarah**.

JC: None in my records. The only one that it could be if it was his would be his (**Andrew Porter's**) son **Jim** who married Lucy somebody. **Lucinda Long**.

Elaine: I don't see who it could be. Oh, that's them **Brushy Creek Porters**.

JC: That is not ours then?

Elaine: Huh uh. \_\_\_\_\_ (2:40)

JC: Yeah, it said **Andrew Porter** of **Carter** County. I wondered how many **Andrew Porters** were in **Carter** County in 1878. Maybe those **Brushy Creek Porters** are related to ours?

Elaine: Oh they are I'd say.

JC: I think there is something to that. I don't know how many **Andrew Porters** there are, but I'm going to check.

Elaine: This **Andy Porter's** brother, I showed you the pictures of them. (referring to the 1904 **Jim Porter** family picture, with **Granville Bungardner**) He (**Jim Porter**, son of **Andrew J Porter**) was killed up here in town (Sandy Hook). **Blackie**, my husband, he always said that **Porters** were over there cause **Porters** and

**Kegleys** were always into it. He was a **Kegley**. That is what he has always heard. But I have always heard daddy say they were high tempered.

JC: They were?

Elaine: Uh huh. Daddy was real high tempered. He was a real [kind?] person.

JC: What kind of man was **Steve Porter**? (3:37)

Elaine: I believe he must have been a good man. He was a **Regulator**. Grandma (**Olive Greene**) said that he rode with the **Regulators**. One time he started home. She said a ball of fire took on behind him, rolled home with him. He never would go out regulating no more.

JC: What were the **Regulators**?

Elaine: They would go around and whip people. They hung two up here in the courthouse for stealing. They were real mean people.

JC: They were like the **Klan**?

Elaine: No, the people they hung were. They would rob and steal and put two women's feet in the fire and burn them and everything. Finally, they tracked them, and they would buy stock. They would go buy the stock, then they would go back that night and steal the money, where they had paid for the calves. So they organized after the civil war, they organized their own law. They called it the **Regulators**.

JC: Oh was this the **carpetbaggers** that were doing that?

Elaine: Sort of, only here in **Elliott** County they were called the **Regulators**. They had to take the law into their own hands. So grandpa (**Steve**) **Porter** rode with the **Regulators**. Until the ball of fire rolled behind him, and he never did go back anymore, she said.

JC: Did you ever hear anything about **Levi (Porter)** trying to hypnotize him while he was preaching?

Elaine: No.

JC: They said he did that. **Steve** said, "**Levi**, if you don't quit messing with that demon stuff you are going straight to hell."

Elaine: He (**Steve Porter**) came up here to town, **Sandy Hook**, when I was about 4. He preached at the Methodist church and stayed all night with us. I can remember it. I was only, I couldn't have been over 4 but I can remember it. Going to church and hearing him preach. How loud he screamed and everything.

JC: Pretty good preacher, was he?

Elaine: Yeah, uh huh. **Charlie** told me that it took **Steve Porter** to raise the roof. Barney Flannery, John Flannery, I forgot the other man's name, could bring in the crowd. He used **Steve Porter** to raise the roof. (5:43)

JC: You never did find his death record, did you?

Elaine: Huh uh.

JC: But he is buried in **Wisconsin**?

Elaine: I've got \_\_\_\_\_ (5:54)

JC: Yeah, I'd like to see it. While you are looking, can I ask you about all the children of **Olive**? Who was the oldest child first?

Elaine: **Jobe**.

JC: Job? Greene, right?

Elaine: **Job Greene**. He died not too long ago.

JC: Do you know any of **Jobe's** children?

Elaine: He just had one, **Betty Jo**.

JC: Betty Jo. Who did Jobe marry?

Elaine: **Minerva Scott**. She was from **Pike** County.

JC: Minerva Scott.

Elaine: Minerva Scott.

JC: Did **Betty Jo** marry?

Elaine: I don't know whether she did. She lives in **Florida**.

JC: Where at in Florida, do you know?

Elaine: I believe Uncle Jobe bought her a home in **St. Petersburg**. He died down there. They brought him to **Pike** County to bury him.

JC: Who is after Jobe?

Elaine: Dad. **William Cody Greene**.

JC: Who did he marry?

Elaine: **Amanda White**.

JC: Who was their first child?

Elaine: Me.

JC: **Elaine**.

Elaine: I married a Conley. This is my husband. This is the boy that is trying to find some Porter information.

Elaine's husband "**Blackie**": Oh. Family tree, huh?

JC: Yeah.

Elaine: And I've got ...his mother was related to the **Conleys**. I was going to look that up.

Blackie: You've got **Steve Porter** there?

Elaine: Uh huh.

JC: And you married, what is your husband's name?

Elaine: **Joseph Woodrow "Blackie" Conley.**

JC: Do you have any children? (8:00)

Elaine: Five. **Carol Kelley.**

JC: Who did she marry?

Elaine: She married a Kelley.

JC: What is his first name?

Elaine: Bobby.

JC: **Bob Kelly.** Did they have any kids?

Elaine: Two.

JC: What is their names? (8:10)

Elaine: **Sherry** and **Sean**, S-E-A-N

JC: They are not married are they?

Elaine: Sherry is.

JC: She is? What is her husband's name?

Elaine: **Beckett.** She lives at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.

JC: First name?

Elaine: **Scott.**

JC: They don't have any kids do they?

Elaine: Yeah, two. I am a great grandma.

JC: Oh really? What are their kids names?

Elaine: **Amanda** and Mig=get?

JC: Then who is your 2<sup>nd</sup> child?

Elaine: Joe, **Dr. Joe Conley.**

Blackie: Who had that down on the floor?

JC: That is mine. I was taking a picture.

Blackie: Oh, I see.

Elaine: **Dr. Joe Conley.** He lives in **Morehead** \_\_\_\_\_

JC: Who did he marry?

Elaine: **Debbie Baldwin** (9:30)

JC: Baldwin?

Elaine: Uh huh. From **New York**.

JC; Oh yeah?

Blackie: I was afraid I would have to drive home in the storm.

JC: Does Joe have any kids?

Elaine: **Trina**.

JC: Is Trina married?

Elaine: No. And **little Joe**.

JC: Joe's not married either?

Elaine: No, he is just a baby.

JC: And who is your 3<sup>rd</sup> child?

Elaine: **Janie**.

Blackie: I thought that dog would carry it off. I was curious about it. We've got so many grandchildren they kind of spread stuff all over the house.

Elaine: Janie, she has been married 3 or 4 times. She is not married right now.

JC: Does she have any kids?

Elaine: Yeah, she has got two.

JC: By the same husband?

Elaine: No. **Christy**.

JC: Christy, what's her last name?

Elaine: **Barker**. And **Lori Fannin**.

JC: Who is Janie married to now?

Elaine: Nobody. She is in the process of getting a divorce. Her name, just call her Conley I guess.

JC: Who were her husbands, the two fathers?

Elaine: **Ronnie Barker** and **Dale Fannin** was the two she had the children by.

JC: Dale Fannin.

Elaine: Right now she is married to a **Rayburn** but she is in the process of getting a divorce, so I don't know what you call her.

JC: Ok. What is her 3<sup>rd</sup> husband's name?

Elaine: **Donnie Rayburn**. Just leave him off. \_\_\_\_\_

Elaine: They've not been married very long. Couldn't get along.

JC: And who is your next child?

Elaine: **Galen**.

JC: What?

Elaine: Galen.

JC: Is he married?

Elaine: Uh huh. He married an Adkins. **Barbara Adkins**.

JC: Do they have any kids?

Elaine: No.

JC: And your 5<sup>th</sup> child?

Elaine: **Brent**.

JC: Is he married?

Elaine: No.

JC: And that's all of your kids?

Elaine: That's it.

JC: How many kids does **Olive** have all together?

Elaine: She had four. A son **Herbert H**, but he is dead. He died without children.

JC: Then **Jobe**, then you.

Elaine: I'm **Code's** child.

JC: Oh yeah, that's right.

Elaine: Then **Herb** didn't have any and **Maxinne** married a **Hearn**. She lives in **Fairfield, Illinois**.

JC: I just wondered how many all together.

Elaine: I don't know all of Max's children, but you can put her down.

JC: Let's see, there is Jobe, then Will, then who's.....

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