

Dan Kegley (Part 1) 1979 **Stark, Ky.** (92 years old) Neighbor of **Jim Porter** (son of **Andrew J. Porter**)
Interview with **JC Porter** at **Dan Kegley's** home.

Marcella (**Dan Kegley's** niece) ...In November, and he don't hear very well.

JC: OK

Dan: What's on there?

JC: Do you remember **Alick Porter**, **Alexander Porter**?

Dan: Ya.

JC: He was my great-great grandpa.

Dan: He was?

JC: Ya.

Dan: And what are you selling?

JC: Nothing.

Marcella: He is wanting you to tell him about his family Uncle Daniel.

Dan: Oh.

Marcella: He said that somebody told him that you know about all the old Porters.

Dan: Now I know'd **Jim Porter** who run a little store here at **Stark** years ago.

JC: That was **Alick's** brother?

Dan: Ya. And I know'd **Alick**. I know'd **Charlie Porter**, his son.

Marcella: What is your dad's name?

JC: Ya.

Marcella: Now what was your dad's name?

JC: My dad is **Don Porter**. Do you know **Everett Porter** that lives in **Globe**?

Dan: Ya, we deal with them out there don't we **Marcella**? But I don't know.....

Marcella: Who now?

Dan: **Everett Porter** out there....

Marcella: **Porter's Tires** is what he's talking about, is that?

JC: That is my Uncle.

Marcella: Is it? Well that is the one that he's talking about.

Dan: Ya, we go out there and get tires off of them, don't we **Marcella**?

Marcella: He said that was his Uncle.

JC: Ya, he is my dad's brother.

Marcella: The one that preaches?

JC: Ya.

Dan: I know'd **Steve Porter**. He was a preacher, and **John Porter**, he was a preacher.

JC: You knew all them then.

Dan: **John Porter**, he married old **Bill Catron's** girl. Some of my relation.

JC: Oh ya?

Dan: And they separated, and he married **Henry Catron's** girl the last time. You remember that do you?

JC: I heard em tell me about it.

Dan: Ya.

JC: Didn't they live together a while?

Dan: Ya they lived together untill they died.

JC: They never really got married then?

Dan: Ya, they got married. They lived together till they died. Let's see, I don't know now, them other Porters, that's about all the ones I know out there. Of that set, in there on **Porter Creek**, out here at...

JC: Them are the ones I am interested in.

Dan: Them's the ones?

JC: What do you know about **Jim Porter** getting shot, over the school elections? (2:14)

Dan: Well **Henry Kegley**, a 2nd cousin of mine killed him. And how come him to kill him; they elected...there used to be a schoolhouse out here where a big oak tree stood the other side of that store house. They had a schoolhouse there and they got up a school race and they elected a trustee and **Jim Porter** was to have the first school for one of his boys, **Ed** or **Andy**. And **Henry (Kegley)** was to have the next school and on top of it all, they told me they all bunched up money and sent down there to Frankfort and sent a feller down there and got the questions. The boys all studied them you know.

They win the trustee and **Jim** got the first school for one of his boys and he aimed to revoke **Henry's** certificate and **Henry** killed him up there over at the bank, hit him one lick with a knife and killed him.

JC: Is that right? (3:08)

Dan: That's right!

JC: Did it kill him right on the spot, did they take him home?

Dan: Ya, he knocked **Henry** in the head with a chair they claim. **Tom Mobley** was Superintendent. Oh Lord no, now listen; Uncle **Jake Kegley**, he was telling Uncle **Jake**, Uncle **Jake** told him, "**Jim**, when you

get into it with **Henry Kegley**, one or the other of you will leave here.” He told me time and again, if **Jim Porter** could call the time back, he would tell him the same. Well, **Van Middleton** married **Jim Porter’s** oldest girl. And **Frank Conn** was telling me about that. He married **Luster Binion’s** girl. (3:50) And **Frank** said that his dad, not his dad, his father-in-law had **Van Middleton** come over there and help him plow in oats. **Van** told him that morning, “Today is the day that **Jim Porter** is going to run **Henry Kegley** out of **Sandy Hook.**” **Luster** told him, “The day he tried that, one or the other of them would leave here.” He run around with him. He know’d **Henry**. Know’d em both.

Well that evening about 3:00 o’clock **Luster** is at one end of the field and he is at the other turning his horse around. He turned his horse around and stopped and dropped his hands down and stood there a minute and went to unhitching the horse. **Luster** plowed out there at the end and said, “What’s the matter?” Well, he said, “**Henry Kegley** has killed **Jim Porter.**” **Luster** said, “What did I tell you that no man will run **Henry Kegley.**”

You see, as **John Thompson** said, “**Jim Porter** brought that on himself.” You know that wasn’t right, after, he was going to revoke his certificate after they was all in it and got the questions.

JC: Were they going to be teachers, or school board members?

Dan: Ya, schoolteachers. Listen, it was **Jim’s** boys, **Ed** and **Andy** was the teachers.

JC: Oh.

Dan: Well, you see **Henry** let em teach the first school is what they agreed on, then they was going to knock **Henry** out of his school. That’s what the trouble come up.

JC: Take the whole works?

Dan: Oh shucks, Uncle **Jake Kegley** we always liked **Jim Porter**. He hired my grandma and **Aunt El** and them, Aunt **Ellen Kegley** to come up there, I was a little bit of a feller up there. And he run a store at here at **Stark**. He had a lot of chickens and turkeys, and he killed some hogs. While he and some fellers killed some hogs, he had them a scalding the chickens and turkeys. Me and **Ed** and **Andy** would put a turkey leg on each shoulder and go down to the turkey pen at the store and get em and pack them up to the house, under them big oak trees where they was scalding. We was just big enough to pack a turkey with it’s legs...It is a wonder they hadn’t shit all over us. (5:59) I’m telling you, we put one leg on each shoulder. They was a little bit older than I was, and carry em up there, them turkeys, oh I can...

JC: How old are you now, 92?

Dan: I’ll be 92 the 3rd day of November if I live that long. (6:15)