

Dan Kegley (Part 4) 1979 **Stark, Ky.** (92 years old) Neighbor of **Jim Porter** (son of **Andrew J. Porter**)
Interview with JC Porter at **Dan Kegley's** home.

Dan: Old **Henry Kegley** over here, he settled over here. That was my mother's grandfather. Well, he come from **Wythe County (Virginia)** there _____

JC: You say he came about 1856?

Dan: And don't you know he only had 5 children come here, four boys and one girl. And my mother, they didn't know who their grandma was. I asked **Henry Kegley**. **Henry** got down there in **Greenup**. I asked **Henry**, and **Henry** said, "Why he married a **Myers**." **Herbert** found where there was five more boys and girls that never come here, that they never know'd a thing about.

JC: I'll be darn.

Dan: No, never know'd a thing about em. He found five more there. And then he married **Cynthia Webb** and she had two little girls. Him and her then had two boys **Ben** and **George**. Made 12 children that they had in all. **Herbert** found where there was five more of old man **Henry's** children there they didn't know a thing about, never did come here.

JC: You ever hear of a **Martha Day** that lived around here?

Dan: Who?

JC: **Martha Day**. She was a sister to **John Porter** and **Alick Porter** and all them. She was their sister.

Dan: Where did she live at?

JC: **Martinsburg**, someplace. Her husband died; **Daniel Day** was his name. He died and they went to the **Masonic Home in Louisville** to live, then they came back I believe. Her name was **Martha Day**. She had a son named **William Day** and **Floyd Day**. They would be a little older than you. Maybe 10 or 15 years older than you. They had a daughter named **Rebecca (Day)** and a daughter named **Lucy Day**.

Dan: Huh. I've been practically all over this county, but I don't remember ever coming across them.

JC: They might not have come back here to live. They lived here before that, that was about 1880.

Dan: People change their names anymore. I hauled staves in **Morgan County** in 1916 for **Jim McFarland** the Red Line. There was people up there, a feller by the name of **Peter Wolfenbarker** (2:25) After that I went down and worked for a feller in **Greenup** County. When I come back from there, they had changed their name to **Wolfenbargers**. I tended his cattle out there and he had sold a little black cow and calf. Took a fella on a ten days trial. I don't know where I was working on the farm, somewheres I hadn't missed her, and the fella brought her back on me. We got to talking and he said he was from **Elliott County** too, and I asked him his name and he said **Rowe** was his name. I said, "I have been practically all over **Elliott** County with Mules and cattle and wagons." And I said, "If there was ever a **Rowe** in there, I never saw him or heard tell of him." He said, "Well we used to go by the name of **Row**." I said, "Oh yes, I am a kin to some of them." I said, "I know them." I'll bet he done something by gosh and left there.

There is a lot of **Waddles**. There was a girl that asked me about if there were any **Waddell's** up there in **Elliott** County. I said, "Not a one that I know'd of." When I growing up at home, I went to school with

Waddles ____ **Waddle** (3:46) When I come home, by gum they changed their name to **Waddell**. I told the girl, "I never heard tell of one when I left here." But people change their names.

JC: **Alick & John's** father **Andrew Porter** he sold 150 acres to a **Waddell** in 1873, here in **Elliott** County.

Dan: What one did he sell to? **John**?

JC: No.

Dan: **Merida**?

JC: Yeah.

Dan: **Merida Waddell**?

JC: Yeah. That was it. **Merida**, Meridith, or something.

Dan: **Merida**. There is an old man named **Merida** and a young one named **Merida**.

JC: This was 1873. Maybe it was the old one?

Dan: I know'd old man **George Waddell**. He come from **North Carolina**.

JC: He did?

Dan: Yeah, **Jess Waddell**, that was ____ son. **Jarod Waddell**, that was **Jess'** grandfather. Jess told me; he married my half sister older than me. **Jess** said that he would trade the farm for a wagon. (4:52) ____ Land wasn't worth nothing. I was reading a book the other day where a fella bought a lot of land 10 cents an acre. He wasn't selling it for a little more. It wasn't worth nothin way back years ago. Like timber, timber wasn't worth nothin, now look what it is worth. If a man had to build a house now, it would cost him something.

JC: It sure would.

Dan: I guess they could build it out of brick cheaper.

JC: Just about.

Dan: I wouldn't doubt it. My God, lumber is out of sight. Well, they are paying them way up yonder for logs to saw. And what did you say your dad's name was?

JC: My dad is Don, **Donald Porter**.

Dan: And whose son did you say he was?

JC: **Everett Porter** who lives in **Globe**. He is **Jasper Porter's** son, and **Jasper** is a son of **Alick**.

Dan: Them **Porter's** run that garage there ain't it?

JC: Yeah.

Dan: We go out there and get tires off of them.

JC: Yeah, that is them.

Dan: They are preachers ain't they, some of them?

JC: Yeah, that is my uncle that is a preacher.

Dan: The church house right there. **Jim McFarland** used to go out there to church. I didn't know where **Globe** was till they got these roads in here. We got to going out there to that garage. He used to go out there to church. He was a, they are Baptists ain't they?

JC: I don't know.

Dan: I bet you they are. **John Porter** though was a Methodist.

JC: Yeah, he was a Methodist.

Dan: They may be a Methodist. I couldn't tell you.

JC: I guess **John Porter's** dad was a Methodist preacher too.

Dan: I wouldn't doubt it. They come from Virginia somewhere, did they?

JC: Yeah. **Grayson County, Virginia**. That is right next to **Wythe** County.

Dan: Well this was, old man **Sam Leedy**, he come from there. And old **Henry Kegley**, and **Joel Kegley**, they come from there. I don't know where the **Flannery's** come from.

Marcella (Dan's niece): Are you talking about that preacher out there, that **Porter**, what denomination he was? Aren't they that Pentecostal Holiness?

JC: I don't think so.

Marcella: They had that tent over here on **Mauk Ridge** didn't they?

JC: Yeah, that sounds like him.

Marcella: They had a big, about three or four weeks ago, they had a tent over there, and I was thinking it said something about Holiness.

JC: Pilgrim Holiness?

Marcella: Yeah, maybe that was it. Maybe that is where I got the P from. It was some kind of Holiness I believe.

JC: Might be. My grandpa is that.

Marcella: I think that is what it was, cause my sister-in-law and brother come from **Fleming County** and went over there one night with my uncle over here on **Mauk Ridge, James Kinster**. **Pauline** said when she first, they go over here to this **Watson Baptist** (8:09), and she said when she first walked up there and saw that over the tent, she thought, "Oh what have I got into?" She said it really surprised her. You hear all this how they get down and roll on the ground and this and that. I have been in Holiness churches where they have done that very thing. I'm not lying, I saw it with my own eyes. I didn't believe it until I saw it. We was living in **Winston-Salem, North Carolina** at the time and I went with my baby sitter was an old lady. **Jamie Lee** was about three years old, and she begged me to go with them to their Christmas service. I went and you just couldn't believe it unless you saw it yourself.

Pauline told me, "Oh what have I got into," but she said they really, I forget who it was that preached that night, whether it was that **Porter** boy or who it was but **Pauline** said they really done some good preaching and said they had a real good service. It wasn't anything like she had heard that it was. She was real well pleased. I think **Uncle James** and **Aunt Ruth** went just about every night. They really took a big hand in it.

JC: Yeah.

Dan: The old man **Porter**, the daddy of all these, did he have any brother that come here? END OF TAPE