

the *Sadieville Sunshine*

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The City of Sadieville was incorporated in the year of 1880 and named for Mrs. Sadie Pack, one of the most highly honored citizens of Scott County. The city is built around Eagle Creek and on a railway that was once the greatest and most lucrative in the South. As a shipping point, Sadieville was without a doubt, one of the best on the Southern road. In 1904 there were 216 cars of stock, logs, and tobacco shipped which amounted to thousands of dollars. Over \$13,000 worth of rabbits, hides, produce, etc., were shipped by Sadieville merchants in 1904. Sadieville was the largest market for shipping yearling mules and colts in the country, and the firm Burgess and Gano purchased most all of the mules and colts in Sadieville and from there they were shipped to many points in the state of Georgia. The young mules and colts would be kept in corrals out in the country, until three or four hundred of them had been delivered by the stock raisers and then drivers would each get on horseback in front, at the side, and in the rear of the drove, and drive them to the stockyards in Sadieville which was alongside the railroad tracks. Two or three men would always go along the road in advance, and notify the residents that the "Mules were coming". They really raised a thick cloud of dust but at least the youngsters enjoyed it. Dust was at times as bad as a heavy fog.

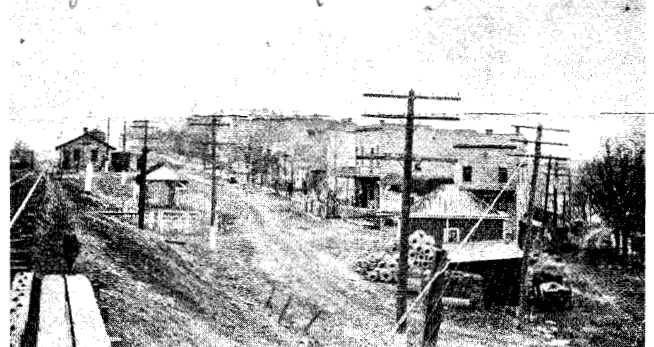
J.P. Fields built the first house in Sadieville in 1877, on Vine Street, and is now owned by Alma Cishman. Many pretty residences followed and soon Sadieville was known as a town of beauty and wealth.

The largest brick building was built in 1890 by Leander Risk, and housed a saloon and hotel. The building is now owned by Ken and Detta Wilson.

This special edition of the Sadieville Sunshine is in celebration of Sadieville's history and of all that Sadieville has become over the years. Sadieville citizens are still proud of their Community and honor its heritage.



SADIEVILLE STOCKYARDS



BIRD'S EYE VIEW, SADIEVILLE KY.

1873 - The talk begins, "The Southern Railway may run through the Big Eagle"

1875 - Railroad bridge was being constructed across the Big Eagle - later on to be Sadieville.

1877 - Railroad was finished and the town was born.

In June of 1877 word began to spread of a depot building being constructed and at this time the town of Big Eagle -Sadieville sported a blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, two groceries, one hotel (John Kaley) and seven dwelling houses. Rail cars were running through Sadieville every day and construction of the depot building began. Stock pens were being made and fairbanks scales were being erected. Property was being bought and sold and the town was progressing. In 1878 (January) a post office was established, J.W. Jones the first postmaster. A livery stable was developed and houses for the watchmen were being built by the Southern Railroad. A telegraph office opened.

In May of 1879, a little less than two years, Sadieville

now had two hotels, two large store-houses and confectionery shops with beer, fifteen dwelling houses, and two blacksmith shops. In 1880, a new school was started by John A. McCabe and in May of the same year (1880), Sadieville was Incorporated.

Incorporators were: T.J. Burgess, Douglas Stewart, T.T. Hedger, and John Caley.

First Police Judge: J.W. Truitt

First Marshall: L. Penn

1880 - A saddle shop was opened

1881 - Sugar 12 1/2¢, Butter Beans 60¢ gallon, Coffee 25¢, apples 10-12¢ lb., oats 50¢ buschel, lard 11 1/2¢ lb., apple-brandy 4.00-6.00 gallon, molasses 75¢ gallon, meal 60¢ buschel, hams 10¢ lb., eggs 30¢ dozen, feathers 50¢ lb., chickens 2.00 dozen.

In 1883 stock for the new drugstore began arriving at the Depot, to be operated by J.W. Ballard.

**Hall's Hair Renewer
Ayers Sasparilla
Dr. Bulls Cough Syrup
Merwins Specific**

"Chew Maudes - Virginia Twist"

- 1884 - two saloons, two drugstores
- 1886 - installing street lamps, brick pavements, stone street crossings. "Putting on City airs."

CATTLE SELLING AT 4 1/2¢ LB.

- 1886 - Barber Shop - Jake Smith
- 1887 - Main brand of coffee, Arbuckles, Areosa Electric bitters for rheumatism, Syrup of figs for constipation, Salvation oil kills pain.
- 1887 - Methodist Church
The "Cultivator" and "Country Gentleman" -two best selling magazines.

TOBACCO SELLING 7 - 10¢ LB.

1889 - J.K. Northcutt purchased a fine hearse and became undertaker and also became a furniture dealer.

John A. McCabe - lumber yard and hardware store

1893 - Christian Church, Deposit Bank of Sadieville, Streets in Sadieville were named

1894 - The 9th of July, New Mill in operation - first flour was made and did more custom grind ing than all the mills in Scott County.

ADVERTISEMENT

**AS THE MERCURY GOES DOWN,
SO DOES THE PRICE OF CLOTHING**

We have placed: Upon a seperate counter in our store about 55 suits, all sizes ranging in price from 2.50 to 7.50 - Suits that we formerly sold from 4.00 to 10.00.

J.D. Fields & Co.

1909 - B.W. Sidebottom, Dentist: will be in Sadieville second Monday in each month for one week. All work guaranteed.

Sadieville Merchants, the business people: Prof. Mulberry says:

One of the most energetic and successful business men of Sadieville is Mr. G.B. Johnson. Mr. Johnson runs a general merchandise store and is one of the strongest candidates for the patronage of the public that can be found in the town.

Another man in the whirl and confusion of mercantile life is Mr. R.E. Lee. Mr. Lee keeps a general store. Possessing that energy and pluck that all business men must have "Polly" commands his share of the public patronage.

T.F. Sheritt is another man who lives in the jostle and hum of mercantile life. Tom keeps a full line of dry goods, groceries and notions, and although young in the business he has, by energy and push, proven that he is well fitted for the business and commands a large trade.

A. Lancaster, our popular druggist, is a young man of fine business qualities. He handles a stock of goods which covers every conceivable article found in a first-class drug store.

Sadieville is represented in the hardware business by Mr. L. Mulberry. Mr. Mulberry is enjoying a large trade and is at home in his new and spacious brick building and keeps a full line of hardware and lumber, also saddles, harness, etc. "Rusty" is a careful buyer, quick sales and small profits being his motto.

Another representative in the hardware business is Mr. Russell Beard. Mr. Beard has just started in his new business and expects to handle a full line of everything usually found in a first-class hardware store.

Mr. J.K. Northcutt has been Sadieville's representative in the furniture and undertaking busienss until recently. On account of sickness he sold out to Wm. A. Hinton.

The livery business of Sadieville has two representatives, J.T. Mulberry and W.C. Falconer. These gentlemen have the pluck and push that peculiarly fits them for their business. Anyone stopping at Sadieville desirous of taking a ride or a drive to the country can find any kind of accommodation at the stables of Mr. Mulberry and Mr. Falconer.

In the blacksmith and general repairing business, Sadieville has three representatives, W.A. Maines, A.B. Davis and B.T. Covington. These gentlemen have by quiet, but non the less persistant efforts, built up a trade of which they should be proud.

J.P. Crosthwaite, Sadieville's clever jeweler, is active and energetic and a close student in all matters pertaining to his business, having learned it in hard, stern school of practical experience.

Another of Sadieville's wide-awake business men is J.P. Lemon. Mr. Lemon runs a small grocery, and also deals in produce, hides, etc. He commands a large trade.

Three saloons in Sadieville pay an annual revenue to the town of nearly \$1,400. The proprietors of these saloons, Messrs, L. Risk, J.O. Rose and Price and Davis are gentlemen of the first rank and by their energy and push do a prosperous business.

The now existing Temple of Justice and Sadieville jail was erected in 1902 at a cost of \$2,000. The former building was destroyed by fire.

The city of Sadieville had two secret organizations, the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. They erected a lodge and meeting room that still stands today and is now the location of "Sadie's Store", owned by Albert and Mary Lee Goepper.

Sadieville boasted of a real, live, uniformed brass band, playing the latest and best of music upon nickle and silver plated horns which were purchased at a cost of \$250.00. The band was organized in June 1901 under charge and direction of Professor Edward Baldwin. Many of Sadieville Senior Citizens can remember the many concerts in the City Park. The bandstand was located at the corner of Main and Pike.

A foot bridge was built in 1901 by private subscriptions of the citizens at a cost of \$200.00. It was 5' wide, 300' long, 50' high with a high railing on both sides. It connected Main Street to Vine Street and many wish it still existed. It was quite a sight.

Sadieville had a volunteer fire department, and a large gong to sound the fire alarm was purchased at a cost of \$50.00, and when sounded all the male citizens of the town were soon on the spot with buckets, hooks and ladders.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM ACCOUNTS BY BILL MARSHALL

Lone bandit holds up Bank at Sadieville

One of the boldest robberies ever attempted in this county was staged Monday morning about 8:30 when a lone bandit, unmasked, held up the Farmers Deposit Bank at Sadieville and escaped with \$788.22 in cash and currency. The man walked into the bank just as Charles P. Fields, assistant cashier was removing a tray of money from the vault. He covered Fields with a gun and told him to "Shove It Over." Fields shoved the tray to the end of the counter and the man went behind the cage, put the money in his pocket and then asked "You got any more?" Having secured all the money, he left the bank. Fields gave the alarm and Town Marshall John T. Wright and Monday Whitton sighted him as he fled, and gave pursuit. He was soon arrested in a coal shed on the premises of G. Kidwell.

Fire threatens big sector in Sadieville

Fire which for a time threatened a large section of downtown Sadieville swept two buildings and damaged a barn about noon Monday and caused damage estimated at \$6,000.

Volunteer firemen fought efficiently in bringing the fire under control. A two story frame structure, known as the old creamery building, which is utilized as a residence by two families, and also houses a blacksmith shop and a broom factory. Most of the personal property of the oc-

cupants of the creamery, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey, was lost.

Sadieville residents were complimenting the firemen on their work in placing the blaze under control. Water pumped from cisterns installed by the city several years ago, for firefighting purposes had sufficient pressure to be used effectively. 1938

Sadieville Lions honor Dr. J.W. Baird, 1951

Dr. Baird was guest of honor at the meeting of the Sadieville Lions Club, Monday night at Haydens restaurant. Dr. Baird, age 85, still serves the Sadieville community after 59 years of diligent and faithful service. Still trying to administer to the sick and the suffering, and alleviate the pains and aches of all those who require his service. Who often made long weary miles by horseback, in the dead of night; in the winters snow and blizzards, to attend those who he knew when he left his fireside, could not pay for his services. Yet he answered those calls, as long as he was able to go, until age and rheumatism stiffened his joints, and made long trips and night calls impossible. Dr. Baird said he wished a young doctor would come to this community and take up his practice so that he could retire and still feel that the people he has known and loved for so many years would not be left unattended. Dr. Baird has delivered approximately 2000 babies during his practice, unassisted by nurses or modern facilities.

New School Building, 1922

Sadieville needs a new school building badly. Our fathers and mothers went to school here and now we have come to love it to. But, it does not suffice our needs. In this modern age we need more and we need to move forward. We need a lab to assist in instruction of Physics, Chemistry, Botany, General Science and Biology, as well as Agriculture. We had excellent equipment but because we had no place to keep them they have been stolen or ruined. Cooking utensils have vanished and the stove has decayed. The whole building is in sad need of repair. It would cost a lot of money to make it inhabitable next year, so why not save and put it on a new building, since this one might blow down any night, or even during the day when the children are there. More people need to realize the need of training the body as well as the mind.

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Keeping A Low Profile, Sadieville Lives Its Own Style

SADIEVILLE — This Scott County community may be small and off the beaten track, but it gets equal road sign billing with many much larger places.

Signs along both northbound and southbound Interstate 75 announce that Sadieville is only one mile along the pike. Williamstown and Georgetown, both county seat towns, don't get much more recognition than that.

Sadieville also has its very own interchange, at Ky. 32, although there is little at the junction but a service station.

For years I've been motoring along the freeway, wondering about a place called Sadieville. I trust many other regular I-75 travelers have had the same thoughts.

The curiosity is similar to that I had about a row of small outbuildings on a farm adjacent to I-75 near the Sadieville interchange. The buildings were corn cribs, I discovered, and numerous people remarked that they, too, had always been curious.

THE OLD highway, US 25, runs parallel to and nearby the interstate, but there is no sign of Sadieville along its tree-lined berm. One begins to come to the conclusion that Sadieville might be only a memory — a place that withered and died along US 25, or perhaps a victim of freeway construction.

Neither is the case. Sadieville still lives, although it takes a little investigation to find.

After a short jog north from the interstate on US 25, Ky. 32 turns off to wind through the hills to the east. Two miles and several rural mailboxes later you can find Sadieville, population 274.

There's a bank, two groceries, elementary school, Western tack shop, antique store, a post office and a video game center, along with a couple of dozen homes and a few churches.

SADIEVILLE ISN'T the smallest place in Kentucky, but it's plain that it isn't a metropolis either.

Georgetown is 16 miles away and Lexington another dozen.

Sadieville's nightlife consists largely of people visiting friends and relatives, or going to church.

Youngsters pass time in the video center and congregate around their cars and pickup trucks on the main street.

A visitor who asks where Ky. 32 leads, almost anticipates someone answering, "I don't know. . .it's never taken me anyplace."

Sadieville folks are too nice for flippant replies, however, and actually the highway could take you to Cynthiana to the east, and to Josephine beyond the freeway to the west.

Bob Lefever, officer in charge of the post office, believes Sadieville's population is growing again after reaching a low several years ago.

HE TAKES a walk around town every day on his lunch break, and has noticed that a number of houses are being rehabilitated, he said.

Like many small Kentucky towns, Sadieville was more vital and prosperous when railroad passenger service was in its heyday. The Norfolk Southern tracks run past the business section, and although the line is busy with freight trains, there hasn't been a passenger station open for years.

Lorrain Jones, 39, who operates the Village Food Shop, recalls riding to Lexington and back on the train when she was a child. When the trains made regular stops, she recalls there was as many as 15 businesses along Sadieville's main street.

BUT NOW the trains roar through several times a day, and although the people at the I-75 interchange service station occasionally send along some recreational vehicle patrons to buy groceries and supplies, Ky. 32 isn't the kind of road to attract cross-country travelers.

At least, I've satisfied myself about Sadieville. Next time I pass by I'm going to try harder to find someone who knows how the town was named.

Unlike the corn cribs, which have since been removed, Sadieville figures to be there a long time to come.

Jack Hicks — Cincinnati Paper 4 Yrs. Ago



A bit of past returns each year as the "old train" returns to Sadieville.

Photo by Jim Rector Georgetown Graphic

On the lighter side

Humorous and strange events taken from a non-fiction novelette "Doin's at Sadieville" by Orlie Julian Truitt

"The town is well watered and well lighted and its morals are carefully guarded." Sadieville had old fashioned street lamps which burned "coal oil." These lamps were placed on posts about eight feet from the ground, and there was a lamp near the saloon. One night a man named Sharp was thrown out of the saloon and to support himself he threw his arms around this lamp post and was soon fast asleep. Orlie Truitt went to his aid and decided to take him home. When Sharp looked up, he said, "The moon sure is up pretty early tonight ain't it. It appears to be right down close to the earth and brighter than usual." He actually believed that the street lamp was the full moon. About six months after the incident, Mr. Mallory, the lamplighter and Truitt were recalling the incident of Sharp hanging around the lamp post and during the conversation, Mallory became so tickled at how funny Sharp looked that he had a heart attack and dropped dead.

"The Volunteer Fire Brigade"

The Neal Boarding House was on fire, Sunday Morning-Winter. This house was referred to as a hotel by some was a leading stop-over an old fashioned boarding house where food was served "home style" and where all guests sat down at one long table and ate to their hearts content, and all the food that they could for only 25¢.

In the department there were about 100 round bottom fire buckets; round so that you couldn't set them down when you were exhausted; and you couldn't set them down after you had water in them because they would turn over and the water would spill. About 100 men and boys formed a line from the hotel to the railroad water column, filling buckets and passing them on - empty buckets were returned to the starting point by another line of women and children to be filled again. Buckets continued for 2 1/2 hours while the firemen in their Sunday best were half frozen and their clothes ruined, for most the only decent clothes they had. The owner of the burning building was spotted standing back watching wrapped in overcoat and fur hat enjoying the scene. Someone hollered "G.B., why don't you give us a lift and help us carry water - we are all worn out." G.B. replied, "I can't help you, my health is worth more than all my property and money. It would make me sick to do what you fool people are doing."

The men immediately gathered up their buckets and let the building burn to the ground.

Village Gossip, 1922 Green & White

The highschool will have a radiophone put in the school building before the first of the year.

A horse hitched to a cart belonging to Joe Burgess ran down the alley by the light plant, and on down Pike Street and on home. A horse hitched to a buggy belonging to Mr. Thompson ran away at the same time, and in the same direction. It was stopped by some men in front of Jones' Bros. Garage.

The citizens of Sadieville stumbled around in the dark except when the moon shone at night, until a little over a year ago. At that time the town board, being men who had the interest of the public in mind, bought and installed an electric light plant, which is the greatest improvement the town has ever had.

There was a great deal of opposition but these men were sure they were right and pushed onward, until they have paid for the plant. Now, they think they have done their duty and have resigned.

Now that the town board has resigned, the citizens should make sure none but men who have the welfare of the town at heart, fill their places. We want men who will do their duty. Men that are good citizens and believe in a clean town. Several men have been asked to serve, but all of them say, "Oh, get somebody else. I don't want to be bothered with it. Besides, it would hurt my business." Somebody must serve. If all quit, our town will go to the bad.

Jokes

- White: "What are you doing with your head in a sling?"
- Green: "I have a terrible toothache"
- White: "Why don't you try my remedy? When I have a toothache, I go home and put my arms around my wife, and she kisses me and I forget all about my toothache."
- Green: "I believe I will try that. Is Mrs. White at home?"
- Willie: "I don't know what to do with my weekend."
- K.C.: "Keep your hat on it."