



Happy Easter to all the Childers Family.

Easter is a joyous occasion because on this day Christians celebrate Christ's victory over death. To those who believe in Christ, Easter also symbolizes their participation in his death and rebirth to a new life.



Easter is primarily a religious festival. However, many customs of the season are less serious in nature and have more to do with the beginning of spring. Painting eggs in bright colors with pretty designs is a popular pastime that delights children. Other customs include various Easter foods, wearing new clothes, and the Easter egg hunts.



Rabbits are a powerful symbol of fertility and new life, and therefore, of Easter. The Easter Bunny, like Santa Claus, has become a popular children's character.

The Childers Newsletter was started in January 2006 to provide a means of communication between the descendants of William Jasper Childers.

THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED!!! FAMILY WHERE IS YOUR INPUT?

Hopefully, this newsletter will provide a way for us to get to know our large, and wide-spread family. To do this, input is needed from everyone.

I know that there are individuals in you family of whom you are proud, and would like to give them recognition. Write a short paragraph, send us a picture, or maybe a newspaper clipping that we can publish.

A short story or remembrance about that special occasion you cherish, would be interesting reading to all of us.

Look in you scrapbooks for that old picture of your sister or brother that they hoped would never surface. Send it to us and it will make front page.

Let's make this a family paper, OK?

Thanks, John



Descendants of William Jasper Childers
Family Newsletter

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This family newsletter is to be a forum for all Childers descendants who desire to contribute information and pictures for the benefit of all. All photos, comments, newspaper articles should be sent to John Childers, 593 W 7th St, Greenfield, IN 46140. They may also be sent by email to JHCLD@AOL.com. Calls at 317-462-6678 are welcome.

Childers Book "Descendants of William Jasper Childers." Well, the 2006 version has finally gone to print. I would like to thank all those family members who provided pictures and information which has made the book possible. "THANKS" for preserving those old photos and the spirit of the past generations. Books will be available for shipment after 15 April 2006. The price of the 150 page hardbound book, with approximately 35 scrapbook pages of family members, is \$30.00 which includes shipping.

Birthdays for April: James Pendleton, James Hatton Sr, Curtis Gayhart, Ryan Childers, Samantha Gayhart Maynard, Deborah Jones Hatton
Happy Birthday and we wish you many more.



Childers Family Reunion. A park lodge in Dayton, Ohio has been reserved for a family get-to-gather on 11 June 2006. Please keep that date open. Additional information will be sent to each family as the date gets closer.



Can you identify the girl and the man in the picture? The lady in pink is Maggie Childers Combs. The lady beside her is Ethel Childers Begley.

The picture to the right was found in the old Maggie/Blaine Combs house in Clay City, KY after the death of Maggie. Any ideas?



Thought for the Month by Mark Twain;
Few things are harder to put up with than a good example

Let's get familiar with our Childers family: In this newsletter, we will continue to feature the children of William Jasper Childers.

Edna Myrtle Childers was the third child and also the third daughter. She was born 26 June 1894 and died 10 January 1996 at the age of 101 in Hazard, Perry County, KY. She is buried in the Childers Cemetery on Lost Creek Road with her husband "CE". She married Charles Elihue "CE" Pendleton 20 Feb 1920 at Blue Diamond, Perry Co., KY. Their five children are:

1. Charles E. Pendleton, Jr. died young (1)
2. James C. Pendleton married Edith Morling
3. Maude E. Pendleton died young (4)
4. Georgia (Georgie) Pendleton married James A. Surer
5. Robert (Bobbie Jon) Pendleton married Ann Brashear

Edna M. Childers attended college in Nashville, TN for the purpose of becoming a teacher. Her first teaching position was a rural school at Vortex, KY. Vortex is located in Wolfe Co, south of Campton, going toward Jackson. She began there about 1919. Later, she taught in many Perry Co Schools; Tadpole, Georges Branch, Pigeon Roost on Troublesome, and in Hazard. About 1920 she went to work in the commissary at the Blue Diamond Mine. It was here that she met and married Charles Elihue "CE", from Letcher County, who also worked there as a manager and bookkeeper.

She and CE worked together at different coal mining offices for a few years. They also taught school together in some of the 2 room school houses. She was the teacher of the first four grades, and he the principal and teacher for the other four grades. Roads were mere wagon trails, and they did most of their traveling on mule back. Jim Pendleton recounts his mother telling once of riding from Lost Creek to Wolfe Co, a distance of more than 50 miles, in one day. She continued to teach in various schools until retiring at the age of 71.

Edna was a pleasant religious lady, a member of the Church of God, and during her teaching career had a special place in her heart for the poor, shoeless, children of the coal miners and farmers. Her last six years were spent confined to the Hazard Nursing Home, unable to walk.



Mountain Memory

C.E. and Edna Childers Pendleton's oldest son, **James** attended high school at Stinnett Settlement School in Leslie County, Kentucky. For a while, he stayed at the home of Juder and Sadie W. Stidham, teachers at the school. Years later, Mrs. Stidham, a retired schoolteacher and author, wrote three books about the pioneers and their lives in early Leslie County. Her books are considered valuable resources and references today.

Here is an excerpt:

In the early 1940's ". . . James Pendleton stayed with us and went to high school. He helped in the house and with the chores. One day

we came home for lunch and our milk cow was down and could not get up. James said, 'I know what's the matter with the cow. She's got soft tail. All we have to do is split her tail with a sharp pocketknife, fill the cut place full of salt, and tie her tail up with clean rags.' We held the cow while Juder, her husband, split her tail, put in the salt and tied up her tail. In a few minutes, the cow got up and walked around as though nothing had happened."

From Seasons of Time, Sadie Wells Stidham, 1990

Got a Mountain Memory to share with us? Send us a picture, a snapshot, old or new. Just a few words about it and we'll put it in the Childers Newsletter.



Edna Childers C.E. Pendleton



Georgia and Edna About 1927



Left to Right Rear: Edna holding Bobbie Jon, Georgia holding Debra Surer, James Surer
Front: Neighbor, Neighbor, Barbara, Jimmie, Neighbor, James with Willa



Robert



Pendleton Home



James Surer and Georgia