

# J.M. Bailiff Farm marks 145 years

The J.M. Bailiff Farm, near Dowelltown, marks 145 years of continuous ownership by the Bailiff family.

On September 1, 1875 James Monroe Bailiff, a Confederate veteran and third generation blacksmith, purchased the farm in the Dry Creek Community.

He and his wife, Eliza Foster, along with their three young children left Laurel Hill of western DeKalb County to begin a new life.

The Bailiff family had settled in Temperance Hall, near Alexandria, during the early 1820s. They descended from Pennsylvania Quakers and came to Tennessee from North Carolina.

Monroe Bailiff was a great nephew of Colonel James Tubb of Liberty. However, when Tennessee seceded from the union and war was imminent he and his three brothers joined the Confederate Army.

He fought at the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia where he was wounded and subsequently captured.

Monroe and his family made their way to their new home with a wagon and a team of oxen. The oxen were used to clear the land. An oxen yoke from that time remains in the Bailiff family today.

During those early years, squirrels were plentiful. Monroe had a flint rock gun with a powder pouch. He would hunt wild boars. Small black bears were common as were wild turkeys. A few deer were killed from time to time, but are more plentiful now than then.

The Bailiff children attended school in a building that was shared by a Baptist congregation that would become the Dry Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Monroe was ordained a deacon in that church in 1891.

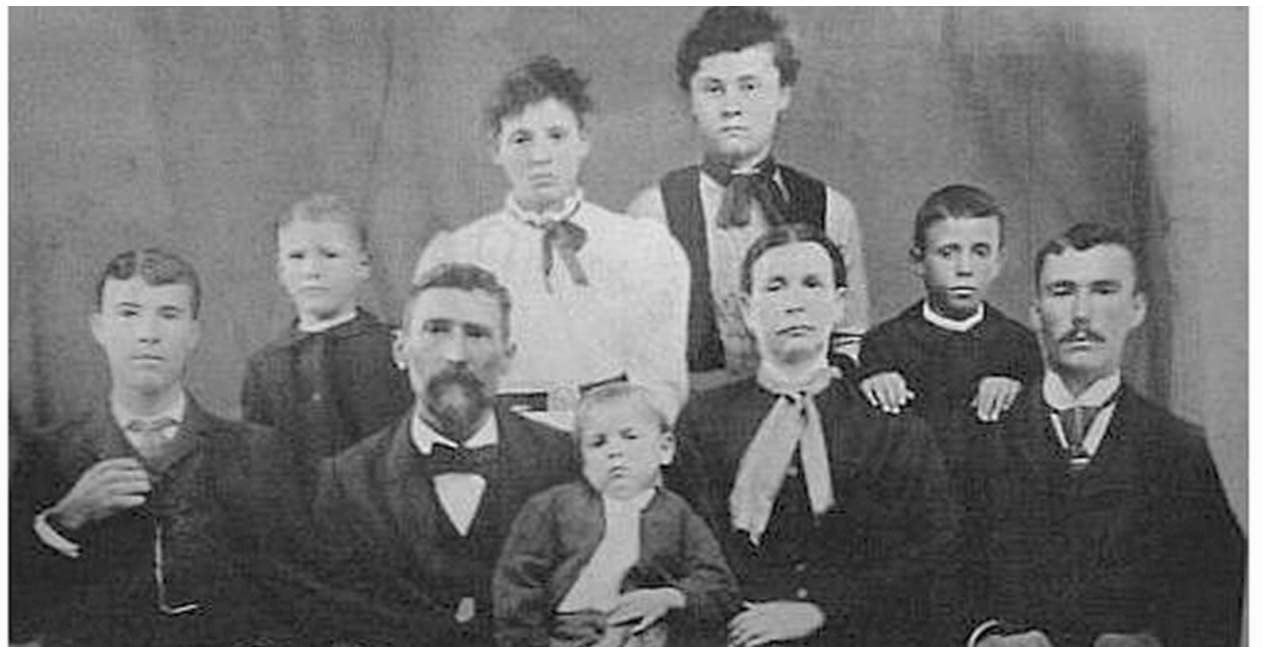
Monroe was a proficient blacksmith as was his father and grandfather. He was well known in the community for fitting shoes to horses. He also was known for his cobbler work.

He was skilled at working leather, making and repairing shoes.

Monroe and Eliza had nine children total with six living into adulthood. Monroe and Eliza died in 1927 and,

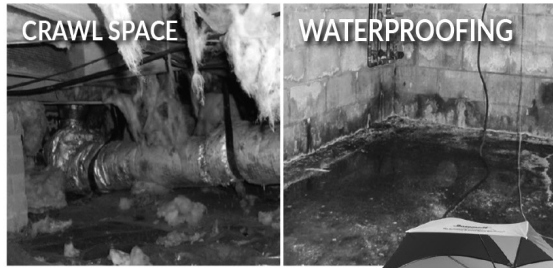
1928 respectively, both having lived beyond their 80th year.

The next generations to own the farm was their son, L.D. Bailiff, and then their grandson, Charlie Floyd Bailiff. Today Monroe and Eliza Bailiff's great-great grandson, Kevin Bandy and his family live on the farm.



**JAMES MONROE BAILIFF FAMILY (1892)**

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## License photos never good



by BARBARA ANN ERVIN

School is moving right along and so is the Tiger football, soccer and also Middle School football and soccer.

I had to renew my driver license I wondered should I take my mask off or leave it on. I thought I could make a better picture than the one on my old license that is why I went but no it is no better than the one I had before. I get to keep my new drivers license for eight years at least I won't have to go back for a while. I was in and out in minutes.

The storms are moving in this Friday and the forecast for the rest of the week is rain and possible high winds. Bring your plant in and put stuff up that you don't want to blow away. Two years ago a storm came through town and the Review lost a trash can. We looked for it and never found it so we figured someone got a new trash can. The wind can do a lot of unforeseen damage. Make sure to check your roof on your house or buildings. Don't forget to secure your patio furniture.

Pray for the people affected by Hurricane Laura. Also the people affected by all the fires in California. Losing a home would be so devastating. A home is something you build and share memories with your family in and to have all that taken away is terrible. The upside is you still have each other to rebuild. A home can be replaced but a person cannot. I pray that God will keep everyone safe.

Please continue to pray for the ones that have lost loved ones. Pray for this world that it may turn away from sin and reach out to the Lord.

May God bless you all!

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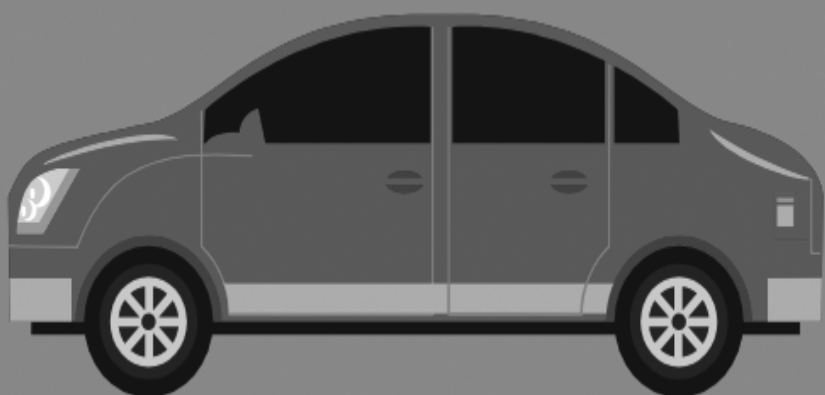
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## 82nd Annual Meeting of the Members Saturday, September 12, 2020

### Drive-In Event



Registration - 9 a.m.  
Meeting - 10 a.m.

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be an outdoor, drive-in event. We will not be providing a meal or door prizes. Members are asked to remain in the safety of their vehicles for this meeting.*

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