

Normal Institute, Frankfort, Class of 1912, Kentucky State Industrial College (now KY State University), Frankfort, B.A., Class of 1936; and did graduate work at U.K. in 1955.



Katharine Levingston Hicks

Katharine Levingston Hicks' teaching experience in the Jessamine Co. school system at Vineyard, Zion and Keene schools. She became a member of faculty at Rosenwald-Dunbar, Sept. 1940; a English and music instructor. She retired due to illness in March 1956.

She was a member of Maple St. Christian Church, serving as organist for many years. She was also a Sunday School teacher.

On Nov. 25, 1913, she became the bride of William Robert Hicks. This union was blessed with four children: Lillie Mae Hicks, at the age of 15, was a member of Rosenwald-Dunbar Senior Class of 1931-1932.

William E. Hicks, Sr. Rosenwald-Dunbar Class of 1932, Knoxville College, B.S., Class of 1936; University of Medical College, M.D., Class of 1945, is currently practicing preventive medicine, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Arguerite deAngles Hicks, Rosenwald-Dunbar Class of 1937, attended Kentucky State College, was a U.S. Government employee, now retired, in Dayton, OH; Verlesta B. Hicks, Rosenwald-Dunbar Class of 1938, attended Kentucky State College, in Clair College, Dayton, OH, Air Force Institute of Technology, WPAFB, OH, and is presently employed as Computer Programmer Analyst, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH.

She adored her five grandchildren: John T. Hicks (deceased); William E. Hicks, Jr.; E. L. Hicks; Carmen Hicks Tillman and Donald Hicks.

Her adage "Education makes people easy to lead, difficult to drive, easy to govern but impossible to enslave" may well have been the

years. To sum the years of work for all the students who have she touched would be an infinite task. She was very proud of each one's achievements.

William Hicks Family

William Hicks was born 1755 in Virginia. He was a Revolutionary War soldier. William served in the 12th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army from Sept. 20, 1776 to 1778. He also served in the Second Virginia detachment from 1780 to Jan. 17, 1782, when he was discharged as a corporal. He married Mary Swanger (Swango) Jan. 2, 1784.

William and Mary first lived in Garrard Co. and then moved to Fayette Co. and then back to Garrard Co. William died Dec. 19, 1822, in Garrard Co., and Mary died Aug. 24, 1847, in Jessamine. They had eight children. The first one died at age three months.

Moses Hicks, second child of William and Mary Hicks, was born Sept. 2, 1786, and married Lucy Alcorn, daughter of Robert and Susannah Turpin Welch Alcorn, April 16, 1811, in Fayette Co.

Abraham Hicks, third child of William and Mary Hicks, was born Sept. 30, 1788, and married Patsy Wood July 1, 1815, in Fayette Co. Abraham and Patsy Hicks were the parents of Thomas, John, and Armstrong Hicks.

Sophia Hicks, daughter of William and Mary Hicks, was born Sept. 20, 1790, and married Edward Combs. They were the parents of Jeremiah, W. B., and George Combs.

Samuel Hicks, fifth child of William and Mary Hicks, was born Jan. 16, 1793, and married Fannie Cox, June 17, 1813, in Fayette Co. Samuel died April 6, 1861, and Fannie died Nov. 27, 1882; both Samuel and Fannie are buried in the Nicholas Cemetery in Grant Co.

William Hicks, Jr., son of William and Mary was born Dec. 4, 1794, and married Rebecca Alcorn, daughter of Robert and Susannah Turpin Welch Alcorn, Jan. 10, 1815, in Fayette Co. William and Rebecca owned two and one-half acres of land in Jessamine and this was where his mother had lived. William and Rebecca lived in Fayette, Gallatin, Jessamine, and Harrison counties in Kentucky. They were the parents of Rice, Alfred, George, Julia and Emily Hicks.

William Hicks Jr. served in the War of 1812. He enlisted under the name William Hix. William died March 12, 1868, and Rebecca died July 17, 1875.

Abigail Hicks, seventh child of William and Mary Hicks, was born May 20, 1796, and married George Corman, son of Abraham Corman Sr, Aug. 2, 1813, in Fayette Co. George died Aug. 23, 1872 and both he and Abigail are buried in the Corman Cemetery, Bethel Pike. They were the parents of ten children.

Mary Hicks, eighth child of William and Mary Hicks, married Benjamin Goforth, Feb. 11, 1832, in Jessamine County. They had a son, William and a daughter, Mary Jane.

Mary Jane Goforth, daughter of Mary Hicks and Benjamin Goforth, married Joseph Corman Jan. 14, 1851, in Jessamine Co. Mary Jane and Joseph were my second great-grandparents. Submitted by Mildred Frances Alcorn Bunch

family lived in Lexington, Harold was reared in Nicholasville and attended the city school, graduating from Nicholasville High School in 1945. As a youth, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Following graduation from high school in 1945, Harold entered the U.S. Army where he served for the next twenty months. He enrolled at Transylvania College in 1947, and it was there that he met Mary Lee Williams.



Mary Lee and Harold Higgs

Mary Lee, born Jan. 25, 1929, was the daughter of the Late Sewell B. and Grace King Williams. She was reared in Jackson, KY, which is located in Breathitt County, home of her Williams ancestors for five generations. Since her mother was a native of Western Tennessee, Mary Lee was influenced by the culture of that region as well as her native Eastern Kentucky.

Harold and Mary Lee were married on April 7, 1951. They lived in Lexington until January, 1952, when they moved to Nicholasville. Their only child, William Robert, was born on July 7, 1952, and was reared in Nicholasville, attending the local schools and graduating from Jessamine Co. High School in 1970. He received degrees from Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Seminary and now lives in Louisville, KY.

Harold retired from the Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot in 1981 after 32 years of employment. Mary Lee taught in the Jessamine County Schools for 26 years and retired in 1985. Both are active members of the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church, where Harold is an elder and Mary Lee participates in Presbyterian Women. Harold has maintained an interest in amateur radio since his youth and has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1952. He is currently a commissioner of the Nicholasville Housing Authority and a board member of the Senior Citizens Center. Both Harold and Mary Lee are members of the local chapter of A.A.R.P. and Mary Lee belongs to Jessamine County Retired Teachers.

They enjoy traveling, camping, fishing, and spending as much time as possible with their two grandchildren, Matthew Logan and Lillian Margaret. Submitted by Mary Lee Higgs

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