

1793 when he was listed in the Floyd County tax returns (then Mason County). He purchased land from Thomas Blackburn on June 27, 1813. This land was located on Left Beaver Creek. John and Amy's known children were John, Jr., b. 1782; Diadema, b. July 1784; Isra, b. 1793; James, b. 1788; Jonathan, b. 8-23-1796; Amos, b. 1800 and Wright, b. August 1803. John died on January ... 1831.

(4) Elizabeth, daughter of John, married David Polly on March 21, 1785, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. David's will, probated November 7, 1839, Pike County, Kentucky, gave his seven slaves their freedom. No children were mentioned in the will.

(5) Mary (Polly), daughter of John, married James Slone on October 17, 1784, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. James Slone's will dated June 24, 1847, probated 12-15-1851, Pike County, Kentucky, mentioned one son, William, deceased. Polly's will, dated June 24, 1847, probated 5-20-1855, named her twelve slaves and gave them their freedom.

#### Editor's Note:

There are more Justice's listed in the August 1971 telephone directory than any other family. Also, more businesses with Justice in the title. Among them is The Justice Supply Company, Inc., of Shelbiana.

Twenty years ago, Pike County's local historian, G.C. Ratliff, wrote a full-page article for the Ashland Daily Independent about the owner, William E. Justice. He told of Mr. Justice having been born near Millard (in a family of 12 children) as the son of Flem Justice; of how he attended a rural school at Fishtrap; Pikeville High School, Eastern High School in Detroit and finally, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology in 1940.

Mr. Justice brought his family and came back to Pike County to serve as Principal of Millard Grade School. After six years he gave up the security of a salary and began a housing development with \$1200 as capital. This first development was Garden Village, which was the site of Pike County's first county seat, Liberty (a site chosen by commissioners in 1823).

Garden Village was a financial success from the beginning, so Mr. Justice started developing another town between there and Millard. The new town was named Justiceville. Both river-bottom land divisions have been a boon to people in need of modest housing.

Mr. Justice and his wife Nancy (the daughter of Tom F. Justice) have given support to the Baptist church wherever they live, and their two children followed in their footsteps. He is also well-known for accepting responsibility in public service. He has and has had important positions, both elective and appointive. At present he is a road commissioner. His brother, Taylor Dock, has served as a county magistrate for more than twenty years. The Justice "generation" have helped in the development of Pike County.