Casey County lured the Weddles back

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Many of the Weddles in Casey County are descendants of Daniel Weddle and his wife, Annie Rainwater Weddle, a Cherokee Indian born in North Carolina.

Annie was one of 10 children born to Bartholomew Rainwater, a school teacher, and Nancy McLaughlin. The North Carolina Rainwaters descended from John Rainwater, born about 1695, and Mary Fussell, according to Mabel LaLonde of Danville, a descendant.

Annie came to Pulaski County where she married Daniel. They lived there and raised seven children: Francis Marion, Joseph Mitton, Sarah Elen, John Perry, James Madison, Willard Filmore and Bartholomew Franklin. All were born between 1845-1857.

Daniel also had three children by a former wife: William N., Daniel G. and Nancy Jane, born between 1840-1844.

Annie and Daniel are buried in the Weddle Cemetery near Faubush in Pulaski County.

Christopher Columbus Weddle (1889-1962) was the son of Bartholomew. Christopher Columbus Weddle and his wife, Rosa Pittman Weddle (1894-1965) moved to the Dry Ridge community in Casey County in the early 1900s. They had four children, Cecil, who died in 1969; Byron of Cincinnati; Mae Hetzel of Mason, Ohio, and Mabel LaLonde.

Mrs. LaLonde said her parents moved to Indiana about three times, but her father always became dissatisfied and came back to Casey County. "He said Dry Ridge was the best place this side of heaven," Mrs. LaLonde said.

The little three-room house where the Weddles lived is still standing. After the older Weddles died, the farm was owned by Mrs. LaLonde, then sold to her sister, Mae, for a while. It currently is owned by Harold Gossler.

Looking Back: Casey County lured the Weddles back article from 8 Aug 1993 Frankfort, KY newspaper contributed by both Jack Weddle and Francis Corbett Weddle

ERROR NOTE:
1. Photo caption reading "David and Anne Rainwater Weddle" should read "Daniel and Anne Rainwater Weddle"
2. John Milton Weddle was not the "first white man in Pulaski County".
3. Anne Rainwater was not a Cherokee Indian, but rather of English-Scots-Irish descent
The picture probably was taken around the turn of the century beside an old log house in Pulaski County. From left, are: (first name not known) Weddle, Bartholomew Weddle, Clara Sharp Weddle, (first name not known) Roy, Aaron J. Roy, and Mary Weddle Roy. The Weddles are children of David and Anne Rainwater Weddle.
Above, at right, Anne Rainwater Weddle, a Cherokee Indian, was the wife of Daniel Weddle. She was born in 1826 in North Carolina. Above, at left, the Weddle children had a family reunion in 1954, the only time the children were together after they were grown. Seated, from left, are: Byron (1913), Cecil (1910-1969); and parents, Christopher Columbus Weddle (1889-1962) and Rosa Lee Pitman Weddle (1894-1965). Back row, from left, Mae (1917), Mabel (1920), Martha (1934-1970), Mary (1930), and Milton Bartholomew (1936-1955).

At left, the Weddle children in this 1920 photograph from left, are: Cecil, Byron, Mae and Mabel. This was the first picture taken of Mabel Weddle LaLonde of Danville. Mae Hetzel lives in Mason, Ohio, and Byron lives in Cincinnati.

At left, this 1911 photograph shows Rosa and Columbus Weddle and their son, 1-year-old Cecil. Rosa was about 16 years old when the picture was taken.