

Harlan Ogle to portray the Elder Allen Ballou at Burnside Christian Church March 1

Before Burnside was the "boom town" on the Cumberland River, James Ballou moved to "Point Isabel" from North Carolina and purchased a thousand acres of land.

Ballou was a man of varied talents and abilities. He was a very successful farmer, businessman, and he was also a preacher.

He did say at one time that he would rather farm than preach.

The Ballou household consisted of 15 children. As some of those children reached adulthood, they moved to other areas of the country. Some became lawyers, farmers and merchants. At least two of the Ballou boys, Joseph and Allen, became preachers.

Joseph and two of his brothers, Watson and Andrew Jackson, served in the Union Army during the American Civil War.

In time, the patriarch of the family, James, sold most of his land to his sons and moved to Indiana where he died.

Allen bought much of his father's land and built a home in the Antioch area of Burnside. He carved out a pro-



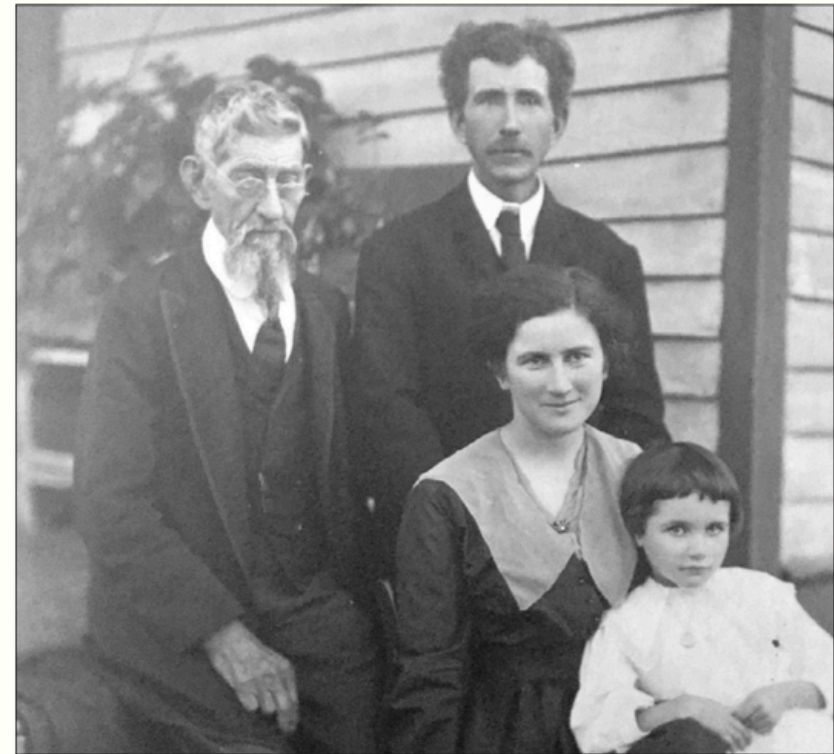
Elder Allen Ballou

ductive farm and used his home in Antioch as a "home base" where he would travel all over South Central Kentucky to preach in revival meetings.

Elder Allen Ballou baptized hundreds of people and organized several Christian churches in Kentucky.

It is safe to say that probably more people in Pulaski County can trace their ancestry back to the James Ballou family than any other family.

Some months ago Harlan Ogle created a Facebook page called OLDE BURNSIDE. No one anticipated the tremendous interest the page would generate. Presently there are over one thousand members of the site! Hundreds of photographs of old Burnside have been shared with the members. Historical facts and personal experiences have been posted by members who call themselves OLDE BURNSIDE Boosters.



From left, Elder Allen Ballou, Daniel Webster Ballou, Lillian Ballou Lewis and Ittylene Lewis.

One item of great interest on the page has been the history of the Ballou family of Burnside. This interest soon focused on Elder Allen Ballou (1838-1928).

In an attempt to preserve and honor the legacy of Elder Ballou, the Burnside Christian Church, located on Grandview Avenue, will

be hosting a program that will feature Harlan Ogle, the preacher at the church, in a portrayal of Elder Allen Ballou.

Ogle has portrayed several historical characters including "Raccoon" John Smith.

The special program will be held Sunday morning, March 1, at 10 a.m. in the church audi-

torium.

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the life of Elder Allen Ballou, one of Burnside's early settlers.

You can call 606-348-6377 for more information or go to the OLDE BURNSIDE Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/342263529274482/>