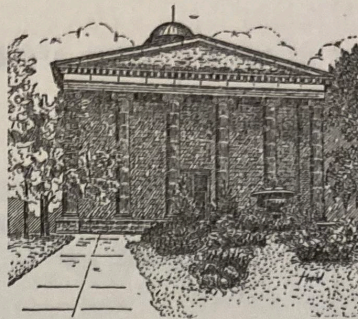


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Dear Miss Hawthorne:

I was very glad to get your letter of August 4 relative to Michael Stoner's participation in the Battle of Blue Licks.

We still lack a few names and each addition to the list of known participants is welcomed.

If you will send along such proofs as you possess we will go into the research again. (The materials we now have do not indicate that he was present at the battle).

It will be a pleasure to have this claim authenticated and to add Stoner's name.

Yours very truly,

G. Glenn Clift
G. Glenn Clift, Asst. Sec'y.

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La Place, Illinois.
August 13, 1951.

Dear Mr. Clift:

On another sheet I am sending you all the proof I have that "Mike" Stoner participated in the Battle of Blue Licks. I hope this is accepted as Stoner never has received full credit for all he did in the settlement and protection of pioneer Kentucky. Thank you for your interest and help in trying to enroll his name on the list of men who fought at Blue Licks.

Sincerely, *Bess L. Hawthorne* — (over)

CONCERNING MICHAEL STONER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BATTLE OF BLUE LICKS.

From the unpublished history of the HOLSTEINER (HOLSTEIN-STONER) family, compiled and verified by two brothers, John Randolph and Owen Bricker, both descendants of the branch of the family that retained the name as Holstein, comes the following -

"In 1810, George Michael Stoner was visited by his grand-nephew, Peter Bricker, Jr., and to him Stoner told some of his experiences. After going to North Carolina he joined Daniel Boone, also a Berks County man, going into Kentucky with him. At one time Boone, Stoner and Finley were the only white men in Kentucky..

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At the Battle of Blue Licks, he was wounded in the body and fell from his horse. He hid in the rushes, where he remained in the mud and mire until the next day, when Colonel Logan with his forces visited the the battle ground and drove the Indians away, pursuing them for for some distance."

This is from Stoner's personal reminiscences as related by him to his grand-nephew, Peter Bricker, Jr.

Peter Bricker, Jr., was an uncle of Messers. John R. and Owen Bricker, both of whom have been dead for many years.

A copy of their Holsteiner history was sent to me by Miss Sophie Bricker, Lititz, Pennsylvania, a good many years ago. She was a daughter of John R. Bricker, and I do not know whether she is living or not.

Stoner was living in Wayne County, Kentucky at the time of Peter Bricker, Jr's., visit to him.

Above data furnished by Elizabeth (Bess) L. Hawthorne, La Place, Illinois, a descendant of Michael Stoner.