

Mary Ingles: early American heroine, part 12

Mary Ingles became one of the most admired people in pioneer America because of the events surrounding her capture by Shawnee Indians in 1755 and eventual escape and return to the settlements. She was an early American heroine, an inspiration to other women of the day and to future generations of women.

Mary escaped in October 1755 from a salt camp at Big Bone Licks with an older Dutch woman who had been taken prisoner in Pennsylvania several years before.

The journey by the two women, six weeks of torturous travel through the wilds without food or supplies, is one of the most amazing incidents in the annals of history. They set out in hopes of returning to families and friends in the pioneer settlements on the borderland of Virginia, not knowing their way or how long it would take. Mary simply knew they needed to follow the river and eventually it would lead them to their destination.

The hardships from the untamed wilds and the weather took its toll on the two women.

Emaciated they had to scrounge for roots, nuts and other edibles. Mary fought periods of blindness.

The Dutch woman, who we call Duchess, had periods when her sanity waned. Wracked with hunger she attacked Mary in a fit, threatening that she was going to stab and eat her. Mary managed to escape from Duchess and she continued her journey on the opposite side of the river after finding an Indian canoe. Periodically Mary would see or hear Duchess on the opposite bank.

Day after day Mary continued her quest keeping in her mind an image of her husband Will Ingle.

"If I die, I'll die trying to get home," she told herself. "I'll not sit down...I'll not give up and die."

The nights became bitterly cold as the middle of November arrived. Mary's clothes were mere rags and her moccasin-less feet were swollen with open sores.

Mary reached a point where she saw landmarks that she had heard the menfolk in the settlement talk about. She knew she would soon be home if she could continue but ahead of her was a

huge obstacle, a giant cliff nearly three hundred feet high. Mary attempted to wade the river but finding it too deep she retreated to the water's edge - cold, wet and exhausted. She retreated to the base of the mountain where she scooped together a huge pile of leaves. She slithered to near the bottom and then balled herself into a tight ball. Soon she fell into a deep sleep.

Before awakening Mary dreamed of being back in the camp at Big Bone Licks. Animals had visited the site for thousands of years, drawn by the salty offerings from the earth. Several huge mammoths and some smaller ones had entered the area many years before and became mired in mud. Their skeletons, still intact standing like sentries, gave a silent testimonial of their existence.

Mary had seen the huge skeletons and one night dreamed that they were transformed back into the living creatures they once were, and thundered toward her and the others in the salt camp. She awoke in the darkness beneath the leaves not knowing where she was or that an early morning sun had signaled another day.

Mary slowly pushed the leaves away and caught a glimpse of the sun's rays, disguising what she would always say was the worst day of her life. Soon she realized that she had a difficult mountain to climb. Hungry, stiff and sore she dug a plant she saw nearby that she had learned had edible roots. Shivering, she ate the strangely tasting morsel before beginning to climb the mountain.

"Lord, there's no way I can get over this mountain without you helping me," she said aloud as her joints cracked and ached. "I'll do my part Lord and if you will help boost me up I'll be forever grateful. You've been with me from the start Lord or I couldn't get this far. I guess we're in it together. Help me to start, Lord."

Mary started winding her way up the mountain, slowly and deliberately. An hour passed then another. She paid little attention to the mountaintop keeping her eye on the task at hand. She climbed higher and higher, mostly crawling and at other times carefully picking her foothold and handholds. Cold, sore, and hungry, in mid-afternoon she finally reached the moun-

tain.

"I must only be a little more than a dozen miles from Will and the others," Mary thought. "If only they knew I was here. I just don't know how much further I can go...how much more I can take."

Mary began her climb down the opposite side, ever careful not to fall which could kill or leave her broken and unable to continue. Occasionally she would slip and slide with the rocks hurting as they scraped against her bony body. As daylight waned Mary reached the bottom of the mountain.

Struggling to stay afoot she dragged her wretched body along the riverbank and finally... she sighed some relief when she saw a split-rail fence. Leaning against it she looked and saw no evidence of a building.

"Halloo," she yelled as best she could. "Halloo. Help. Halloo. Help. Hello."

Jaadon Gibson is a widely read Appalachian writer. His writings are both historical and nostalgic in nature. Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.

BCTC to offer prison program

KENTUCKY TODAY

Officials at Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC), part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College system (KCTCS), announced it has been approved to offer the U.S. Department of Education's Prison Education Program (PEP) effective fall 2024.

Enrollment in postsecondary education pro-

grams has been proven to reduce incarcerated individuals' risk of returning to prison by 28% and reductions in recidivism also imply improvements in public safety.

BCTC has received approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on Colleges (SACSC) to offer the following educational programs at Northpoint Training Center (NTC) in

Boyle County, and Blackburn Correctional Complex in Lexington, starting in fall 2024.

At Northpoint, available programs include an Associate in Applied Science degree in Welding, Associate in Arts degree and Associate in Science degree.

Blackburn courses include earning an Associate in Arts degree and Associate in Science degree.

BCTC is in the process

of seeking approval from the Department of Education to allow eligible students to utilize financial aid to fund the PEP.

"This partnership fits

perfectly with our mission to transform lives," said Dr. Greg Feeney, BCTC President/CEO. "The skills the students learn will help secure a job and a successful future. Our mission inspires us to serve all students and to assist them in

reaching their educational goals. All students should have access to education and PEP is a wonderful opportunity to educate and successfully reintegrate individuals into society and their communities."

Click on the link to learn more about the BCTC Welding Program, or contact William Masterson, Welding Coordinator, via email at william.master-son@kctcs.edu.

Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) has seven campuses that are within a 30-minute drive of 95% of Central Kentuckians. The college enrolls over 14,000 students annually and provides training for business partners to more than 2,000 employees. BCTC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

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