

Public Notice of Master Commissioner Sale

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
ESTILL CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00089

RICK FUGATE, et al. PLAINTIFFS
VS.
VICKIE STAMPER HALL, et al. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026
at 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to and in compliance with the Judgment and Order of Sale of the Estill Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will offer for Sale at public outcry the following described property located in Estill County, Kentucky:

PVA Map #121-00-00-018.00

A small tract of land in Estill County, near Cob Hill, Ky. and better known as the Colis Gilispie place and bounded as follows: beginning at 3 black oaks on the ridge road, then with ridge road a N.E. course about 400 yds. to a B. oak, corner to Shelt Rogers, thence S. course with divide of ridge to Walter Shouse line; thence with dive of same ridge about 250 yds. to a set stone; thence a straight line a W. course to a chestnut marked; thence with the Colis Gilispie line to the beginning, at the 3 B. oaks;

Subject to the reservation in deed from Walter Shouse and wife to Marison Watson, dated March 6, 1919, and of record in Deed Book 46, Page 288 in Estill County Clerks Office.

Beginning on a white oak corner on the ridge at John Maloney’s and James Drakes corner, thence Eastward a straight line to a white oak at the Amburgey line, thence Westward to W.H. Darrell’s line, on a poplar, thence the to- of the ridge northward to the beginning. It being the said Aaron C. Spark’s part of his father’s farm lying on the waters of Millers Creek in Estill County

BEING all of the same property conveyed to Ben Watson (a/k/a Benjamin Howard Watson), by deed dated April 15, 1924, and of record in Deed Book 57, Page 297, records of the Estill County Clerk’s Office, Irvine, Kentucky.

Said sale shall take place on the following date and at the following location:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE ESTILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE
130 MAIN STREET, IRVINE, KENTUCKY

Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and the following terms and conditions:

- At the time of the sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of at least ten (10%) percent of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event of default by the purchaser the ten percent (10%) deposit made by the purchaser shall be applied to any costs and/or expenses of this action. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety or sureties thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear the interest rate of 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Any purchaser or purchasers shall have the privilege of paying said bond before maturity by paying the principal together with all accrued interest. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment in order to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price and said bond shall constitute a prior and superior lien on the property until paid. No bond or earnest money shall be required if the Plaintiffs are the purchasers and the bid is less than their adjudged lien.
- All delinquent property taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all ad valorem taxes assessed by the county of Estill and State of Kentucky for the current year and all subsequent years. The property shall further be sold subject to any delinquent State, County and/or city real estate taxes sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action.
- The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title, and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, and all existing liens recorded after the recording of the Plaintiff’s Lis Pendens Notice, excepting and subject to, however, easements, restrictions, stipulations and covenants of record in the Estill County Clerk’s office, any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose and any assessments for public improvements levied against the property.
- The risk of loss and the right of possession of the real estate and any improvements thereon shall pass to the purchaser upon confirmation of sale by the Estill Circuit Court.

FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPERTY AND/OR THE SALES THEREOF CAN BE FOUND IN THE ESTILL CIRCUIT COURT CLERK’S OFFICE BY THE FILE NAME AND NUMBER, THE ESTILL COUNTY PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE, AND THE ESTILL COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE AT THESE LOCATIONS FOR MORE DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY OR PROPERTIES OR SALE, AS THE MASTER COMMISSIONER HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DOES NOT WARRANT TITLE TO THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD.

This the 12th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Patrick E. O’Neill
PATRICK E. O’NEILL
MASTER COMMISSIONER
ESTILL CIRCUIT COURT

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Truth is Stranger than Fiction

Well, in life, some stories just appear, we never asked for them, they just show up.

While trying to figure out what story I thought I may send to press today, my brother Rick called and before he got off the telephone, I had this week *Just Hunting*.

You see, Rick Brewer is my only brother, and he is always into some type of business. He never has got rich, to my knowledge, but at 75 years old, that hasn’t stopped him from trying. Being born into a family of means has just given him the desire to keep going even if he makes money or not.

Some of the things he has done is coal miner, coal mine owner, welder, truck driver, trucking company owner, and just an all-around handyman.

Seems as though he got a contract job, welding for a meat processing plant a few miles from his house in North Carolina, a plant owned by Smithfield Meats. When he arrived at the plant that morning, things was in a state of panic, with workers running everywhere, trying to catch a turkey that had gotten loose inside the plant.

Rick watched as he saw what he described a bunch of city dudes running around half afraid of the turkey and half afraid that the boss would get mad because the turkey was loose.

Well, Rick watched as the big white turkey came close to him again, and being the hunter he is, decided to take the matter into his own hands.

He found a piece of steel rod, about seven foot long, that he was starting to weld, got down behind a machine, and when the turkey came back by, promptly disposed of the turkey. He told me that was the easiest turkey he had ever killed.

When the plant workers came back by, he just pointed to the turkey. The workers smiled, thanked him, and picked up the turkey and left.

Shortly before he was finished with the job, here came the boss of Smithfield’s, handed him the cleaned turkey and a twenty-five-dollar check. Yep, he came out on that deal.

Some days it pays to be a hillbilly from the mountains of Kentucky, and knowing how to dispose of a “Wild Turkey”. Truth is stranger than fiction.

Cumberlands Announces Fall 2025 Dean’s List

Williamsburg, KY -- In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the following students were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2025 semester.

- Erika Arnold of Beatyville, Kentucky
Hannah Baker of Irvine, Kentucky
Randon Bullock of Waco, Kentucky
Kristine Collier of Clay City, Kentucky
Preslee Cundiff of Beatyville, Kentucky
Lindsay DeBord of Ravenna, Kentucky
Jesse Drake of Beatyville, Kentucky
Chanda Duvall of Stanton, Kentucky
Sheila Elam of Stanton, Kentucky
Allison Henderson of Clay City, Kentucky

Andrew Ledford of Stanton, Kentucky
Cody Lumpkins of Beatyville, Kentucky
Jonathan Mattox of Stanton, Kentucky
Autumn McQueen of Clay City, Kentucky
Ivan Musgrove of Stanton, Kentucky
Cassidy Peak of Stanton, Kentucky
Monica Slemp of Stanton, Kentucky
Ashley Snyder of Stanton, Kentucky
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