

CABIN

From 1A

After it was sold to Toby and his three sisters, Toby bought his sisters' interest in the property.

The cabin has also undergone changes.

Alan Maye, with the Schiele Museum in Gastonia, said the kitchen was added in the 20th century since it was not made out of log.

Maye said the cabin was initially a two-room dwelling.

"The style is certainly not uncommon," Maye said. "They're just not found frequently anymore."

The cabin was originally constructed with logs and half dove tail notches, Maye said. Terry Bowen, who lives on part of the land now, said it was part of a land grant, with the Barber family being the original owners.

Two cabins were on the land at one time, Bowen said, until one burned down in the 1940's.

The predecessor of U.S. Highway 74, that went between Charlotte and Asheville was also near Williams' cabin.

While the cabin itself has not always been livable, Williams has built another house on the Countryside Road site. He's been living there since 1977 until he moved to Summit Place, an assisted living facility.

A couple of building plans had helped the cabin survive.

"That's why it's still survived today because it had all those platforms on the outside of it that were protecting the logs," Shirley Brutko said. She has been working with the Historical Museum on getting the project to the Piedmont Ave. location.

"Most log cabins that old are gone," Brutko said. The age of the cabin dates back to the early part of the 19th century.

An upstairs loft, plus two rooms downstairs were among features included with the house.

But there's an old tale that also comes with the house.

"We heard that somebody shot his horses and he just lost his mind," Mary Neisler said.

Brutko said she had heard another part of the story from Hilda Goforth, who was the granddaughter of John Barber, one of the first occupants of the cabin.

"She said the neighbors poisoned his horses and then he went crazy," Brutko said.

The age of the cabin is not known, but Williams said the cabin was built in 1840.

Parts of the cabin are said to have gone back further.

A \$2,500 grant from the Cleveland County Community Foundation, which is affiliated a regional philanthropic organization, went toward the project.

LETTERS

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because medicine is his life, he loves his profession and he's great at it as well.

I thank God for Dr. Talley. He's one of a kind.

Sincerely, Jo Ann Surber Kings Mountain

MABRYS

From 1A

Eloise said it was a difficult time.

"I was at home here trying to raise a child," Eloise said. "I lived here with his parents."

The war ended and Hoyle eventually made it to Norfolk, VA after stopping in Hawaii and San Francisco.

Hoyle and Eloise had an earlier then expected reunion that day.

"I was supposed to meet him in Gastonia," Eloise said. "But he got in here sooner so he came about four o'clock that morning."

That's when he knocked on the door and surprised her and his parents.

Eloise's car had one problem that could not be fixed then because of restrictions - tires.

"My old car, the tires were real bad," Eloise said. "I had a time getting gas and getting back and forth to work."

When Hoyle came home from the Navy, their daughter Billie was in the second grade and Eloise was taking a bus from Kings Mountain to Shelby six days a week for cosmetology school.

She had worked in another beauty shop in Kings Mountain for about two years before opening her own shop near the old depot. Eloise would do a shampoo and a set for 75 cents.

"Look what they get for it now," Eloise said about the rising costs of living. "If I could work now I could make some money," she said in a tongue-in-cheek manner.

While Eloise worked in a beauty shop, Hoyle worked at the Margrace Mill.

Beside staying together for a long time, the couple has also had the same Kings Mountain address for much of their married lives.

SPANN

From 1A

Grover," she noted, "and I told everybody Sunday I had an angel come to take care of me Thursday night. God sent him to me."

Spann said nothing like this has ever happened to her before. She has been driving since 1951 and travels to Shelby at least four days a week to attend classes at Cleveland Community College.

"I'm trying to get my high school diploma," says Spann, who went through the seventh grade at Compact High School before moving to Washington, DC. She spent her working years in New York City where she worked 40 years with Sunshine Biscuit before retiring and moving back to Kings Mountain.

She said she takes several classes a week in "reading, writing and arithmetic," and is doing it just because she wants a high school diploma.

"I don't want it because I want to work," she said. "I don't work for anybody anymore except Jesus Christ. He's my all in all and if it weren't for him I wouldn't be here today."

And, for that nice young man on Highway 74, who was God's hand that was sent down this Christmas to direct her path.

If he happens to read this story, Spann would appreciate a call to 704 739-9732.



Hoyle and Eloise Mabry will have been married for 65 years on Christmas Day.

Poster contest winners named

Winners were announced for the Kings Mountain Woman's Club recycling poster contest.

Overall winner, Abbie Lynch a student at East Elementary School will receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond.

Winners at each school in the Kings Mountain school system will receive a \$50 savings bond.

Students winning at East Elementary are First Place, Ansley Putnam, Second place, Lindsey Wright, and Third Place Elizabeth Wells.

ALAN

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sleep" method. Just like in the poem by Robert Frost, this sleeping style requires a journey. The miles are racked up by the sleeper swishing their legs back and forth just like they were walking. It is amazing the amount of mileage this type of snoozer can rack up without ever having left the pad.

Here's another sleep style I call the "Illegal Elbow." Bear in mind that in even the prize fight ring use of the elbows on an opponent is a no-no. Now, in this sleeping style, the person puts their arms up to cover their face and so poises the elbows in a cocked and ready position. Of course, any movement of the limbs from this

GARY

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offered prayer and support to our family, both during Kayla's ordeal and while we were anxiously awaiting Alyssa's birth. My words are far too inadequate to ever get across what I feel for every one of them.

I've always felt like the Good Lord is with us in good times and bad and that He always answers prayer even if it's not in the time frame that we would desire. He carried us through Kayla's ordeal and made us stronger because of it. And I believe He's rejoicing with us in the birth of Alyssa and in Dee and Lori's good news.

God bless you all this Christmas, and every day.

Grover winners are First Place, Davis Phanthalack, Second Place, Rachel Page, and Third Place Megan Burns.

West winners are First Place, Ariel Martin, Second Place, Marilyn Bunch, and Third Place, Camden DeVane.

North winners are First Place, Megan Hoyle, Second Place, Brittany Baucom, and Third Place, Brittany Carpenter.

Bethware winners are First Place, John Schneider, Second Place, Tony Davis, and Third Place, Megan Chapman.

point will at once bring the elbow down with sharp and crashing force on the back, head, shoulder, or neck of the bed mate.

Last but not least, there is the sleeping method called "Twist and Shout." Though some of you may recall this as the name of a tune by Chubby Checker and later the Beatles, it is actually a situation where the restless sleeper or persons suffering from insomnia turns and twists for an extended period like a worm in hot water. Sooner or later, the partner or pet of this person will begin to scream "can't you be still!" Hence the name Twist and Shout.

I'm sure you can come up with a few methods of going beddy-bye yourself. Think about it the next time it's 3 a.m. and the games begin.

BEN

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Without even thinking of the endless amount of hours they went without sleep, they labored.

That was common with all the civil servants.

Firefighters from five area departments were on the scene, and did not leave until even the smell of smoke was gone.

And I saw the rescue squad which was on the scene although no one was hurt.

Some might say the spirit of Christmas starts with the influx of retail ads in the papers or on television.

Or the spirit of Christmas involves giving to a charity once a year to alleviate guilt.

But from all that went on from Tuesday's fire I can see a giving and caring spirit is alive and well in this community.



Donated gifts have been coming in for the Grindells and Swangers, the families that lost much of their belongings to fire last week. A party will be held for them at City Hall on Friday at 3 p.m.

Clothes sizes of families who lost homes in fires

The city of Kings Mountain is collecting donations for the Grindells and Swangers, two families that lost all their belongings because of a fire on December 11.

A Christmas party will be held for the families Friday, December 21 at 3 p.m. at City Hall.

Donations will be accepted during business hours at City Hall and after hours at the fire department.

The Swanger family needs linens, towels, washcloths, plates, and other household items. They would like a new TV.

The Grindells are looking for clothes and toys for their boys.

Clothes and shoe sizes for the families:

The Grindells: Bob 31 x 34 pants, medium shirt, 10.5-11 shoes, Wendy, size 22, 8.5 wide shoes, Tommy, 15, 48 x 34 jeans, 3x-4x shirt, 12.5 shoes, Andrew, 11, 38 x 30 jeans, XL shirt, 9 shoes, Joshua, 8, children sizes 12-14, 4 shoes.

The Swangers: Mark, 34 x 32 pants, large shirt, 8 - 8.5 shoes, Annie, size 18/19, 11 shoes.

A fund has been established for money to be donated to the city for distribution to both families.

For more information call Ellis Noell at City Hall at 704-730-2103.

CHRISTMAS

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"We've had some real good responses from the corporate community too," Kings Mountain Special Events Director Ellis Noell said.

But while donations are coming in, Murphrey said the two families' needs are great.

"They need everything," Murphrey said. "They're starting from scratch."

While they're looking to reestablish a household, Grindell said Brandon White has let his family stay in a two-bedroom house until the first of the year.

Grindell said he enjoyed living downstairs from the

Swangers. They would eat dinner, watch movies, and do other activities together.

"It was like a big family," Grindell said.

The Grindells' three sons - Bob, Andrew, and Joshua are doing well, Bob said, but they miss their dog Ozzie.

The two fires, which authorities suspect to be arson, are still under investigation.

Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns said the fire at 206 East King Street is still under investigation, anyone with information is asked to call the Kings Mountain Police Department.

The Cleveland County Fire Marshal's office and the State Bureau of Investigation are also investigating the two fires.

Advertisement for College Building Supplies. Features a large header 'COLLEGE BUILDING SUPPLIES' and a detailed price list for various materials including aluminum windows, exterior siding, Armstrong tile, plywood, cabinets, and lumber. Includes contact information for Ask Don Lyles, DBS Doctor of Building Supplies, and a phone number 922-8649.

Advertisement for Arnold's Jewelry & Gift Gallery. Features a large graphic of a diamond ring and the text 'Special Diamond SALE' and 'ONE CARAT \$399'. Includes the store's address at 226 South Washington Street, Shelby, NC, and phone number 704-487-4521.