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**AT LEFT:** Emily Beckley of Mountain View Veterinary Services and Estill FFA Chapter President Joe Riddell



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# 213 TALES

by the late  
**Michael Dale Profit**

My name is Michael Dale Profit, and I was born and raised in Estill County. I was the ninth child born to Charlie Elmer Profit and Elsie Patrick Profit and was the first born in a hospital. Mom was born at Cob Hill, the ninth child of twelve children.



**Elmer and Elsie Patrick Profit**

Mom and Dad had their first child before he went to the Army. He went to the CC's and worked awhile in Washington State. He quit that and came back home. World War II had started and Dad joined the Army. He had to leave Mom and his first-born child, "Barbara Jean" who is my oldest sister. Dad went to the Army and Mom lived with her parents. My second sister was Lucille Profit.

Dad came home after the war and they moved to a little house at the back side of Tipton Ridge, going to Millers Creek. My third sister was born there and she was sick with the "yellow jaun-

dice." She always acted kind of sick. Her name was Betty Lorine Profit.

Dad worked for Richard Crowe at the saw mill then, and then he got his Army bonus and they bought the place where we were raised. Mom wanted to buy a different place from Doc Frymire because it was better farm land, but he didn't. The old place we got has a big hollow and a lot of hillside and not much level land. He got about 100 acres on both sides of the road.

The old house was bad and they went ahead and built a new house. The old man they had build it, built it 28' x 14' and it's not square and hard to work on, since everything is 12' or 4' that you buy for a house.

My fourth sister was born then. I think it was before the new house was built. Her name is Margie Ann Profit. Dad was still working at the sawmill and Mom said he didn't get to work much. He would go to work and then come home because something was broke down. They didn't have much money.

The Bluegrass Army Depot was about complete in Madison County. They also had Avon Army Depot in Fayette County. My first brother was born about this time. His name is James Sanford Profit, after both of our grandpaws. Mom wanted to name him Jr. but Dad didn't want it.

Dad kept working at the sawmill, and Mom said they would have a big store bill in the winter where Dad wouldn't get to work much. She didn't like him working there. Most of Dad's and Mom's brothers and sisters had moved to Ohio to work, but Dad wouldn't go.

My second brother was born in 1950, his name is "Chester Profit Jr." after Mom's brother, "Chester Patrick" who had moved to Hamilton, Ohio.

Dad got called to work at Avon but he also got called from Bluegrass Army Depot. He then went to work over there.

He would walk out the road and get a ride with "Red Tipton." After a while, he got a car and started driving.

My third brother was born then and Dad had a better job. His name is "Lanny Glenn Profit." The Glenn name came from Dr. Glenn Marcum who was an Army doctor who had come to Irvine. He was a surgeon and had a Jeep wreck and broke his hand and caused him to not be able to do surgery.

Dad sold the property across the road to Herbert and Hazel Abney. Mom said he just about give it to them and all it was is trouble. They had lived across the road on the Smith property and now they were in seeing distance.

Mom's youngest brother, Tracy Patrick, was a few years older than her. He had gotten married before he had to go to the Army. After he got back home, he got a divorce. Dad's sister, "Mary Profit McIntosh," lived a mile from Mom and Dad. Her husband was Floyd McIntosh. They ran a grocery store there and their oldest girl, Irene McIntosh, got stuck on Tracy. They got married and lived past us at Furnace for a while. Tracy then bought a farm at Cressy, Kentucky, so he could be closer to work at Avon, where he had worked for the Army. They had three girls and three boys. They stayed together until Tracy passed away. Irene died a few years later. That makes their children my 1st and 2nd cousins.

My fifth sister was born in 1953 and they was going to take Mom to the hospital to have her, but she couldn't wait and was born in "Uncle Tracy's" car. Her name was Sharon Sue Profit. She was always sick a lot. I wonder if it wasn't where Dad worked and burned nerve gas bombs at the Depot. He was a low man then and said they burned them at an old rock quarry. They would throw pallets and diesel fuel on them and burn them. The Government didn't admit doing this until the 1990's. I was born in 1956 and have had seizures in my sleep. I will always

wonder about that.

When Sharon was a baby, Mom and Dad rented a grocery store off Elsie Baber and run it for a while. It was about a half mile from the house, next to Gum Springs Church. The Gum Springs School was past it on the other side of the road. All of my older sisters and brothers went to school there. It had two rooms but just one teacher. Mom ran that store for awhile. I don't know why they closed it.

Mom always went to church. She loved going to church and was going to Gum Springs Church of God which some called the "Floyd McIntosh Church." I think him and Lennie Adams was part of the ones who helped get it built. I never did see Dad go to church. At a funeral he would always stay outside.

Now, it's my turn; "Number Nine" born in 1956. Michael Dale Profit was what Mom named me. She said Dad wanted to name me Jr. She named the right one Jr., that being Chester. He acts more like Dad than any of the rest.

Mom and Dad always kept their own cow, hogs and chickens. Dad kept some dogs. We lived there a few more years.



**Sue and Barbara Profit**



**THE COB HILL SCHOOL - 1918 (100 Years Ago)**

This is the second Cob Hill School. The first was a combination church and school and was a log building. The third building was the larger of the three and was standing until only a few years ago.

Left to right, seated, front row: Homar McKnight, Leonard Reed, Hubert Estes, James Howell, Price Estes, Sid Hall, Hargis Watson, Clayton Hall, the teacher, Cecil Rogers Neal, Alvin Rogers, unknown, Willy Bailey, Dillard Patrick, McKnight?, Chester Patrick, Paul Crawford, Carl McKnight, Siebert Gilbert, and Floyd Estes.

Middle row: Mable Rogers, Virgie McKnight, Lillie Hall Smyth, Wannetta McKnight, Flora Johnson, Essie Watson Hall, Elsie Reed Dickerson, Iva Strange, Myrtle McKnight, Agnes Gilbert, Sarah Hall Smyth, Myrtle Patrick Goode, un-

known child, Hazel Patrick Durbin, Ruby Smyth Warmouth, Bertha Patrick Case, Alfa Hall, Hazel Hall, Ina Hall, Lydia Watson Hall, Lena Townsend, Tracy Reed, Galena Watson, and Agnes Estes.

Back row, in two lines: Dee Crawford, Lela Watson, Lida Rogers Johnson, Myrtle Hall, Allie Flinchum, Ernest Crawford, Julius Hall, Judith Dickerson Shouse, Lonnie Stamper, Mary Ellen Hall Stamper, Allie Johnson, Pearl Rogers, Eb Hall, Nannie Patrick Watson, George Smyth, Zeller Rogers, Virgil Hall, Roy Watson, Golden Rogers, Lanie Watson and Sudie Patrick.

(Those who originally helped identify the students were Mr. & Mrs. Doc Dickerson, Mr. & Mrs. Everett Smyth, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Watson, and Mr. & Mrs. Dillard Patrick.) Photo courtesy of Elsie Patrick Profit