

1806 - Wm. & Susannah Juden Marten moved from Russell County, VA. to the mouth of Patton Branch on Rt. Beaver Creek in Floyd Co., Ky. 2 years later, Marten extended his holdings in a deal w/ a certain David Morgan. For 75 pounds, Wm. Marten purchased 150 acres of bottom land running down Rt. Beaver almost six miles to the mouth of Rock Fork.

This land willed on Wm.'s death to his youngest son, John.

John Marten, born in 1807, ^{13 children} married Anna Hearheart on Nov. 1, 1831, and the two of them set up a farm and family at the mouth of Steeles Creek. Over the next 50 yrs., John bought up hillside + ridge land that surrounded the creek + separated the Rt. Beaver system

4 girls
9 boys
Adams
Conf. Office

from its neighbors. By 1880, John Martin owned around 3600 acres of land, placing him among the largest landowners in Floyd County.

Some time in 1850's, a Virginian named David Banner travelled into east KY, hoping to settle in the mtns. When he reached Floyd Co., he spent the night in the Martin home. Brought w/ him 2 slave children, one named Spencer + the other a brother or sister, both of whom he traded for a male. By 1855, John Martin's slave contingent numbered 11; five years later 15 unnamed slaves appeared on the County tax list for

the Martin household. After the Census was, John Martin allowed his newly freed slaves, who had adopted the Martin family name, to farm the Load House Gap of Steele's Creek, near the Elbe Collins farm.

Elbe & Jane Collins, head of Steele's Creek;
Edmond and Annie Moore, right fork of
Steele's Creek.

Elbe Collins

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John Martin's son Daniel & his wife Sallee became owners of the John Martin homestead. In 1910 when various land speculators began to buy land & mineral rights through E. K. Y., Daniel & Sallee Martin sold 453.65 acres of their land for the sum of \$25,000 to Gibson Coal and Coke which was later absorbed by Beaver Consolidated Coal which was eventually absorbed by Elk Horn Coal Corporation, named for Senator Clarence Wayland Watson, president of Elk Horn Coal Corporation. (W.V.A.)

In 1911, open carried sawmills across the mtns to this valley; the timber was felled, &

The first houses were built on this present site

In 1887, W. J. Harsely bought for 50¢ an acre 100 acres of the Elbe Collins farm on Steele's Creek, James McKay + Wm. Hendrick paid 50¢ in 1889 for Warden + Mary Collins 54.79 acres on Steele's Creek + Edward and Annie Moore's 128.10 acres on the rt. fork of Steele's Crk. This acreage, too, was eventually absorbed by Elk Horn Coal.

Elk Horn bought in 1913 for \$15,605.
nail boxes

In 1911, agents of the Elk Horn + Beaver Railroad, a subsidiary of the Chesapeake + Ohio, began to approach farmers on the lower end of Rt. Beaver in order to secure right-of-way. As land was bought, laborers composed of primarily Italian immigrants laid tracks up right Beaver from Allen to Wayland.

Between 1920 and 1939 Wayland's population increased 1362 to 2436.

Its peak population numbered 3500.

1918 an attempt to organize mines on Beaver Creek. Local union established at Lackey, but was short lived. Frank Davies, organizer, failed to expand his attempt after the small hotel where he was staying was dynamited.

May 18, 1914 - official Post Office Louis Martin
first postmaster

Barrett
precisiously
called Ballard.

Previously letters
were sent to "Camp, Steele's Creek, Allen P.O."
"Walcottown, Allen P.O." wayland,
Allen P.O.

Company dominated town

Jeanette
knowles
Nov. 21, 1990
The Floyd Co.
archives

1930 - 31 - 32 took farm free into hands of
Receiver

Wayland Local Union # 5895 in 1933

First Pres. John Morgan
First Recording Sec. Herbert Perkins

1936 - 37 - 38 1200 members progress of Co.
demanded more laborers.

1939 banner year of coal production.

Schools

1928 - 2-story brick

1941 - High School

1947 - Ed McCourney, Carl Ray Fraley, Curtis
Lufts, Marcus Gibson

1951 - Bill "Dutch" Griffith, Fred Richard
Fraley, Carl Haywood, Paul Hopper, Ralph
Roberts

1956 - King Kelly Coleman, Elmon Hall,
Billy Ray Combs, Bill Fultz, Melvin
Robinson

1964 - Bromley Williams, Jackie Stanford,
Phillip Johnson, Kenneth Martin,
Breemie Gibson

1935 - new state of the art tipples was
built

operated 7 mines in 1915

1954 - Mines closed.

Early stockholders

George Fleming
Jere Wheelwright
Howard Warfield
Robert Garrett
John C.C. Mayo

Immigrants: Italy, Yugoslavia, Poland, &
Hungary

Pictures: open
early construction
tail at
Clarence Weyland Watson's Estate

Church - log structure
1908
destroyed by fire ca. 1916
orchestra
logsmiths Mr. Shearer
Bob Wallace

(Fred Hicks)
Ripley's Balance #
or net
depot
logcut,
narrowest

Sports

Baseball field - Lion's Field
dedicated by then Commissioner of Baseball
A.B. "Happy" Chandler. Mountain Baseball League.

lights - union workers worked one Saturday
and contributed their earnings.
High School Football field.

2 local men Francis & Herman "Doc"
Harman installed the lights.

1948 team - Macky "Tiger" Martin; Willard
"Sweet Bacter" Rattiff; Ray
Patton (later drafted by Boston
Red Sox) father of Karryl Patton
of Prestonsburg; Tommy Boyd,
and others.

1978 Lipple was torn down.

1972 ^{High} School Consolidated

1990 Clem School

Service Orgs. Lions Club - Lackey - Garrett -
Wayland Woman's Club.

Fraternal org. - Masonic Lodge - Order of the
Eastern Star

Rebekahs + Odd Fellows

Mrs. Ernest Martin, Mr. Pigman, Ronoko, Dempsey,
Barker, Wicker.

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