**State Staff Biographies**

F. G. Burd

Born 1891 in Hart County

Died- June 1, 1959 in Frankfort- buried Frankfort Cemetery

Wife Helen Burd

Stephen S. Wilson

Born November 12, 1903 in Grayson County

Died October 24, 1987

Wife Floreine Wilson

M. M. Botto

Died June 12, 1995

Wife Ola Mae Botto

Son Donald Joe Botto and Carolyn

Grandchildren- Mark Botto- 859-466-4654, Carrie Botto Causey- 615-351-4124 or 745-5782, Tim Botto

Botto played basketball and football for E. A. Diddle at Western. He was 165 pounds and played center on the football team. A reporter asked Diddle who was the best man to play basketball for him. He said the best man was not the best player but the best man was Maynard Botto.

Botto was taking a basketball team from Munfordville to play in Louisville. They were green. As the train pulled out of the station, one boy stuck his head out the window and said, “Goodbye Kentucky.”

Botto’s brother in law was Raymond Ridley. He had a heart attack in his 30’s and he used that for 50 years.

Late in life Botto lost eyesight due to cataracs. He was teaching Sunday School and read from his Bible a long passage. After he finished someone said, “Mr. Botto, did you know you had your Bible upside down?”

He was terrified of getting dementia like his father. So he did calculus in his head to keep himself sharp.

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