

# MAMMOTH CAVE HOTEL.

Oct 31st 1879

Mr. J. M. Foster

Dear Sir

Your Recd + my Reply would say "In Reference to your party"

Cars Fee Long & Short Road \$3.00

Board 7 Day each Two Dollars 2.00

Horses " " Fifth Ch. 7 Day " 37.

Regular Charges Cars Fee each Two Dollars both Sides

" Hotel Charge \$3 Per Day "

Respectfully  
W. S. Miller

P.S.  
If you should conclude to come up please let me know a few days in advance  
W. S. M.

Tells of the marriage of James W. Helm (Chart 1, Number 14) and Miss Jennie Lucas. (Chart 1, Number 15)

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# T-Man The Story of a Hunt for Counterfeiters

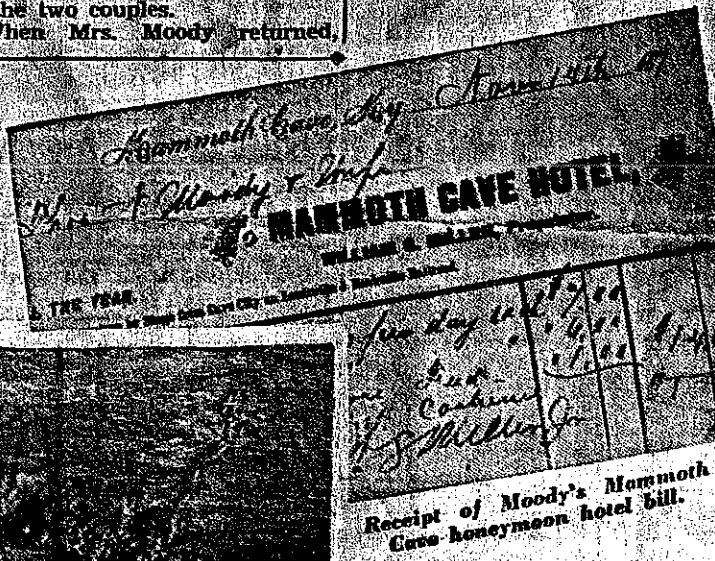
## Mammoth Cave Bride of 57 Years Ago Visits Altar Again

Sole survivor of the four participants in the first double wedding performed at the famous Bridal Altar in Mammoth Cave, Mrs. Anna D. Moody of Franklin, Ky., recently returned after fifty-seven years to the scene of her honeymoon and visited the scene of her subterranean nuptials. She and a party of eight relatives and friends were guests at the new Mammoth Cave Hotel, built on the site of the old log hotel in which Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Moody and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Helm of Bowling Green were once honeymooners.

The double wedding, which took place on November 12, 1879, was quite an event and attracted a considerable party of friends of the two couples.

When Mrs. Moody returned,

after an absence of more than half a century to the place where she spent her wedding night, she



Receipt of Moody's Mammoth Cave honeymoon hotel bill.



Mrs. Anna D. Moody.



Bridal Altar in Gothic Avenue, Mammoth Cave.

brought with her the receipted bill for the honeymoon hotel accommodations and cave fee. William S. Miller, then proprietor of the hotel, charged the Moodys \$2 each per day for room and board. The bill came to \$7. The cave fee was \$3 at that time and there was an additional charge of \$1 for feeding Mr. Moody's horse, the couple having made the trip in a buggy. There was a 25-cent charge for Mrs. Moody's costume, an item rarely called for nowa-

days, but furnished free to men who prefer to wear de-bloomers to skirts. Absence of petticoats and the vogue of slacks and shorts have made old rented costumes almost perfluous items of cave equipment.

The late Mr. Helm was uncle of Blakey Helm, Louisville attorney and member of the Kentucky National Park Commission. Raymond Moody, a Franklin automobile dealer, is Moody's son.

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## THE BRIDAL CHAMBER AT THE MAMMOTH CAVE IS VISITED BY ONE OF ITS FIRST BRIDES

By Mrs. George Hobson

On Sunday, Oct. 11, Mrs. Tom Moody of Franklin, Ky., accompanied by her son, Raymond Moody and wife and daughter, Miss Ruth Moody and Mr. W. N. Bezauchamp, Misses Stella and Lucy Harris, also of Franklin, came to Bowling Green, where they were joined by Mrs. Moody's cousins, Mrs. George A. Hobson and Mrs. Charles F. Taylor, and a schoolmate, Mrs. Granville Hollingsworth, for a visit to Mammoth Cave.

This trip was planned for the purpose of renewing memories of Mrs. Moody's marriage which took place in the bridal chamber of the cave, Nov. 12, 1879.

This was the double wedding of Mrs. Anna D. Moore and Mr. Thomas N. Moody, and Miss Jennie Lucas and Mr. J. W. Helm, and was the first wedding to take place in the cave.

The attendants were Miss Eugenia Kimbrough and Mr. T. O. Helm, now Dr. T. O. Helm of Bowling Green; Miss Clara Lucas and Dr. Anderson.

The bridal party consisting of 32 people left Bowling Green in 15 buggies, arriving at the cave at 4 p. m., where they dined and dressed for the wedding. They took the short route, entering the Bridal chamber at 8 o'clock where the ceremony was performed by Rev. James I. McCormack of Auburn, Ky.

The second day they took the long route and dinner was served the party at noon in the cave's natural dining room, the food being carried down in baskets by the guides. The party returned to Bowling Green, the brides' home, on November 14.

On this return visit to the cave the present cave officials, after learning that Mrs. Moody had been the first bride married in the cave, extended her every courtesy, and requested her picture and a photostatic copy of the receipted bill for expenses of the bridal party of 1879.

## Cavern Bride Returns to Scene of 1879 Wedding

### Franklin Woman Explains Naming of Mammoth Cave Room

### TWO COUPLES MARRIED

On Thursday, November 12, Mrs. Anna Moody of Franklin, will celebrate the fifty-seventh anniversary of her wedding which was performed in a double marriage ceremony in 1879 that resulted in the naming of the Bridal Chamber, one of the outstanding attractions in Mammoth Cave.

When Mrs. Moody returned to Mammoth Cave recently to visit the now famous chamber, she explained to cave guides and visitors that one of the brides in the double ceremony had vowed "to marry no man on earth," and Mammoth Cave offered a solution when the young lady later changed her mind about marriage. Mrs. Moody did not state which of the two brides had made the strange vow.

Miss Anna Moore and T. N. Moody and Miss Jennie Lucas and J. W. Helm were united in carriage in the underground ceremony by the Rev. J. R. McCormick of Auburn. Mrs. Moody's visit to the cave during the past month was the first since the wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. Helm and Mr. Moody are deceased.



Mrs. Moody

Attendants at the unusual marriage ceremonies were Miss Eugenia Kimbrough; Dr. T. O. Helm, Miss Clara Lucas and Dr. Anderson.

The bridal party of 32 members left Bowling Green in 15 buggies, arriving at Mammoth Cave at 4 p. m. the afternoon of the wedding.

Sugar Grove  
Aug 8<sup>th</sup>  
[1879]

Miss Annie:

My own Darling

How a year <sup>or</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>ago</sup> ~~ago~~ you  
told you were mine in a  
sense that no one else could  
possess. I feared that at your  
own hand I must have you  
in the deep recesses of  
my memory to be called up when  
dreaming of the happy days of yore.  
But how sweet the fear and  
doubtly sweet the assurance from  
you that I need not fear

But now your love & times  
is true although you seem to  
doubt it sometimes. Your mothers  
consent is gained although at  
the cost to her of a few years for  
fathers also with many eyes  
that he must lose his girls to  
some. I do not know what  
I should have done had  
they both have come in at  
the same time I don't think  
I could have opened my mouth.  
Your mothers agitation moved  
me and I felt my sympathy  
for her more forcibly than  
my own embarrassment. She  
seemed perfectly willing as I  
was a Cumberland etc but oh the  
struggle to give up her good daughter  
as he call you, my <sup>father</sup> would  
be saying that you were too  
young but said he would

yield to our wishes and  
would up by giving <sup>me</sup> such  
a lecture as I hope will do  
me much and lasting good.  
I had thought it in the first

yield to our wishes and  
wind up by giving <sup>me</sup> such  
a lecture as I hope will do  
me much and lasting good.

I feel that it is a cruel  
suggestion to take you from yet  
my heart says take and let  
be for now because one is so  
precious to them. How <sup>will</sup> remain  
for me but to be prepared to  
answer your bidding when I  
shall take my kind name.

Have arrangement as to time  
to suit yourself and report  
See Miss C. to write "I get"  
word to come in some set  
time to set time so she can  
relieve me and all come then  
we can talk of the particulars.

The Cal. idea suits me very  
much - make it about 1<sup>st</sup> Nov  
if it will suit all as well or better  
know of that now.

I got home about 8 o'clock  
Saw V.P. H. at Jimmie Perkins  
had a short talk with him  
Met Milton G. on the pier.  
He scolded me because you  
was not at Ted's & Miss  
I saw all the "boys" while up  
I suspect "Madam Warner"  
will be here for a few days  
School very well today - some  
money used tonight. Orville  
said here last night. Tried to  
find out some facts but got  
them very scattering and in-  
significant besides. With a pain-  
ful body, all heart and bright  
hopes for future happiness I  
would kiss you goodnight  
and subscribe yours forever -

Jimmie  
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P.S. I mean I will be sure not to be  
excused in any situation as I have  
no more money. I will see