

THE DAY THE BUFFALO RETURNED TO BUFFALO VALLEY



Received a letter from a cousin that lives in Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN. Silver Point is near Buffalo Valley. On April 1, 2003, Carolyn Shanks Huddleston received a telephone call from the postmaster of the Buffalo Valley Post Office. The postmaster said, "You'll never guess what's standing here in the church yard?" (They were referring to the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church in Buffalo Valley,

Putnam Co., TN). "OK what?", Carolyn said. "Ten buffalo's", said the postmaster. Since this was April fool's day Carolyn said, "Oh yeah, Ed McMann just left here too." Finally she convinced Carolyn and she grabbed her camera and headed to the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church yard. She thought how nice that the buffalo had roamed down from who knows where probably ancestors of the buffalo that used to live here and they were finally migrating back home.

By the time Carolyn got there the buffalo got spooked and ran away. Carolyn was told that the owner of the buffalo had been notified that his herd was on the loose. This shattered Carolyn's hopes that the buffalo were wild. The story had another sad ending. Apparently the buffalo enjoyed their freedom and wandered away from each other. As each was found the owner had to kill them as he found them. They were made into freezer meat and were sold for \$2.00 a pound. I was told the buffalo belonged to James Bush.

Before the buffalo ran away, the ranger who lived next to the church saw them and immediately grabbed his camera and took a these photos.

