Records copied from the Johnson Co. Courthouse, 9/24/2008

1863 Sale of equipment from Hamilton Lyon, "Lyon Longstaff & Co." to E. A. Adams

- Two engines boilers
 - One in Paintsville
 - One in Morgan Co. one Paint Creek Fork
- One [indecipherable]
- One corn cracker mill
- Old astings in & about Paintsville

1865 February 4, Relating to the formation of the Cliff Springs Mining Company of Kentucky

- Names on the deeds:
- Wm Reson
- Michael West
- Thomas Sherlock
- George H. Hill
- Hamilton Lyon
- Henry E. Harper
- Thomas S. Brown
- R. R. Whitman
- David Harper Jr.
- R. R. Pullam
- A. M. Sealrls
- Henry H. Seems
- Ref Butler
- Jacob Resart
- Matthew H. Coats

Other notes:

- Corporation status good for 50 years (1915)
- Company aspirations are to "mine & bore petroleum sink wells upon lands in the commonwealth of Kentucky... especially on lands in Floyd & Johnson counties now owned by said company" and lands to be acquired.
- Capitol stock is \$45,000 to be divided into 450 shares of \$100 each
- Affairs managed by five-member board of directors:
 - Wm. Reson
 - A. M. Searls
 - Thomas Sherlock
 - Michael West
 - Thomas S. Brown
- Office in Paintsville; Other office in Covington, Kenton Co
- Signers of the document not mentioned above:
 - Wm Resan
 - M West
 - Thos. Sherlock
 - Geo. H. Hill
 - H. Lyon
 - Henry E. Harper
 - Thomas S. Brown
 - R. R. Whitman
 - D. Harper Jr.
 - R. B. Peelumn/Pullem
 - A. M. Searls
 - H. H. Lewis
 - Ref. Butler
 - M. H. Coats

1865 14 February, Lease between Benjamin Spradlin and the Cliff Springs Mining Company. This seems to be in the Flat Gap area.

- For purpose of boring, mining, and excavating for petroleum, coal rock, or carbon oil or other valuable minerals.
- Bounded as follows
 - All the land owned by B. Spradlin on Sandy River about four miles above Paintsville containing about 300
 acres
- 25 year (1890) lease
- \$0.50 per barrel
- Party of the first part:

1866 August Lease between Pennington & Lyon

- Pennington, Of Johnson Co.
 - Levi, Clabourn, & William

Note: This seems to be the land grant surveyed 4/19/1865¹

- Lyon, Of Campbell Co.
 - James
 - Samuel
 - Southwell
- For the sole and only purpose of mining and excavating for petroleum coal rock or carbon oil or other valuable mineral or volatile substances
- Bounded as follows
 - Beginning on the Oil Fork of Paint [Creek] at a large rock in the ... Robert Allsop
 - Then NNW 28°... David Reed's line

1 Grantee: Pennington, Levi & Wm & Clabourn

Acres: 27; Book: 66; Survey Date: 4-19-1865; County: Johnson; Watercourse: Oil Fork Paint Creek

Reference: THE KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS

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More Info: Grantee: Pennington, Levi & Wm & Clabourn

Acres: 27; Book: 66; Page: 80; Date Survey: 4-19-1865; County: Johnson; Watercourse: Oil Fork Paint Creek