

**By ANNE DONNELL**

*Can we do an "Ask Anne" Facebook edition? We have a dispute here at the homestead....lol!  
-J.B.R.*

"Ask Anne" invaded Facebook in June, and here's the transcript, minus the photos, LIKE/DISLIKE emblem, and dates. I've reduced most names to initials to protect the "innocent," or at least to protect somebody. In the language game, I'm beyond protection, so I've used my name. I've also used the name of my Texas first cousin once removed. I've edited no one. (One error is addressed by someone else.) We're hanging out with it all hanging out. This will give you non Facebook folks a taste of social networking in these here parts.

It all began with the question above.

D.H. Just put it out there. We'll all be your arbiter until Anne settles it

Anne Donnell: I'M ALL EARS (AND THAT'S A SIGHT)

J.B.R. Road names - Coles Ferry Pike for example. To be correct, shouldn't it be Coles' Ferry? (I know the name will never change ). Also, the same would be true for Hunters Point Pike. (Hunters' Point) What is your opinion?

L.J. Coles was a name... actually spelled that way. Thats what I was just told. Lol

J.B.R. I know, but didn't the Ferry belong to them? So "Coles' Ferry".....?

Beth Coleman Bradley Jamie: Pike means road. Coles Ferry Pike is the road to Coles Ferry.

E.M. Hunters Point could have been plural rather than possessive.

Beth Coleman Bradley Sorry, Anne. If I stepped on your answer. You know how old history teachers are. We just can't help ourselves.

J.B.R. My question is only about the apostrophe showing possession. That's why I only referenced it as Coles' Ferry above. Sorry for any confusion.

Beth Coleman Bradley Ah! Anne?!

E.M. Should we call this R\_\_\_\_\_ts Conundrum or R\_\_\_\_\_ts' Conundrum? [Obviously, the blanks are disguising a name.]

L.J. Alabama Fan for ya!!! lol... Love Ya J\_\_\_e!!!

J.B.R. Just looked in my History of Wilson County book, and it says the Coles family purchased the right to run a ferry around 1812, and it refers to Coles' Ferry. Hunter's Point was John Hunter's, so the correct way to write this one would be Hunter's Point Pike.

E.M. – R\_\_\_\_\_ts'!!!! lol!!!!

L.J. - :-P

E.M. Indirectly connected: should Tater Peeler Road instead be Potato Peeler Road?

J.B.R. [Anne](#) , have I answered my own question correctly? (fingers crossed)

J.B.R. LOL!!! E\_\_c!!

L.J. Wilson County History for \$200.00. Good job J\_\_\_e!!

L.J. There is a sign at Tucker's Crossroads... Its one of those county history signs and its the history of Sumner county.

E.M. It's a dangerous door you've cracked open, J\_\_\_e. If I'm correct, Cedar Forest is full of Red Junipers rather than Cedars. But I may be mistaken.

J.B.R. It's and it's, L\_\_\_e.....tsk, tsk....

L.J. lol... :-P

L.J. I teach drafting not no anglish!!!!lol

J.B.R. I know you'll learn them students good drafting, L\_\_\_e!

J.B.R. I've got to tear myself away for a while to clean this house. Carry on, grammar warriors, carry on...

Anne Donnell First, intelligent Texas resident Beth Coleman Bradley is my first cousin once

removed, and is always commissioned to stand in my stead! Second, in the area of long used possessives, as these ("Coles, Hunters") and something like "Girls Restroom," the idea of possession is no longer important. It's generally an impediment to a name, particularly a place name used by many people through many years, to have anything extra (like punctuation, but not the "e" on "Anne") so the apostrophe was long ago dropped.

Anne Donnell AND THE APOSTROPHE SHOULD STAY DROPPED.

J.B.R. I agree that it should stay dropped, just wanted to win the argument that 'technically' it should be there....Thanks!

ONLINE DEPARTMENT (Thanks, A.W.) *You know you're getting old when your bank sends the free calendar one month at a time. □ "A Wee Test, to Keep the Gray Matter Active" (Thanks, J. A. )* 1. *Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?* 2. *There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?* 3. *Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?* 4. *How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?* 5. *What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?* 6. *Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?* 7. *In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?* 8. *What was the President's name in 1975?* 9. *If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?* 10. *Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?* 11. *If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?*

*Here are the Answers □ 1. Johnny of course. 2. Meat. □ 3. Mt. Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet. 4. There is no dirt in a hole. 5. "Incorrectly" 6. □ Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere 7. You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures. 8. Same as is it now - Barack Obama 9. You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first. 10. Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow 11. One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big stack. You can go back to sleep now .*