

Dan Gibbs, Knoxville, TN

He left the bluegrass for greener pastures

By: Mickey Fournier
Fall 1999

Somewhere between two and three score years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs of Winchester, Kentucky brought forth upon the earth a son. This son, named Dan, grew to manhood in the Winchester area.

As a young man he earned his living as a Deputy Sheriff in Ohio. When bail bondsman, Jimmy Johnson, offered him a job, Dan took the opportunity to go back to Kentucky. He wrote bonds in Lexington and Louisville for a while and later opened three offices in West Virginia.

During those years, Mr. Johnson and the Governor of Kentucky got into a feud that got more and more out of control and resulted in the outlawing of commercial bail in Kentucky. Dan had a front row seat at that event.

In 1973, Dan went to Knoxville to open an office for Johnson. He liked the area and soon moved his family there. Six years later, he went into business for himself. Today City Bonding is not only one of the biggest bail businesses in Tennessee; they recently branched out into southwest Virginia.

Dan and Joan have been married for 34 years. They have two grown daughters. Kelly who is married to Tim Debord, a Chief with the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Jodi's husband, J. R. Henderson, helps manage City Bonding. If he ever had any spare time, Dan would spend it in his mountain cabin and do some hunting.