

Boat Rides

Nelson Thompson had a real fascination with boats. On March 6, 1909, on the shores of Lake Reedy, the Thompson brothers hosted a picnic. 'Captain' Thompson gave a ride in his new steam boat to many of the 150 in attendance. The boat was 40 feet long and held more than 55 people. Its primary purpose was to raft lumber to the sawmill that Frank and Nelson had just opened across the lake.⁵⁴

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In 1904, the E.H. Brackin family was living Frostproof and by 1908 he operated a poultry farm. The following was reported in the Courier-Informant:

“We are very much interested to go through the fowl yards of E.H. Brackin who lives on Lake Clinch. We would not try to guess at the number of chicks he has and still more hatching. Mr. B. had just trapped two foxes which were cooked and fed to the “biddies,” which were eating them with the same relish displayed by Mr. fox a few nights before on about 15 of their little cousin biddies.”⁵⁵