

common creeper (Virginia?), whortleberry, huckleberry, cranberry.

In his life of Rafinesque, the author, R. E. Call, intimates that M'Murtrie secured this list from Rafinesque who was at the time actively engaged in studying the botany of Kentucky. If this is true it explains in a manner the mountain plants included. Rafinesque knew the flora of much of the State, whereas M'Murtrie aimed to present the flora of the region about Louisville. It seems hardly credible that the great laurel, red elder, mountain laurel and other species noted in the list have ever been found growing wild at Louisville.

The French-German, Rafinesque, was a remarkable man in his prime, of great mental and physical energy. He left a more enduring mark on the botany of Kentucky than any other pioneer writer. Some of his published species have never been collected by others in the State. He was an indefatigable collector at a time when the botany of the State was almost untouched either by the lumberman, the agriculturist, or the botanist, and thus had opportunities for study in the field not enjoyed by those who followed him. It is unfortunate that he was unable somewhere to leave a complete record of the work he did while here. He was made professor of natural sciences at the old Transylvania University in 1818, and for some years thereafter remained in Kentucky.

In 1833, Doctors Short and Peter, of Lexington, published their list of Kentucky plants in the *Transylvania Journal of Medicine*. In it are about one hundred and fifty-three species of woody plants, some of them probably observed in cultivation. The list covers the whole State, yet records only about thirty species more than M'Murtrie's Louisville list. This is the most satisfactory of the old lists, and bears evidence of having had the painstaking care which local lists should receive. Both men were good botanists, and appear to have scrutinized the plants of Bluegrass Kentucky with special thoroughness.*

*It was my good fortune to know for a brief time Dr. Robert Peter, one of the authors of the list. He was well along in years, a good gray man, whose modesty, unselfishness and industry were most pleasant to witness. But in a selfish world these qualities too often work to the disadvantage of their possessors, and Dr. Peter has not yet, I think, received from Kentucky the appreciation his patient labor in her interest has earned for him.