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HISTORICAL FUN FACTS

with General Lafayette

South Fayette Township is named for me: Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834), a French general who served the United States in the American Revolution. I am remembered for supporting representative government and contributing to the achievement of American independence.

Established as a farming community, the population of South Fayette grew by 250 percent from 1890 to 1910, when extensive coal mining and oil drilling occurred.

The first permanent settler on record was Christopher Lesnett, who came to the area before 1770.

The first non-native settler was a man of English descent named Miller, who built at the mouth of the creek Millers Run before 1768 and later sold his land to the Campbell family.

A century ago, in 1917, the annual township budget was \$16,500.

South Fayette Township was formed in 1842 from the larger Fayette Township, which contained a portion of the Mingo trail and was noted for numerous conflicts between settlers and Native Americans.

