

Annie Fellows Johnston



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DEDICATION

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## Kentucky Historical Highway Marker #2503

**ANNIE FELLOWS JOHNSTON  
1863-1931**

A celebrated author of children's fiction, she was best known for her "Little Colonel" novels. While visiting relatives in Pewee Valley, she met five-year-old Hattie Cochran and her grandfather, Col. Geo. Weissinger, the inspirations for the characters in the novels. The fictitious Lloydsborough Valley was based on Pewee Valley.

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An Indiana native, she wrote more than forty books, and most of the characters were based on people she knew. In 1910, she moved to Pewee Valley and bought "The Beeches." She lived there with her step-daughter, artist Mary G. Johnston, for the rest of her life. "The Little Colonel" movie starring Shirley Temple was made in 1935.

## **PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 11:15 AM**

### **Welcome**

Nancy Theiss, Executive Director  
Oldham County Historical Society

### **Brief remarks**

Becky Riddle, Historical Marker Program Coordinator

Bob Rogers, Mayor of Pewee Valley

Kim Buckler, Oldham County Tourism Director

David Voegele, Oldham County Judge-Executive

### **Dedication address**

Donna Russell

### **Unveiling of marker**

Nancy Theiss and Chris & June Kramer, Owners of The Beeches



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The Kentucky Historical Society administers the Kentucky Historical Marker Program in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

For more information about the Kentucky Historical Marker program, contact Becky Riddle, program coordinator, at [becky.riddle@ky.gov](mailto:becky.riddle@ky.gov).

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