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need little more than a mind that accepts the pride with which she writes to feel the delicate balance she retains for the love of land the love of learning. Curves of fate appear when we delve into its pages photographs; Of Family and Place (“OFaP”) is not just a bunch of country kids enjoying a privileged life but an autobiography of love itself. Concentrate your mind as she did on the decisions; uncorrectable, water colorist-type decisions; she makes to forge a compendium of her love for her family history that amounts to a photograph whose depth-of-field fences 300 years of focus from which we never wish to turn. Accuracy, like trustworthiness, cumulates to form a whole. Joan’s meticulous accuracy slow-walks us up the slope from late 17th century family members to today’s members with enough detail and warmth to assure us that we can safely walk with her within her family’s intimate circle and understand its place in the history of Kentucky, Virginia, the old South. From Fauntleroy’s perch of well-bred self-assurance he visited kitchen help Kentucky royalty with equal aplomb. He may have been Kentucky’s first “people person.” Joan would never use that overworked phrase whose psychological meaning maunders down to “a good sales person” in current parlance, but her autobiography of love lets us know the values she holds most dear reside in her preternaturally modern parents and whose most precious elements she sees in the generations that are already on the ground. At the very least Of Family and Place enables us to reference answers to quintessential questions we have always had about how early settlers navigated the difficult so that it can be understood today. OFaP could be the reference resource at your bedside table for years to come that answers each of your questions with a humanity addressed. Hence, the love. ©John Cirigliano 2017 _____ *Moral Ballad, p. 73, Henry Scogan, 1407.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I love Joan Mayer's book By Frances I love Joan Mayer's book. If one loves history and genealogy he will surely like this book. Joan's family roots go deep into her beloved Kentucky land. The stories about her family, and especially about the fabled Iroquois Hunt Club, will entertain young and old alike. This book should have a place on every Kentuckian's book shelf.. Frances K. Barr. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This was on a recommended book list for me By K. Howard This was on a recommended book list for me. Much of the history of Kentucky and the Lexington area was interesting.

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About the Author Joan Mayer began this project as a genealogy work for her descendants. But her stories were so compelling that she was encouraged to publish them in book form. She has lived all of her life in the area of Clark County, Kentucky where her ancestors first settled in the early 1800s. She mixes stories from the 1940s through today with genealogy and includes a section on fox hunting with The Iroquois Hunt Club. A truly fascinating life from a gifted storyteller.