

Where I'm From
In Memory of My Uncle Pfc. Ernest C. Robertson

By Vicki S. Shivel
Russell County

I'm from a hill and tree filled land
Where long summer days and family are favored
Plowing, tilling, planting the Decatur dirt on my hands
A home cooked meal prepared from a maternal heart
Ending the day of good hard labor

I am from my father's farm with the glistening
Goose Creek running thru
We gather when evening falls, outside on the porch while
Whippoorwill make their lonely calls
Standing in the field, the barn providing shelter for work mules
And the old milk cow we named Bossie

Walking the trail my siblings and I made on our way to school
Unknown to me then, these rock-filled trails I walked
Preparing me for destiny's fate

I'm from a poor rural place where electric finally reached us
And an old Philco radio announced the Cincinnati Reds games
I'm from a warm tiny house where laughter lived
I'm from a town the Korean War touched in 1951
Taking me to a land far, far away from where I'm from

More rocks and valleys, hills and trees, terrain liking to where I'm from
Freezing cold blinding snow, unlike the rabbit trackers back home
Weariness of battle shows on the faces around me
Letters, those sweet, sweet letters from my folks
Tell me the news of where I'm from

In the early morning hours of April 1951
A blast out of nowhere took the lives of many brave men
From where I lay unable to move I was taken prisoner
My captors do not speak the language of where I'm from

Days turned to weeks as I lay with the pain until my body could take it no more
As I drift away, I see my family's faces, each,
One by one, I am saying goodbye while in this strangely warm, bright light
I know one day someone will find me
And take me back home where I'm from.

Where I'm From

I am from Nike pants
I am from Under Armor t-shirts
And from Nike shoes
I am from white water flowing
I am from April fools
From A.1. and baked potatoes
And from warm fall smells
I am from tall, oak trees
And beautiful goldenrod

I am from family get togethers
And funny people
From Ginger and Evil
I am from the lake
and volunteering
From clean your room
And go to bed
I am from God
And Jesus

I am spring vacations
And bread and grap juice
From rolling down the stairs
I am from everywhere
I am from Jamestown, Ky

Written by: Griffen Loy
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from candy
From Hershey bars and Kit Kats.
I am from the brick house.
I am from the smell of pumkin pie, from
horse smell, and the smells of dads
busciut and gravy.
I am from the smell of horses, and the
Smell of the garden.

I am from going to my aunt's house
for Christmas and funny from, Debbie and
Danny Conner.
I am from the church and kind from
cleanup and getting a shower
I am from unicorns, and Santa Cluse.

I am from going to church and from steak
and chicken from feeding the horses
Every morning I am from Jamestown, Ky.

Written by: Myah Conner
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from baseball bats
from footballs and basketball all around.

I am from dust under the bed.

I am from dogs running around,
from fishing dayly and from Maconi

I am from the goldenrod the maple tree.

I'm from the Superbowl people and blue eyes.
from the watcher and the player

I am from the late people and the hard workers.

From Do what you mom said and
clean your room.

I'm from God and Heaven

I'm from half Indain.

From Hambergers and Ham

From horses and cows

I am from Russell spring, Ky.

Written by: Mayes Gosser
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Russell County

Where I'm from

I'm from gymnastics
From having fun and playing all the time
I'm from the leaves in my front yard.
I'm from a silly family, from eggs and
Hasbrowns and from from fresh detergent. I'm
from the trees and honey suckels.

I'm from having a Christmas parties
and family fun night, from Jenniffer and
Jonathon. I'm from the late goers to the all
nighters. From zip it to hold on I'm from mom and dad.

I'm from the small house in the middle of no were.
From chicken and dumplings to cotton candy. From the
army storys and talking. I'm from Jamestown, Kentucky.

Written by: Jacey Mann
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from Game console
from Playstion 3 and playstation
I'm from a big family
I'm from TV from family God
and from Sire wars, I'm from roses
and the banblins. I'm from Hageing
cibbames cardmes edy, and I have a funny
famly, from mom to mamma and from coffey braiks
And make up from go back to bed
And so poly. I'm from sod, and Jesus
I'm from brown hair from pickes and
pennut Butter, dogs barking, I'm from
Kentucky

Written by: Destany Huff
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from bed, from movies and T.V.

I am from the little brick house.

I am from walking to grandma's house story time and brick house.

I am from rosebushes and sunflowers.

I'm from Christmas carols and Christmas cookies,

From mom and nanny's. I'm from late goers and the hard workers.

I'm from the Jones'. From cookies and pizza.

I am from Cat in the Hat.

Written by: Holli Jones

Jamestown Elementary School

Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from Under Armour footballs
from Wilson and Rawlings.

I am from a warm home.

I am from cozy fire pit,
From affles and bacon and from
the smell of biscuit and gravy.

I am from maple trees, and
the goldenrod.

I am from Christmas Eve sleepovers, and
hunting for Easter eggs, from

The Popplewells and
The McGahas.

I am from the Sunday lunches at grandmas, and
the hardworkers.

From the "suck it up" and
"grow up."

I am Jesus and the
Holy Spirit.

I am from WWII.

From hot dogs and hamburgers.

From the church on Sundays.

I am from Russell Springs, KY.

Written by: Luke Popplewell
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from candy
From butterfingers and airheads.
I am from red house.
I am from sports. From playing 8 years.
And from mom biske n gravy.

I am from mums and goldenrod.
I'm from eating turkey and palice,
From Joy, Kevin.
I'm from the Ice and eating
At grandmas.
From Do your best and be nice.
I'm from God and Jesus.

I'm from hard worker.
From chinken and turkey.
From the chinken. I am crow
Street.

Written by: Jack Shearer
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I'm from the Riggins and the Wilsons.

I'm from dog and his name is bob.

I'm from camblesvill and a barn.

I'm from fish and deer.

I'm from Pizza and steak.

I'm from Waterboy and Sandlot.

I'm from Superbowl and Christmas.

I'm from Math and P.E..

I'm from Braydon and Owen.

I'm from playing and talking.

I'm from Hey and Shutup.

I'm from being awesome and being wurd.

I'm from a great dreming of a hoverbord.

Written by: Parker Riggins
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from pencils
From Dance Bizz and Dance Shoppe.
I am from the pond water behind my home.
I am from jokes and pranks from loving families and holiday secrets.
I am from the blue grass and fall tress.

I'm from pumpkin pie and happy times from my loving sister and hopeful mom.
I'm from the swimming days and crazy board games.
From count your blessings and love you self.

I'm from Gods hands and loves path.
I'm from twins from cheesy bread and pizza.
I'm from late night movies and early day bikes rides.
I am from Jamestown, KY.

Written by: Emmy Pratt
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I from

I am from candy
From haveing fun and playing all the time
I am frome Leaves smoothing my yard
I am from pratical jokes, fresh smell,
butterflies.
I am from maple trees, blond hair.

I am frome christmas cookies, blondhair,
Leann, Beth
I'm from late goer's, hard workers
Frome Leann, Maddi
Im from zip it, clean up.
I'm from a family that loves me,
Frome a family that love cookies, and
loves my family, Im frome Leann
And Maddie and Beth.

Written by: Brooklyn
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from fields
from Breyer horses and tack for them.
I am from the hills and gardens.
I am from cats running around, from playing
 With cats, and from cats everywhere.
I am from the butterfly bush
 To the beautiful goldenrod.
I am from baking turkey at thanksgiving
 and kindness from Reynolds and Zimmerman.
I am from the hardworkers and watching TV.
From slow down and quiet down.
I am from Santa Claus to wild horses running free.
I am from two red heads in my family.
From lasagna and peaches.
From the horses in the fields,
I am from Jamestown, Ky.

Written by: Callie Reynolds
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm from

I am from gymnastics
from having fun and playing all the time
I am from leaves in my front yard.
I am from a silly family, from egg's and
hashbrowns and from fresh
detergent, Im from the tree's and
honey suckels.

I'm from having a Christmas party and family
fun night, from Jinnifer and Jonhthan.
I'm from the late goers and the funny people.
From zip it to hold on. I'm from Mom and
dad.

I'm from a small house in the middle of
know were. From chicken and dumpling to
cotton candy. from the army storysand talking.
I'm from Jamestown, Ky.

Written by: Jacey Mann
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from pencil
from action figures and sharpie highlighters.
I am from floor is snow.
I am from funny jokers, from long drives
everywhere, and from orangespray galor.
I am from the tall, pine trees, and the
pretty goldenrod.

I'm from eating yummy Thanksgiving food
and brown hair from mom and dad.
I'm from the fast goers and hard
workers. From put your shoes on and
come here. I'm from church every Sunday,
playfull all the time. I'm from grandpa won
World War II.

From little ceasears pizza and thanksgiving
turkey. From the do chores every
morning. I am from Kentucky.

Written by: Nathan Overby
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from football
From Nike shoes and Nike cloths.
I am from the large brick house
I am from a crazy family from
goolosh and from a sight of a clean
house.
I am from the beautiful bushes and
the sunflowers in my front yard.

I'm from super bowl partys every year
and crazy people, from granny Debbie
and JD.
I'm from the late goers and true love,
from be quiet and zip it.
I'm from God and the lords prayer
I'm from a lot of sicknes in my family

From tacos and chicken and dumplings
From the feeding cows every morning
I am from Columbia, Ky

Written by: Mason Morrison
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from Mr. Scetch
from captin crunch and cuties.
I am from happy, fun, cool.
I am from a dandelion and nanna
Papa lightstand.

I am from apple treas and
grape vines.
I'm from pa yamaz lazana
from melson and
my mom.
Im from working and my brother.
from clean your room
to suckit up Buttercup.
Im from unicorns and
rainbows.
The helares family.
From mac, cheese and lassana
from the talltalles.
I am from Kentucky

Written by: Gabriel Lamelson
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from stacks and stacks of books.
from scotch tape and temptations.
I am from the large, brick house.
I am from my large yard, from training
my cats, and from the glistening taste of
homemade pizza.
I am from the ginormous oak trees, and
The beautiful goldenrod.

I'm from making gingerbread houses and
hard-working, from grandma and Laura.
I'm from the late goers and artist.
From do it yourself, and walk it off.
I'm from gift horses, and movies.

I'm from horse riding. From camping hotdogs
and camping hamburgers.
From the Christmas Max and Mocha came into
my life.
I am from Jamestown, KY.

Written by: Ella Thomas
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from packs of gum
from Colgate and brown boots.
I am from the small, brick house.
I am from board game family nights and from
burning candles on the countertops freshening the aroma.
I am from the tall, tree's, and the goldenrod.

I'm from Christmas cookies and red-brown hair
From Rustie dawn and Rylie Brook.
I'm from the hard workers and know it all.
From slow it down! And zip it!
I'm from church every Sunday, a little
dirt never hurt.

I'm from the community of eli
From fried chicken and medium-well steak
From the mean bull.
I am from Jamestown KY.

Written by: Dylan Potts
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from pennicis with mustashes
from Sharp Markers and Linded Papper.
I am from the countey land side.
I am from practical takers,
from the sint of smoke and from the smell of nacher.
I am from the tall pine cone trees, and the tall thin
grass.
I'm from from always have a Christmas dinner
And browon or sotimes red hair, sammith.
I'm from the country side and Parker.
I'm from the funny jokers and the scar jokers.
From Shut Up and Just Suck It Up!
I'm from watchin youtube all day and Markiplier.

I'm from the small town of Jamestown.
From towna fish salded and BBQ chicken.
From the ealy morning. I am from Kentucky.

Written by: Amelia Litton
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from Vera Bradley backpacks to Under Armor socks.
I am from cooking dressing and sniffing the scent of a
pumpkin spice candles burning. I am from pear trees and the
beautiful goldenrod.

I'm from decorating Christmas trees and hanging wreaths on
the windows to apple cider by the fireplace.
I'm from late night Christmas stories to waking up to the
songs my mother sings.

From "your hair looks like a rats nest" and "zip your lips."
I am from going to church and knowing the Lord's prayer.
I am from a small area known as 42629.
From green beans and mash potatoes.
From the tumbling and stunting everyday.
I am from the beautiful Jamestown, Ky.

Written by: Faythe Bryant
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from lead pencils
From colorful paint and scented germ-x
I am from the dog in my yard.
I am from cooking, from home grown potatoes,
And from the cold hardwood floor.

I am from the dark woods behind my house
And the tall flowers in front of my house.
I am from helping my family and loving,
From my mommy and daddy.

I am from being prompt and pass-it-ons.
From stay out of my room and you hair looks like a rats nest.
I am from church on Sunday morning and showing kindness.

I am from parents and grandparents in the army.
From mashed potatoes and brown sugar oatmeal.
From farming every morning. I am from Russell County, Kentucky.

Written by: Hadleigh Parrish
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from football
From Nike shockes and SB Nike shert.
I am from dirt from my back yard.
I am from the fire placse, from
the back yard, and from the
cows mooen.
I am from the tall, oke trees,
And the owls hooting.

I'm from football and sillyness
from Jamie and Nacey. I'm from
the late goers and the hard
Workers. From Zip it! And clean
your room, I'm from the Navy
and the NFL.

I'm from Inden country. From
Checken legs and frozen pizza.
From the fager that lost in a
War. I am from Jamiestown, KY.

Written by: Zachary Hurt
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From Poem

I am from a tv remote from Bella and the bulldogs and Bella
I am from the large house I am from a parent from eating pizza and from coca nut candle
I am from the coca nut tree and the goldenrod
I'm from a Christmas movie and brown hair from mommy and daddy
I'm from the happy family and fast and go family
from go get that room cleaned! Go right now!
I'm from honesty and lovely
I'm from a small town of Florida from fried chicken and chicken and dumplings
from the chocolate milk I am from Russell springs

Written by: Sara Kelsey
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from my tumbling mat,
from scented germ X and, beanie
babies

I am from the big white house.

I am from the water in the
pool, from my mom's house,
and from the sweet pee
body lotion

I am from the big sun flower's
and the beautiful Goldenrod.

I'm from my family getting
together on Christmas eve
and terrible braces,
from Liz and Terril.
I'm from the early goers
and the crazy ness.

From OMG girl and what's
The matter with you.

I'm from the small community
In 42629.

From pepperoni pizza and
boiled spaghetti.

From the broken leg

I am from Jamestown, KY.

Written by: Alyssa Yates
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from Kindles
From tumble mats and beds.
I am from trampolines.
I am from flipping,
From chicken and backhand springs.
I am from roses and trees.

I'm from sing alongs and a chaotic family,
From Nana and Papa.
I'm from the chaotic family and a one of a kind.
From there is no crying in soft ball and
Practice makes perfect.
I'm from to get a hover board, to do an aerial.

I'm from eating apples and peanut butter,
From cheese fries and chicken tenders.
From the silly, from the proud.
I am from Russell County.

Written by: Kinley Rigney
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm from

I am from Expo markers
from Nike t-shirts and tennis shoes.
I am from leaves falling on my yard from trees.
I am from funny people, from
biscuit and gravy, and from
the burning smell of candles.

I'm from where we watch a Christmas movie on
Christmas eve
and pretty Hazel eyes, from mom and dad
I'm from late goers and, the new clothes from the
mall every year, and mounth
From clean your room and be quiet
I'm from shoing good kindness, church on
every wendsday and sunday.

I'm from the small community of eli
From cheese pizza and grilled cheese
From the hair that my grandpa lost.
I'm from: Jamestown Ky.

Written by: Madioym Lynn
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from my cool Ipad.
from nike shoes and a Mako baseball bat.
I am from the big white house at the end of
the street.
I am from practical jokers from chicken
And mash poatos.
I am from huge pear trees and the bright
white flowers.

I'm from thanksgiving dinners and silliness, from
Phyllis and Jimmy.
I'm from the early goers and the hardworking.
from suck it up buttercup!
I'm from church every Sunday, lords pray.

I'm from the middle of Russel Springs.
from frozen pizza and bacon.
From the saving lifes.
I am from Russell Springs Fairview Church Rd 204.

Written by: Logan Walters
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from Crayola markers
From bathroom body work.
I am from dirt under the front porch.
I am from leaves smthing my yard.
I'm from practical jokers, the
goldenrod.

I'm from We have Thanksgiving.
and black blonde hair.
from Maria and Sophia
I'm from the lazy fam
and The lazy worker
From be quite it
and zip it!
I'm from church every Wednesday
Amazing Grace
I'm from the small 2469 community
From whipped cream coke and spate
From the source
I am Jamestown, KY

Written by: Kaleigh
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm from

I am from AR books
from Nikey shoes and underamur socks.
I am from big brick apartment around the
block.
I am from crazy people, from
chocolate and tamales, and smell of
yummy chocolate cake.
I am from the ginormes apple trees,
and beautiful blue berries.

I am from game night silly ness
and brown hair, from wend and Jesus,
I'm from hard workers and silly
family.
from stop! right there missy! and
clean it! I'm from church every sun
day thanks.

I'm from block of 6123.
from tamales and ice cream.
from the feeding chickens
I am from Ga, Gainsvill

Written by: Fatima Morales
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from my iphone 6's
from jusice clothes and bath and body works.
I am from the a dog house.
I am from dog lover, from pizza and chicken,
and the fell of my dogs fur.
I am from the tall, maple trees, and the beautiful
goldenrod.

I'm from black Friday shopping and brown,
from Krista and David.
I'm from the late goers and the hard workers
everyday.
from No! and What are you doing?
I'm from church every Sunday, Amazing Grace.

I'm from the lower in of the county.
from fish and hard bacon.
from the feeding dogs each moning.
I am from Jamestown,ky.

Written by: Lexie Grider
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from pencil
from KGA
and UOL

I am from the small house on Richerds Dr.
I am from practical jokers, silliness,
and from fun
I am from Dasiy, the tree

I from cristmas cookies and brown
hair, from Stephanie, and Daniel
I'm from the late goers and hardworkers
from shut up and be quiet
I'm from making a hoverboud,
iphone 7
I'm from everyone being in navey
from papa johns pizza and mammy
frogs ice-cream
from milking cows every morning
I am from Jamstown Ky

Written by: Parker
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

I am from tennis shoes
from Areopostal shirts and Under Amor
sweaters.

I am from the red-roofed house at
the end of the gravel road.

I am from family games, from 9th day
of each month children cook, and
from the feel of SUPER crowded.

I am from the beautiful maple trees,
The smell of honey suckle.

I'm from Christmas cookies, and fun,
from Robin and Brent.

I'm from the family that always has four dogs, and garden growers.
from practice what you preach! and
Wash your hands before dinner!

I'm from walk the other direction after
seeing a black cat, church every
Wednesday.

I'm from area code 734.
from Mexican food and speghitti tomato
soup and bacon.
from taking out the dogs every
Day.

Written by: Jordynne MacDougall
Jamestown Elementary School
Russell County

Where I'm From

By Jacob Phelps
Russell County

I am from Russell County,
the rolling hills of Appalachia.

I am from the country folk:
bluegrass-pickin', pie-bakin', God-fearin'.

I am from the Tulip Poplar, the cardinal,
the Goldenrod, whose blooms
are ever-present at summer's end.

I am from Jamestown and Russell Springs,
Bryan and Crocus.

From Eli and Esto,
Fonthill and Freedom.

From Gum Corners and Helm,
Horntown and Humble.

From Jabez and Karlus,
Olga and Ono.

From Ribbon and Rowena,
Royville and Sano.

From Vinnie and Whittle, too.

I am from Helen's doilies,
Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land.

I am from soup beans and cornbread,
one-lane roads.

I am from the hunters and the gatherers,

both the bait and the tackle.
I am from the church revivals,
the Lord's Prayer,
wilted lettuce sopped in bacon grease.

I am from Momma's business,
Nanny's tax service.
From Sister's fried green tomatoes,
Judy's pecan pies.
I am from Poppy's pipe,
Papa's sermons.
I am from JJ's kitchen,
Father's hugs.

I am from the plowed garden,
the cast iron skillet nearing its fiftieth year.
I am from Phelps Acres Farm:
smooth tobacco, endless corn, 1798 lineage.
I am from the Cumberland River, Rockhouse Bottom,
Lake Cumberland, where Daddy lost his life.

I am from the white farmhouse:
white-glove parties, pearls, yellow gold.
Overalls, sunhats, and work shirts, too.
The early mornings, the late nights, the endless work,
the fried chicken, the milk and honey, the elongated speech.
I am from these people.

Where I'm From

By M. Gail Wilson
Russell County

I am from strong women
Russell County women

Women who fought for the right to vote, marching with the suffragettes in Rowena

Women who could do anything a man could do
Women who cooked and cleaned and sewed
Who didn't have much formal education but were very educated

From Effie and Maggie and Nora
Who knew loss and disappointment and kept on
Who loved Jesus and sang about Him while they worked

From church ladies who were the backbone of the church at Freedom
Generous women who divided their food with those who had none
Women who died too soon

Carnes women, strong women
I come from Mildred who taught in a one room school
Who worked her way through college
Who should have been a principal
Who made the best jam cake ever
Who was so proud of her lawyer daughter

Strong Cumberland River women who were outspoken and well read
Women ahead of their time

I come from women who could kill a rattlesnake about to strike their child
Women who could wring a chicken's neck and soothe a crying baby
Women who would cry with you and laugh with you
Women who sacrificed and loved so I could be a strong Russell County woman.

Where I'm From

by David York
Russell County

I'm from God's creation

I'm from the Milky Way...from planet Earth...from the good ole' U.S.A.

I'm from the Bluegrass state—from Russell County, the Pennyrile region—from Dickerson Ridge to the Cumberland River

I'm from my Father's work ethic and my mother's womb

From the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen

I'm from a poor but happy childhood—from loving parents, and strict grandparents

I'm from don't lie, don't steal, don't smoke, and don't drink

I'm from country church services and dinner on the ground

I'm from a one room school where you actually learned to read and write

I'm from barefoot summers and swimming in the creek

I'm from suntanned days and whippoorwill nights

I'm from a time when the bobwhite called by day and foxhounds bayed at night

I'm from hard work—hoeing tobacco, chopping sawbriers—where a grubbing hoe was a state of the art tool for clearing land and applying it properly to a hardscrabble farm could put you in your grave at age 43

I'm from farm work that paid 50¢ an hour (how's that for a minimum wage)

I'm from running in the woods, swinging on grapevines, digging Ginseng

I'm from can't wait till suppers ready and meals cooked on a wood stove

I'm from soup beans, cornbread, and fried taters, and chocolate gravy for breakfast

I'm from plowing fields with horses, and skilled hands using the crosscut saw

I'm from helpful neighbors, trading work and favors

I'm from no TV, comic books, and imaginary games, from homemade slingshots, pop guns, and bows and arrows

I'm from earn your own spending money so you could hitchhike to town on Saturday night to play pool or see a movie

I'm from love God, love your neighbor, and love your country

And though I've lived many years away, I'm home to stay