

# Frontier feud in 1830s played out in 'Post' ads

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described an "affray" between the two. Not so.

By way of background, Goodwin had at least two marriages that were performed in Monroe County — to Delilah Rickets in January

1836, and to Nancy Morgan, who wed him in August 1841. Presumably the "abused" wife preceded Delilah.

The Goodwin Wooden paper war lasted from December 1836 until March 1837. Considering the price of advertising, it was a costly argument. On March 3, 1837, in a fit of

good humor, *Post* editor/publisher Marcus Deal printed the name-calling ads side-by-side.

Once the argument had really warmed up, Goodwin's ad was bigger and showier than Wooden's. Goodwin said, in part, "SOLOMON WOODEN AGAIN!!! I am going to

give a detail of Solomon Wooden's character. I have known Solomon Wooden — he was called a cruel liar in Kentucky, and since he came to this state he is called Broad Horns, the reason he tells such broad lies so extensive . . . I would have brought suit against you, but 'sue a beggar and catch a louse.'"

Was there any real substance to the name calling? Who knows? Unless some descendant of either of those hard-headed men supplies the information, we will never know. In any case, Goodwin, the more affluent of the two, had the last word in the March 17, 1837, edition of the *Post*.