

The Kenton County Historical Society



November 1991

Kenton County Historical Society

P.O. Box 641
Covington, Kentucky 41011

R E V I E W

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ANNOUNCEMENT: SPECIAL PROGRAM:

On Wednesday evening, December 11, 7:00 PM, the Kenton County Historical Society will host a presentation by the Kentucky Historical Society on the proposed new Kentucky History Center.

The program will be at the Kenton County Public Library Meeting Room, Covington. After the presentation there will be punch and cookies for holiday ambiance, and opportunity for conversation.

The program will include a short slideshow, and the viewing of a scale model.

Most of the site for the History Center near the Lieutenant Governor's Mansion in downtown Frankfort has already been donated.

Two years ago the late James Ware, our former state senator, introduced the project. Thanks to state approved bond funding, architectural plans and other preparations are already far advanced. But building the History Center may depend on our interest and support.

The meeting and program will be free and open to the public. Please come if you are interested in the History Center which will be a facility for history, genealogy, education, tourism, and preservation and display of Kentucky's records and artifacts.

Wednesday evening
December 11
7:00 PM
Kenton County Public Library
Fifth and Scott streets
Covington

RECAPITULATION:

THE KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NOVEMBER 1990 to November 1991

PROGRAMS: In May 1991 Andrew Lutes succeeded Elizabeth Chavez and became responsible for finding and scheduling the programs for our General Membership meetings. We would like to thank Elizabeth and Andrew for their hard work which gave us programs of top quality (herein listed):

December 4, 1990--Christmas Dinner at the Coach and Four restaurant.
January 9, 1991--Isaac Black--Lawyer, Politician, Civil Rights and Education Advocate (Ted H. H. Harris)
February 5, 1991--Historic Homes In Covington (Edna Donsback)
March 5, 1991--Emma Guy Cornwell, a Woman in Politics (Mary Spreher)
April 10, 1991--The History of the Newport Barracks (Jack Howe)
May 11, 1991--Preservation of Documents, Photographs, Heirlooms (Bill Black)
June 12, 1991--James T. Earle, Last Mayor of Covington (Karl Litzemayer)
July 18, 1991--The Ohio River--Entrance into the Interior (Dr. Louis Thomas)
August 14, 1990--Panic on the Ohio (Roger Adams); and B. F. Howard--Founder of the Black Elks (Ted H. H. Harris)
September 10, 1991--ANNUAL MEETING WITH ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Pen, Ink, and Forgery (Dr. Joe Nickel, co-sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council); and a second September program on the 24th--B. H. F. Hellebusch--Professional Teacher, Composer, and Hymnal Editor of Music for German Speaking Catholics
October 8, 1991--James Rodes Buchanan and Funny Medicine (Dr. Joe Gastright)
November 9, 1991--A Tour of the Dinsmore House and Estate in Boone County.

Based on attendance the program on "Historic Covington Houses" was most popular. Our July program, "The Ohio River-Entrance into the Interior" was well attended and coincided with the presence of the "Always a River" barge which carried an extensive display on Ohio river valley culture (docked in Cincinnati July 15-26).

In our monthly R E V I E W we carried these articles: November 1990--recapitulation of 1990 (John Boh); December 1990--The Great Covington Coal Company (John Burns); January 1991--The Shram Printing Business (John Boh); February 1991--The Heile Brothers Express Company (John Boh); March 1991--Lumber by River and Rail (John Boh); April 1991--The Hellman Lumber Co. (John Boh); May 1991--Northern Kentucky's Early Women Physicians, 1875-1920 (Dr. Alvin Poveleit); June 1991--The Hemingray Glass Company (John Boh); July 1991--The History of the Covington Art Club (Dorothy Eichelberger); August 1991--A History of the Stained Glass Windows and the Tribes of Israel of First Baptist Church, 120 East Ninth Street (Ted H. H. Harris); September 1991--Covington's City Managers (John Boh with list by John Burns); October 1991--Covington 1815-1990 (John Boh with list of Covington Mayors by John Burns).

SOME SPECIAL OCCASIONS (reported in the R E V I E W): February 22, 1991--Northern Kentucky Heritage League hosts a Premier of Covington Landing's diorama showboat of Northern Kentucky pioneer history; Ky Bicentennial Oral History Program initiated; Greater Cincinnati Fine Arts Sampler Weekend schedule lists the Carnegie Arts Center, the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, and the Behringer Crawford Museum; July 15-26--the "Always a River" barge is docked at Cincinnati landing displaying Ohio River Valley history and culture; June 29--the Northern Region of the Historical Confederation of Kentucky meets; October 26--a second meeting of the Northern Region; September 26-27-28, the Kentucky Heritage Council hosts its 25th anniversary conference at Embassy Suites, Covington.

PUBLICATIONS: Some papers donated: A list of Northern Kentucky Women Physicians, 1875 to the present (by Dr. Poweleit); The History of Afro-American Elldom and Benjamin Franklin (B. F.) Howard in Covington, Kentucky, 1889-1918 (by Ted H. H. Harris); A History of the Stained Glass Windows and the Tribes of Israel of First Baptist Church; 120 East Ninth Street, Covington, Ky (by Harris); James T. Earle, Last Mayor of Latonia (by Karl Lietzenmayer); B. H. F. "Teacher" Hellebusch, 1835-1885 (by Juliana Hellebusch through Karl Lietzenmayer; Mother of God Sesquicentennial project). The 1880 Federal Census Index (by Dorothy Wieck) was published by the Publications Committee in 1991 (2 vols. \$25.00 each). To date about 25 sets of the Kenton County Historical Society's Collected Papers have been sold (\$30.00/set); recently a set was sent to the Filson Club through recommendation of Dr. Joe Gastright.

Roger Adams' "Panic on the Ohio: the Defense of Cincinnati, Covington, Newport is found in NKU's Perspectives in History (Spring 1990, vol 2 No. 2. ALPHA BETA PHI chapter PHI ALPHA THETA).

In the June R E V I E W we carried a flier for The Celestial City, a History of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption by Bob Krebs of the Behringer Crawford Museum.

In the September R E V I E W we carried a flier for They Came Down Two Rivers to Settle Campbell County, Kentucky, published by the Campbell County Historical and Genealogical Society.

HISTORIC HIGHWAY MARKERS: On March 1, 1991 highway markers were unveiled in Goebel Park for Una Merkel, a Covington native, who became a prominent Hollywood actress; and Robert Surtees, a former Covington resident, who became a prominent Hollywood cinematographer.

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: John Boh (President); James Kiger (Vice-president) Dorothy Wieck (Treasurer); Andrew Lutes (Secretary); Carol Whitehead; Ted H. H. Harris, and Shawn Ryan.

And we sadly note again the passing on March 17th of John Burns, retired Holmes High school teacher, local history expert, a former Director, and a Charter Member of the Kenton County Historical Society. His papers, books, collection of photographs, slides etc. have been left with the Kenton County Public Library. Thanks. (John Boh)

THE BEHRINGER CRAWFORD MUSEUM

"Dolls and Trains," a holiday tradition, will be displayed at the museum from November 24 to December 29. The official opening on November 24 was co-sponsored by the Museum and by the Kentucky Historical Society, both of whom will gladly accept new members. THE CELESTIAL CITY, A HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE ASSUMPTION is available for a Christmas gift (\$10.00 for members; \$12.00 for non-members). Membership in the museum: students (\$10.00); individuals (\$15.00); family (\$30.00). Behringer Crawford Museum, P. O. Box 641, Covington, Ky 41012. And you may want to visit the museum shop in the course of Christmas shopping. Hours: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, Tuesday through Saturday; 1:00-5:00 PM, Sunday; closed Monday.

PROGRAMS

If you have a suggestion for a speaker on a topic of local history or family history you may drop a line to Andrew Lutes, Programs Chairman, c/o the Kenton County Historical Society.

CORRECTION: COVINGTON POPULATION

According to the last Federal Census estimate, Covington's population is over 43,000. Also among areas annexed by Covington was the neighborhood of Kenton Hills, adjoining Devou Park (see last month's "Covington, 1815-1990").

MEMBERSHIP IN THE KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Membership is only \$5.00 per year. There are monthly programs, newsletter, various publications, genealogy.

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