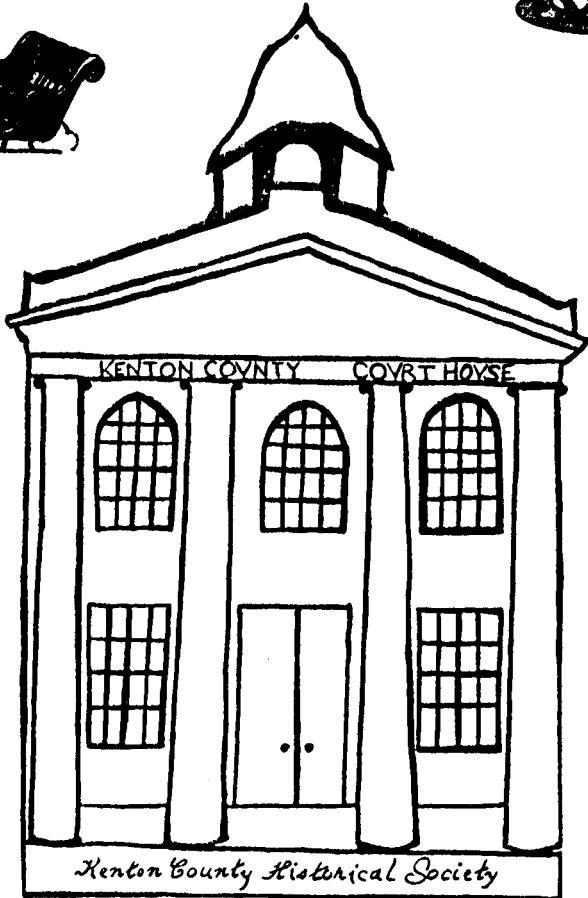


KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
(organized in 1977; non-profit;  
member, Historical Confederation  
of Kentucky)



December 1992





A PARTY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

Sponsored by the Kenton County Historical Society, and hosted by Karl Lietzenmayer, this get-together will be held in Karl's home at 501 East Southern avenue beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, December 1st.

To get there go east from Ritte's corner on Southern ave., cross the RR tracks, go one and one-half blocks to a large frame house with blue siding on the right side of Southern (also opposite the south end of Myrtle street).

We will have punch, cookies, and other goodies.

Karl's home was once the home of James T. Earle (1866-1943), the last Mayor of Latonia before annexation by Covington. And Earle's youngest daughter, Elizabeth Earle Guastini, intends to be on hand to talk about the neighborhood and to show a family photo album.

James T. Earle's career involved the railroad, banking real estate development, and, of course, politics.

Members, friends, guests, curious citizens are invited.

The Kenton County Historical Society invites you to remember Earle, and the community in Latonia, by your presence at 501 East Southern, Tuesday, December 1st, 7:00-9:30 p. m.

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KCHS:

John Boh, James Kiger, Karl Lietzenmayer, Elizabeth Chavez, Theodore H. H. Harris, Shawn Ryan, Sharon Pigg, Michael Flannery, George Chavez, Joseph Gastright.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

1810, 20, 30 Census Index; 1840 Census Index; 1850 Census Index; 1860 Census Index; 1870 Census Index; 1880 Census Index (2 vols.); The Collected Papers of the Kenton County Historical Society; Westside Walking Tour (Mainstrasse); From Gentlemen Farmersto City Folks (Wallace Woods).

RECAPITULATION: THE KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
AND OTHER LOCAL HISTORY EVENTS REMEMBERED FROM 1992:

MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAMS.

In October 1991 Andrew Lutes resigned as programs chairman, and a few months later was succeeded by Karl Lietzenmayer.

December 11, 1991--Presentation by the Kentucky Historical Society on the proposed new Kentucky History Center in Frankfort; after the presentation holiday punch and cookies were served. This Christmas season meeting took place at the Kenton County Library Public Meeting Room in Covington.

January 22, 1992--The Kentucky Penitentiary Building in Frankfort (built 1798-1800) and Kentucky State Prison History (Dr. Paul Knepper).

February 12, 1992--The New Covington Walking Tour Brochures and the new Covington Historic Plaque Program (John Spence and Leah Konicki).

March 3, 1992--The Church Music of Mother of God Church, Covington (Karl Lietzenmayer).

April 7, 1992--German Immigration and Steamboat History (Robert Stevie).

May 5, 1992--Introduction to the Native Americans of the Miami and Ohio River Valley (Dr. Michel Breland).

June 2, 1992--Jenny Wiley, Pioneer and Virginia Frontier Heroine (Ms. Patsy Gaines).

July 7, 1992--John Uri Lloyd: The Life and Legacy of an Illustrious Heretic (Michael Flannery)

August 8, 1992--Tour of the Railway Expo, 315 West Southern ave., in Latonia

September 1, 1992--Economic Development in Kenton County, What the Planning Commission Projects for the future and How Historic Structures Fit in (Covington City Commissioner Jerry Bamberger).

October 3, 1992--Tools and Resources of the Public Library of Cincinnati's Genealogical Collection (Pat Van Skaik).

November 11, 1992--County Government Past and Present: A Perspective (County Commissioner Bernard J. Moorman)

IN OUR MONTHLY REVIEW WE CARRIED THESE ARTICLES:

November 1991--Recapitulation of 1991 (John Boh)

December 1991-January 1992--Aunt Nellie's Farm Kitchen,  
227 West Southern Ave  
(John Boh).

February 1992--"The Liberty Bell is Viewed by Thousands"  
(John Boh)

March 1992--Notes on Covington's "West End" (John Boh).

April 1992--Organizing Schools for Black Children  
(Ted Harris)

May 1992--The Old Colored Church on Madison Avenue  
(John Boh).

June 1992--Thomas Woodhouse Bakewell, A Covington Developer (John Boh)

July 1992--From the Steamboat Era to Modern Factories  
(John Boh).

August 1992--Lovell and Laidley--From Kanawha Salt Families (John Boh).

September 1992--Shinkle Family coal (John Boh).

October 1992--The Pioneer, Montgomery, & Rusk Coal Companies (John Boh).

November 1992--The J. T. Hatfield Company (1882-1950)  
(John Boh).

#### NEWS AND EVENTS REPORTED:

It might be recalled that the late James C. Ware, former State Senator, prominent Northern Kentucky attorney and community leader, past President of the Kentucky Historical Society, and member of the Kenton County Historical Society, passed away November 6, 1991.

The Dinsmore Foundation invited submission of abstracts of papers for the first of a series of planned symposia, entitled this year, The New Abundance: The Agricultural Revolution and the Shrinking World of the Nineteenth Century. This year's symposium was scheduled for October 15-18, the same dates as for Tall Stacks.

The Northern Kentucky Symphony held "A Night in Old Vienna" at the Oldenberg complex on February 23rd.

A meeting of the Northern Region of the Historical Confederation of Kentucky took place on Saturday, June 20 at the Boone County Public Library.

In conjunction with the Tall Stacks celebration scheduled for October 15 through October 18 on both sides of the Ohio river, and also to celebrate Kentucky's Bicentennial, the Behringer-Crawford Museum in March opened its exhibit entitled, "The Ohio River, Avenue of Change," which was to last throughout the remainder of the year.

The Boone County Preservation Office announced that on condition that enough orders were taken, there would be a reprint of the 1883 Boone-Kenton-Campbell Atlas for sale at \$15.00 plus \$4.00 for shipping.

The Northern Kentucky Historic Back Roads Tour booklet became available for \$5.00 plus \$2.00 postage through either the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau, or through the Behringer Crawford Museum.

On August 9, the Campbell County Historical and Genealogical Society held an open house for its new museum space on the second floor of the old Campbell County Courthouse in Alexandria. A Kentucky Bicentennial matching grant helped fund the renovation.

The City of Covington, Economic Development Office, initiated its Covington Historic Plaque program. Home-owners could research their homes and receive plaques from the City Commission which could be installed near the entrance. By September a number of citizens had already received their bronze markers.

The city's Economic Development Office (Ella I. Brown-Frye, Economic Development Director; Leah Konicki, Preservation Specialist) also published a workbook about history and architecture for children entitled Discover Covington, A Book for Children, 32 pages with maps, pictures, puzzles, illustrations available for \$3.50 through the city's Finance office.

On August 6, several members of the Kenton County Historical Society were on hand as the city unveiled its latest Historic Highway marker, this one to commemorate the city's "First City Hall," and located between Second and Third streets on the west side of Greenup in the new green space approaching the Roebling Suspension bridge.

On September 20 the Erlanger Historical Society sponsored Heritage Days in order to publicize renovation of the old Erlanger train depot, work on which this year, including relocation, was partly funded by a Bicentennial grant

In September the Behringer-Crawford Museum dedicated the emplacement of its life-sized flatboat exhibit. On November 1 the "Levassor Quartet" chamber music series was initiated.

#### GENEALOGY:

There was much indexing of church records in 1992. Local genealogists, including Society members, consistently work very hard at special projects such as indexing, and at more regular investigations of family histories either for themselves or for others.

#### THE 1992 KENTUCKY BICENTENNIAL YEAR (SOME HIGHLIGHTS)

On March 19, 1992 an ecumenical service was held at the Cathedral, Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to salute Kentucky's 200th birthday; on June 10th a reception (with autographing by contributors) was held at NKU to welcome the publication of the Kentucky Encyclopedia; on July 18 there occurred the kickoff of the Northern Kentucky Back Roads Tour with ceremonies at selected sites in each of the three counties; from October 15 through October 18 the Tall Stacks spectacle, which also celebrated our river heritage, also highlighted the year; on November 15, to wind down the year's Bicentennial festivities, some 20 persons living and dead, from pioneer days to the present, were inducted into the Northern Kentucky Leadership Hall of Fame with ceremonies at NKU. This year the Kentucky Humanities Council also sponsored the Kentucky Chautauqua series, whereby speakers portrayed the personalities of famous Kentucky persons from the past. Dr. Leon Boothe, Pres. of NKU, chaired the Northern Kentucky Bicentennial Commission.

(John Boh)

## PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee (including Jim Kiger, Shawn Ryan, Karl Lietzenmayer, Mike Flannery, Ted Harris) has advanced plans for a biannual publication of original, documented historical papers of professional quality written by citizens and by students and other scholars. Unlike the Kenton County Historical Society's previous publication of Collected Papers (3 volumes), this biannual publication would have a uniform format in terms of typesetting, footnoting, etc., and would be professionally bound in heavy soft cover.

We would invite college teachers and students to contribute. Mike Flannery from the NKU library department, has advised the committee that libraries like regularly scheduled publications appropriately bound for their shelves.

Also, Karl Lietzenmayer thought that it would be interesting to ask for suggestions regarding a name or title for this proposed series. Please note that each issue would regularly include more than one history paper. Please send in your suggestions to Karl Lietzenmayer, c/o the Kenton County Historical Society.

## THE HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION OF KENTUCKY

In response to a proposal in Frankfort by Scott Breckinridge a few months back, a committee appointed by the HCK board has advanced tentative plans for "the Kentucky Family Papers Project...to locate, collect, organize, and conserve the personal papers, family archives, and private collections..." The next step will be to meet with potential repositories located mainly in Frankfort, and Louisville (Filson Club), and at the state universities. However, the purpose is to collect and preserve valuable papers, etc. throughout the state, from all grass root Kentuckians and about all such citizens. Such a meeting will occur very early in 1993.

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