

KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

QUARTERLY REVIEW

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Memberships available at \$5.00 per annum. Contact the treasurer at 1385 Vidot Ct., Ft. Wright, Ky. 41011

CONGRATULATIONS

Sincerest congratulations are extended to Mrs. Dorothy Wieck, our society's devoted genealogist. In addition to volunteering her time (over 40 hours per week) helping Kenton County Public Library patrons research their family histories and in answering genealogical requests from around the country, Mrs. Wieck has recently completed a formidable task - indexing the 1860 U.S. Census for Kenton County, Ky. The index, now in process of being typed, will be published by the society in the near future. In recognition of her outstanding contributions, the society honored Mrs. Wieck at its June 1st meeting. Presented to her were a certificate of appreciation, a single red rose, and three \$10 gift certificates to area restaurants. Special thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Spence who expertly framed the certificate of appreciation. Congratulations Mrs. Wieck and many thanks!!!

FUTURE K.C.H.S. PRES. 20??

The society extends its congratulations to Joseph and Carolyn Gastright, the proud parents of a newborn baby boy, 9-1b. Douglas Alexander, born August 20 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD; ANNUAL ELECTIONS

In April 1982, Mr. Don Barlow resigned the Presidency of our society following acceptance of a new job position which entailed further responsibilities, and which involved a work schedule that conflicted with our society's meetings. According to the official bylaws of the society, Mr. Paul Tenkotte, then Vice-President, assumed the duties of the President until the annual September elections.

Annual elections for the society will be held on Tuesday evening, September 21, 1982, at Kenton County Public Library, Covington. Nominees for offices thus far are as follows:

President	Mr. John Boh
Vice-Pres.	Mr. John Burns Mr. Damien Hils
Secretary	Mrs. George Chavez
Directors (2 positions open)	Mrs. Dorothy Wieck Mr. Paul Tenkotte

All dues paying members are invited to submit additional nominations up until election time, and to participate in final voting. Write or call Paul Tenkotte, 839 St. James Ave., Park Hills, Ky. 41011, 291-5350.

The September 21st program will feature a talk and slide presentation by Mr. Frank Prudent, an avid steamboat enthusiast and veteran of numerous trips aboard the Delta Queen, the Mississippi Queen, and the Belle of Louisville.

BON VOYAGE

Ms. Susan Enzweiler, our society's Secretary, has departed for Finland where she will spend a year living with a family and teaching them English. Ms. Enzweiler recently received her M.A. in History from the University of Cincinnati. In recognition of her hard work and dedication as our Secretary, the society presented her with a certificate of appreciation at our annual picnic held on August 21st. Many thanks, Sue, and best of luck!!!

PICNIC

The annual picnic of the society, held at Devou Park on Saturday, August 21, was a great success. In all, about 14 people attended the event. The day was unusually bright and clear, but rain the previous week forced cancellation of our hike to the cemetery site in Devou Park. Members did get to view, though, the suburban development special exhibit at the Behringer-Crawford Museum. Thanks are due many people for making the day a success: Mr. Greg Harper, Director of the Behringer-Crawford Museum; Mrs. Dorothy Wieck for generously donating one of her \$10 gift certificates (which the society had given her in appreciation, see "Congratulations," page 1) to purchase fried chicken for the picnic; Mrs. Dorothy Spence for making her delicious potato salad; Ms. Joyce Sanders for bringing snacks; Ms. Susan Enzweiler for those delicious dinner rolls, biscuits, and potato bread; and Mr. Paul Tenkotte for diet soft drinks and paper products. Other soft drinks were provided.

BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD

Mr. Greg Harper, Director of the Behringer-Crawford Museum, announces that copies of the report detailing the museum's 1981 archaeological expedition at Battery Bates are now available for sale. Included is a handsome, fold-out map. Cost is \$7.50. Call Greg at the museum at 491-4003 or stop by for a visit.

1910 CENSUS

The 1910 United States Census and Index have been released for purchase from the government. Mr. Mike Averdick, Associate Director of the Kenton County Public Library, welcomes donations to enable the library to buy the 250 microfilm reels covering the state of Kentucky (the total cost for these is \$3700). A \$15.00 donation enables the library to purchase one reel and entitles the donor to have his/her name put on that reel. If interested, please contact Mike at the library at 491-7610.

BOOKS, ETC.

Many individuals have inquired as to the cost of certain items offered for sale by the Kenton County Historical Society. The following price list, adopted at the executive meeting on June 15, 1982, should prove helpful:

<u>Gentleman Farmers to City Folks</u>	\$2.50
<u>Westside Covington</u>	\$2.50
<u>Kenton County Cemeteries</u>	\$22.00
Stationary - 8 cards & envelopes	\$2.00

Address orders and make checks payable to:
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 c/o Treasurer
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The present dues paying membership of the Kenton County Historical Society now numbers about 180. Please help us in our drive to increase the membership list to 200. Mention our society to family or friends. Membership information is available on the last page.

Reminiscences continued from last issue

(The following excerpt written by Richard Yeudon Jr., editor of the Charleston Courier was published by E.S. Thomas in his Reminiscences pp. 92-102.)

The vast pork houses, where myriads of hogs are annually slaughtered, and three said to be killed and cleaned in a minute, claimed our attention; but our visit was timed during what may be termed the summer *recess* or *vacation*, and when the activity of trade had scarcely enabled the proprietors to save any portion of their bacon for our inspection.

A walk through the splendid garden of Mr. Longworth, (one of the greatest land-proprietors in Cincinnati,) adorned with native and exotic beauty, made us acquainted with one of the most elegant specimens of this branch of the fine arts we had ever witnessed. Mr. L. was not at home when we called, but he afterwards found opportunity to pay us civilities in person, and the next day sent us two bottles of wine, manufactured by him, from grapes of his own vineyard — a bottle of white, and a bottle of brown hock, the latter an excellent wine, of fine flavor. His son, and son-in-law did the honors of his mansion and grounds in his absence.

We visited also the spot where those floating palaces are built which swarm the waters of the Ohio, laden with the treasures of Western produce and merchandise, and the yet more precious freight of countless human lives; and hard by lay the wreck of the *Moselle*, associated with as sad, and as harrowing a legend, as the ill-fated *Pulaski*.

At one o'clock, P. M., we went, by appointment, to the workshop of Mr. McGrew, a highly respectable, intelligent, and ingenious mechanic and machinist, who exhibited to us some interesting inventions and experiments connected with rail road science. He showed us his machinery for propelling rail cars, by means of the condensation or compressure of common air. In his opinion, stationary reservoirs of compressed air may be established at intervals of fifteen miles, with the requisite power of propulsion. It is very problematical, however, whether this process, which has much engaged the attention of philosophers and ingenious men, and which *cæteris paribus* would be infinitely preferable to steam, can ever be practically applied.

Another invention which this gentleman exhibited to us, and which seems more practical in its character, consists in such a construction of the *rail*, and a corresponding apparatus to the *car*, as to render it impossible for

the latter to run off the former. In the model shown us, the rail is furnished with an upper and inward flange, and the car with a pair of horizontal wheels in front, having grooves, of which the flange of the rail forms the tongue. The wheels are so constructed and placed, that no portion of the weight of the car presses on them, and they are, therefore, subject to little or no friction. Similar hind wheels may be added. The effect of this invention is to confine the car to the road, even when passing along the sharpest curves; and consequently to increase the safety and speed, and lessen the expense of construction. We here closed our morning's tour, and returned to our hotel to dinner, at which General Harrison and Dr. Warder, a gentleman who paid us many attentions, joined our party.

After dinner, according to previous arrangement, we commenced a tour to avail ourselves of various proffered hospitalities; and never before, I verily believe, were so many and such kindly ones compressed within so small a period. We were literally in danger of being killed with kindness, and had no little difficulty in eating and drinking our way through in safety and sobriety.

Our first visit was to Mr. Casey, at Covington, another of the Kentucky directors of the Railroad, where our hospitable but perilous ordeal commenced, in the shape of tempting wines and viands.

We next proceeded to the residence of the Hon. W. W. Southgate, member of congress from that part of Kentucky, where we were entertained in the like handsome manner.

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MEMBERSHIP and DUES STATEMENT

The time has come once again for most members to renew their memberships in the society. Please use this form if you have not already sent in your dues. Any new members joining for a two year period (\$10) will receive a free copy of one of the following:

- Beginning at the Point: a Documented History of Northern Kentucky and Environs, the Town of Covington, Kentucky in Particular, 1751-1834 by Allen Webb Smith
- Westside Covington, a Walking Tour by John H. Boh and Howard W. Boehmker
- Gentlemen Farmers to City Folks: a Study of Wallace Woods, Covington, Kentucky by Dr. Joseph F. Gastright

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INDIVIDUAL.....	\$5.00	
STUDENT.....	\$2.00	
CONTRIBUTING.....	\$10.00	
BUSINESS, INSTITUTIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL.....	\$15.00	
SUSTAINING.....	\$50.00	
LIFETIME.....	\$100.00	

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