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KENTON COUNTY OFFICERS FROM 1776 TO 1888

In 1884, in the Daily Commonwealth newspaper, O. J. Wiggins listed over 100 names of court officers and legislators primarily from Kenton County but also Campbell County before 1840 when the region was one county. Recently John Boh compiled brief, biographical "abstracts" of each and arranged them alphabetically. It could be a wonderful help for your research. Cost: \$2.00, including mailing.

COVINGTON HOUSING FAIR

Volunteers are needed for the KCHS booth at the trade fair of the Covington Housing Fair to be held Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21, 11 AM to 6 PM each day. The purpose of the fair is to promote the variety of Covington housing opportunities, as well as neighborhood business and historical resources. KCHS needs help in designing our booth and manning and "womaning" the booth the days of the fair. If you can help, please call John Boh, 491-0490 at home, or 292-2188.

Needed: Computer Skills and Time

KCHS has numerous handwritten research projects which we would like to publish. We need someone who can enter this data onto computer disk so that we can transfer them to publishing form. If you have the time and no computer, the Society's computer is available. Please call Karl Lietzenmayer, 261-2807 or John Boh, 491-0490 (H), or 292-2124.

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K.C.H.S. MEETING NOTICE

DATE Tuesday, April 9, 7 PM
PLACE Kenton County Library,
Covington
PROGRAM: Dr. Joseph Gastright
The Second Suspension Bridge:
The History of the Suspension
Bridge since 1880

As a follow-up program, the May meeting includes Saturday walking tour of the Suspension Bridge accompanied by an engineer of the Kentucky Department of Highways. Meet on the west walk of the bridge where the Covington floodwall runs under it. Lunch at a Covington riverfront restaurant is optional. Mark your calendars for May 18, 10:30 AM. Rain date is planned.

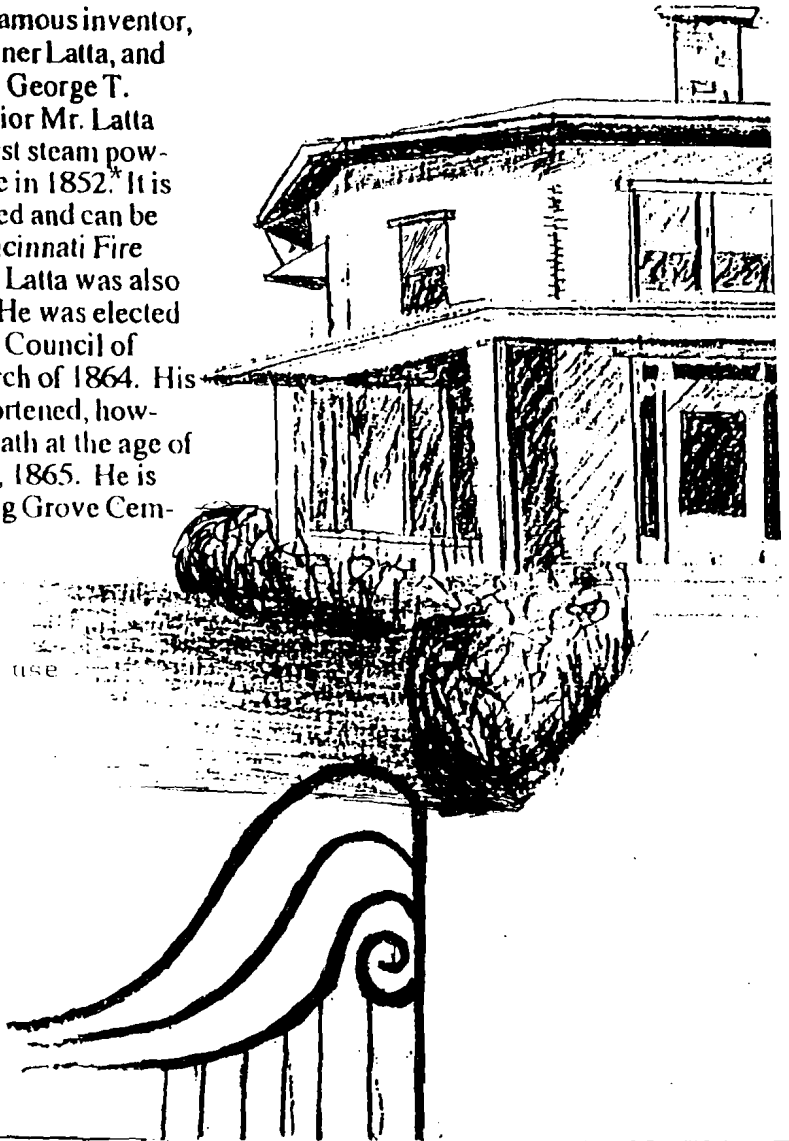
The Latta House

The Latta House, located on Latta Street in Ludlow, is a duo-decagon porch circles three of the twelve sides. Each side equals 13 feet 2 inches, and 1 or Not.

The ten-room house features a leaded stained-glass skylight above the four bedrooms.

The unusual house was designed by a famous inventor, Alexander Bonner Latta, and built by his son George T. Latta. The Senior Mr. Latta invented the first steam powered fire engine in 1852.* It is presently housed and can be seen in the Cincinnati Fire Museum. Mr. Latta was also civic minded. He was elected to the first City Council of Ludlow in March of 1864. His duties were shortened, however, by his death at the age of 44 on April 28, 1865. He is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery.

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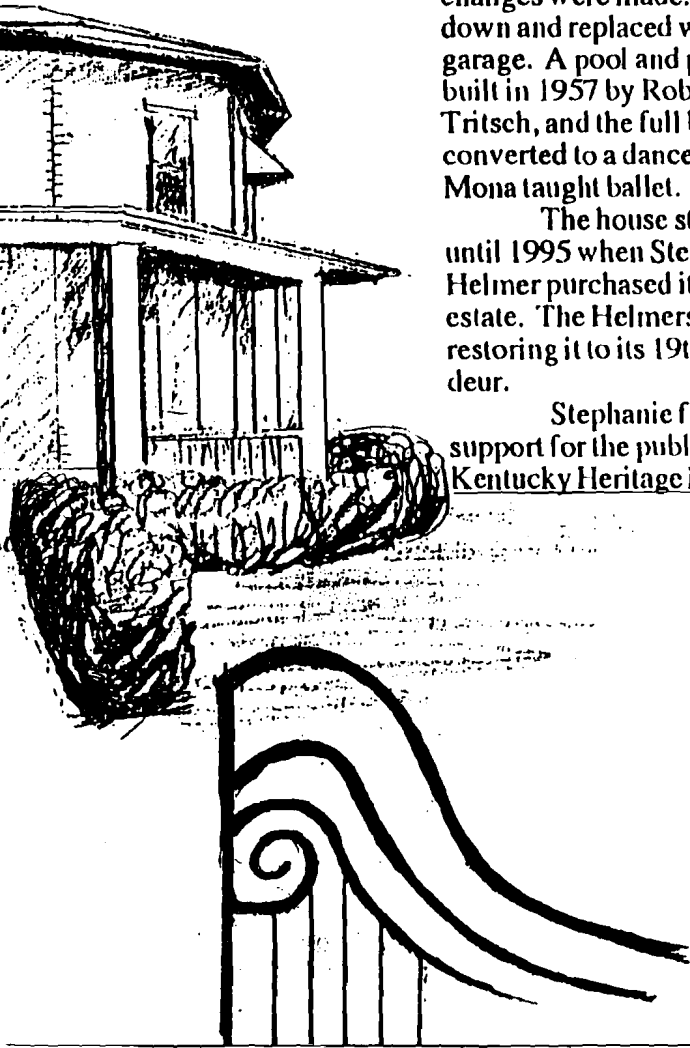
of Ludlow

(sided), two-story beige brick home built in 1900 to 1902. A large front porch has been noted in the Guinness Book of Records as well as Ripley's Believe It or Not. A balcony upstairs surrounds the staircase and the

In 1930, the Stroup and Tritsch families acquired the house. As the house passed through the family, changes were made. A barn was torn down and replaced with a four-car garage. A pool and pool house were built in 1957 by Robert and Mona Tritsch, and the full basement was converted to a dance studio where Mona taught ballet.

The house stayed in the family until 1995 when Steve and Stephanie Helmer purchased it from the Tritsch estate. The Helmers are lovingly restoring it to its 19th-Century grandeur.

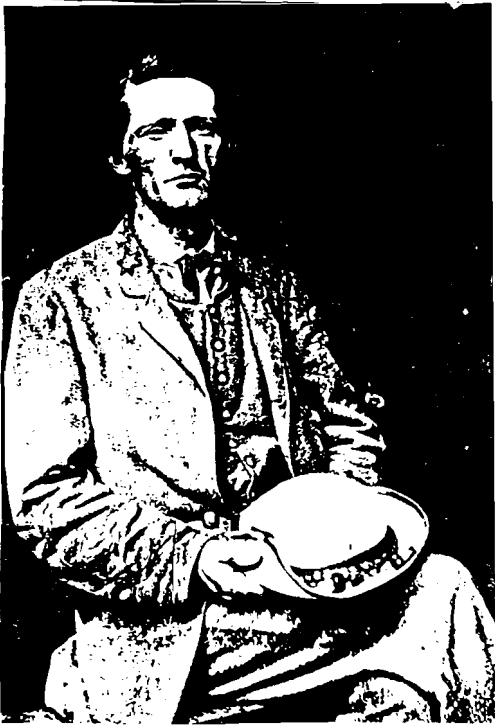
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**REBEL RAIDER AND GREY GHOST:
JOHN H. MORGAN AND JOHN S. MOSBY
IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

**A Presentation by Dr. James Ramage,
Professor at Northern Kentucky University**

**7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13,
in the Science Lecture Hall
at Thomas More College**



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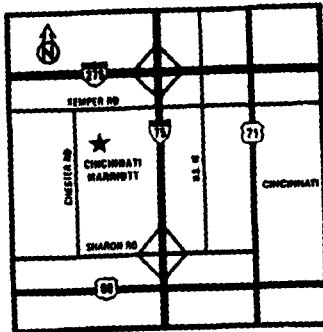
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