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KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY P. O. Box 641 Covington, KY 41012

AT OUR MEETING OF JULY 11 IT WAS AGREED NOT TO HAVE A REGULAR PROGRAM IN AUGUST. HOWEVER -

Historical and cultural organizations: You are invited to an outreach program where common issues and concerns about historical and cultural activities will be discussed. Sponsored by the KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM. Kenton County Library, Covington. Wednesday, August 16, 1:30 p. m.

Members, friends:

You are invited to a picnic sponsored by the PENDLETON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOC. Multipurpose building, Kincade lake, Saturday, August 19. Members, friends:

Our next (our annual election) meeting of the KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOC. scheduled as follows: Villa Madonna school, Amsterdam road, Villa Hills, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m.

(For the above meetings watch for posslble alteration in scheduling)



HISTORY OF COVINGTON

by O. J. Wiggins

Daily Commonwealth, October 24, 1884

(Twenty-first in a series)

1846

January 1--The following members of Council were elected, two from each ward: G. B. Connelly and Samuel Kennedy; J. B. McNickle and Daniel Mooar; C. A. Withers and H. J. Groesbeck; F. G. Gedge and William Ernst; William E. Ashbrook and John Wolf.

January 8--At the First meeting H. J. Groesbeck was chosen President without opposition.

John Colvin was elected City Clerk over C. A. McLaughlin.

G. F. Laney was unanimously elected City Marshal.

John B. Lendrum (1) was elected City Treasurer, defeating G. B. Marshall, James Jones, S. M. Moore and Daniel Seymour.

William Co--o was elected Jailer and Sexton over John Galboy.

J. M. Bowen was elected Assessor, defeating A. H. Jameson, C. A. McLaughlin, and Lewis M. Rees.

Lewis M. Rees was chosen Assistant Assessor, defeating William Maxwell and C. A. McLaughlin.

Simeon Perry was elected Market Master, over B. A. Collins and R. Dunlap.

Jacob Hardin was elected Police Commissioner.

S. T. Wall was elected City Attorney, defeating G. F. Goodhue and G. W. Cutter.

R. H. Perry and Worthington Connelly were appointed Deputy Marshals.

William Ernst resigned as a School Visitor and A. H. Jameson was appointed.

January 22--John Bowen resigned as City Assessor.

January 26--C. A. McLaughlin (2) was elected City Assessor, defeating William Maxwell, J. Clemmons, and B. S. Hoffman.

Fire Wardens were elected as follows:

1st Ward--L. C. Bakes (3), James Adams

and R. Lancaster. 2nd Ward--J. B. Wells, John McDonald and H. Lewis

3rd Ward--D. Saville, R. H. Ball and Wm. Hopkins, Sr.

4th Ward--A. R. Hughes, J. C. Peacher and W. A. Eliot.

5th Ward--Jacob Wolf, Enos Pratt and W. H. Fox.

March--The rate of taxation was fixed as 40 cents on the \$100 valuation and \$1.50 on each male over 21 years of age.

May 15--John Wolf resigned his seat in council.

May 25--John A. Goodson was elected member of Council from the Fifth Ward to succeed Mr. Wolf.

June 8--An ordinance was passed creating the office of Health Officer, and John Harrison was chosen to fill the office.

EARLY NEWSPAPERS

Among the early publications of this --was the Kent-on Bugle, printed and published every Friday by Jacob Musselman (4), Garrard street between Second and Third, Covington, The name was a play upon the the cel-Ky. ebrated "Kent Bugle" and the county (Kenton) where the paper was published. The publisher, who is still living and who is well known to our older citizens, has in his possession a bound series of the paper, which is quite a curiosity. The first number was issued April 10th, 1840 and bears the motto, "Union of the Whigs for the sake of the Union. One Presidential term. The integrity of the pubic servants. The safety of the public money and the general good of the people."

"Edited by a committee of the Covington Tippecanoe Club." It was a campaign ---- of unswerving devotion to "Tippecanoe and Tyler too,"(5) and its four pages, twelve by nineteen, had room throughout its whole course for very few advertisements, and less local. A cutout of a log cabin, whittled out with a jackknife, by Jas. B. Jones, the present Cashier of the Covington National Bank, is one of the curiosities, and would put to shame some

of the vaunted wood cuts of the present day. In the issue of May --. 1840. the editor says: Our Bugle." The Lexington Intelligencer is at a loss to know why we put the "on" between We answer now for Kent and Bugle. full creation--having nothing else to do in that we in Kenton county and albeit in the аге Kent Bugle on blow--nevertheless we have not forgotten old Simon whose surname was Kenton."

Our readers will remember that this was the period when Maine went hell-bent for Governor Kent; hence the "Kent Bugle" we suppose.

Two interesting events of the times are described as follows:

LOG CABIN RAISING IN NEWPORT. On Saturday last (June 6, 1840), the hard cider men of old Campbell, in spite of the rain which came down in torrents nearly all day, finished and took possession of their "log cabin." We had feast of reason and flow of cider. Johnny cakes. large and savory from six inches to sixteen feet in length, buckeye bowls groaning with beef and bacon. and mutton. and all other little fixings to stay the stomach withal, and the speeches of Mr. Southgate. then саме Messrs. Johnson. Carey and Har- of Cincinnati. Jonas ---- and Major Mr. Harris and Col. Taylor, of Newport, full of argument. of eloquence, of ---ing and patriotism. Our Campbell county neighbors do things the right way."

KENTON COUNTY LOG CABIN RAISING: The people assembled in vast number on Wednesday last June 17 on the point below this city (the farm of Col. Ludlow) for the purpose of building a substantial hewn log cabin and listening to the cause of our ---- portrayed with burning zeal by orators.

The meeting was organized by calling M. M. Benton to the chair and aided by A. P. Sandford as Vice President. A. H. Jameson and Dr. D. W. R-nnals were appointed secretaries.

The people were first addressed by Dr. Armstrong Stewart in a very feeling and eloquent speech, which did him great credit for his effort. Then by Mr. Southgate, Mr. Carey, and Col. Vaughn, all of whom were listened to by the people were profound interest, cheered on ever and --by the shouts of enthusiastic and patriotic people."

Under date September 25 the following advertisement appears:

EXTENSIVE SALE OF TOWN LOTS.

In Covington, Kentucky, on Monday, 28th inst. commencing at 9 o'clock a.m., will be offered for sale at public auction on the premises a variety of town lots in the rear of Covington, Ky, situated on Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth street and on Greenup. Madison, Scott, Washington, Russell, and Bachelor (6) street in the immediate vicinity of the college buildings now erecting on the public square, which is bordered by Madison on the East. and Eleventh on the South. These lots to be offered must of necessity rapidly increase the value from the fact alone that one of the main edifices on the public square and the various improvements connected therewith are rapidly progressing. Many handsome private residences also in the vicinity have been erected during the past season. and others are in progress of erection and on condition that handsome improvements will be made thereon within twelve of eighteen months. There will be sold at the same time a few lots containing one or more acres beautifully situated near the public square. Persons in the city wishing to purchase a cheap building with a high and healthful situation, overlooking the city of Cincinnati and within five or ten minutes walk of the river, will have the opportunity of selecting most desirable locations for the purpose. The sale will take place on the ground commencing on Bachelor street, on Banklick road, a few rods above the former residence of Major Fowler.

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One fourth cash, balance on the equal notes of 6, 12 and 18 months with interest secured by mortgages on the premises. An unquestionable title will be given. Every lot offered will be absolutely sold to the highest bidder at whatever price it may bring. A plot of the ground will be shown together with such further information as may be desired at any time previous to the sale, by application to P. S. Bush, of the Branch of the Northern Bank of Kentucky or to the Bank of Kentucky at Covingon or to the general agent living on the premises, or at the Protection Insurance Offices, Fourth street, Cincinnati.

This ends all of local interest in this volume. Mr. Musselman says he had another volume of bound copies of his paper that was published several months longer, but that he loaned it to Hon. Mr. Wall when he was making a race for Congress, and it was lost.

In this connection it may be well to say that persons having in their possession any paper published in Covington at this early day or knowing of the existence of any will confer an obligation by leaving word of the same at the COMMONWEALTH office.

(End notes)

1. Several years later J. B. Lendrum was appointed City Clerk in place of John W. Clemmons (C. J. 8-31-49). J. B. Lendrum, born Virginia, boards at the White Mansion (1839-40 directory); John B. Lendrum, real estate agent, north side of Fifth between Madison and Russell (1860 directory); J. B. Lendrum, J. P., office e. s. Madison between Pike and Sixth, home e. s. of Greenup near Pourth (1866 directory); J. B. Lendrum, residence 619 Scott street (1876 directory). J. B. Lendrum, City Clerk, born Virginia (1850 Census); John Lendrum, age 45, Bookkeeper, born Virginia (1860 census); John B. Lendrum, 63, U. S. Storekeeper, born Virginia (1870 census).

2. C. A. McLaughlin, auctioneer, Austin's subdivision, between Powell's ground and Corporation line (1860 directory); C. A. McLaughlin, Tobacconist, s. s. Pike between Washington and Banklick, home e. s. Greenup between Fifth and Seventh (1866 Directory); C. A. McLaughlin, auctioneer, home 1040 Russell (1894 directory). Charles McLaughlin, 41, merchant, born in Kentucky (1860 Census); Charles A. McLaughlin, 52, wholesale tobacco merchant, born in Kentucky (1870 census); C. H. (A.) McLaughlin, 62, born in Kentucky (1880 census). Mrs. C. A. McLaughlin, age 79, died at Big Bone Springs, Boone county, where the couple had moved a few years ago. Survivors included the following: sons Judge William P., C. A., Jr., and E. B., all of Covington; daugh-Mrs. Frank T. Clark, of Matton, 111., Mrs. Robert T. ters. Pickes (Fickland?) of Maysville, and Mrs. Dr. Orr of Campbell county (K. P., 8-3-01). "For over half a century Charles Albert

McLaughlin ... was a resident of Covington, and up to five years ago was an active businessman....86 years old...McLaughlin was quite wealthy. He formerly resided where the Colonial Flats now stand on Greenup between Fifth and Sixth streets." His wife preceded him in death. "At the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary four generations were represented, Wma. P. McLaughlin and his son Wm. P., Jr. and Charles, the son of Wm. P., Jr.," and their patriarch (K. P. 3-25-04).

3. L. C. Bakes, Junior, was secretary for the "Kentucky Fire Company No. 2" (D. C. 9-7-49). L. C. Bakes, Senior, advertised for sale his "Tavern Stand" containing "some 60 rooms" located "two squares from the river" on Greenup street. Also he wanted to sell his farm of some 436 acres located "47 miles from Covington and 37 from Lexington." Signed L. C. Bakes, Senior, Franklin house (C. J. -22-51). L. C. Bakes, 60, hotel keeper, born in England (1850 census); Lewis Bakes, 70, landlord (1860 census). L. C. Bakes, senior, died, well known in Covington, "and for many years proprietor of the Franklin house" (C. J. 1-19-61).

4. In 1827 David Musselman had been elected town trustee and in 1829 and 1830 William Musselman was elected. William Musselman, tobacconist, Fourth street between Greenup and Garrard (1834 directory) William Musselman, born Maryland, residence corner Fourth and Sanford (1839-40 directory). Jacob Musselman. west side of Sanford between Third and Fourth (1860 directory); Jacob Musselman, alley between Third and Fourth and Greenup and Garrard (1866 directory); Jacob Musselman, printer, residence rear of 328 Greenup (1876 directory). Jacob Musselman, age 30, grocer, born Ohio (1850 census); Jacob Musselman, 40. printer. born Ohio (1860 Census); Jacob Musselman, 50, works printer, born Ohio (1870 census); Jacob Musselman, 60, printer, born Ohio (1880 census).

5. In 1840 the Covington Whigs carved a hard cider and log cabin presidential campaign, with an anti aristocrat theme, symbolized by log cabin raisings in Campbell and Kenton counties, with the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler too." Jacob Musselman's Kento-on Bugle promoted William Harrison of North Bend. Ohio the Whig candidate, and John Tyler, the States Rights Whig from Vir-On the other side, the outspoken Democrat, George J. ginia. Trotter of Covington, then suspended publication of his Western Globe newspaper from April to November in order to publish Yankee Doodle as a special campaign organ for the reelection of Martin Van Buren, and of Kentuckian Richard Johnson for Vice-president. Locally Trotter was successful, for Van Buren carried Kenton and Campbell counties, while, of course, Harrison won nationally (John E. Burns, History of Covington to 1865, unpublished).

6. Bachelor is now West Robbins street.

(Transcription and end notes by John Boh)

HISTORY OF COVINGTON By O. J. Wiggins Daily Commonwealth, November 1, 1884 (Twenty-second in a series)

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN COVINGTON

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The following from the pen of the Rt. Rev. Father Brandts, V. G. (1) gives a succinct account of the foundation of the Catholic church in the diocese, and is a full history of the Mother of God church.

year of 1839 is a memorable one The for Catholic history of the city and diocese the of Covington, for it was the year the Catholic church came into existence. In that year the Rt. Rev. Father H. S. (Sic) Montgomery built A little church in Fifth street where the Seminary of the little Sisters of the Poor now stands and placed under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Two years later another priest, the Rev. Father Fred [Ferdinand] Kuhr. came to Covington to minister the spiritual wants of the German speaking Catholics. He about twenty of thirty German families found Covington and vicinity. At first in divine were held for them in the church of services English speaking Catholics on the Fifth street. This was soon found to be very inconvenient, because the church was small, and moreover, they were compelled to have the services after the services of the English speaking Catholics. In order to overcome this difficulty Father Kuhr rented a Hall on Scott street. between Third and Fourth (corner of the alley on the west side, Ed.), and held divine services there. Then he rented a frame building on Pike street for school purposes (where Schottler's furniture facility now stands--Ed.). The little congregation SOOD felt the necessity of having their own church; so in the beginning of April, 1842 a committee appointed to take steps for the erection Was of a German Catholic church. A lot on which the new church was to be built was bought on street and on Monday the 4th day Sixth oſ April 1842 the cornerstone was laid by Father

The Catholics of Covington and Cincin-Kuhr. nati took part in the celebration and marched in procession from the little Catholic church on Scott street to the site of the new church. was the beginning of the Mother of Such God congregation of Covington, Ky. The document which was placed in the cornerstone read 88 follows: "Under the pious and happy government of Pope Gregory XVI, the sovereign ruler of the Church of God: under the Episcopacy of the Rt. Rev. C. B. Flaget, of Louisville, and his coadjutor. Rt. Rev. S. J. Chabrat. Bishop of Bolivia; under John M. Tyler, President of the United State of America; Robert Letcher, Governor of the State of Kentucky, and Moses Grant. Mayor of Covington. this cornerstone laid by Rev. Fred Kuhr, alumnus of was the propaganda at Rome, and first pastor of this Church for the German Roman Catholic church. which is dedicated to God under the invocation of the annunciation of the ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God."

The first congregation worked very hard to raise the means to build their church and in the beginning of August they had the happiness to see the walls under roof, and finally it was completed and ready for dedication the 30th of October. On the Sunday previous the dedication was published in all the churches of Cincinnati. Several thousand people came over from Cincinnati to take part in the dedication services. At 9 o'clock a. all **m** . the societies of Cincinnati and Covington received the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chabrat who was coadjutor to the Bishop of Louisville (at this time, Covington belonged to the Louisville diocese), on the Ohio river, and conducted him in the procession to the church. It was estithat about 4000 persons marched in mate procession, certainly a large number if we consider that in 1845 gives a population of and 293 colored persons. The whites church was 95 feet long and 50 feet wide. After the dedication Father Kuhr sang a High Mass and preached an elegant sermon. He also took occasion to heartily thank all those who had contributed toward the erection of the new

The Rt. Rev. Bishop officiated at church. solemn Vespers in the afternoon, after which he confirmed about 30 persons. This was 8 grand and glorious day for the Catholics of Not the slightest disturbance Covington. marred the order of the day. It was now necessary to raise money to pay off debts contracted in building the church. So Mr. Henry Horstman went to Baltimore and Philadelphia in March. 1843 in order to collect money (2). He succeeded in raising a purse of \$3-8. The other members of the Church Committee did everything in their power to pay off the debt. Finally their labors were crowned with success. During the year 1843 the Rev. Father Kuhr left for Europe for the purpose of collecting money. He collected the important sum of \$1.800. While Father Kuhr was in Europe the wants of the congregation were attended by Rev. Father N. Heiss, the present Arch-Bishop of Milwaukee.

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The first school edifice erected was я brick building 30 x 18 feet. and was built at the rear of the church. In a few years the building became too small, and in order to meet the difficulty a new 3 story house WAS erected in 1862, which is used as a school house at the present time. Meanwhile Covington received an influx of immigration. and the new church became too small to accommodate the great number of souls that belonged to the congregation. so it was decided to build an addition to the church in such a way that the church would represent the form of a cross. In the year 1851 these newly erected parts were dedicated by Rt. Rev. Martin Henry, Bishop of Milwaukee. On March 25. 1852 (the patron feast of the church) the high altar was blesses by Archbishop Purcell in the presence of an immense concourse of clergy and laity. The Archbishop then sang High Mass for the first time on the new alter. This altar is still used in Mother of God church. The congregation, being the second oldest in the city of Covington, proposed to erect a new and commodious edifice that would answer the present and future wants of the fast increasing

Catholic population. Rev. Father Kuhr had for a long time desired to honor the Blessed Virgin with a splendid church as proof of his filial devotion, so he made known his intentions to the congregation and it was unanimously agreed upon to take immediate steps to build a grand house of worship. The new church was raised by degrees as the old one was taken down. On the 3d of July, 1870, the cornerstone of the present Mother of God Church was laid in the presence of a large assembly of people. Rev. Father Joseph Dwenger, the present Bishop of Ft. Wayne, preached an eloquent sermon on the occasion.

The work was pushed forward rapidly by the united endeavors of Father Kuhr and his people. The good pastor had long desired to see the new church completed, but the providence of God does decided otherwise, and he was called to receive the reward of the faithful servant on the 28th of November, 1870.

Father Ross, of the diocese of New York, succeeded Father Kuhr. Under his supervision the church was completed. Right Reverend Bishop Toebbe blessed the new church on the 10th of September 1881. Immediately after the blessing he celebrated Pontifical High Mass. Archbishop Purcell was present and preached the sermon. Bishop Toebbe presided at the Pontifical Vespers. The cost of the new church amounted to \$94,600. The congregation have every reason to proud of their labor, for they can now dutifully say that they have one of the finest churches in Covington or Cincinnati. The church is made very conspicuous to the neighboring cities by its two towers and dome. The whole building is a monument of architectural beauty, built ac-cording to the Roman style. It fronts 87 feet with a depth of 170 feet. The towers are 200 feet high. On entering the church the visitor is presented with a view of three grand aisles, the largest being 40 feet wide and 156 feet long. The other two are of equal size, having a width of 17 feet and a depth of 138 feet. The main aisle is separated from

side aisles by heavy iron columns, the according to the Corinthian style, The ----is rich and beautiful. In the year 1876 a organ was purchased, costing \$7,803. It new i s one of the finest, if not the finest in the Rev. William Tappert, after returning West. from his European tour in 1882, brought with him a picture of Our Lady of Perpetual help which was blessed by Pope Leo the XIII, and presented to the congregation. The picture placed in the church where it is daily WAS visited by great numbers of the faithful who wish to venerate the Virgin Mother and obtain, through her intercession, temporal and spiritual favors in their hour of trial and affliction. It has in fact become a shrine where pilgrims from far and near meet to honor God and the Virgin Mary.

(End notes)

1. Very Rev. Eberhardt H. Brandts (1828-1885), Vicar General, native of Holland; buried in St. Mary's cemetery, Ft. Mitchell (Rev. Paul E. Ryan, History of the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky, on the Occasion of the Centenary of the Diocese, 1853-1953).

2. The Catholics were "chiefly indebted" to "the munificent charity of Mr. G. R. Stringer of New Orleans" for the building of St. Mary's church (Catholic Telegraph, quoted by Ryan). Stephen H. Montgomery of Covington to John Henry Horstmann "in Cincinnati" lot 13, 150 feet north of Sixth street, west side of Russell, near city corporation line, part of tract conveyed by Stringer to Montgomery, and laid out by Montgomery into lots (DB O, June 1839).

John S. Bush to Bishop Flaget of Kentucky, a 75 x 200 foot lot, south side of Sixth, west of Washington street (DB 3, p. 43, Septem-Bush to Henry "Hurstman" two parcels between Washington ber 1843). street and the lot where the first Mother of God church was built (DB 3, October, 1843). Robert and Jane Wailace to Henry Horstman lot 5 and lot 6, Wallace subdivision, a "slip of land" between Madison street and old Banklick road created by the extension south of the formmer (DB 5, July, 1846). A. H. Jameson, Master Commissioner, to Henry Horstman land of Melancthon Rogers, immediately north of Prospect street, lots 23, 24, and also the south half of lot 22 which had 125 feet of frontage on the turnpike, now called Madison avenue (DB 7, April 1847). Mooar and Clayton to Henry Hurstman lot 34, immediately south of Prospect street west side of Banklick turnpike, Kenton Hill property, described in Circuit Court files regarding

adjudication of Rogers property (DB 7, June 1847). Sloop to Henry Hurstman lot 27 of Thomas D. Kennedy's survey of Prospect Hill l n county, over eleven and one-half and over two and Kenton three-fourths acres (DB 8, January 1848). Jameson to Henry Horstman, part of lot 34 (DB 25, July 1854). Huller to Henry Hurstman, Kenton Hill property off Prospect street (MB 2, May 1857). B. F. Sanford and others to Henry Horstman through Master Commissioner C. G. Wallace near Banklick creek and Banklick turnpike, two lots, 12 and 13, lands of Sanford, over 3 acres (DB 2, March 1858).

Kenton County deed records show Horstman selling property, some Henry Horstman to John B. pertinent to Church history. Purcell. Bishop of Cincinnati "all that lot number twenty four (24)" as designated on the map of the land of Rogers as drawn by A. W. Gilbert, being the same lot conveyed to Horstman, in 1847, by A. H. Jameson, "heretofore set aside and appropriated and now used by the German Catholic Congregation of Covington as a Grave Yard...." (DB 11, May 1849) Henry Horstman and wife Elizabeth to Bishop George A. Carrell a tract adjoining a parcel previously sold to John B. Purcell for a grave yard (DB 1, March 1860). In 1887 Father Wm. Tappert wrote the Bishop in the name of five parishes--Mother of God, St. Joseph. St. Aloysius, St. Augustine, and St. Benedict--recommending establishing a more spacious cemetery on the Independence pike. Mother of God cemetery was incorporated in 1888. In 1928 the Bishop made a final request for transferral of remains from Buena Vista--also called St. Joseph's cemetery--near present-day West Twenty-sixth street and Madison avenue (The Messenger, April 14, 1991).

Horstmann developed "Horstman's addition" and sold spaces to St. Hary's Roman Catholic German burying ground (DB 31, 89, 184, 365, 577 (1857). Horstman sold off various residential lots including to Catholic acquaintances: one-half of lot 6 to Catherine Horstman; Henry and now wife Elizabeth, lot 5, Wallace subdivision, to Bernadina Nuxhall (DB 13 and 16).

In the 1840s and early 1850s financiers established the Covington and Lexington railroad right of way. Regarding "Buena Vista" Henry Horstman transferred, in a mortgage arrangement, what "known as the Buena Vista Property," located just south of the WAS first tollhouse. It was then occupied as a hotel, fronting three hundred and fifty feet on the turnpike and running back "80 or 90 feet" to the railroad right-of-way (DB 22, November 1853). However, in 1861-62 a Henry Horstman operated a tavern because the court allowed to keep a tavern "at his house known as the Buena Vista House" (Order Book 1, October, 1861), and again granted to Horstman a tavern licence (Order book 1, November, 1862). Henry Horstman, 48, hotel proprietor, Oldenberg Germany (1860 census); Henry "Hortman," 58. farmer, Oldenberg (1870 census). Catherine Horstman, west side of Hadison, south of Corporation line (1876 directory).

(Transcription and end notes by John Boh)

The meeting on the picturesque patio of the Carneal House was well attended. After the business meeting, the members were given a short tour and background by gracious hosts Karen and Peter Rafuse.

The business meeting discussed the following:

1) The treasurer position is still unfilled. Her elections for the Society are scheduled for Fall.

About 10% of questionaires sent last month have been returned. John Boh reminded all present to remember to send them in. They will be summarized by Peggy Lietzenmayer after an appropriate time period.
 A person to guide the formation of a comprehensive historical subject list for potential research.

4) Carol Wenger announced that she is still studying grant proposals. She will be attending a class on this subject to give her more expertise.
5) Several persons have volunteered to assist Betty Foster or John Boh when mailings occur.

6) A request for ICHS membership list was made. It was decided to make the mames available upon request but to omit street addresses to protect privacy of members.

 A proposal to design a publicity brochure for the Society was approved and will be designed by Jin Kelly's staff for use throughout the county.
 The Society elections scheduled for Fall prompted a need to publicize and explain the offices and call for nominees in the <u>Bulletin</u>.

<u>Board Member</u>: Policy making, oversees direction of activities. Requires few Board meetings, when required or called by president. Open to all members regardless of local residency or not.

Treasurer: Keep simple accounts. Some check writing (2 - 3 per month).

<u>President</u>: Direct the Society's activities, call board meetings, chair the monthly meetings, or delegate any portion. <u>Vice-President</u>: Direct the Society in absence of president.

I nominate ______ for office of ______, subject to his/her acceptance.

Signed (ICHS member in good standing)

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