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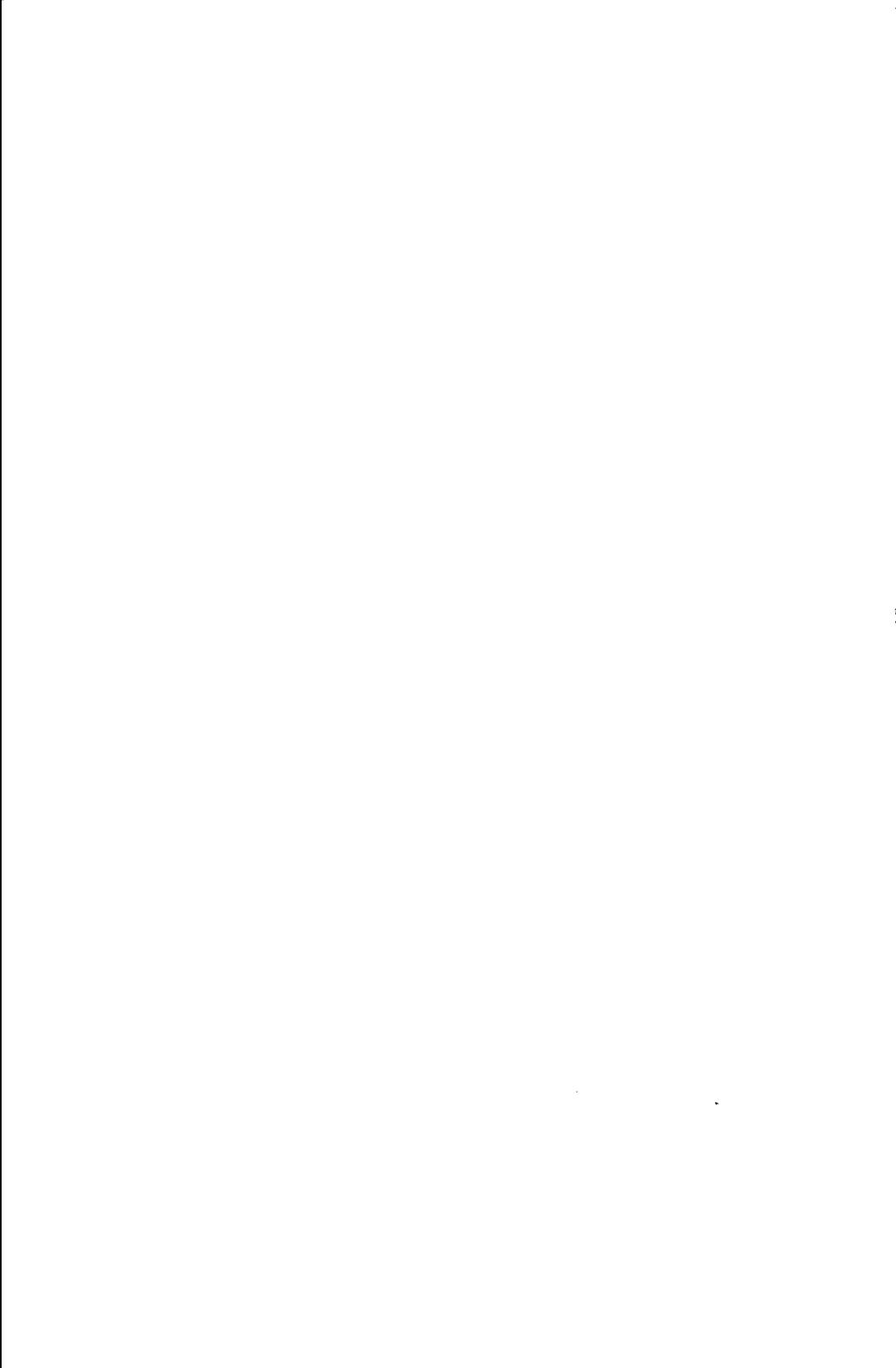
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Announcement

There will be no meeting in August, but all members of KCHS are invited to a area-wide historical society picnic.

Date Saturday, August 17
Place Kincaid Lake Multi-purpose Building
Time 10 am to 4 pm

There will be games for adults and children. Please bring a picnic lunch, and be ready for a good time!!!

Elections

Dear Member of the Kenton County Historical Society:

You have the opportunity of nominating and electing fellow members to the various offices for 1996-1997.

Every organization needs new blood. You can influence the future of the Society by nominating one or more fresh faces (as well as some current officers if you choose) who would be faithful to the needs of the Kenton County Historical Society.

Please list your preferences for the various offices up for election. The current officers and the membership would appreciate your suggestions.

Nominations, of course, are open until the final voting at our Annual meeting on September 10.

Nominate one or more fellow members for each office.

PRESIDENT _____

VICE PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

DIRECTOR _____

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Please return to:

**Kenton County Historical Society
P. O. Box 641
Covington, Kentucky 41012**

Here is a list of the current officers and the year their present term ends:

President-John Boh (1996)

Vice-president-Ted Harris (1996)

Secretary-Karl Lietzenmayer (1996)

Treasurer-Ruth Eubank (1997)

And six directors with three year terms staggered in pairs:

Dorothy Wieck (1996)

George Chavez (1996)

Joe Gastright (1997)

Shawn Ryan (1997)

Mike Averdick (1998)

Liz Gillham (1998)

Thanks.

September Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Kenton County Historical Society will be held on Tuesday evening, September 10 at the Erlanger Depot. The program will include a speaker on the history of Kenton Pottery.

A Pioneer Family in Southeast Kenton County 1790s to 1836

While researching his family at the National Archives, David Mann of San Diego, California, discovered a wealth of information about his ancestors and many other pioneer families who settled in Northern Kentucky. Of particular interest in the Archives, were documents concerning Benjamin Mann, 1770-1826, who struggled to get a pension for serving in the Third Virginia Regiment during the Revolutionary War. This information led him to the Kenton County Library, the Old Courthouse in Alexandria, as well as a cousin, five generations removed.

Benjamin Mann followed the typical migration patterns of the time. He was born in Glamorganshire, Wales, in 1750. He married Mildred Timberlake around 1770. According to records, we find him three years later, 1773, in the colonies at Louisa County, Virginia, a farmer working for Ben Timberlake. In the 1780s during the American Revolution, Virginia became the theater of action with Lafayette in Louisa County and Cornwallis in Yorktown. Benjamin was drafted into the Third Regiment in 1781.

After the Battle of Yorktown, he became ill and was furloughed from the Fourth Virginia Regiment. The family moved, along with Phillip Timberlake, to Fayette County, Kentucky sometime in the late 1780s. Benjamin is recorded in Campbell County in the 1800 Census.

At the age of 69, Benjamin gave his "oath of participation in the Revolutionary War" and statement of need in Pendleton County Circuit Court, asking for reinstatement as a pensioner. He was evidently receiving a Revolutionary War Veteran's pension as he is listed on the rolls on March 14, 1820. But veterans of the Revolutionary War had to prove a need for a pension. According to the Government, Benjamin had too much property to receive a pension, and therefore was dropped from the rolls on July 16, 1821.

The Campbell County Circuit Court denied his pension

because he did not give the oath in the county of his residence. Many friends and relatives wrote letters of support. A letter dated May 23, 1821 from M. C. Kennett states, "The old man's lamp is nearly extinguished; he will not in all probability long enjoy the bounty of his government." The most impressive letter, dated January 22, 1822, was from the hand of Benjamin himself: "Know all men by these present that I, Benjamin Mann, of the County of Campbell and the State of Kentucky, espousing especial confidence and trust in the probity, integrity and abilities of the Honourable John T. Johnson, Esq. now a member of Congress." A number of communications ensued recounting Benjamin's destitute condition and the absence of all of his twenty-three children. Four years later, his pension is finally reinstated by Congressman Johnson on January 7, 1826. Benjamin died in the spring of that year, and he probably never saw a penny of his pension, in spite of the fact that he was at the Battle of Yorktown and witnessed the surrender of 10 German Regiments and 8 British Regiments as well as General Cornwallis.

Benjamin's will listed his daughter Lucy, son Benjamin and his wife, Mildred. Mildred went to the Campbell County Court and had it changed to list all twenty-three children. Needless to say, all of the children came home from several different states for the settlement of the will. That's one way to get your family together.

Many pioneers lived around Cruise Creek. According the records, a Bartlett Graves purchased 400 acres from John Grant in 1808. This parcel covered a good portion of Cruise Creek. In the description of the deed are farms owned by Jesse Bracking, Lucy Todd, William Stephen, Benjamin Mann, and William Mann. The J. D. Lake 1876 Atlas shows the location of the William Stephens' farm and his son Leonard's farm up the creek from the bend at Oak Island Road where it intersects Hempling Road. The Atlas also shows Samuel Rich, Hume and C. B. Armstrong on Highway 14 or Rich Road. Benjamin Mann's son, Milton L. T. Mann of Clermont County finally sold the family farm to William Griffing in 1838.

In his genealogical search, David Mann met a cousin, James, five generations removed, who is descended from

Benjamin's son, Thomas, who was born in 1784 in Virginia. James lives at the corner of Highway 1303 and Mann Road. He showed David the original cabin from the late 1700s, as well as a family cemetery with headstones made of river rock. David saw four more cemeteries where members of the Mann family are buried. One of them (not indexed) is at Wilmington Baptist Church. David found 15 members of the Mann family buried there, including Richard, a son of Benjamin, as well as many other pioneer families, such as the Hightowers and the Taylors, found in old records in other places. There are no records at the church.

David Mann found the Kenton County Library to be a beautiful place to do research, and met some very helpful people who pointed him in the right direction. Through his wide search, he found a great many antidotal stories about his ancestors.

*Cruise Creek was named for Captain Cruise of Wayne's Army in 1784. The Captain while encamped with his company on the creek strayed away and was found dead in the creek the next day. He bore marks of savage violence. The land patents of that time used Captain Cruise's grave as a beginning. There is much disagreement about the location of his grave on Cruise Creek which runs some twenty miles beginning in Boone County and ending just above Morning View at the Great Licking River.

The research and much of the writing for this story was done by David Mann. For additional details such as the map locations of early farms of southeast Kenton County, or information that may be of interest to the Mann Family, you may contact David Mann, 506 Woodside Way, Susanville, California 96130-3532.

NOTICES

Kenton 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.

Needed: Volunteers

Computer Skills 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.

Do you have an interest in old photos? The Society wants to collect, label, preserve, and keep old photos, which may have historical significance, in our files for possible use in the magazine or other historical display events. We need someone who has ideas on how to publicize the need for old photos; someone to collect, label and file the photos.

If you have the skill or the interest for either of these projects, please call Karl Lietzenmayer, 261-2807 or John Boh, 491-0490 (H), or 292-2124.

FOR SALE

✓Kenton County 1860 Index -- Reduced from \$15 to \$10

✓George Roth History of Trinity Church, Covington- hardbound, 300 pages, indexed, 20 pages of black and white and color pictures and illustrations. Cost \$10 plus \$2 postage.

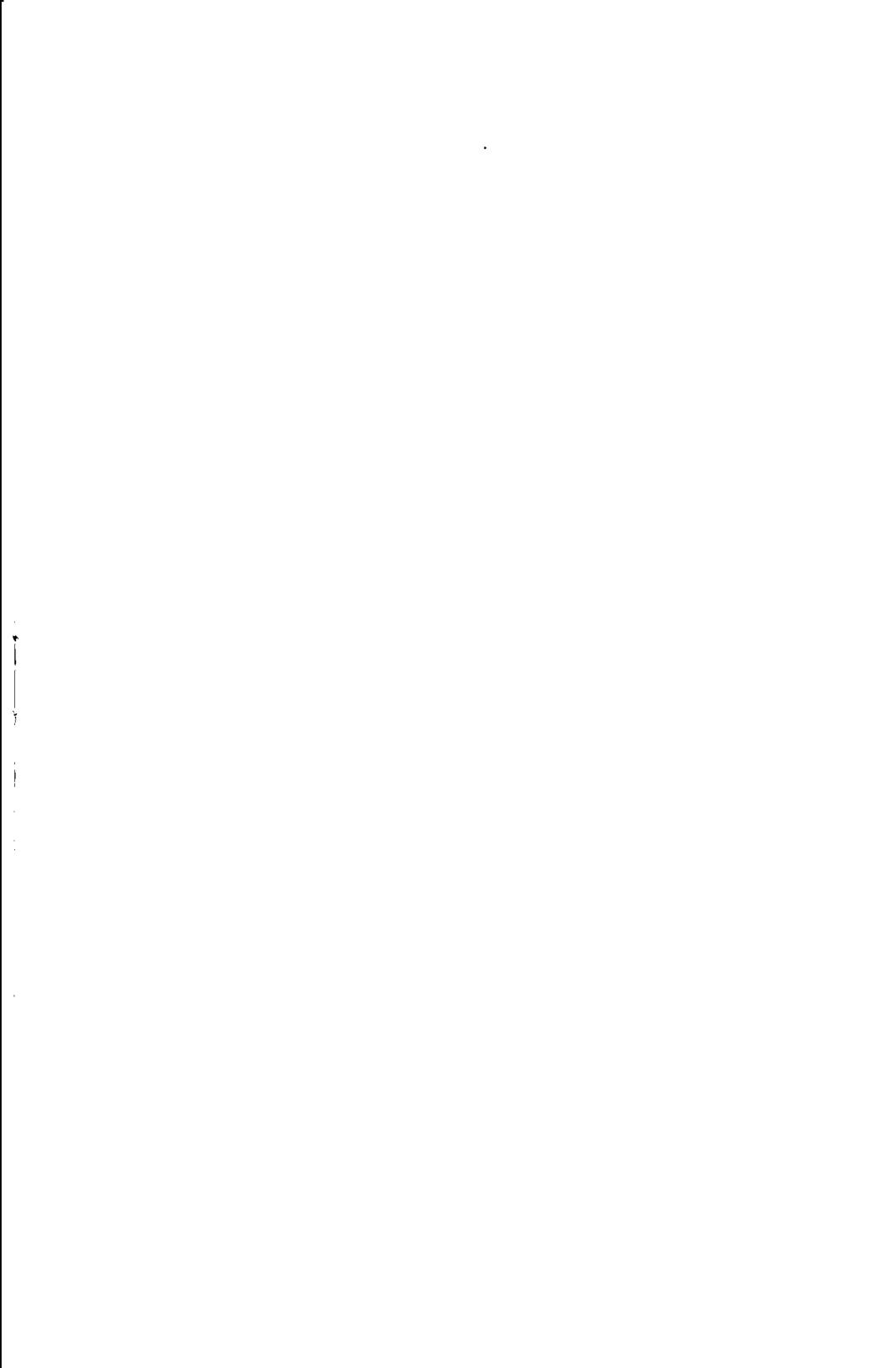
✓7 X 7 Color 1947 Photo of the Kentucky Parlor Streetcar.

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