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You are invited to the KCHS Christmas party at
Sandford House
1026 Russell Street
Covington, Kentucky 41011

on

Wednesday December 9, 1998 at 7 PM

We'll have a little libation, a bite of this and that.
We'll reminisce about Christmases past,
historic Kenton County and its exciting present.



For Information - (606)291-9133 (888)291-9133
The Craft room - elegant, queen size bed, art
Garden Suite - living room overlooks garden
Carriage House - self-contained building, 2 bedrooms
Penthouse - cozy furnished apartment, skyline

Sandford House is an historic Bed and Breakfast in the Old Seminary Square Historic District. The lovely house is owned and managed by our newest Board member, Linda Carter, and her husband, Dan.

Thomas Sandford came to Kentucky from Virginia around 1790 and soon acquired over 300 acres of land in the Northern Kentucky area. He became involved in Kentucky politics and attended the Second Constitutional Convention in 1799. Four years later, 1803, he became the first Northern Kentuckian elected to U. S. Congress.

The house was built in the early 1820's. The estate remained in the Sandford family until 1835 when it was purchased by the Western Baptist Theological Institute. They intended to use the house as the president's residence. However, in 1853, as a result of a dispute over the slavery issue between the Northern and Southern Trustees, the Institute closed. The matter was arbitrarily solved by the United States Supreme Court Justice John McLean who decreed that the property be divided equally between the two parties.

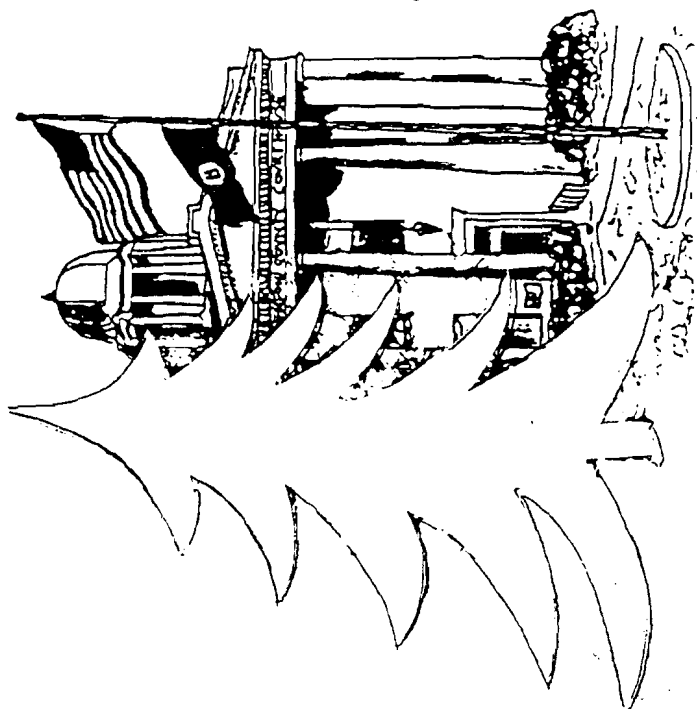
Later, in the 1890's the house was used as Miss Bristow's Boarding & Day School for Young Ladies which was an exclusive finishing school of the period.

The original house was Federal design. After an upper story fire in the 1880's, the house was changed to a Victorian style with a Mansard roof and a wing with a half octagonal bay front added.

Both the house and the district are listed in the National Register.

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