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KCHS MEETING

DATE Tuesday February 9

TIME 7 PM

PLACE Baker-Hunt
620 Greenup St.
Covington

Parking Lot on Sanford near 7th

PROGRAM A Streetcar Tour
(1857 to 1950)

Earl Clark will present an interesting slide presentation depicting sights along the streetcar routes from a bygone era in Ft. Mitchell to Ft. Thomas.

Refreshments will be served.

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From the President.....

Please refer to the annual Treasurer's report found in this issue. *Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine* revenue and expenses are accounted for separately from other Society ventures.

Regarding the main work of the Society, several reprints of historical papers, new booklets and references are progressing nicely. George Dreyer's, *Linden Grove Cemetery*, a two volume treatise, is three-quarters finished. A few copies of Volume I are left and Volume II is now being printed. Joseph Donnelly's *Newport Barracks* booklet has been edited and pictures are being added. A preliminary publication, in conjunction with the Campbell County Historical Society, will be released on History Day. Three volumes of KCHS papers are now all on computer disc, but a lot of editing needs to be done before a reprint edition is completed.

The Society now has a web presentation on the Kenton County Library's web page. Have a look at: <http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us/~histsoc/> The Society also has its own phone with message: (606) 431-2666

A big welcome to member Nancy Montague Grall, our new Program Coordinator. Please refer to her remarks below about this important job. She will help make our monthly programs more professional, popular and useful to our members and the public, but she will need member input as well.

Please remember our board member Joseph Gastright. He is having a bad time with an infection caused by diabetes. He and his doctors have some difficult decisions to make concerning his treatment.

From the Program Coordinator.....

Greetings One and All!

You might say, "I have the history information with pictures and some artifacts of this or that person or event but I don't want to stand up in front of people and talk about it."

Or, you might be one who likes public speaking but feel you have nothing of historical value to talk about.

Dear Fellow History Buffs! My name is Nancy Montague Grall and I'm our Society's new Program Coordinator. I'd like to coordinate our members—you who have the historical info but don't want to give a presentation—with those who can present them to our Historical Society! I'll work with you to set up a program for a lovely time this year.

We give our Society's president a great big thanks for adding to his responsibilities and good-naturedly keeping the Society's programs on-going. Hip-Hip-Hooray to you, President Lietzenmayer!

I hope to hear from you some evening soon with your potential program, as well as the ones who delight in presenting them. My phone number is 647-7370.

The Northern Kentucky African American Heritage Task Force invites you to a Kentucky Chautauqua presentation.

Sunday, January 31, 3:30 PM

**A. A. Burleigh
Berea's First Black Graduate**

For eleven years, Angus Augustus Burleigh was right in the mainstream of Kentucky history. This son of an English sea captain grew up as a slave in Virginia and Kentucky. In August, 1864, at age 16, he enlisted in the Union Army at Camp Nelson, Kentucky. He experienced both the hope and horror of Camp Nelson, where black soldiers were trained and where many refugees from slavery died. Burleigh served in an artillery unit, rising to the rank of sergeant.

In 1866, the war over, he accepted an invitation to become part of John G. Fee's bold new venture in interracial education--Berea College. Burleigh was Berea's first adult black student, and in 1875 he became its first black graduate. He spent the rest of his long life teaching and preaching in Indiana, New York, Wisconsin, and Illinois, where he once served as chaplain of the Illinois State Senate.

Hasan Davis, a community organizer, writer and actor will portray A. A. Burleigh, Berea's first black graduate (1848-1939) and will expand on the details of life in that period of history.

Location of the presentation is
Kenton County Board of Education
20 Kenton Lands Road
Erlanger, Kentucky

Call 431-5502 for more information.

Black History Month. As historians and as Americans, let us read, mark, and inwardly digest African-American history and its contribution to the building of this great nation.

Residents of Dinsmore Homestead

When the Dinsmore family, James, wife Martha and three daughters, moved to Boone County in 1842, a slave known as Aunt Nancy came with the family. She remained at Dinsmore until she died. She is portrayed in a watercolor on the mantel in the dining room. Nancy is buried in the family cemetery. Julia Farley Loving is another African American resident at Dinsmore. Affectionately known as Mammy, Julia came as a free person to help Julia Dinsmore raise her great niece, Isabella Selmes. Mammy also served as nurse to Isabella's children, Martha and Bobby Ferguson.

Julia Loving's brother, Walter Loving spent much time at Dinsmore. Julia Dinsmore encouraged Walter to continue his interest in trumpet playing. He later became well known as a musician. He attended the New England School of Music and completed graduate work in Leipzig. Walter achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army and earned the respect of John Phillip Sousa.

Harry Roseberry, born in 1881, was neither slave nor house servant. He came to Dinsmore as a teenager requesting to be Miss Dinsmore's buggy driver. He remained as a tenant at Dinsmore far beyond Julia's lifetime. The house in which he lived with wife Susie and daughter Cleo was once part of a business at Dinsmore and was later renovated for the Roseberry's comfort. The house is now the Dinsmore Homestead Office. Harry's great granddaughter, Betty Stiffel, lives about three miles from Dinsmore. His great great grandson, Greg Thomas attends Kelly Elementary which is also near Dinsmore. Last summer, Greg attended Dinsmore Day camp and on the last day he portrayed his ancestor in a skit.

When Mammy died, Martha Ferguson requested that her former nurse be buried in the family cemetery. Julia Loving's family consented. In 1994, Martha died and her ashes were buried with Mammy.

Thomas Shaw, African-American Soldier from Covington

Thomas Shaw was born on August 23, 1846, in Covington, Kentucky. Shaw was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted for army service on January 19, 1864 at the age of 18 years. He became a member of Company A, 65th Regiment, part of the U. S. Colored Infantry. Shaw served with the 67th regiment, which had incorporated the 65th, until he was discharged on September 24, 1866 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He immediately re-enlisted in the new Afro-American Cavalry units that were formed for duty in the Southwest following the Civil War.

We thank the Northern Kentucky African American Heritage Task Force for their research and the permission to use the stories above

HISTORY DAY**KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY****FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

JANUARY through DECEMBER 1998

MARCH 13, 1999

at

**Northern Kentucky
University****Registration 9 - 9:45AM**
Advanced Registration \$5
At the Door \$6

An interesting History Day is planned again this year. The crowds have grown larger with each year.

Many displays and speakers are planned. Our own KCHS members Steve McMurty and Charles King are among the speakers. The opening speaker is Evelyn Welch, Curator of Butler-Turpin House, *Where Two Rivers Meet - Port William (Carrollton) A Settlement*.

Closing speakers, planned for 2:30 pm, will be Jackie Mylor and Sue Bagardus speaking on *Historic Architecture in Warsaw-Gallatin County*.

We need several volunteers for one hour stints to help at the Registration Table at 9 am and the KCHS table the rest of the day. Please sign up on the form below and send it in to:

KCHS
P. O. Box 641
Covington, Kentucky 41012
or leave a message on the new
KCHS phone (606)431-2666

Income

Membership Dues (including 4 new Life Members)	\$1,626.00
Magazine Subscriptions <u>Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine</u>	4,543.50
Sale of Publications	3,086.39
Donations	754.00
Interest Earned	6.88
Bank Service Charge Reimbursement	22.38
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,039.15

Expense

Postal Fees (including bulk mail permit, P. O. Box rental, mailing of <u>The Bulletin</u> , <u>Northern Kentucky Magazine</u> , publications and correspondence)	\$ 1,363.58
<u>Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine</u> (printing and art)	7,302.75
The Bulletin (printing and paper)	379.70
Office Supplies	520.15
KCHS Advertisement Flyers	550.00
Banking Service Charge	22.38
Overpayment Reimbursement	43.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$10,181.56

Yes, I would like to volunteer to help at the Registration Table or KCHS table on History Day, Saturday, March 13.

NAME _____**ADDRESS** _____**PHONE NUMBER** _____ **work** _____**I can volunteer at this time** _____

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