

KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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BULLETIN ARTICLES WELCOME

Many of the KCHS members do research and write papers on local history. We would like to publish in the Bulletin any papers which could be of interest to KCHS members.

COMPUTER AVAILABLE

For those of you who need a computer to record your papers, the Society now has the an IBM compatible computer with Microsoft Word which can be lent out for that purpose.

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Kentucky History Center is under construction in downtown Frankfort. Before long they will be moving their library and museum, as well as some other programs, into the new building.

They need volunteers over the next year to assist in preparing collections for the move. Hours of work can be flexible, but volunteers must be able to commit to a definite schedule. The work will involve such tasks as filing, labeling, reboxing, and data entry and will deal primarily with family files, microfilm, and books. For those interested, please call Ron Bryant at (502) 564-3016 for details.

Kenton County Historical Society membership dues are \$10 per year, \$5 for students and Senior Citizens.

Subscribers to Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine, a semi-annual magazine of regional history covering ten counties, are \$12 a year for members, \$15 a year for non-members.

To subscribe to the magazine or become a member of KCHS, please mail check to KCHS, P. O. Box 641, Covington, KY 41012.

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K. C. H. S. MEETING

DATE: Thursday June 12
TIME: 7 PM
PLACE: Mother of God Church
119 West 6th Street
Covington
PROGRAM: Tour by Karl Lietzenmayer

Karl will talk especially about the beautiful stained glass windows in the church. A musical interlude by the Mother of God Choral will conclude the tour. Refreshments will follow in the undercroft.

REMINISCENCE

On May 13th, a small but appreciative group of history buffs gathered at The BrewWorks to celebrate the progress of the Kenton County Historical Society's past twenty years. Fond recollections of persons active in the group as well as the interesting programs were topics of conversation.

John Boh, president of the group, recapped many of the contributions of the Society to the heritage of Kentucky and genealogical studies. During Kentucky's bicentennial year, funding was provided by the State Legislature to preserve local and family history. Funds were given to the Kenton County Library to purchase equipment for this purpose. The Kenton County Historical Society was formed to collect, preserve, and display such history.

In April 1977, the first public meeting was held at the Kenton County Library with the backing of many community leaders. James Fouche, Chairman of the Education Department of Northern Kentucky University, was the first president of the Society. The first Board of Directors were John Burns, Anna Haverkamp, John Boh, Paul Sketch, David Jones, Garry Edmondson, Paul Hartmann, and Mike Averdick.

The Society organized an Oral History committee which recorded an number of interviews on eight tapes now housed at the Library. It also organized a Cemetery committee which collected and printed a bound volume of inscriptions from many of Kenton County's private cemeteries. A collection of early primary documents was organized chronologically with commentary by Allen Webb Smith, and bound and printed into a book titled *Beginning At The Point*.

In these early days Dorothy Wieck spent every day for months compiling a series of Kenton County Federal Census indices. The Society sponsored her as a retired Senior Citizen Volunteer, and she helped library patrons with their family histories. Fortunately, all of this did not burn her out; she is still active and a recent Board member of the Society.

Around 1980, the Society participated in a Neighborhood Histories Project sponsored by the Cincinnati Historical Society.

As a result of this project, the Society published *Westside Walking Tour*. Also Joseph Gastright did a study of Wallace Woods and published *From Gentlemen Farmers to City Folks*.

In 1985, the Society sponsored a public meeting for the Northern Region of the Historical Confederation of Kentucky. The theme was "Rivers and Rails." In 1986, a downtown walking tour of churches was presented by the Society and co-sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council, out of which was published *A Heritage of Art and Faith*, by Paul Tenkotte.

In 1990, the late John Burns arranged *The Collected Papers of the Kenton County Historical Society* into three looseleaf bound volumes. The titles of papers in the collection will be listed in the next *Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine*. One of the goals of the Society is to copy all of these papers onto computer discs. The volumes are available in the Library. Mr. Burns also did the research for the addition of another State Historical Highway Marker, co-sponsored by the City of Covington. A proposal to publish a county sesquicentennial history fell through.

For a number of years, the Society printed, although irregularly, a "Quarterly" which was a series of short papers on such topics as "The Kentucky Central Railroad," "The Covington Courthouse," and "Amos Shinkle." More recently the Society has issued a monthly "Review," containing meeting announcements, news, and a short paper for its members and associates. The "Quarterly" and the "Review" usually contained original research, but was rather inconsistent in style. Now the "Review" has been replaced by the monthly "Bulletin," and in the fall of 1993 the first bi-annual *Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine* was published. It is in a more consistently formal style for libraries and for the market in local history. Subscriptions have increased to 650, and many local bookstores carry the magazine on their racks.

In 1994, during Campbell County's bicentennial year, the first annual History Day was organized in cooperation with the Kenton County Historical Society. It has been a tremendous success, and attendance has increased to 250. It is held every March at Northern Kentucky University.

SPECIAL PRE-PUBLICATION OFFER FOR GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Jeremiah and Alexander Clark of North Carolina, by Robert Bradley Clark, is due to be released in the fall of 1997. It begins with two brothers and a colonial America coming of age. This book contains 400 pages packed full of information about the Clark family as well as several related families.

This chronicle of the Clark family is a researcher's goldmine. Many family stories passed down from generation to generation are woven together into a compelling tale of the pioneer spirit. In addition, the family directory includes extensive descendant listings for over 5,700 Clark descendants along with approximately 5,000 allied family members, in easy-to-read descendant charts for these two Clark brothers. Detailed birth, death and marriage data appear for many of the family members. Other early Clark families of the region are also documented.

Many families have ties with these old Clark families. This book includes substantial information from the 1700s and early 1800s on the following related families: Aldridge, Beach, Berry, Boone, Braswell, Byrd, Blontz, Cochran, Coffey, Franklin, Gragg, Guinn, Gwyn, Hartly, Honeycutt, Lusk, McCall, McClird, McClurd, McKinney, Meade, Miller, Moody, Prestwood, Presswood, Stokes, Taylor, Vance and Watson.

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