

The Kenton County Historical Society



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ANNOUNCEMENT:

On Saturday afternoon, November 9, at 1:00 PM there will be an outing at the Dinsmore estate for members, friends, and guests of the Kenton County Historical Society. Participants are asked to bring their own food and drink.

The Dinsmore house and surrounding outbuildings remain substantially unaltered. Correspondance, records, contents, etc, from generations of the Dinsmore family have been preserved. In the future, the estate will be a living history site, a nature preserve, and will feature hiking trails.

Come and see this picturesque setting from the last century, and also see the current efforts of the Dinsmore Foundation.

Saturday afternoon, November 9th
1:00 PM
Highway 18 (approximately 6½ miles west of Burlington in Boone County)

CORRECTION

In our list of Covington City Managers last month Theordore Hageman was mistyped.

MEMBERSHIP

\$5.00 per person annually.

COVINGTON 1815-1990

On February 8, 1815 the Town of Covington was created by the Kentucky General Assembly on 150 acres where the Licking empties into the Ohio river, a site that had loosely been called "Newport," The Point, or The Mouth of the Licking. On February 25, 1815 The Western Spy in Cincinnati headlined, "COVINGTON, A NEW TOWN" which offered a buyer conveniences such as that "the main road from Lexington Ky to Cincinnati, Dayton, and other western parts of Ohio pass through the town ...convenient to a good Market, Steam Mill, and a variety of factories...every lot has the advantage of a street and alley, a center or public square for places of Worship, Academies &c." Lots were to be auctioned March 20th. On April 28th The Spy announced a second sale. The first had resulted in purchases of some 100 lots. Some 270 would be available at the next sale on May 10th. On August 31 surveyor Onerias R. Powell filed in the Campbell county courthouse the plat of the original city which extended from the Ohio to Sixth street and from the Licking to Washington street.

With the location of the Kentucky Central Railroad terminal at Pike and Washington (1854), with the opening of the Suspension Bridge (1866), and encouraged by the steady flow of European immigrants, Covington developed in the 1800s south along the Licking and west along the Ohio river

When Covington reached its greatest population number of over 64,000, around 1950, this total covered areas annexed after 1900 including Central Covington, Wallace Woods, West Covington, and Latonia. The effects of suburbanization, etc, can now be seen in that despite further annexations near Kyle's Lane and in the Taylor Mill area, the population of Covington has decreased in total number to what is now estimated to be only over 50,000 people.

Last year (1990) not only marked 150 years since Kenton County was formed out of Campbell (1840), but also 175 years since the city was named officially for a hero of the War of 1812. Only later was Covington then incorporated as a city (Newport was incorporated as a town the same year), in 1834.

Here then is a list of Covington's Mayors since then, updated and documented by a member and Director in the Kenton County Historical Society, the late John Burns:

	TOOK OFFICE	TERM ENDED
Mortimer M. Benton	-elected April 5, 1834	May 27, 1834---Oct. 2, 1835 (resigned)
William W. Southgate	-appted. Oct. 2, 1835	---Oct. 3, 1835---
Moses V. Grant	-elected Aug. 13, 1836	---Feb. 7, 1845 (resigned)
Bushrod W. Foley (W)	-elected Feb. 15, 1845	---
John A. Goodson (D)	-elected Aug. 6, 1860	---Sept. 20, 1860---Sept. 4, 1862
Cyrus A. Preston (U)	-elected Aug. 4, 1862	---Sept. 4, 1862---Sept. 3, 1866
Cassius B. Sanford (D)	-elected Aug. 7, 1866	---Sept. 3, 1866---
James C. Howard	-pro tem	---Sept. 5, 1870
Leander Evans Baker (D)	-elected Aug. 1, 1870	---Sept. 5, 1870---Sept. 7, 1874
Robert A. Athey (D)	-elected Aug. 3, 1874	---Sept. 7, 1874---Sept. 17, 1890 (resigned)
W. P. McLaughlin	-pro tem	---Sept. 17, 1890---Oct. 25, 1890 (resigned)
James T. Thomas (R)	-elected Oct. 4, 1890	---Oct. 25, 1890---Dec. 2, 1893
Joseph L. Rhinock (D)	-elected Nov. 7, 1893	---Dec. 2, 1893---Jan. 1, 1900
William A. Johnson (D)	-elected Nov. 7, 1899	---Jan. 1, 1900---Jan. 4, 1904
George T. Beach (R)	-elected Nov. 3, 1903	---Jan. 4, 1904---Jan. 6, 1908
John J. Craig (R)	-elected Nov. 5, 1907	---Jan. 6, 1908---Jan. 1, 1912
George E. Philipps (D)	-elected Nov. 7, 1911	---Jan. 1, 1912---Jan. 3, 1916
John J. Craig (R)	-elected Nov. 2, 1915	---Jan. 3, 1916---Jan. 5, 1920
Thomas F. Donnelly (NP)	-elected Nov. 4, 1919	---Jan. 5, 1920---Jan. 7, 1924
Daniel A. O'Donovan	-elected Nov. 6, 1923	---Jan. 7, 1924---
Thomas F. Donnelly	-elected Nov. 8, 1927	---Jan. 2, 1928---Jan. 4, 1932
Joseph F. Pieper	-elected Nov. 3, 1931	---Jan. 4, 1932---Jan. 6, 1936
Henry A. Knollman	-elected Nov. 5, 1935	---Jan. 6, 1936---Jan. 1, 1940
William Beuttel, Jr.	-elected Nov. 7, 1939	---Jan. 1, 1940---Jan. 3, 1944
Thomas P. Fitzpatrick	-elected Nov. 2, 1943	---Jan. 3, 1944---Jan. 5, 1946 (resigned)
Robert F. Moore	-pro tem	---Jan. 5, 1946---Oct. 1, 1946 (replaced)
R. Edward Culbertson	-pro tem	---Oct. 1, 1946---Jan. 5, 1948
William F. Rolfe	-elected Nov. 4, 1947	---Jan. 5, 1948---Jan. 7, 1952
John J. Maloney	-elected Nov. 6, 1951	---Jan. 7, 1952---Jan. 2, 1956
Harry W. Schneider	-elected Nov. 8, 1955	---Jan. 2, 1956---Jan. 4, 1960
John J. Maloney	-elected Nov. 3, 1959	---Jan. 4, 1960---Jan. 6, 1964
Bernard F. Eichholz	-elected Nov. 5, 1963	---Jan. 6, 1964---Jan. 1, 1968
Claude E. Hensley	-elected Nov. 7, 1967	---Jan. 1, 1968---Jan. 3, 1972
Bernard Grimm	-elected Nov. 2, 1971	---Jan. 3, 1972---Jan. 5, 1976
George Wermeling	-elected Nov. 4, 1975	---Jan. 5, 1976---Jan. 7, 1980
Bernard J. Moorman	-elected Nov. 6, 1979	---Jan. 7, 1980---Jan. 2, 1984
Thomas Beehan	-elected Nov. 8, 1983	---Jan. 2, 1984---Mar. 15, 1987 (resigned)
Ronald Turner	-pro tem	---Mar. 15, 1987---
Danny Bowman	-elected Nov. 3, 1987	---Jan. 2, 1988---

(John Boh)

THE KENTUCKY HISTORY CENTER

In 1990 the state of Kentucky authorized bond funding of preliminary work (which has produced site and design), and now construction funds are needed for a new, modern Kentucky History Center. In years past the Kentucky Historical Society (formed in 1836) has had to preserve the Commonwealth's antique documents and artifacts in converted space (including the Old State Capitol and Capitol Annex), and even in warehouses, not designed for library or museum use. Therefore, valuable documents and artifacts (as the collections grow) have been increasingly endangered from moisture, dryness, heat, cold, as well as over crowding and other makeshift conditions. Now Kentucky finds itself following the lead of other states in attempting to modernize its capacity to handle historical and cultural materials.

The Kentucky Historical Society is a clearinghouse and conservator of city, county records; marriage, birth, death materials; household, farm, shop artifacts; photographs; etc., sent to Frankfort to be preserved and shared with citizens from other counties and states. Many people are drawn to Frankfort in search of family history, or to look at the state's political, social, and cultural past at the Society's office/library. They might expect with justification that materials are not obscured, misplaced, damaged, or discarded due to inadequate shelter.

The Kentucky Historical Society anticipates that an enlarged history center in Frankfort will "double or triple tourism within five years of completion." It would also complement our investments in child and adult education. The improved parking and location (near the Lieutenant Governor's Mansion) should make people want to return for new programs, exhibits, research, etc. You may want to write or call your representatives and officials to say that the new History Center will amount to a very important practical investment and benefit for all of us.

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