

Kenton County Historical Society

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Main Street

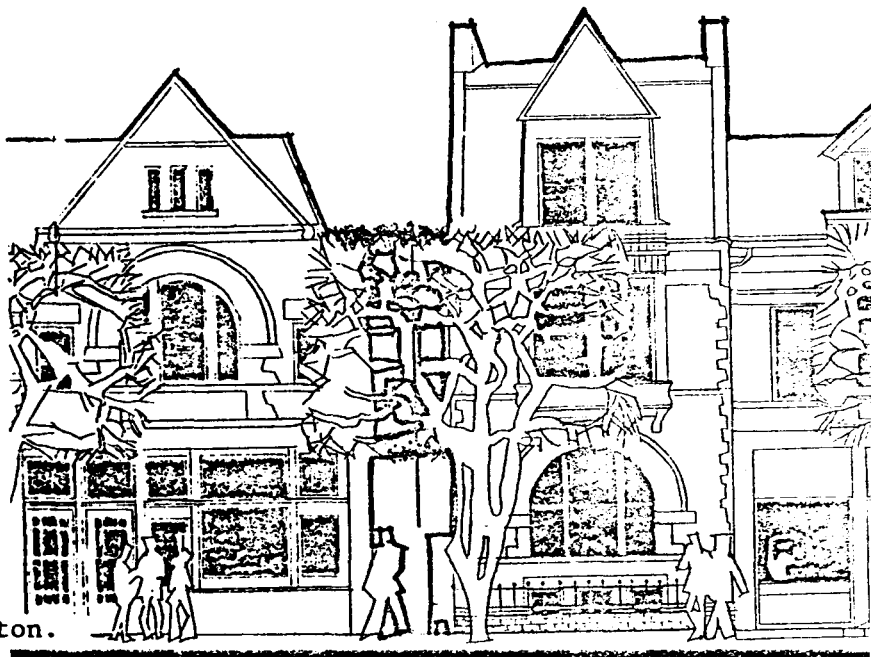
The area we now call Mainstrasse was once owned and farmed by James Riddle, who also operated a ferry from the end of Main Street. In 1820 Riddle proposed that the land between the Town of Covington and Willow Creek be subdivided into lots to create a new town called Hibernia. However, due to the bank scare of 1820 the town was never realized. Consequently, Riddle deeded the land to the Bank of the United States in 1825.

In 1832 Hibernia was added to Covington, in the town's first major expansion. Two years later the Town of Covington became the City of Covington. The section called Willow Run (Goebel Park and I-75) bordered the western edge of the city and was used primarily for ball fields and campgrounds for the circus when in town. With the influx of German immigrants and the founding of Economy, or West Covington, in 1858, the area began to grow and prosper. Several prominent citizens

lived in West Covington during this time. John Hasemeier, who owned a lumber business on Pike Street for almost forty years, was a pioneer resident of Covington. Dr. James A. Averdick was an active participant in community affairs. E.L. Pieck owned a drug and apothecary store, and his brother, Charles G. Pieck, was a prominent doctor. By 1916 when West Covington merged with Covington the Mainstrasse area was already highly developed.

Today there is a renewed interest in the development and growth of Mainstrasse. A proposal to make the area an historical district is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places. Roughly, the district would be bounded by Fifth Street to the north and Pike Street to the south. Dalton Street would be the district's western boundary and the railroad tracks would form the area's eastern boundary.

Ms. Susan Enzweiler is currently documenting the area's historic and architectural merits. Anyone with information should contact her at 331-3471.



GENEALOGY

The following is taken from the surname file in the Kentucky and Local History section of the Kenton County Public Library. You are invited to send your queries and offers to exchange information to Mrs. Bailey, Reference Librarian, Kenton County Public Library, 5th and Scott Sts. Covington, Kentucky.

- ALEXANDER. In Kentucky , 1700's. Write to Margie Gard Gray, Ft. 3, Box 505, Appleton Washington, 98602.
- ALLEN family of Garrard Co., Ky. Mrs. Usa Koogler, 105 Parkview, Lebanon, Oh. 45036
- AMOS family of Fleming Co., Ky. Ayllette b Sept 1853, m Elizabeth J. Hendrick Nov 6 1883 Occupation, grocer, children: Sophia, Emily, Parline. Will exchange info, Clara Lauderback, 473 Shilo Dr., Dayton, Ohio
- APPEL, Jule W. d. 8/3/72 m Grace Kathryn Murdock 6/6/50 Covington b 9/29/10 no issue Grace Appel, lol Ffair Ct, Erlanger, Ky.
- ARMSTRONG, James Soldier in Revolutionary War from Augusta Co, Va. Settled in Campbell Co, Ky. Mrs. W.C. Vercellino, 87 Charleston Pk, Conroe, Texas 77301
- ARNOLD, Tolbert Washington Moved to Indiana 1864, died in Indiana 1898 Mrs Myrtle Perkins, 5435 Maplewood Dr., Speedway, Indiana. 46224
- AULENBROCK, Elizabeth 1861-1915 m Albert J Gohmann 1884-1945, ch Emily, Arthur, Herbert Rita McGovern, 36 Superior, Ft. Mitchell, Ky.
- AULENBROCK, Joseph b Laer, Amt Iburg, Hanover, Germany imigrated 1839, m Euphemia Wibben, children Elizabeth, Katie, Henry, Mollie, Herman, Carrie, Josephine, Mary Adelaide. Contact Rita McGovern, 36 Superior, Ft. Mitchell, Ky
- AVERY/AVERA of Preble and Montgomery Counties, Ohio. Mrs. Lisa Koogler, 105 Parkview. Lebanon Ohio 45036
- BAKER, Edwin 1785-1879 SC, m Sally Roberts, ch Stuart.Willie Norton, 38 Silver, Ft. Mitchell Ky
- BAKER family Boone, Montgomery and Gallatin Cos, Ky. Contact Willie Norton, " " "
- BANDLE Rev McGill, 422 Royer Ct., Louisville, Ky 40206
- BARKDAHL/BARKDALL/BARKDOLL Pennsylvania 1795-1800 MG GRAY Ft. 3, Box 505, Appleton, WA
- BARNETT MG GRAY Ft. 3 Box 505 Appelton, WA 98602
- BARNETT, ALEXANDER 1745-1819 m Jane Barnett/Montgamery Amherst, Va Sonof Robert Barnett Mrs Rudy Heath, 6586 Fields Ertel Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241
- BARNETT, Joseph 1730?-1797 m A. Mills, Ft. Pitt, Pa d. Hardin Co, Ky. Also Robt. Barnett 1796 m Rachel Barnett, Ohio Co, Ky. Mrs. Heath, 6586 Fields Ertel Rd, Cinn. Oh
- BAYLESS, John Clark 1819 Louisville-1875 Grayson Carter Co lived in Boone Co. Ch David B, Thomas C., Helen W. & others. Mrs. Duble, 20 Wispering Sands Dr. Sarasota, FL
- BEACH Early Connecticut MG Gray FT. 3, Box 505 Appleton, WA 98603
- BENNET, John 1753 Ireland, mPetty & Mary I. Plummer Mrs Heath 6586 Fields Ertel Rd. Cinn. Oh
- BENTLER, John b 1855 Lived in Boone Co & Erlanger. Mrs Carr 3 Gary Dr. Mena, Ark 71953
- BENTON, Benjamin 1777-1862, Ohio Co, Ky Mrs. Heath, 6586 Fields Ertel Rd. Cinn, Oh
- BERLING family, Covington Mary Menne, 106 Holiday, Lakeside Pk Ky
- BESS?BEST?BOST Germany-NC MG GRAY Ft 3, Box 505 Appleton, WA 98602
- BIDWELL, Daniel 1761-1839 Lived in Nelson & Muhlenberg Cos Ky 1790-1813 Mrs Heath, 6586 Fields Ertel Road, Cinn Cincinnati, Ohio
- BIGGS Rev McGill, 422 Royer Ct, Louisville, Kentucky 40206
- BLEVINS Ohio Indiana MG GRAY Ft 3, Box 505 Appleton, Was 98602
- BOND family, California, Penn., Indiana, Mo., England Joy Moore, 1638 Glazier Ct, Covington
- BOONE Rev McGill, 422 Royer Ct, Louisville, Ky 40206
- BOOTHE, James b c1794 m 1823 Bracken Co to Mary Byars. Contact Dorothy Wieck, Kenton Co Historical Society
- BOWLING family Va to Ky prior to 1792 Wm and Sarah W. Norton, 38 Silver, Ft Mitchell, KY
- BRADFORD, Wm. m Louisa McLlain 1867 in Aberdeen , Oh. Robt Sparka, 631 7th St., Dayton Ky
- BRASHEARS Rev McGill 422 Royer Ct., Louisville, Ky 40206
- BROWER, ETTA 1869 Minn?-1947 Pasadena Virgil Moore, 1638 Glazier Ct., Covington, Ky
- BROWN, Jennie B Warsaw 1852 dau Walter and Melinda Brown. m JD Darneille 1870 Warsaw Willie B. Norton, 38 Silver, Ft. Mitchell, Ky

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The Library Committee has received the following contributions:

A copy of a diploma from the Covington Female Seminary dated 1854 was presented by Marjorie Meanwell.

Six issues of the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society were donated by David L. Ringo of Singer Island, Florida. Mr. Ringo also donated five issues of the Filson Club Quarterly.

Sketches of the Beard and Kennedy homes were donated by Allen Webb Smith.

A Map of Greater Covington from the Centennial Week 1914 was presented by Oakley Farris.

Several items were donated by Dr. Gastright: The Centennial Book of the Golden Rule Lodge No 345 F. & A.M., Covington, Ky. 1857-1957; Latonia Jockey Club Program, Oct 19-Nov 7, 1914 Meeting: Latonia Championship Stakes, Autumn Meeting, 1919; and a booklet entitled, "Roll of the Officers in the Virginia Line of the Revolutionary Army Who have received Land Bounty in the States of Ohio and Kentucky.

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The wealth of materials donated to the Society by Miss Elizabeth Furber have been sifted through. Many fine items pertaining to local events have been placed in the Kentucky and Local History Collection of the Kenton County Public Library. Many old out of town newspapers and other memorabilia were in this collection and have been distributed to historical archives across the nation. The Kenton County Historical Society has received acknowledgements from the following agencies: The Filson Club, Louisville; Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green; Mary Ingles Heritage Foundation, Augusta; Ohio Historical Society, Columbus; Virginia State Library, Richmond; Columbia Historical Society, Washington, D.C.; Boston Athenaeum; Mason County Museum, Maysville; Indiana State

Library, Indianapolis; Cincinnati Historical Society; Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort; The Lexington Fayette County Historic Commission. The Library Committee owes Ms. Susan Enzweiler a round of applause for evaluating the Furber materials and distributing them. It was a big (and sooty) job.

LEGEND

The October meeting of the Society should be one of the year's best. Mrs. Pat Wolcott, noted genealogist, Society Director, and generally nice person will present a program on What Really Happened to John Wilkes Booth? Pat will present a program on the Northern Kentucky tradition that Booth became a well respected educator here under an assumed name. Pat has done extensive research in gathering all the known facts and legends concerning this fascinating story. The program will be given on Tuesday, October 7th, at 7 pm in the Community Room of the Kenton County Public Library, 5th and Scott Streets in Covington.

death

The Kenton County Cemetery Book will make its appearance soon. Bids for the work are now being taken. Please be patient.

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"A young lawyer while making his maiden speech in the court-house here, in defending a little negro boy for some petty crime, in the midst of an impassioned appeal to the 12 good and true men, exclaimed 'Ah, gentlemen of the jury, you see before you this poor, trembling boy--without father without mother, without friends, without counsel.' At this point the orator was interrupted by a general titter around the bar, and, to add to his confusion, the judge, who was smiling on the bench, added, 'Proceed, Brother _____, the court is with you.'" from a clipping in the Furber Coll.

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