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December 1995

KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ** December 1995

CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1995, 7:00 PM

AT THE RESTORED ERLANGER RAILROAD DEPOT, ERLANGER, KY

The Kenton County Historical Society invites members, guests and friends to our annual Christmas get-together. This year our Christmas celebration (with snacks and drink) will be hosted by the Erlanger Historical Society at their restored depot which has been converted for use as a museum. The Erlanger Historical Society and the city of Erlanger are proud of their efforts to preserve its history of which the railroad has played a significant and interesting part. At this party some people will tell about their current history or genealogy projects the depot is located in the Railroad park off Crescent avenue near the Dixie highway, by the underpass.

HOLIDAY TOY TRAINS

NOVEMBER 26, 1995-JANUARY 7, 1966

At the Behringer Crawford Museum, Devou park, Covington
a new layout, for children and adults
group tours welcome, call 491-4003

FUTURE MEETINGS

KENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

at our November meeting the following meetings were proposed

January--at the Latta house in Ludlow

February--Jim Kelly on his Indian doll collection

March--History Day, March 2, Northern Kentucky University

April--Joe Gastright on the Roebling Suspension Bridge

May--walking tour of the Roebling Suspension bridge

NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE

JANUARY 3-6

AT THE OMNI NETHERLAND PLAZA HOTEL, CINCINNATI

Jeannine Kreinbrink, Associate Archaeologist at the Behringer Crawford Museum is local coordinator. Call Jeannine at 651-3300 to volunteer and get free admission (she reviewed plans at our November meeting) on Saturday January 6 there will be a free open house program and reception (see back page of this bulletin)

Review of 1995:

MONTHLY PROGRAMS ARRANGED THROUGH **KARL LIETZENMAYER**, CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE FOR 1995. **JANE PURDON** FROM THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY HERITAGE LEAGUE HELPED ARRANGE THE MEETINGS OF JULY 11 AND SEPTEMBER 12. **RICHARD GIBEAU**, ALSO WITH THE LEAGUE, AND **MICHAEL AVERDICK** AND **CHARLES KING** FROM THE KENTON COUNTY LIBRARY, HELPED ARRANGE THE BURMAN LECTURE. WE THANK THEM AND ALL OTHERS SO INVOLVED:

January 3--The Origins of Popular Superstitions, by **L. K. Patton**.

February 7--The History of Northern Kentucky Street Cars, by **Earl Clark**.

March 4--History Day at NKU (over 200 Registered)

April 4--Tour of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Latonia, with **Karl Lietzenmayer**.

May 2--Tour of the Carnegie Arts Center, with **Arlene Gibeau**.

June 6--Tour of Baker Hunt, with **Lois Dorman**.

July 11--Meeting at the Carneal Bed and Breakfast Inn, with **Karen and Peter Refuse**.

August--no program.

September 12--Annual Meeting at St Walburg Monastery, Villa Hills with **Sisters Andrea Collopy and Teresa Wolking**.

September 24--Ben Lucien Burman, His Life in Literature, with **Dr. C. Harvey Gardiner**.

November 14--The Montagues, by **Nancy Montague Grall**.

December 12, Christmas party at the restored Erlanger railroad Depot, Erlanger, KY, hosted by the Erlanger Historical Society.

SOME EVENTS IN 1995 (NOT ALL OF THEM!):

In January 1995--the new Kentucky History Center to be built in Frankfort was approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by **Governor Jones**.

On March 4th--History Day at Northern Kentucky University.

June 22-23--the Kentucky Association of Museums conference was held at the Behringer-Crawford Museum.

August 16--the Kentucky Historical Society's Cultural Tourism survey at the Kenton County Library which sought input from local cultural and tourism organizations; to help in planning for the new Kentucky History Center in Frankfort.

August 26--The Behringer Crawford Museum's new Amphitheater (which was dedicated October 22, 1994) found many uses throughout the year including for instance a Covington Summer Fest sponsored by the Friends of Covington and Covington Pride.

September 7--At Saratoga Springs, N. Y., **Karl Lietzenmayer**, Senior Editor of Northern Kentucky Heritage magazine, received an award of national recognition from the American Association for State and Local History. The magazine was nominated through the Historical Confederation of Kentucky (**Karla Nicholson**).

September 21-22--Kentucky Heritage Council conference in Lexington.

September 24--Erlanger Heritage Day sponsored by the Erlanger Historical Society.

September 29--Annual Meeting of the Northern Kentucky African American Heritage Task Force at Northern Kentucky University Library and Archives.

September 30 The Duvenceck Art Show sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Heritage League

October 4--Friends of Covington Beatification Awards Banquet.

October 11-14--Tall Stacks.

November 3, 4th--Annual Meeting of the Historical Confederation of Kentucky at Danville

November 22--Ecumenical Service sponsored by the Newport Bicentennial.

December 16--Closing of the Newport Bicentennial celebration. Congratulations to the city of Newport and the people who organized the bicentennial events throughout 1995 (including dedication of a new city hall!). Look forward to new publications including, Newport, Kentucky: A Bicentennial History 1795-1995.

--It is noted that this past year **Arlene Gibeau** retired as Director of the Carnegie Arts Center.

--In 1995 there were a lot of meetings and programs, especially sponsored by state agencies, regarding "cultural tourism." The Kentucky Historical Society, a state agency, is, of course, planning for the new History Center in Frankfort. But others, through the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet also promoted an important segment of economic development.

--Sorry to recall the passing in 1995 of **Sister Mary Albert Murphy** and **Sister Mary Philip Trauth**, both former heads of the History Department at Villa Madonna/Thomas More college, both well known.

--At the Annual meeting of the Historical Confederation of Kentucky it was reported that this past year some 30 new historical societies were started.

ARTICLES IN THE MONTHLY BULLETIN:

*From February 1994 through October 1995 (except for December 1994) we published transcriptions of the History of Covington, by **O. J. Wiggins** which first appeared in the Daily Commonwealth in 1884. This series had a total of twenty-five separate articles:*

1--early land ownership

2--biographies, prominent names, and **Leathers'** private bank

3--the pioneer period, the log cabin household, the road south

4--**Leonard Covington** and **Simon Kenton**

5--landmarks and personalities

6--early newspapers (1831-32)

7-- early town records (1825-1832)

8--town records of 1832 and reminiscences of **Hiram Martin**

9 --town records (June 1833-December 1834)

10--city records (January 1835-March 1836)

11--city records (March-April 1836)

12--city records (May-August 1836)

13--city records (May-December 1837)

14--Trinity church

15--Trinity church (again)

- 16--reports of Covington's progress in early newspapers (issues of September 1832, July 1841 and January 1842) and a quote from Collins on Licking river improvements made in 1837
- 17--article from Licking Valley Register (January 1842) and records and events reported (January-July 1842)
- 18--city records (January 1839-July 1841)
- 19--city records (November 1841 to June 1843)
- 20--city records (August 1843-December 1845)
- 21--city records (January-June, 1846) and reports in newspaper recalled (1840)
- 22--Mother of God Catholic church
- 23--Masons and Odd Fellows
- 24--lists of county officials
- 25--city records (June 1846-December 1848)

November, 1995--**Dudley A. Glenn** (1847-1911), by **Karl Lietzenmayer**
 December 1995--review of 1995

NORTHERN KENTUCKY HERITAGE MAGAZINE (COVERING THE VARIOUS COUNTIES OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY); **KARL J. LIETZENMAYER**, SENIOR EDITOR, **JAMES C. KELLY**, PRODUCTION EDITOR);

[First issue: Autumn/Winter 1993; two issues in 1994]

The Spring/Summer 1995 issue contained the following pieces: "A History of Carroll County, Kentucky," compiled by **Mary Ann Gentry**; "The Judge with a Full House, the Story of Judge **William Samuel Pryor** and Family," by **Thomas Sebastian Fiske**; The Sam Hill Stories of **John Uri Lloyd**," edited by **Mike Flannery**; "A Look at Sears Houses in Northern Kentucky," by **Leah Konicki**; "The Life and Death of **Major Abram G. Wileman**, a Pendleton County Hero," by **Eric C. Nagle**; "**William Arnold** First Sheriff of Grant County and Founder of Williamstown, Grant County, Kentucky," by **Virgil Chandler, Sr.**; "Parks for the People--The Park Movement in Northern Kentucky" Part One, by **Dr. Joseph Gastright**; "Reaction from Owen County to the KKK Murder Story"; Book Review by **Michael Flannery**: History of Fort Thomas..Ft Thomas Optimist Club"; "Genealogy Queries," with **John Leming, Jr.**; "Online Genealogy," by Rene' Thompson; "World War I Casualty Research, and the Gold Star Mothers," by **John Leming, Jr.**; reports from regional historical societies and museums: the Pendleton County Historical and Genealogical Society, the Behringer-Crawford Museum (located in Devou park, Covington), the Grant County Historical Society, the Erlanger Historical Society, the Bracken County Historical Society, and the Kenton County Historical Society. Extract of a letter from **Dr. James Klotter** about the new Kentucky History Center. Historical Tidbits on a former slave, **George W. (Pappi) Dupee**, and on **Nathaniel Burger Shaler**. An ad for Syndicate Wife by **Hank Messick** (a reprint of the original book).

The Autumn Winter 1995 issue contained the following pieces: "Newport, Kentucky: Its Economic and Social Evolution, 1795-1995," by **Thomas L. Purvis**; "**Ben Lucien Burman** (1895-1984)," by **C. Harvey Gardiner**;" Germantown, Best Little Town in Two Counties--200 Years of History," by **John Henderson and Karen Hinson**, "Man of Many Contradictions. The Story of Congressman **Asa P. Grover**," by Thomas Sebastian Fiske;"A Brief Prehistory of Northern Kentucky," by **June Krantz**, "Historical Tidbit: Berea College and Its History of Integrated Education"; "Sam Hill in Literature.. More Tales by **John Uri Lloyd**," **Michael Flannery**, editor; "Excerpts of Remark by **Roger G. Kennedy** before the American Association for State and Local Historians; book review by **Karl Lietzenmayer**: The Excursion Boat Story; Moonlight at 8.30, **Allan L. Bates & Clark C. Hawley**; Saratoga Springs, New York. September 7, 1995"; book review by **Michael A. Flannery**: Syndicate Wife: The Story of Ann Drahmman Coppola by **Hank Messick** (reprint); book review by **Richard Gibeau**: The Synagogues of Kentucky: Architecture and History, by **Lee Shai Weissbach**; Genealogy: "Variation on Digging Up Dead Relatives: Use of the Funeral Home," by **Rene Thompson**; obituaries: **Louis Stockton Bower** (1905-1995), **James "Pigmeat" Jarrett** (1899?-1995); reports from regional historical societies and museums: Behringer-Crawford Museum, Bracken County historical Society, Campbell county Historical Society, Erlanger County Historical Society, Gallatin county Historical Society, Grant County Historical Society, Kenton County Historical Society, Kentucky Covered Bridge Association, Mason County Historical Society, Owen County Historical Society, Pendleton County Historical Society, Port William Historical society, Northern Kentucky African American Heritage Task Force; ad page: Newport Kentucky: Bicentennial History to 1995, **Thomas L. Purvis**, editor with coauthors **Kenneth M. Clift, Betty Maddox Daniels, Elizabeth Purser Fennell, and Michael E. Whitehead**; ad page: Local Vital Records from Newspapers of Bath County, Ky, 1884-1910 by **Ford and Nagle**, Historians & Genealogists, Dayton, Ohio.

INDEXES FOR GENEALOGY, ETC.:

The following was compiled by genealogist, **Dorothy Wieck**:

1810, '20, '30 Census Index (Campbell county)-----	-----
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1840 Census Index (Kenton county)-----	-----\$15.00 including mailing
1850 Census Index (Kenton county)-----	-----\$25.00 including mailing
1860 Census Index (Kenton County)-----	-----\$15.00 including mailing
1870 Census Index (Kenton County)-----	-----\$25.00 including mailing
1880 Census Index (Kenton County) 2 volumes-----	-----
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The following was transcribed by historian **Theodore H. H. Harris**:

African-American Residents of Kenton County, Kentucky--The 1900 Kenton County Census, (it does not include the city of Covington or Central Covington)-----

-----\$5.00 including mailing

(The above are also available at the Kenton County library)

*****OCTOBER UPDATE*****

A FREE COMMUNITY OPEN-HOUSE PROGRAM

**“HISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY IN OUR BIG BACK YARD—
CINCINNATI AND BEYOND”**

**Presented by The Society For Historical Archaeology,
1996 Annual Conference**

Saturday, January 6, 1996

1:00—4:00 pm, Pavillon Room; Reception 4:00—5:00 pm

Omni Netherland Plaza Hotel/Crew Tower

35 W. Fifth St., Cincinnati, Ohio

**Have You Marked Your Calendar?
Please Join Us For An Exciting Afternoon
Invite Your Friends—Pass The Word!!!**

Plan To Come Early:

- Many groups will carpool or bus downtown for easier parking and, in case of poor weather
- The Pavillon Room will be open by 11:30 am
- As soon as you arrive, take elevator to the 4th floor, stop by our registration table in front of the Pavillon Room, sign-up, and receive your name tag for the program
- Enjoy our in-room exhibits: historic photo gallery and artifact displays
- Try our fun, hands-on artifact activities
- Visit our “Book Room”: We have a large collection of books, reports, and literature, about historical archaeology
- Bring your camera - Re-enactors in civil war uniforms will be on hand

*** Please Announce to Your Group/List in Your Monthly Newsletter ***

Stay Tuned for Additional Monthly Updates

Program Organizers:

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See You At The Omni!!!

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