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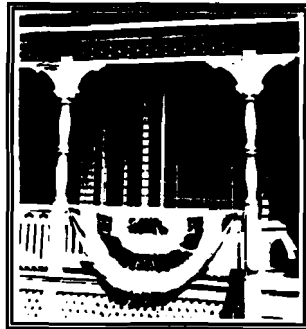
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HISTORY OF COVINGTON

by O. J. Wiggins

Daily Commonwealth, September 20, 1884

(Nineteenth in a series)

"The amended charter of the city approved January 4, 1841, made it the duty of the City Marshal to collect delinquent taxes. All bills marked delinquent by the City Treasurer were to be returned to the City Clerk, who was to add fifteen per cent. penalty and then place them in the hands of the City Marshal, who had the power to distrain in the same manner as Sheriffs in collecting County levy.

November 8--John P. Scribner was elected member of Council from the Fifth Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. J. Poor on September 23d.

November 10--A called meeting was held to take steps to prevent the spread of small-pox. James Clark was appointed Health Officer, and a health ordinance was passed.

December 6--The boundaries of Wards were fixed as follows:

First Ward--All north of Third street and east of the alley between Greenup and Scott streets.

Second Ward--All west of alley between Greenup and Scott streets, and north of the alley between Third and Fourth streets, extending parallel with Third street to Main corporation line.

Third Ward--All south of Third street as far west as Market street, south of Market space to Scott street, and east of Scott street, extending in a straight line to Twelfth street.

Fourth Ward--All west of Scott street, south of alley between Third and Fourth and north of Sixth street, extended to Main street.

Fifth Ward--All west of Scott street and south of Sixth street to the corporation line each way.

1842

January 1--The following Council was elected: James Adams and W. W. Southgate;

James G. Arnold and John S. Finley; H. J. Groesbeck and George M. Southgate; Lewis Roach and William Vestell; John Mackoy and William Wason.

January 6--James G. Arnold was chosen President.

A. H. Jameson was elected Clerk, defeating John B. Lendrum and James Kelley.

George B. Marshall was elected Treasurer and John W. Menzies City Attorney without opposition.

G. F. Laney was elected City Marshal defeating James Tilman and Lewis Reese.

James Clark was elected Street Commissioner without opposition, and Samuel Burleau [Billew, Belew] Keeper of Jail and Poorhouse.

Simeon Perry was elected Market Master without opposition.

John Colvin was elected City Assessor defeating Isaac Cooper.

Lewis C. Bakes, Moses Woodyard, Jackson Sparrow, Jacob Wolfe and Isaac Martin were elected Fire Wardens.

January 25--The ad valorem tax was fixed at fifty cents on each one hundred dollars valuation besides the tithe tax and dog tax.

March 17--The entire head or tithe tax, amounting to \$496, was set apart for the public schools for 1842, and in as much as the fund was entitled to \$150 from the State for the year 1841, and \$240 for the year 1842, making in all \$886, the Council resolved that the facilities should be increased to three classes--two male and one female--with a principal and two assistants, one female; but that the school should be in one building, but separate rooms.

April 14--Council chose the following school visitors for 1842--Thomas A. Phillips, James M. Preston, M. M. Benton, F. G. Gedge and David Sears.

April 25--The Mayor was authorized to offer an award of \$150 for the murderer or murderers of Richard, a colored man, the property of Thos. D. Carneal.

April 27--The reward was increased to \$200.

August 4--The Committee on Education reported favorably on the petition of the School Visitors for permission to erect a school house on the public square near the jail, and Council passed a resolution granting that permission, providing, however, that the lumber, plank, shingles and nails be bought on twelve months' credit.

The City Attorney was instructed to bid in for the city at the amount of tax, penalty and cost all property offered for sale by the City Collector for taxes, where there were no other bidders [sic].

August 18--Board of School Visitors petitioned for permission to build the school-house of brick, two stories high, instead of frame, one story high. Referred to Committee on Education, with power.

An ordinance was passed permitting the following gentlemen and their associates to organize Fire Company No. 2, viz: Wm. Hopkins, Mason Gribble, Henry Miller, Wm. Jones, Daniel Disown, Wm. Clayton, Michael McClure, Lewis Lemaire, and Isaac Lemaire.

Sept. 20--The following resolutions passed and a building committee was appointed to carry them into execution, consisting of Messrs. G. M. Southgate, Finley and Roach.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Council erect a suitable building on the public square for the use of the city, to be called the City Hall.

Resolved, That the City Hall shall be fifty feet front with wings twenty feet each, and that the main building be sixty feet deep.

October 13--A contract with John Kearney for laying the foundation of City Hall was ratified.

Sundry citizens having petitioned to defer the building of City Hall, an election was ordered for Saturday, the 29th inst., at which time the qualified voters should consider the question: "Shall the building of the City Hall be suspended or not?"

November 24--The result of the election was reported as follows, and work on the City Hall ordered continued, viz: For stopping

work, 22; for continuing the erection of the hall, 179.

December 8--The office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was created.

A hook and ladder company was formed with Joseph Casey, James Arnold, Shephard Newman, Adam Glore, William Casey, H. W. Wayman, Benjamin B. Wiedler and J. H. Armstrong and their associates as members.

Fire Company No. 3, was formed, to be composed of John K. McNickle, R. S. Semple, William Downard, John McDonald, John Gillard, J. B. McNickle, Thomas Creson, Francis Carney, James Morrison, James Cooper, John Connelly, John Shaffer, Samuel Cooper, George Cooper, William Cooper, John Shropshire, Bernard Copely, John Conely, Sr., Thomas Kelly, Jonas Shutt, John Marks, Willis Payne, John Campbell, Alex. Craige, Thomas Keegan, Retch Welsh, Thomas Prathers, George Bates, Joseph Griffin, Timothy Lynch, Pat Fitzsimmons, Richard Fielding, Brock Porter, Ben Cooper, Alex Trilly, Timothy O'Brien, Robert Craige, William Hutchinson, Trilly [sic], John Tully, Pat Tully, Michael Tully, Andy Carney, Owen Keegan and John Adams and their associates.

December 22--John T. Lewis [Levis] was elected Chief Engineer, defeating F. G. Gedge and C. M. Rude.

1843

The first annual meeting of the City Council was set for the first Saturday in January of each year.

January 7--The following were elected members of Council, two from each ward: James Adams and W. W. Southgate; James G. Arnold and John S. Finley; John T. Levis and Geo. M. Southgate; John M. Bowen and Lewis Roach; John Mckoy and Franklin Riggs.

January 10--James G. Arnold was chosen President and A. H. Jameson, City Clerk without opposition. G. F. Lowry [Laney] was elected City Marshal, and Geo. B. Marshall, City Treasurer, without opposition.

John W. Menzies was elected City Attorney, defeating George Cutter (1). Samuel Bollean [Billew] was elected Keeper of the

Jail and Poor House, defeating W. B. Hall. Mr. Bollean was also elected Sexton of the Grave Yard, defeating William Vestill. Simon Perry was elected Market Master, defeating John Cherry.

John Colvin was elected City Assessor, defeating James Kelly; and E. C. Beard elected Assistant City Assessor.

Fire Wardens were elected as follows: Lewis C. Bakes, Moses Woodyard, Jackson Sparrow, Isaac Martin, and Ambrose Ambrose. John T. Levis resigned as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and Frederick G. Gedge was elected, defeating C. M. Rude.

January 26--The tax levy for 1843 was fixed at 40 cents ad valorem; one dollar and fifty cents tithe, one dollar on each dog and five dollars on each bitch.

The Committee of Ways and Means reported the following as probable amount of receipts and disbursement of the city for the year 1843:

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS

Revenue for the year.....	\$4,700 00
Coffee House and tavern licenses	
.....	300 00
Wagons, carts and drays.....	60 00
Market house rents.....	35 00
Auction house.....	10 00
Shows and exhibitions.....	25 00
Graveyard privileges.....	100 00
Dividends on bank stock.....	100 00
Dividends on turnpike stock.....	100 00
Dues, former Collectors and Marshals	
.....	2,494 20
Of which there will probably be collected	
.....	330 00
Delinquent list.....	150 00
	\$5,625 00

DISBURSEMENTS

Orders on the Treasury unpaid	
from appropriations in 1842.....	155 00
Cleaning and repairing streets	
and Market House.....	350 00
Painting.....	75 00
Paupers, Jail.....	200 00
Interest and exchange on city loan....	1,550 00

Public Wells, pumps and cisterns.....	200	00
Official Salaries.....	400	00
Legal fees.....	75	00
Expenses of Council Chamber.....	20	00
Expenses of City School.....	500	00
Due on city School.....	324	00
Fire Department.....	100	00
Due for gravel and paving streets.....	584	50
Contingencies, say.....	94	00
Balance in Treasury at end of year....	1,000	00
		\$5,625 00

PERMANENT RESOURCES

Public Square, 190 feet square, \$6,000	00
Poor house, lot and building, 3,500	00
Two thousand feet of common on the Ohio river.....	20,000 00
Sixteen shares of bank stock.....	1,600 00
One hundred shares of turnpike stock.....	2,500 00
Fire engine hose and hose carriage.....	1,500 00
Probable amount due from the State School Fund.....	600 00
	\$35,200 00

Amount due the city from certain
property holders for paving on
Scott and Madison streets.....908 43
City Debts.

Script has been issued redeemable in September, 1865 for \$25,000, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo. M. Southgate	}	Committee
John Mackoy,		on
Lewis Roach		Ways and Means

March 9--A contract was confirmed with John Scott for cleaning and repairing the streets for one year for the sum of \$230.

The office of Police Commissioner was created, and the salary fixed at \$100 per annum. James Clark was chosen to serve until the next regular elections in January.

May 25--The following school visitors were chosen: Thomas A. Phillips, James M. Preston, M. M. Benton, F. G. Gedge, and Wm. Wandell.

June 22--An invitation was accepted by Council to participate in the ceremonies of

laying the corner stone of the City Hall and of Trinity Church, under the auspices of Covington Lodge No. 109, Free and Accepted Masons, to take place on the 24th inst. Council passed the following resolutions regarding the ceremonies:

"Resolved, the the following documents and coins be deposited in a sealed casket within said corner stone, as a memorial of the time in which the City Hall was erected:

The Declaration of Independence.

Articles of Confederation.

Constitution of the United States

Washington's Farewell Address.

Constitution of the State of Kentucky.

Charter of the City of Covington.

Resolutions of the Common Council authorizing the building of the City Hall.

Two newspapers of the day.

The Holy bible.

One quarter eagle gold coin.

One silver half dollar.

One silver quarter dollar.

One dime piece.

One half dime piece.

Resolved that the following memorial be transcribed in a fair hand on a page of parchment by the Clerk of the Council for the purpose of being deposited in the corner stone of the City Hall.

MEMORIAL

Be it known that on this, 24th day of June, anno domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-three (1843), anno lucis, five thousand eight hundred and forty-three (5843), being the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, this corner stone of the City Hall of the city of Covington is laid with Masonic ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky at the request of the Covington Lodge No. 109.

John Tyler being President of the United States.

Robert P. Letcher, Governor of the State of Kentucky.

Moses V. Grant Mayor of the city of Covington.

James G. Arnold President and James

Adams, William W. Southgate, George M. Southgate, John S. Finley, John T. Levis, John Mackoy, John M. Bowen, Lewis Roach, Franklin Riggs, Esquires, members of the Common Council.

George M. Southgate, John S. Finley, Lewis Roach, Esquires, Building Committee.

Alexander H. Jameson, Clerk of the Common Council.

George B. Marshall, City Treasurer.

John W. Menzies, City Attorney.

Greenberry F. Laney, City Marshal.

Hamilton Martin, Postmaster.

Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky:

M. W. Henry Wingate, Grand Master.

R. W. Leander M. Coy, D. G. Master.

W. Benjamin Young, S. G. Warden.

W. Wm. Holloway, J. G. Warden.

M. R. Moses M. Henkkie, G. Chaplain.

John M. M. Calla, G. Orator.

Philip Swigert, G. Secretary

Wm. Cardwell, G. Treasurer

John McCracken, G. Stewart
and Tyler.

Samuel C. Trotter, G. Marshal.

OFFICERS OF COVINGTON LODGE NO. 109

P. M. Richard C. Langdon, W. Master.

Jackson Sparrow, S. Warden.

William Lowry, J. Warden.

John H. Grant, Secretary.

Elijah S. Perry, Treasurer.

P. M. Alex. H. Jameson, S. Deacon.

Harvey Lewis, J. Deacon.

Andrew Ross, S. and Tyler.

CONTRACTORS ON THE CITY HALL.

Humphrey C. Watkins, Brick Maker

George C. Tarvin, Brick Mason.

Peleg Kidd, Carpenter.

John Kearney, Stone Contractor.

M. W. Wetmore, do

Hiram Bond, Freestone Mason.

Lewis Reese, Lumber Contractor.

Edward C. Beard, Painter and Glazier.

Which memorial is to be signed by the City Clerk with the City Seal and the Mayor's signature attached."

HISTORY OF COVINGTON

by O. J. Wiggins

Daily Commonwealth, October 6, 1884
(Twentieth in a series, herein transcribed)

1843

August 3--James G. Arnold, President of Council, and member from the Second Ward, resigned, and John T. Levis was elected President.

Sept. 9--James M. Preston was elected to supply the place of Mr. Arnold as member of Council from the Second Ward.

October 12--Rev. G. G. Moore was elected School Visitor from the Second Ward in place of James M. Preston, who vacated that position when he accepted a seat in Council.

Nov. 11--Messrs. W. W. Southgate and John T. Levis were appointed a committee to serve in conjunction with a committee of citizens at a reception to Hon. John Quincy Adams upon his visit to Covington (1).

1844

January 6--The following members of Council were elected: John S. Finley, W. L. Grant(2) and W. S. Read, Geo. M. Southgate and Charles A. Withers, John Bowen and Frederick G. Gedge, John Mackoy and Franklin Riggs.

January 9--Members qualified:

Geo. M. Southgate was chosen President defeating John S. Finley by 7 to 2 votes.

B. W. Foley was elected City Clerk, defeating A. H. Jameson by 5 to 4.

G. F. Laney was elected City Marshal without opposition.

G. B. Marshall was elected Treasurer, the vote standing: John A. Grant 3; David Senour 1; G. B. Marshall 5.

Samuel Bollean [Billew, Belew] was elected Jailer and Sexton.

John W. Menzies was elected City Attorney, the vote standing: John W. Menzies 6, James G. Arnold 1; George Goodhue 1 and David Moore 1.

Simeon Perry was elected Market Master, receiving 8 votes to John Cherry's 1.

A Fire Warden from each ward was elected

as follows: Lewis C. Bakes, Alexander Craig, Jackson Sparrow, Isaac Martin, and Jacob Wolf.

F. G. Gedge having resigned as School Visitor and Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, A. H. Jameson was elected to the former position and John S. Perry(3) to the latter.

Wm. M. Leathers was chosen Assessor, the vote standing: W. M. Leathers 6; John Colvin 1, and R. H. Perry 2.

R. H. Perry was elected Assistant Assessor without opposition.

January 19--R. H. Perry resigned as Assistant Assessor and H. B. Clemons was chosen.

Feb. 29--The Committee on Ways and Means reported the following as the probable receipts and collections for the year 1844:

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE RECEIPTS

Revenue for the year 1844.....	\$5,500
Taverns and Coffee-house liscenses.....	250
Wagons, carts and drays.....	60
Market house rents.....	35
Auctions, Shows &c.....	35
Graveyard privileges.....	15
Dividend on Turnpike stock.....	100
Due from former Collectors & Marshals.....	894
Due from delinquent lists.....	250
State school fund.....	320
Interest on bank stock.....	90

Cash on hand Jan.1, as per Cl'k's report.7,625

DISBURSEMENTS

Orders on Treasury Jan'y 1 unpaid.....	612	39
Cleaning and repairing streets.....	300	00
Printing.....	50	00
Paupers, Jail, &c.....	250	00
Interest and exchange on city loan....	1,515	00
Wells, pumps,&c.....	100	00
Officers salaries, &c.....	350	00
Legal fees.....	25	00
Expenses of Council.....	20	00
Expense of City School.....	600	00
Fire Department.....	50	00
Script issued for City Hall.....	2,584	87
Contingencies.....	566	00
Balance in Treasury at end of year.....	667	74
	7,625	00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John S. Finley

F. G. Gedge

}Committee

John Mackoy

The rate of taxation was placed at 40 cents on real and personal property, "\$1 50 on titheables" and one dollar on male dogs and five dollars on female dogs.

March 7--W. W. Southgate took his seat as a member of Council from the First Ward. The Clerk was instructed to report to the State authorities that there were 853 children in Covington between the ages of 5 and 16 years.

March 15--Mr. Gedge presented a communication from the Committee appointed by the Trustees of the town of Newport asking this Council to appoint a committee on the part of the city and citizens of Covington to ---with them upon the propriety of building a bridge across the Licking at or near its mouth, which having been read it was on motion of Mr. Finley agreed that the President should appoint a Committee of Conference as aforesaid; whereupon Messrs. Finley, Gedge, Groesbeck John T. Levis, R. H. Perry, John Bowen, E. Kennedy, G. F. Laney, and James M. Preston were appointed said committee.

The upper room of the north wing of the City Hall was set aside as a Fireman's Hall.

April 20--At a special meeting called for that purpose an ordinance was passed creating a "Voluntary Night Watch" to be composed of seventy-one reputable persons invested with police authority. The following gentlemen were named in the ordinance:

John Wolf	S. S. Newman
W. H. Fox	Wm. Hall
William Ernst	Samuel Laird
William Lowry	H.F. Bowen
Harvey Lewis	J. A. Bowen
Thos. Greer	Wm. M. Leathers
James C. Gedge	E. Williams
Hiram Bond	Jacob E. Lett
C. A. McLaughlin	Nicholas Lemaire
R. Cooper	John R. Stewart
Benj. Young	James C. Peacher
John H. Grant	Louis Roach
B. S. Hoffman	John S. Perry

John Calvin	A. L. Greer
R. H. Perry	John Hughey
E. T. Rusk	S. Reynolds
B. W. Foley	C. K. Daniel
Jackson Sparrow	L. F. Daugherty
Wm. Vestel	Arthur Connelly
G. M. Connelly	C. B. Sandford
Daniel Senour	W. M. Riggs
G. B. Marshall	G. F. Laney
Peleg Kidd	Spencer Hughes
Thos. Abbott	Hamilton Martin
Wm. Wasson	C. C. Carpenter
R. S. Semple	G. W. Cutter
J. W. Clayton	T. A. Phillips
Jonathan Hathaway	James Emmerson
Ephraim Floyd	John Kirtley
J. B. Lendrum	W. D. Holt
E. S. Perry	C. G. Warrington
Alexander Craig	James Traner
John T. Levis	J. Marsh
John M. Maxwell	W. E. Ashbrook
B. McNickle	

May 23--School visitors were elected as follows, one from each ward in the order named: Dr. B. F. Bedinger, James M. Preston, M. M. Benton, A. H. Jameson, and D. F. Newton.

June 2--The question of a wooden statue to be placed up on the cupola of the City Hall was then introduced, and after some random discussion by the members of the Board, leave was, on motion of Mr. Grant given to Mr. Jones, the artist, who proposed to execute the statue for the sum of \$300, to give his views upon the subject, whereupon Mr. Jones suggested the size, kind, and probable cost of said work, and concluded by saying that not----called on in the manner he was, he had only to submit his views, as had already been done, together with the probable cost, and heartily hoped that some definite action would be taken immediately by City Council upon the subject, &c., thanked the Board for their kindness, &c.

On motion of Mr. Mackoy the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, by the President and Common Council of the City of Covington that, whereas

the citizens of Covington have manifested some anxiety to have a statue erected upon the cupola of the City Hall, and as they are probably awaiting some action of the Board, they are pleased to see this disposition manifested among them, and cheerfully give their consent for them to erect a statue of Washington or any other distinguished man thereon, or to appropriate the amount they may raise to a clock if they shall think most advisable the erection of which shall be under the control of the presiding committee.

Nov. 1--An ordinance was passed creating the office of Tobacco Inspector. It provided for three inspectors to hold office three years, to give bond in the sum of \$1,000 each, and to receive compensation at the rate of \$1 25 on every hogshead of tobacco stored at the Planters Tobacco Warehouse. Benjamin Young (4) was elected 1st Inspector, A. H. Jameson 2d, and C. G. Warrington 3d.

1845

January 4--The following were chosen as members of Council, two from each ward, in the order named: Lewis C. Bakes and Henry M. Buckner, Hamilton Martin and J. B. McNickle, James G. Arnold and Charles A. Withers, Frederick G. Gedge and John M. Bowen, and Wm. E. Asbrook and John Wolf.

January 7--At their first meeting Council chose James G. Arnold President, buy a vote of 6 for Mr. Arnold to 3 for Mr. Hamilton Martin, and 1 for Frederick Gedge.

B. W. Foley was elected City Clerk, defeating A. H. Jameson and G. W. Armstrong.

G. F. Laney was elected City Marshal without opposition.

G. B. Marshall was elected City Treasurer, defeating Daniel Senour and Dr. John S. Grant.

Samuel Bollean was elected City Jailer and Sexton of the graveyard, defeating John Galbaugh and Bennett Waters.

A. H. Jameson was elected City Assessor, defeating John Calvin.

H. B. Clemons was elected Assistant Assessor, defeating John Calvin and Daniel

Senour.

Fire Wardens one from each Ward in the order named, were chosen, viz:

Alexander Connelly, Wm. Downard, Daniel Savill, Wm. A. Elliot, and Jacob Wolf.

January 16--Jacob Hardin was elected Police Commissioner, an ordinance having passed creating that office.

R. H. Perry's nomination as Deputy City Marshal was confirmed.

February 13--An ordinance was passed increasing the number of Fire Wardens to fifteen, three from each Ward, and the following additional Wardens were elected, two from each Ward, viz:

Samuel Kennedy and Thomas O'Donnell; Richard Maybery and Harvey Lewis; Robert H. Ball and Jackson Sparrow; A. Hughes and J. C. Peacher; E. Pratt and John Summers.

February 18--M. V. Grant, the Mayor of the City, having announced his intention of resigning, an election was held on the 15th, just to recommend to the Governor a suitable person to fill the vacancy.

The result reported under this date, February 18, was 151 votes for John Calvin and 259 for B. W. Foley.

February 27--B. W. Foley resigned as City Clerk and John Calvin was elected, defeating H. B. Clemons.

John Cherry was elected Market Master, defeating Santon [Sandford] Perry.

March 6--The rate of taxation was fixed same as for the preceding year.

John S. Perry having resigned as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Wm. Hall was elected, defeating Lewis Roach.

March 27--An ordinance creating a sinking fund to pay the municipal debt was passed.

May 29--The following were elected school visitors for the ensuing year: John W. Menzies, James M. Preston, M. M. Benton, Willam Ernst and John Mackoy.

June 19--The President of the Board, the City Treasurer and the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means were made Trustees of the Sinking Fund.

The Seventh Street Market space was set aside and dedicated for that purpose.

July 3--The committee appointed to secure the opinions of Messrs. Morehead and Stevenson and James M. Preston, reported that said gentlemen agree in their opinion that the decision of the Court of Appeals gave to the city the ownership of the ground from the edge of the bank to the low water mark in the Ohio River, and the committee urged the location of a substantial wharf between Scott and Greenup streets. The decision referred to was the suit of the Kennedys against the city, which had been in progress for years.

A resolution was passed requiring each member of Council to contribute one dollar to buy powder with which to celebrate the 4th of July.

July 17--The City Marshal reported that he had collected the money.

August 28--On the --day of January Council passed an ordinance repealing the ordinance creating the office of City Attorney, passed March 8, 1844, and the city was without a regular attorney until this date, August 28, 1845, when an ordinance was passed again creating the office, and Sep T. Wall was unanimously elected City Attorney.

October 20--Samuel Boilean [Billew or Belew] resigned as City Jailer, and Bradford Glore was elected, defeating Bradford Boilean, Benjamin Waters, B. Porter, Chas. Clemons, James Barry and ---Masters.

November 13--Mr. Glore must have failed to qualify, although the records are silent on this point, for under this date, Nov. 13, Wm. Casey was elected Jailer defeating Wm. Vastill, R. D. Mattingley, B. A. Collins, John Cordeny, David W. Todd, Milton Mann, A. Berry, and Charles Clemons.

Nov. 20--William Hall resigned as Chief Engineer of the city and John S. Perry was unanimously appointed.

December 4--Hamilton Martin resigned as member of Council.

(End note for September 20, 1884)

1. George Washington Cutter, born in Quebec, Canada, attorney and poet, married a widow, Frances Ann Denny/Drake, the owner of the house later occupied by the family of Daniel Carter Beard, 322 E. Third street. In 1841 Cutter was listed as an attorney, on Greenup street. Cutter died in Washington, D. C. In 1865 (Covington Historical Preservation office records, compiled by Walter E. Langsam).

(End notes for October 6, 1884)

1. Following the cornerstone laying ceremonies for the new city hall and for Trinity Episcopal church, the dedication of the Linden Grove cemetery, and other special events of the past months, former President John Quincy Adams on November 13, 1843 then paid a visit to the city, crossing over from Cincinnati. He was met at the Covington landing, but was received by an even larger crowd in the "center of town" and was "escorted by W. W. Southgate, and former Kentucky Governor, John T. Morehead, who was establishing a law practice in the city (John Burns, "The History of Covington to 1865," unpublished).

2. Wiggins does not explain why there now are only NINE councilmen listed. William Letcher Grant (1820-1882), the son of Covington Mayor Moses V. Grant, born in Lancaster, Garrard county, moved to Covington with his family when fifteen years old. He married a daughter of W. W. Southgate (Obituary, D. C. 5-6-82). His paternal grandmother was Daniel Boone's sister (Burns)

3. John Sandford Perry (born 1807), was once a lumber merchant (1839-40 directory). He was the son of Captain Robert Perry who married Elizabeth Huston near Lexington in 1797, served in the War of 1812, and moved to the farm of Thomas Kennedy where he occupied Kennedy's stone house at the time that the first sale of Covington town lots took place there. In 1884 Wiggins wrote that John Sandford Perry was the city's oldest living resident (Wiggins (4-15-84). Another son of Robert Perry, R. Huston Perry, "and associates," once "owned" the "first stretch of Madison Pike." After his death the toll road was maintained by his daughter Kate Perry. After marriage she and her husband Billy Cain continued to operate the tollgate there (Calvin S. Weakly, "A Drive Out the Madison Pike," the Christopher Gist Papers, 1954). R. Huston Perry and G. F. Laney were appointed as a committee to raise money for an engineer's survey for a proposed Covington and Lexington railroad (C. J., 9-14-44). R. H. Perry was appointed Postmaster of the Dry Creek office (C. J., 10-16-58) R. H. Perry "of Covington" died in New Orleans at the age of 64 (The Ticket, 9-11-77).

4. Benjamin Young (1806-1882) was born in Maryland, lived in Dayton and in Cincinnati, Ohio where he married Hannah Westcott in 1827. In 1829 he moved to Covington, and in 1850 (1849) he was appointed Postmaster by President Zachary Taylor. A member of the Kenton Pioneer Association, when he died he was called one of our "oldest and best esteemed citizens" of Covington (D. C., 10-2-82).

(Transcription and end notes by John Boh)

JUNE MEETING AT BAKER-HUNT FOUNDATION

The brief business meeting was followed by a most interesting tour of the structures and a viewing of the many antiques.

An announcement was made that the general membership questionnaire was finalized and would be included in the next bulletin.

A short discussion of the "needs" list from the June Bulletin followed. The proposal to form a group to identify neglected local history topics found merit. Each vicinity of the county needs to have a list made of local significant families, businesses, events, or organizations from the past that have not, as yet, been researched. From that point, prioritizing can be made and writers, hopefully, found. A chairperson needs to be found to coordinate this work.

The Society still needs a treasurer, keeping accounts and writing a few checks to pay bills.

A few more volunteers are needed to assist in the monthly and other mass mailings. These persons would be on call when these mailings occur. The work consists of labeling, sorting, bundling and preparing the mail for the post office.

One of our new members, Carole Wenger, will begin a search to identify possible grant proposals by surveying the grant sources in the Kenton County Library.

A proposal to allow paid ads of historical subjects for the Bulletin was discussed. The members present felt it was appropriate and asked that the Board set rates and define the parameters for the ads. This will be done.

New rates were announced for Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine. For members, \$12/year; for libraries, institutions, and the general public, \$15/year.

Notify President John Boh (606)491-0490, or Secretary Karl Lietzenmayer (606)261-2807 or drop a note to the Society with your suggestions or to volunteer for one of the projects.

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