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MEETING

DATE Tuesday, March 12

TIME 7 PM

PLACE Trinity Church
4th and Madison
Covington

John Matarese is a veteran reporter and a two-time winner at Channel 9. He has been with WCPO since 1986 and now keeps the community updated on the latest consumer information with Buyer Bewares and Product Recalls.

Bulletin

March 2002

History Day Reminder - Saturday, March 9

What an exciting lineup of speakers for this year's History Day! If you did not get your History Day Mailing with registration form or need another one, please call the Kenton County Historical Society, 431-2666.

Usually we use History Day as our program for the Month of March. But this year we have a special treat: John Matarese of WCPO TV will speak to our group at a meeting March 12. Thanks to San Juan Romero for lining this up.

Thanks to Sandy Cohen Printers, Covington for donation of envelopes for historic note cards.

On Saturday March 2 at 2 PM, the Behringer-Crawford Museum is presenting a lecture entitled "Kentucky Women and their Quilts." The speaker is Sandi Staebler, of the Kentucky Museum at Western Kentucky University. She will have slides and some of the quilts from the Kentucky Museum. Bring your own special quilts to the lecture and she will identify them for you. The lecture is free, but the Museum requests that you call to make a reservation: 491-4003.

Thomas More College Lecture

John Kirchgassner will deliver a free public presentation "The Incas," in the Science Lecture Hall, TMC Campus, Saturday March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Kirchgassner, History department Chairman at McNicholas High School, has participated in South American archaeological digs. The college's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society will sponsor the event. For further information, call (859) 344-3394.

Oscar Treadwell Donates Jazz Collection

Oscar Treadwell donated his collection of 6,226 jazz recordings – his entire collection of jazz CDs – to the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, Ohio. Oscar Treadwell is considered the dean of Cincinnati area jazz historians. His collection is the largest donation of recordings ever received by the library.

The library indicated it will take a year to catalog his collection. Mr. Treadwell said he has no regrets about giving up his collection because he feels the recordings will be safe and available to the public.

WEB SITE <http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us/~histsoc/>

Furman W. Knox (1923-2001)

Rebecca Billman

Furman Knox, born in Dime Box, Texas, the only child of Albert and Carrie Loving Knox, grew up on his paternal grandparents' farm in Lee County, Texas. He displayed a gift for raising livestock and won prizes in the local 4-H competitions for his prized cattle and sheep. From childhood, he attended church and participated in its activities.

Knox served in the army during World War II, briefly in acquisitions and logistics at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; then in the Pacific theater. He was dismayed to find racism and segregation in the military and vowed to fight racism when he returned home. He contracted malaria in the Philippines and subsequently returned to the U.S. for treatment in a military hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

After recovery, the athletic abilities he had shown in high school led to an offer from Kentucky State University (KSU) for a football scholarship. While attending KSU, he met and married Alyce Brown from Danville, Kentucky. They moved to Northern Kentucky in 1958 and reared their four daughters there.

Knox joined St. James AME Church in Covington and, over the years, served as church treasurer, trustee, and lay organization president. He believed African-Americans could improve their lives by using their political and economic power. During the height of the civil rights movement, he was president of both the Kentucky chapter of the NAACP and the Northern Kentucky chapter. He participated in marches, protests, and freedom rides across the country where he met such outstanding leaders as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Medgar Evers, Roy Wilkins, Ralph Abernathy and Fred Shuttlesworth.

He helped pass a bill on housing discrimination in the state and was instrumental in desegregating Covington schools. He was invited to speak before Congress prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. After the death of Rev. Dr. King, Knox continued working toward the social justice objectives of the slain civil rights leader.

He served as executive director of the Northern Kentucky and Louisville-Jefferson County Community Action Commissions. In 1997, he retired as CEO of Emmanuel Community Center, Inc., in Cincinnati. After retirement, he remained active with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and served on the boards of Neighborhood Housing Services, The Home Ownership Center, and The Heritage Foundation.

Knox received numerous awards during his lifetime including being named a "Kentucky Colonel" and nominated twice to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights' Hall of Fame for his dedication to civil rights for all citizens. He assisted many students in obtaining college degrees, the first in their families to do so. He was responsible for others being hired in positions previously closed to African-Americans.

Furman's wife Alyce died in 1998 after 50 years of marriage. A son from a previous relationship and his first grandson were killed in accidents. To assuage his grief, Knox often returned to his farm in Texas where he resumed the chores he had known as a youth. During visits there, he began seeing Catherine Smith, a widow, who became his second wife. Furman noted he was "truly blessed to find love twice in my life."

Survivors include his wife Catherine, daughters Clarice Taylor, Jessica Perkins, Victoria Storey, Wendellyn Rush, two step-daughters, two step-sons, 12 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Furman Knox was buried from the Joseph R. Garr Funeral Home.

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BRIEF QUERIES

"Is anyone working on the history of the Tupman family?"

*—Ms. Arthur E. Symons JR.,
907 Swanson Drive
Centralia, Washington 98531*

"Would someone please send me the names & addresses of those persons researching the Sprague name in Kenton County?"

*—Joyce M Riedlin
16244 Kline Young Rd
Stewartstown, PA 17363-9334*

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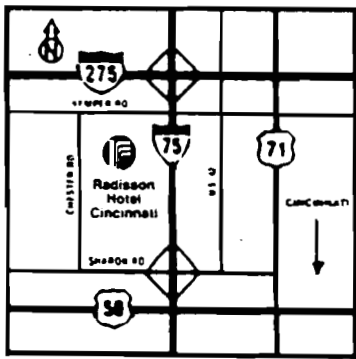
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[For more information--John Boh (859) 491-0490**Martha Pelfrey (859) 441-7667]

HISTORY DAY—SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2002

MEETING ROOM & DISPLAY TABLE SETUP.....8:00-9:00 AM**

REGISTRATION & VIEWING DISPLAY TABLES.....9:00 – 10:00 AM**

(*See display tables of historical societies and heritage groups during History Day)

Note from organizers: In the morning donuts, pastries, coffee and juice will be served.

Circumstances will not allow the serving of lunch on campus this year. Various restaurants are located in the vicinity of the NKU campus.

SCHEDULE NOTES & INTRODUCTIONS..... 10:00 AM

OPENING SPEAKER.....10:15-11:00 AM

THE BATTLE OF BLUE LICKS, Dr. Michael Adams, NKU Professor of History

WORKSHOPS..... 11:15 – 12:00 PM

A. INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY

Karen Everett, Hamilton County Genealogical Society

**B. ACCESS, ANALYSIS AND ACQUISITION: THE THREE "A" S OF DOING ON-LINE
HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

Lynne Hollingsworth, Kentucky Historical Society

C. JOHN URI LLOYD, NORTHERN KY AUTHOR

James Kenneth Duvall, Boone County Historical Society

D. GEORGE CUTTER, MEXICAN WAR COMMANDER AND POET

Tim Herrmann, Kenton County Librarian

WORKSHOPS.....12:15-1:00 PM

E. GERMAN GENEALOGY; LOCATING ANCESTORS IN GERMANY

Kenny Burck, Hamilton County Genealogical Society

F. EARLY BAPTIST CHURCHES IN NORTHERN KY (1794-1850)

Jim Duvall, Boone County Historical Society

G. STANLEY REED, U. S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE FROM MASON COUNTY

Genevieve Myers Hill, retired educator & distant relative of Reed

H. TRANSPORTATION IN NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Terry Lehmann, author and researcher

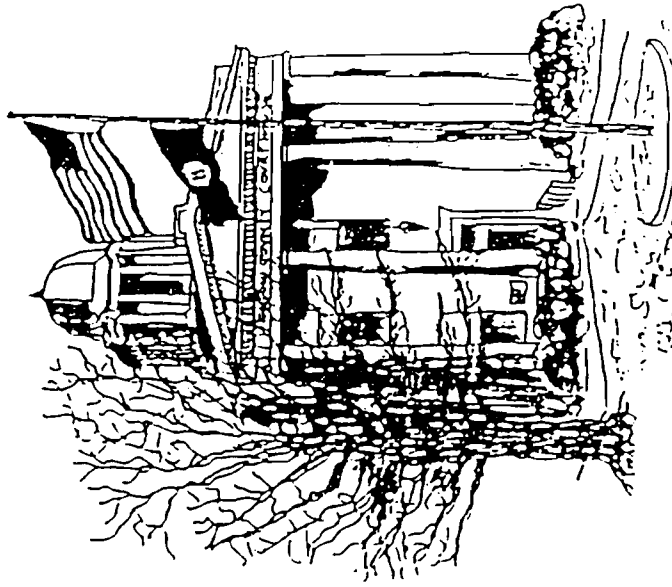
I. THE CIVIL WAR IN AUGUSTA

Speaker from Bracken County

CLOSING ACTIVITIES in 2nd floor ballroom/awarding door prizes.... 1:00 PM

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