

# Bulletin of the Kenton County Historical Society

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*March/April*

**2004**

## PROGRAMS

March Meeting Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 1:00-

### 11th Annual History Day at Northern Kentucky University

Special green informational brochures have been mailed. Please notify your Society if you did not receive information about this event.

April Meeting: Saturday, April 17th 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.-

### 18th Annual Old Time Radio Convention at Best Western 11911 Sheraton Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45246

Scheduled for Friday 9 a.m.— 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Performers from radio's golden age will re-create radio shows of the past. Fifty tables of dealers showing and marketing memorabilia from the time—tapes of shows, poster, books, etc. See below for complete details.

There is a \$7 entrance charge for the day's events. For more information call Bob Burchett  
(888) 477-9112

#### FRIDAY

- 9:00 a.m. **DEALERS ROOM OPEN**
- 2:00 p.m. **BLUE COAL TRIO—RECREATION**
- 4:00 p.m. **CASTING NON-PROFESSIONAL RE-CREATION ROLES**
- 7:00 p.m. **BOOGIE WOOGIE GIRLS- RECREATION**  
**BOB & RAY (Bob Hastings & Hal Stone)- RECREATION**  
**THE SAINT—RECREATION**

#### SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. **DEALERS ROOM OPEN**
- 1:30 p.m. **BOOGIE WOOGIE GIRLS—RECREATION**  
**PETE KELLY'S BLUES - RECREATION**
- 3:00 p.m. **RAFFLE DRAWING**
- 5:30 p.m. **COCKTAILS**
- 6:00 p.m. **DINNER (\$31 charge)**
- 7:00 p.m. **RECREATIONS**



Dear Readers:

Located in Trimble County Kentucky (Bedford), Preston Plantation is one of the best preserved "upper-South" plantations where Delia Webster assisted slaves under the nose of the overseers.

Like all non-profits, Preston Plantation Inc. functions on financial donations. Some of the donated items can also be a car, truck, or tractor that still has life in it. The value of this gift can be deducted from your taxable income and we will put it to good use. Please consider our needs and come visit us soon.

Sincerely,  
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## ***Holmes High School 150 Year Celebration***

Holmes High School is the oldest public high school in Kentucky. It began in 1853 as Covington Central, then became Covington High and eventually came to be called Holmes in the second decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. To honor and celebrate the 150-year history and the promise of this institution, an alumni advisory committee has been planning some events. There will be two events held in Holmes Auditorium: an alumni choral concert on Sunday May 16 at 3 p.m.; an alumni band concert Friday, May 7 at 7 p.m. and a gala at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center during which a video of interviews with alumni will make its premiere screening. Contact Ken Kraft, at [Kkraft@covington.k12.ky.us](mailto:Kkraft@covington.k12.ky.us) if interested in being interviewed for the gala video.

If you are a Holmes graduate and want receive general information about participating in the choral concert or playing in the band concert or an invitation to the gala (including reservation, seating, and cost information) to be held the evening of Saturday, May 22 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, please forward your name, mailing address, and class year to Trisha Brundage at [tbrundag@covington.k12.ky.us](mailto:tbrundag@covington.k12.ky.us) or call (859) 392-1124. Invitations will be mailed out in April.

## ***Art Exchange Exhibit Debuts in local art gallery***

***What nine women can do in nine months with a little clay and a lot of imagination!***

Featured in the Nordheim Gallery and *Showcases* during March is a show entitled "Nine Women/Nine Months," a unique exhibit of works in clay and accompanying illustrated journals created in an art exchange between nine artists from Roswell, Georgia.

On Friday, March 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. the Nordheim Gallery, located across from the auditorium on the Holmes High School campus, opens to join several other galleries in Covington, Bellevue, and Newport for the **1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY GALLERY HOP!** It is free, open to the public! The gallery is also open during most school days.

Please call ahead if you plan to visit at (859) 392-1124.

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Over 50 Years  
 on Radio

**Boogie Woogie  
 Girls**

Andrews Sisters'  
 Songs

**Blue Cole Trio**

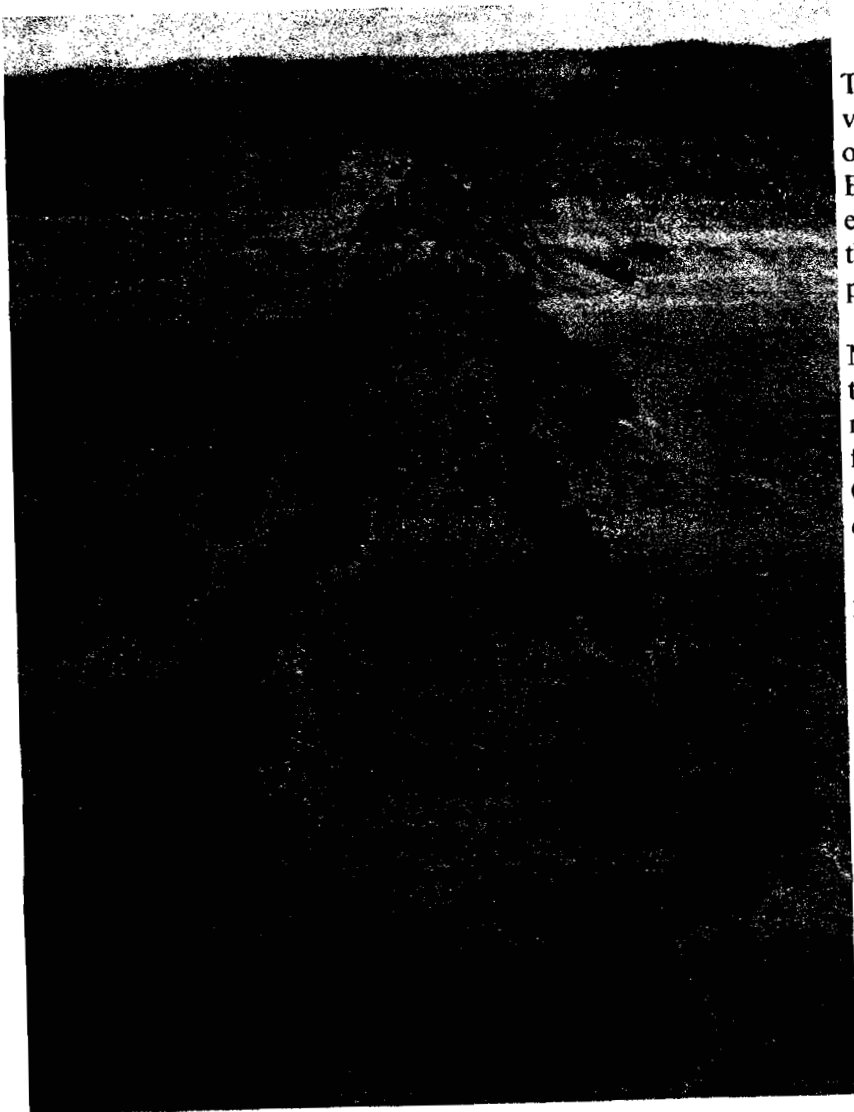
Brings Back Radio  
 Memories

**Mural Artist Robert Dafford Creates  
 Flood Wall Renderings for Covington**

Artist Robert Dafford has completed many similar projects for other cities in the Ohio Valley – Maysville, Paducah, and Portsmouth, Ohio to name a few.

On the following pages, the *Bulletin* has presented a sampling of his work to make our readers aware of this exciting project. Other scenes have been completed and more are planned as funding becomes available.

As spring approaches, one is likely to witness Mr. Dafford and his crew busily applying paint to Covington's floodwall.

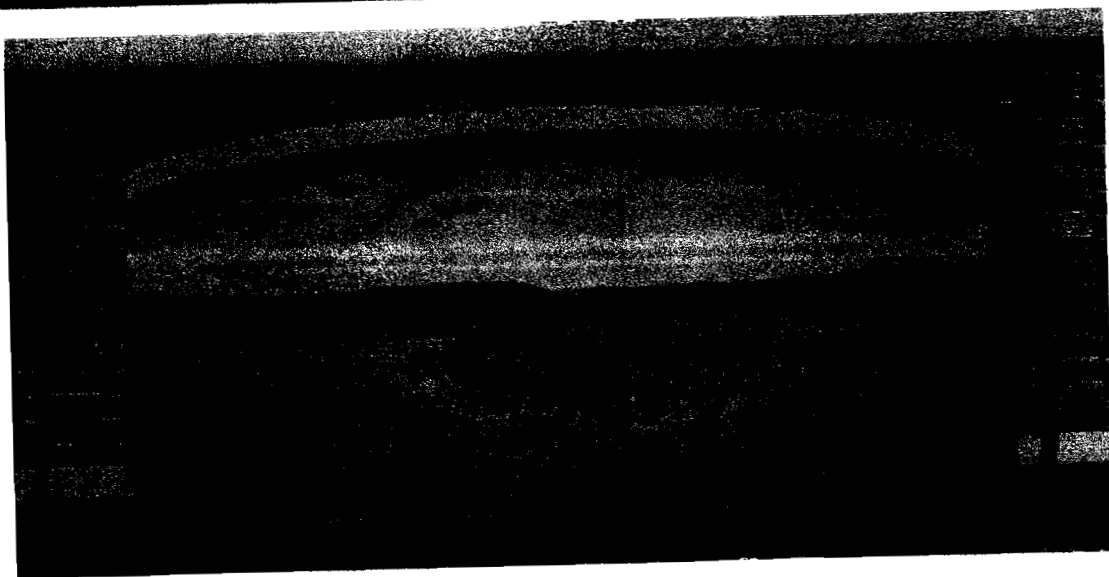


To the left and below are two views of Mr. Dafford's painting of Covington's riverfront before European Settlement. There is evidence that bison herds used this crossing and traveled up the present Greenup Street.

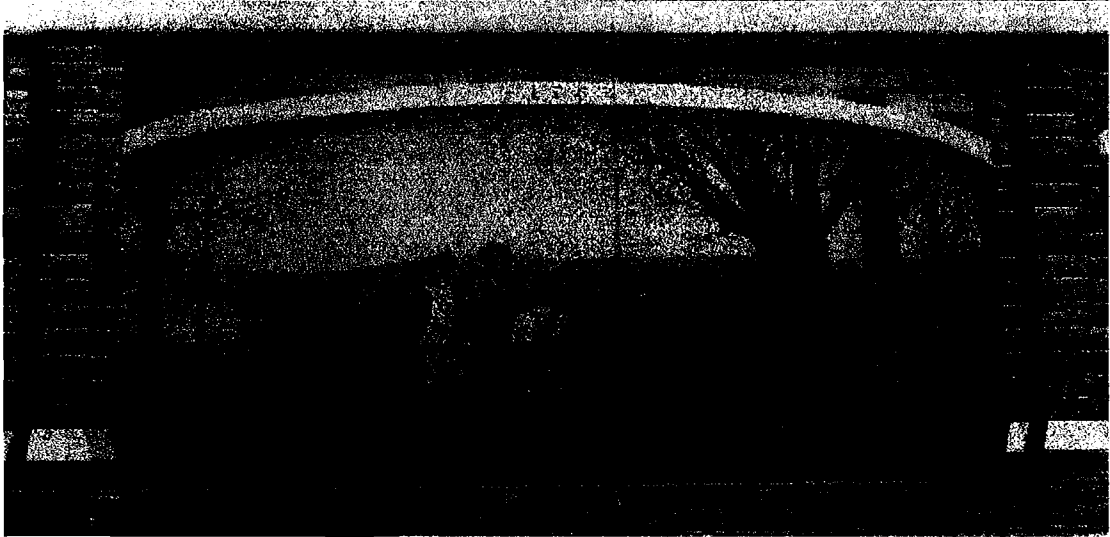
Note the full view below shows the slight fault that existed at the mouth of the Licking River. This feature is shown on early maps of Covington as late as Civil War days.

Also, there tended to be a silt build-up on the Ohio at the up-river side of the Licking River due to the confluence of the two rivers interaction.

With the active advice of Kenton Society members and others, all these features have been included in Robert Dafford's painting. The only feature missing from this scenario would be a huge flock of Passenger Pigeons flying overhead!



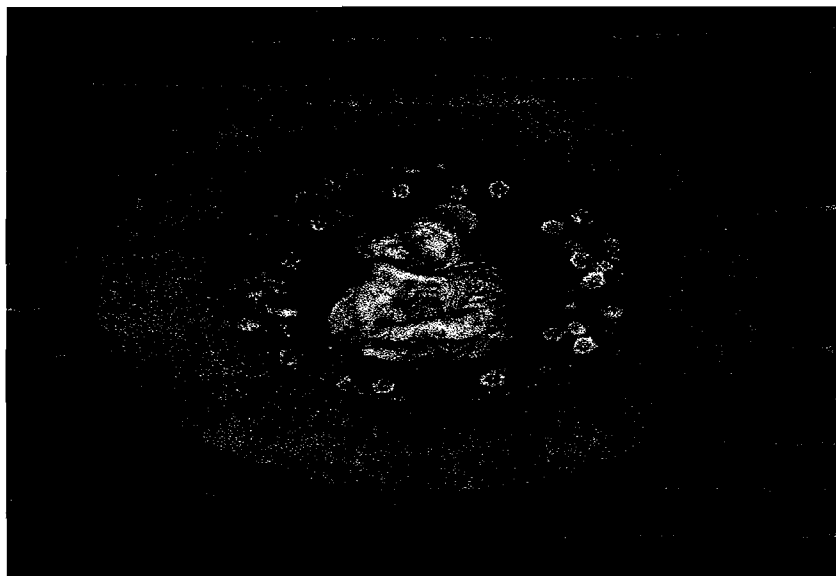
G.R.Clark's force at "The Point" to attack Ohio Shawnee - 1782. Looking west (Ohio River on left)



Margeret & Robert Garner & family escaping across the Ohio from Main St., Covington - 1856

# *Mystery Pictures-*

**March Photo—Can you Identify?**



**April Photo**



## **Maps Available**

- **circa 1846 (24 x 24 inches) Covington.....\$8.00**
- **1851 Covington (24 x 36 inches).....8.00**
- **1914 County map (approx. 4 ft. x 3 ft.) available at Kenton Library.....10.00**

## **Publications**

- **O. J. Wiggins' 106 Kenton Officers' Biographies.....2.00**
- **Newport Barracks—soft-bound 88 pages..... [on sale].....5.00**

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<u>2-1860 Federal Census INDEX for Kenton County</u>	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
<i>Compiled by genealogist Dorothy Wieck</i>			
<u>3-Gentlemen Farmers to City Folks (Wallace Woods, Covington)</u>	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$1.00
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<u>4-O. J. Wiggins' 106 Kenton Office Holders (1840-1880)</u>	\$2.00	\$ 4.00	\$1.00
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<u>5-Trinity Episcopal Church, Covington revised</u>	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
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<u>7- 1900 African American County[only] Census Index</u>	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
<i>By local historian Ted Harris; 13 one-sided pages</i>			
<u>8- Kenton County Small &amp; Private Cemeteries</u>	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$5.00
<i>Published by KCHS over 20 years ago; recently updated; 139 pages</i>			
<u>9-Linden Grove Cemetery, volume I</u>	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$6.00
<u>10-Linden Grove Cemetery, volume II</u>	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$4.00
<i>Compiled by George C. Dreyer; volume I, 401 pages; volume II, 257 pages</i>			

**MAPS & PHOTO**

<u>Covington ca. 1840 (24"x 24")</u>	\$5.00	\$ 8.00	\$2.00
<u>Covington 1851 (24"x 36")</u>	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$2.00
<u>Kenton County 1914</u>	\$10.00	\$10.00	
<i>Available from the Kenton County Public Library, Covington</i>			
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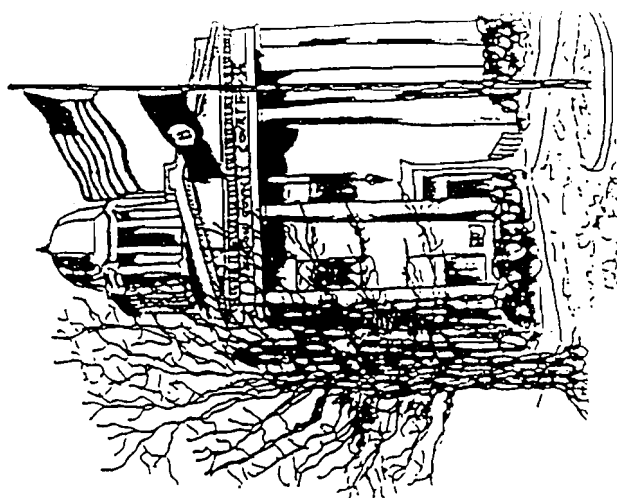
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