

Bulletin of the Kenton County Historical Society

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PROGRAMS

Trinity Episcopal Hall, 4th & Madison, Covington

Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. – **The Wilderness Road**

A 1991 KET production following the trail of the remnants of The Wilderness Road narrated by Gurney Norman. Mr. Norman will trace the relationships with Indians, footsteps of Boone and others as they trekked their way through the Wilderness Road and Cumberland Gap into Kentucky. The Society plans to show the video on the big screen set at Trinity Church Hall.

Tuesday, June 8, 7:00 p.m. – **An Evening with Stephen Foster**

Karl and Peggy Lietzenmayer will be dressed in period costume and present the life and music of America's first composer. Details of periods of Foster's life will be connected with specific compositions. Peggy will be at the piano and both she and Karl will present the story and song.

Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine Taps In to TAP

Four students with TAP – the masters in marketing program of Thomas More College – have taken the magazine as a marketing project.

They will be meeting with the magazine staff and studying ways to increase the subscription and readership rate. TAP director Dr. Deborah Deye is excited this project has taken root and expects the results to be mutually beneficial.

The magazine is in its eleventh year and has only acquired slightly over 800 subscribers in the 13 county area. The proven quality and dependability of the publication should be an asset to the students beginning to study marketing techniques and approaches.

Donors to KCHS Much Appreciated Gave Solvency to Society

As was reported in a previous *Bulletin*, the treasury of the Society (and *Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine*) was in serious red ink. The new Board found it necessary to raise the membership dues and cancel the *NKH* discount, although a regular magazine subscription remains unchanged. While a few members notified the Board that they could no longer afford membership, most understood. Several thought the dues structure was kept too low, too long. The membership, we happily report, has not significantly diminished.

The board added a line for donation to the membership notices recently processed. We are deeply awed by the response of members who added an extra gift. Some individuals sent as much as \$100; the NK Heritage League sent a \$500 gift, which was acknowledged separately. The board interprets this response as a vote of confidence for the work the Society produces. The board itself reflects a healthy addition of several new members, elected last September.

While we thought it prudent not to print the amounts donated, we want to publish the names of those generous members who were able to add an extra gift to their renewals. Please forgive us if we missed anyone.

About, Glenn F.	Covington, KY	McDaniel, Jerry	Edgewood, KY
Allnut, Charles	Villa Hills, KY	Middleton, Clyde	Ft. Mitchell, KY
Alnut MD, Richard A.	Lakeside Park, KY	Mohr, M/M William	Ft. Thomas, KY
Baker, Ben S.	Covington, KY	Myers, Arnold M.	Ft. Wright, KY
Beers, Jim	Park Hills, KY	Myres, Myrna	Willits, CA
Berger, Cathy	Lebanon, OH	Northern Ky. Heritage League	Ft. Mitchell, KY
Clare, Alan M.	Erlanger, KY	Nuckolls, Charles B.	Cincinnati, OH
Collins, Constance L.	Arlington, VA	Pennington, Rev. Joe	Ft. Mitchell, KY
Crawford, Phyllis	Cincinnati, OH	Perry, Maureen B.	Ft. Mitchell, KY
Davis, Alice Inda	Ghent, KY	Powell, Jacqueline	Villa Hills, KY
Davis, Daphne Susan	Edmonds, WA	Remke, William R.	Petersburg, KY
Deaver, John A.	Cincinnati, OH	Reynolds, Mary E.	Ludlow, KY
Deitrich, Julia	Louisville, KY	Richards, JoAnn	Verona, KY
Dow, Rebecca	Newport, KY	Richardson, Ted R.	Cincinnati, OH
Feldman, Richard & Pat	Bromley, KY	Ringo, David Leer	Palm Bch, FL
Ferguson, Bruce	Union, KY	Rizzo, Edgar J.	Edgewood, KY
Flach, John L.	Edgewood, KY	Ross, M/M John W.	Ft. Thomas, KY
Gerkin, Mary Jane	Walton, KY	Sauer, Lisa & Jon Moeller	Covington, KY
Gerrein, Carl	Park Hills, KY	Schewene, Charles	Playa Del Rey, CA
Grimes, Belinda	Walton, KY	Schwartz, Paul & Jo Ann	Ft. Thomas, KY
Haile Jr., Ralph	Cincinnati, OH	Slagle, Nancy	Covington, KY
Harper, Douglas	Biloxi, MS	Smith, Debra	Latonia, KY
Hartmann, Albert, Helen & Robert	Covington, KY	Tieneyer, Sue	Newport, KY
Held, Michael E.	East Stroudsburg, PA	Wadsworth, Sallie R.	Brookville, IN
Hellmann, M/M Thomas	Taylor Mill, KY	Weldon, Alexandra	Covington, KY
Jordan, Thomas P.	Lakeside Park, KY	Whitson, Mary F.	Covington, KY
Kemper, Paul J.	Ft. Thomas, KY	Wolff, Ralph G.	Crestview Hills, KY
Kirtley, Elizabeth M.	Florence, KY	Wood, Steve	Covington, KY
Landrum, Gene	Highland Hgts, KY	Woods, Drew & Gina Estes	Covington, KY

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PRESTON PLANTATION CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

June 5-6, 2004: Cannons Echo off the Ohio River Once More

Bedford, KY– The public is invited to attend Preston Plantation's fifth annual return of Civil War days along the Ohio River. On the weekend of June 5 and 6, 2004, Civil War era living historians will provide the viewing public with a realistic glimpse into mid 19th century America. Significant highlights include a military encampment, military demonstrations, Civil War presentations, and a Civil War skirmish including period artillery and infantry with authentic uniforms and weaponry. Spectators are encouraged to intermingle with the living historians, ask questions, and altogether have a fun and educational experience. Visitors may also browse the wares of a Civil War Sutler, a merchant who sold equipment and goods to the troops. The event opens at 9am Saturday and 10am Sunday. Battle reenactments take place on 11am and 2pm Saturday, and 12pm Sunday. There is no admission fee.

For a list of more scheduled events and general information, visit our website at www.christianreenacting.com/preston

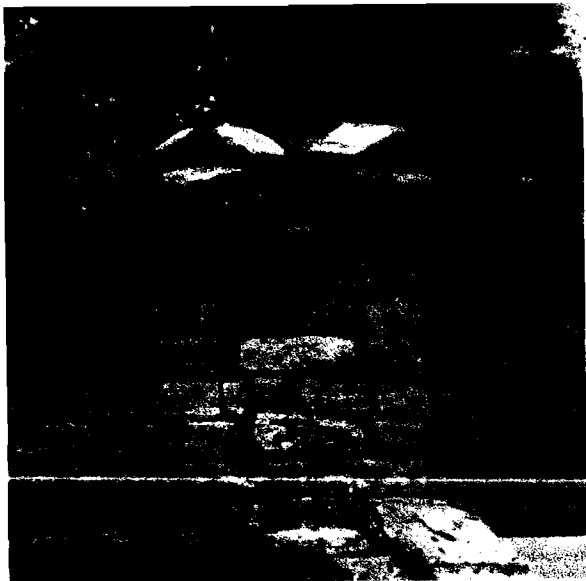
Directions: Take I-71 to exit 34. Head west on 421 to Bedford, then head south on State Route 42 for 1 mile to State Route 754. Turn right onto State Route 754 and travel 6 miles to State Route 1838 (power plant). Turn right onto State Route 1838 and travel 2 miles to Venard Road. Turn left onto Venard Road and watch for signs.

BUS TRIP TO FRANKFORT - JUNE 26 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Reservations are being taken by the Campbell County Historical Society which is sponsoring a "research trip" with the History Center Special Collections Section at the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort. There will be time to tour the Old Capitol as well as old Frankfort shops and restaurants.

The cost is \$25 per person. Bus leaves at 7 A.M. from the Cold Spring K-Mart, 3710 Alexandria Pike (parking in "upper lot"). Bus leaves Frankfort at 4 P.M. Bring your lunch or eat at a Frankfort restaurant. Mail check to CRUISE WITH PATTIO, 4150 Alexandria Pike, Suite 113, Cold Spring, KY 41076 or call (859)781-9013. E-mail: cruiswithpattio@aol.com [patio is spelled with 2 "t"s]. Reservations need to be in ASAP.

Mystery Photo



May



June

Can you identify the mystery pictures above? Hint: they are portions of churches in Kenton County.

Café Tokens

The Kenton Society received several e-mail messages from Roy Klein, who is collecting and assembling the fascinating story of "café tokens" also known as "beer chips." Mr. Klein sent us illustrations of some of his collection, wishing to find out more information. We are re-producing his images herein with requests for any background our members and readers might know about the tokens in question. Sometimes the location of some of the taverns is a mystery. Sometimes the establishment owners' names are not known. A detailed library search of the establishments has not been done as of this printing. Mr. Klein is considering creating an illustrated book if sufficient resources become available. Following is Mr. Klein's brief explanation of the phenomenon.

Introduction:

Around the turn of the century (1900), many taverns, restaurants and saloons issued metal tokens which were often bought by a customer at a reduced price for use in that specific café. If a beer cost a nickel or dime, the tokens would be used instead of currency, keeping the bartender from constantly making change for such a small purchase.

These tokens could also be won in dice games at the bar. A patron would buy in for a quarter and play games called "Horse & Horse" or "21" or "Shaking the Box," a game similar to Yahtzee, in which the players would try to get certain numbers in so many rolls. The winners would often be paid off in tokens. Of course, this way the winnings stayed at the bar. Sometimes other gaming devices or pin-ball machine winners would collect tokens from the house.

As is evident from the examples shown below, the number and individuality of the token designs and shapes were a point of pride for the various café owners. The tokens created a bit of loyalty with their customers. They were also advertising pieces as well as a unit of private money. Each time a customer left for home and emptied his pockets on the dresser for bed, he saw those tokens.

The variety of shapes seems to be something quite unique in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area. Shapes such as horseshoes, bells, shields or horse heads never appear in other parts of the country.

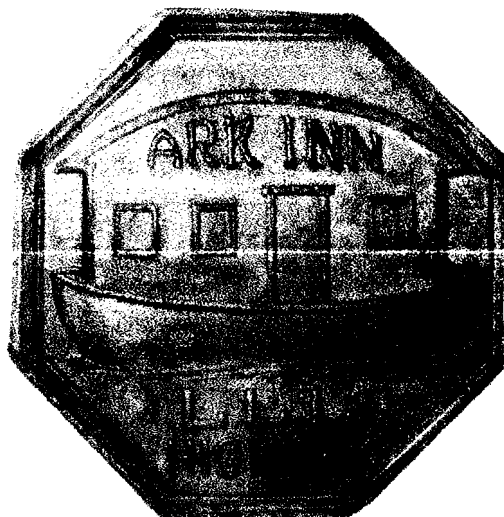
Examples:

The numbered tokens will have known information beside them. Those without data will have a question mark. If any reader can add any information for these items, please e-mail us at: uksheritage_kent@juno.com or send a note to our address: PO Box 641, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0641.

- 1)? Location in Latonia and
 "Harry" not identified



- 2)? Location on 3L Highway,
 and owner unknown.





3)? Teresa's Café
Crescent Springs, KY
[Teresa unknown]



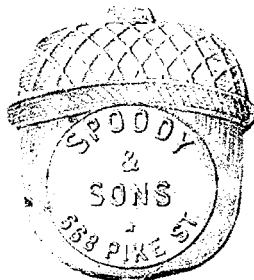
4)? Fireside Tavern
Madison Pike
[owner/location unknown]



5)? Baldy's Café
Kenton, KY
[owner unknown]



6)? Warner's Café
309 W. Southern Ave.
Latonia, KY
[owner unknown]



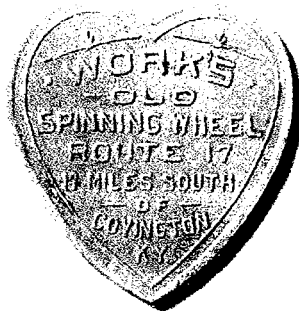
7)? Spooky & Sons
568 Pike St.
[who were the Spoodys?]



8)? Marge's Buena Vista
26th & Madison
[no info on Marge]



9) 3 Willows
Taylor Mill Pike



10) Work's
Old Spinning Wheel
Route 17 – 13 Miles
South of Covington



11) Roost
LLL Highway



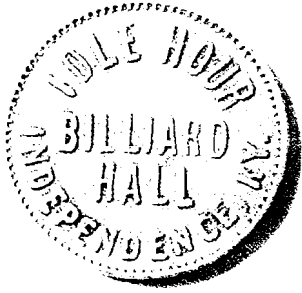
12) Webe's Café
3517 Latonia Ave.



13) Burke's
241 Elm St.
Ludlow, KY



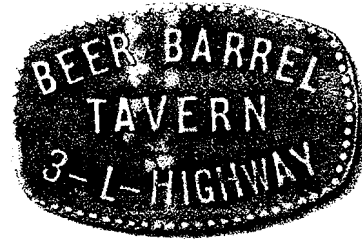
14) Old Kentucky Home
Erlanger, KY



15) Idle Hour
Billiard Hall
Independence, KY



16) Ky. Pines
LLL Hy.



17) Beer Barrel Tavern
3-L Highway



18) Lakeview Inn
Devou Park Entrance
Ludlow, KY

**11th ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR:
“From Digital to Vital Records—Libraries Deliver!” ***

Saturday, May 22, 2004

Main Library, Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County

Classes on 3 topics

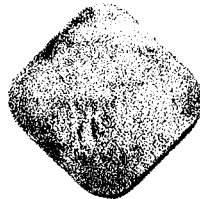
- 1:00 p.m. “Beginning Genealogy: where do I start?” - Karen Everett, Education Chair, Hamilton County Genealogical Society, will share her expertise and unravel the mystery of how to begin finding your ancestors.
- 2:15 p.m. “Family History: The Digital Revolution” - Dave Schroeder, Local History Librarian at the Kenton County Public Library, will discuss the impact of digital records in the field of genealogy. The session will include a demonstration of that library’s online genealogy collection.
- 3:30 p.m. “Searching Ohio Death Certificates & Local Vital Records” - Albert Hallenberg, History & Genealogy Librarian and Kenny Burck, President, Hamilton County Chapter, OGS. You may not need to travel to Columbus for death certificates: check with The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County for one-stop vital record shopping.

Please sign up to reserve a seat by calling 369-6905

**Information Tables & Experts
Atrium, South Building**

Displays*** Specialists in African American; German; and Irish ancestry***
Exhibits*** Representatives from 20 genealogical and historical organizations***
Children’s Story Hour from 2:00-3:00***Refreshments*** No charge*** Parking only \$1 all day in
Garfield Garage (one block from Main Library at 13 West 9th Street, between Vine & Race)***For more
information, call the History & Genealogy Department at (513) 369-6905

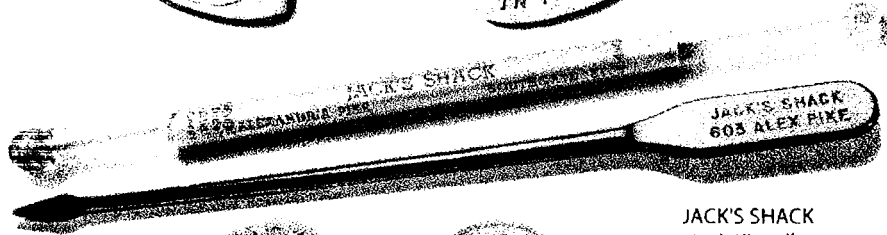
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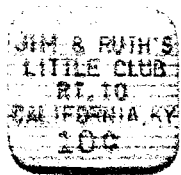
HILCREST TAVERN
Stan Trobridge
Alexandria Pike
Alexandria, Ky.



J & G CAFE
Jane & George Detisch
Highway 8
Brent, Ky.



JACK'S SHACK
Jack Kinsella
603 Alexandria Pike
Southgate, Ky.



LITTLE CLUB
Jim & Ruth Iles
Route 10
California, Ky.

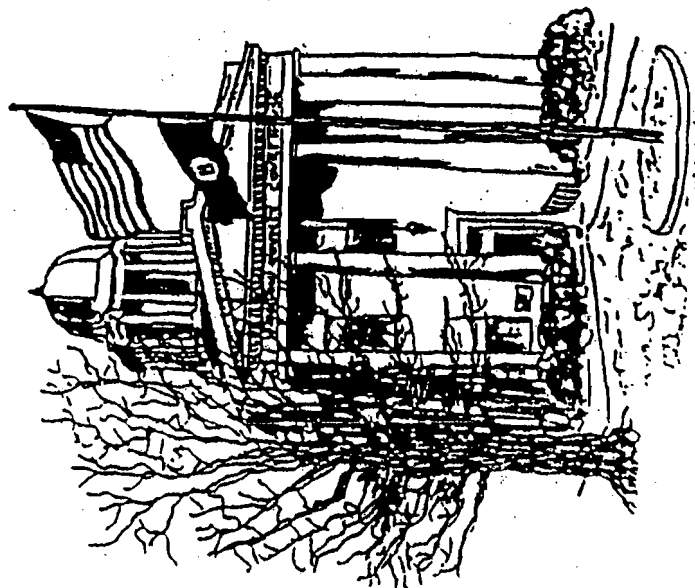
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