

Boone County Historical Society



May — June 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17: Native American Artifacts Program at 7pm, BCPL Main Library.

May 19: Museum Exhibit of Native American Artifacts and Archaeological Finds, 11am—3pm

July 19: Annual “out-and-about” at the Petersburg Community Center, 7pm

July 21 (*Rain date 28th*): **Annual Boone County Heritage Day** Museum Exhibit in conjunction with Burlington Business Assn. Chalk Fest 10am—3pm

Sept. 20: Don Rightmyer: ***Torn Between North and South: The Civil War in Kentucky*** Program at 7pm, BCPL Main Library

Nov. 10: Museum Exhibit honoring **Boone County’s Military Veterans**, 11am—3pm

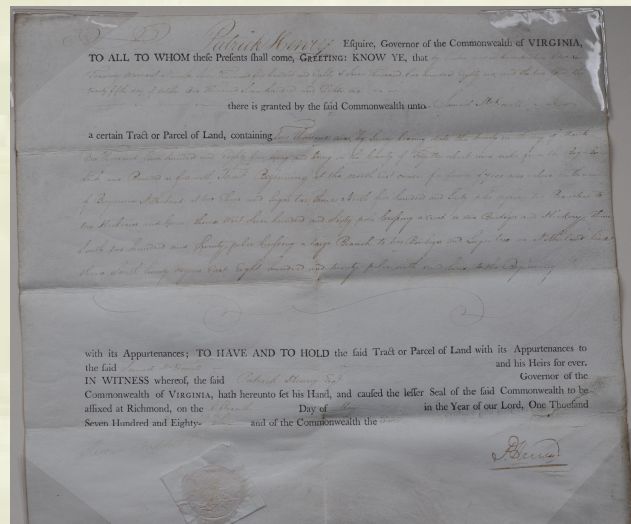
Nov. 15: “Buddy” Denham presents **Old Time Pharmacies** Program at 7pm, BCPL Main Library

LAND GRANT SIGNED BY PATRICK HENRY IN 1875 TO BE HUNG IN JUSTICE CENTER

PRESENTATION 7PM THURS. MAY 17,
BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, MAIN LIBRARY

The ancient ink on the sheepskin document may have faded over the decades, but there is no mistaking the signature of Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia, on this Land Grant, giving 2000 acres near Big Bone Lick to Samuel McDowell (1735-1817), Revolutionary War hero. The document was dated 1786, six years before Kentucky gained statehood. The tract of land was part of Fayette County, Virginia before that time.

The Land Grant will be displayed publicly for the



first time at the May 17 meeting of the Boone County Historical Society. It will then be hung in the Boone County Justice Center in Burlington.

The document has been re-framed in archival-safe materials and under museum-quality glass by Tom Gaither Gallery in Ludlow, who donated a portion of the cost.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO RECEIVE HONOR FOR HIGHWAY MARKERS PROJECT

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board has selected Boone County Historical Society to receive the 2012 Local Organization Preservation

Award in recognition of our efforts with Historic Highway Markers and for excellent ongoing programming. The award will be presented at the

BCHPRB’s Annual Awards Reception at 6pm Thursday, May 10 at the Main Branch of the Boone County Public Library on KY 18.

BONES & STONES

“Bones and Stones” is a term often applied to fossils and artifacts collected along creeks and streambeds where Native Americans might have hunted or traveled. Arrow points are among the most commonly collected items.



Three local collectors will display and discuss their collections at BCHS meeting 7pm

Thursday, May 17 at the BCPL Main Library.



Martin O'Madden has collected fossils and artifacts since childhood, is a member of the Archaeological Society of Ohio, and actively involved in the training and education offered by Cincinnati Museum Center. He is particularly interested in paleontology and the Ice Age period.

Ray Stutler, member of Northern Kentucky Archaeological Society, became interested in Native American artifacts at age 12. He went with William Behringer to look for arrowheads along the Ohio and Licking Rivers and Eagle Creek. As a teen, he volunteered at Behringer-Crawford Museum, and assisted Ellis Crawford in several digs including the Bintz site on the Ohio River in Campbell County, and the Rogers site between Petersburg and Bellevue.

Liz Anderson RN, developed an interest in Papago Indian baskets and artifacts and loves to display them.

BOONE COUNTY HERITAGE DAY

BCHS's annual Heritage Day will be Saturday, July 21 (rain date July 28) from 10 am to 3 pm. at the BCHS Museum. Bring the kids to see vintage farm and household items, as well as demonstrations of traditional crafting

and heritage skills. Antique autos and tractors will also be displayed. Historic Burlington Business Association will simultaneously host a sidewalk chalk art festival along with live music and refreshments. Chalk is provided for the artists!

BCHS Museum exhibits consist of loaned items, so if you have something we could borrow,



please call one of our Board Members.

THANKS TO ASA ROUSE AND LEE FRAKES

The Boone County Historical Society extends appreciation to Asa Rouse and Lee Frakes for their program on Lee's escape during WWII.

If you missed their presentation, the DVD is now available for checkout at the Boone County Public Library, Main Library Local History Department.



KENTUCKY HISTORICAL HIGHWAY MARKERS TO BE DEDICATED

The Bullittsburg Baptist Historical Marker Dedication will be 2 pm Sunday, June 3, following 10:30 service and a pitch-in dinner.

The Dedication of the Historical Marker at Hopeful Lutheran Church will be Sunday, June 24 at 2 pm followed by a reception given by Boone Germanna.

The Boone County Historical Society began the long application process for historical markers for Hopeful Lutheran Church

and Bullittsburg Baptist Church in 2011. The process required extensive research and written accounts of each church's history. This task was accomplished by Michael Rouse (Hopeful Lutheran) and Norma Hennigen (Bullittsburg Baptist).

The cost of each was \$2,500. BCHS Treasurer Steve Conrad kept in frequent contact with representatives of the Ky. Department of Highways and the local KY. Historical Marker

Coordinator Dennis Vesper. Finally word came from Frankfort that both applications had been approved!

One last meeting was held just last month to determine the exact location of each of the markers.

A committee has begun work to determine future sites of historical significance where highway markers would be appropriate. The committee members are **Bruce Ferguson, Matt Becher, Michael Rouse, Yvonne Hempfling Edwards, and Wilma McMillian.**

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO IN BOONE COUNTY

Boone Co. Preservation Workshop, 1pm Sat. May 19, BCPL Main Library. Discussion of Boone County's preservation needs.

New Orleans-style Concert at Dinsmore, 6:30-8:30pm Sat, June 9 w/ Robin Lacy & DeZy-

therans, \$25 registration by 6/15, food. Advance registration \$10/person; \$12 at gate. 859/586-6117 or visit dinsmorefarm.org.

"Their Journey from Virginia to Kentucky...Oct-Nov. 1805," 9am Saturday, June 23, the migration of German Lu-

therans, \$25 registration by 6/15, programs, displays, and lunch. Visit www.boonegermanna.com

Boone Rural Treasures Farm Tour, 9am-5pm Sat., June 30. Self-guided tour of a dozen working and historic farms. Phone Conservation Dist. 859/586-7903.

THE BCHS MUSEUM

Boone County Historical Society expresses appreciation to the Boone County Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court Commissioners for permission to use the Old County Clerk's Office as a repository for items of historical significance to Boone County's heritage.



Directions: I-71/75 Exit 181 (KY 18 Burlington Pk). Proceed west-bound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville-

Burlington Road aka Garrard St.); turn left into the Boone County Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked "County Court Clerk's Office...1853" The street address is 2965 Gallatin Street, Burlington, KY 41005.

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ABOUT THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **mission** of the Boone County Historical Society is to develop awareness and promote appreciation of the history of Boone County, Kentucky.

The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings at 7pm on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Meetings (except for July) are held at the Boone County Public Library, Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. July “out-and-about” meetings are held at various locations around the County.

The Society hosts a number of exhibits at the BCHS Museum (*see page 3*) each year. Most items for

these exhibits are borrowed on a temporary basis from our members and friends, and do not belong to the Society. We greatly appreciate being entrusted with these loaned items that relate to our planned exhibits.

Items in our permanent collection have been donated by individuals and families who desire to share with others items of historical significance to Boone County. Their generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Annual membership fee is \$15 per household, due every January. This covers the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters. Checks, payable to the Boone County Historical

Society, can be mailed to the Boone County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23, Florence, KY 41022-0023.

The Boone County Historical Society has received a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status — all gifts to the Society are tax deductible.

All programs and exhibits are free and open to the public.

Officers and Boardmembers:

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