

Boone County Historical Society



March-April, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS

May 21 program: JIM DUVALL and friends Louis Crigler and Allen Feldhaus (and possibly others) will reminisce about early Boone County High School sports. Several Boone County High School cheerleader and sports uniforms will be on display.

July 16 “Out-and-About” at the Hopeful Lutheran Church. Our own **Michael Rouse** will present a program about that historic church.

September 17 program: Don Rightmeyer will present “*Kentucky’s Bookends to the Civil War: Major Robert Anderson of Fort Sumter.*”

November 19 program:
To be announced.

DR. PAUL TENKOTTE AND KARL LIETZENMAYER PRESENT COVINGTON’S BICENTENNIAL, THURSDAY, MAR. 19

Our neighbors at the City of Covington are celebrating their Bicentennial this year! NKU’s **Dr. Paul Tenkotte**, **Kenton County Historical Society’s Karl Lietzenmayer** and their committee have been working on a fabulous volume that documents that city’s fascinating history. Copies of the new book will be offered for sale.

Of course, the Behringer-Crawford Museum folks in Devou Park are involved in the excitement. A recently restored 1924 Stewart Ironworks U.S. truck will be displayed at the Museum as part of the Bicentennial celebration. The truck is just one artifact in the newly renovated Rails Gallery, which will spotlight the vital role of people and industries in the development of Covington and



the Northern Kentucky region.

The program begins at 7pm Thursday, **March 19, 2015** at the **Main Library**, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. The public is invited, so bring interested friends and neighbors.

Back copies of selected Northern Kentucky Heritage magazines will be available at our meetings for a donation. Our thanks to KCHS’s Karl Lietzenmayer and John Boh for this opportunity.

LOST AND FOUND

As soon as the last newsletter was sent out, BCHS members **Bob and Nancy Swartzel**, owners of **Burlington's Willis Graves Bed and Breakfast**, called me, Betsy. Bob said he had read the front-page article on **Ron Buckley's** continuing research on **Federal Hall, Jacob Piatt's property** near the Judge Cropper Bridge.

Bob told me that Jacob Piatt's gravestone had been leaning against his barn for about 20 years, after a cemetery workshop had been held there. No one had returned to the Swartzel's to retrieve the stone that Ron Buckley has been searching for!

I called **Matt Becher** who immediately arranged to get the stone moved back to the County's oversight! "Thank you!" to the Swartzels for safekeeping the ancient gravestone all those years!

Then the Swartzels told me they had purchased two bound volumes of *The Boone County Recorder* for the years 1875-76 and 1893-94 that they had purchased at the Boone County Fairgrounds sale several years ago. They offered to donate them to the Historical Society, but since we don't have the proper environment in which to keep them, we presented them to the **Boone County Public Library Historical Librarian, Bridget Striker**. Turns

ELECTION OF OFFICERS RESULTS:

At the January, 2015 meeting, an election of Officers and Board Members was held. The results are: **Betsy Conrad re-elected for a 2-year term as President, Virginia Lainhart re-elected for a 2-year term as Vice President, Steve Conrad re-elected for a 2-year term as Treasurer, Pat Yannarella re-elected for a 2-year term as Secretary, Betty Poole re-elected for a 3-year term as a member of the Board, and Brent Johansen elected for a 3-year term as a member of the Board.**

FITZGERALD COLLECTION HOW-TO CLASS PLANNED

Katie Presnell, BCHS member who has been working to inventory The Fitzgerald Collection, has agreed to meet in the near future with several other members who have expressed interest in participating with the project, to provide instruction and the benefit of her experience.

If you'd be interested in assisting with this project, contact Betsy Conrad at 371-5882 or Pat Yannarella at 342-BOOK ext. 8113, and a date will soon be set for this group to meet.

out, the bound volumes had been stolen from the County Clerk's office years ago. So again, "Thank you!" to Bob and Nancy Swartzel.

NOTE: If you happen to see something being offered at an auction or sale that you think should belong to the County of Boone — from old records from the County Clerk's office, to items that might have been taken from the old courthouse, please contact our Board officers (Betsy or Steve Conrad

859/371-5882, or Pat Yannarella 859/342-BOOK ext 8113), or Matt Becher, Boone County Historic Preservationist 334-2111, or Bridget Striker, Boone County Public Library's Historical Librarian 342-BOOK, or BCHS member Judge Tony Frolich 384-4929.

*Meanwhile, treat yourself or your guests to a stay at **Burlington's Willis Graves Bed and Breakfast, 5825 N. Jefferson St., Burlington, KY 41005-9772, 859/689-5096, toll-free 1-888-226-5096.***



**NORTHERN KENTUCKY HISTORY DAY
8-2 SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015
NKU STUDENT UNION
HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY**

Northern Kentucky University will again host this year's **North-ern Kentucky Regional History Day on Saturday, March 28, from 9 am until 2 pm. Advance registration is \$8; At-the-door \$10.** Mail your check to Northern KY Regional History Day, c/o Kenton Co. Historical Society, PO Box 641, Covington, KY 41012. Use Kenton Drive Parking Garage...free parking vouchers at registration.

BCHS will once again have a table where we will sell our **Mastodons to the Millennium** and display items from our Museum. If you would like to assist us at the table, please call **Steve or Betsy** at 371-5882, or **Pat Yannarella** at 342-BOOK ext. 8113. **Rita Bitter** and **Brent Johansen** have already volunteered to help! Set-up for

display tables begins at 7:30 am. At-the-door registration and opening of display area begins at 8am.

The opening presentation by **Paul Tenkotte, Ph.D.**, NKU's Professor of History, begins at 10am.

The first series of workshops, 11:15am to Noon, includes **Don Rightmyer's Virginia's Western War: Kentucky's Revolutionary War Experience**; **Ken Reis's Celebrating 25 Years: Campbell Co. H.S....**; **James C. Claypool's Our Fellow Kentuckians: Ras-cals, Heroes, and Just Plain Folk**; **our own Steve Conrad's Railroads and the Making of Boone County**; **John Schlipp's Cousins, Contracts**

and Copyrights; and **Burke Miller's Historical Battles: The Place of American History in Education."**

Workshop Session 2, 12:15 to 1pm, includes **Patricia Van Skaik's Cincinnati and North-ern KY in WWI**; **Russ Conrad and Penny Conrad's 1997 Falmouth Flood...**; **William Stolz's ...Military Research for WWI and WWII**; **Jeannine Kreinbrink and Doug VonStrohe's Devou Park: Beginning and Early History**; and **Eric Jackson and Karl Lietzenmayer's Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine's History and Impact on the Region."**

Displays open and door prize winners announced 1 to 2pm.

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 westbound 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.



Artwork by Pattie Purnell

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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 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.

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