

# ◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

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## Mark your Calendar: Upcoming Programs

### SEPTEMBER 18:

**Bruce Ferguson** will speak about Big Bone Lick and its connection with the Bicentennial Commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery expedition.



### OCTOBER 4:

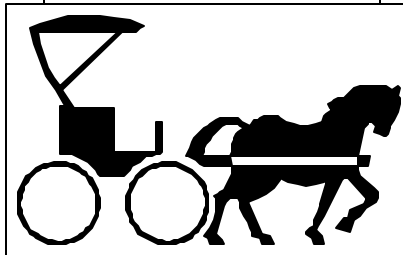
Join the members and friends of the Boone County Historical Society for the second annual "Hoedown" event at the Florence Lions' Clubhouse. The evening will feature a delicious buffet supper, great entertainment, and lots of wonderful fellowship.



### NOVEMBER 20:

**J.F. Daugherty, M.D.**, will present an interesting program about his experiences as a physician in Boone County. Many will remember his father, Dr. Harry Daugherty, also a Boone County physician.

The mission statement of the Boone County Historical Society will be to develop awareness and promote appreciation of the history of Boone County.

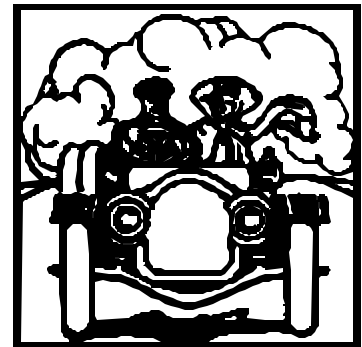


Copies of *BOONE COUNTY: FROM MASTODONS TO THE MILLENNIUM*, the library-quality hard-bound volume full of fascinating stories and pictures of Boone County's history, are available during business hours at Florence Government Center for \$30. All proceeds go to the Boone County Historical Society.

## Next meeting to be down at Dinsmore

The next meeting of the Boone County Historical Society will be held at Dinsmore Homestead, 5655 Burlington Pike, Burlington. Christine Godsey will tell us about the fascinating history of the beautiful old home and the wonderful family who owned it for so many generations.

The program begins at 7 p.m. Don't forget that date: Thursday, July 17.



# From the Boone County Recorder . . .

## by Laurie Wilcox

**EDITORS' NOTE:** *We express our appreciation to Laurie Wilcox for doing the research and preparing the following article. Laurie is a Reference Associate with the Boone County Public Library.*

*The following story is from the 1930 Historical issue of the Boone County Recorder:*

### **C. Scott Chambers**

A biographical history of progressive citizens and old families would not be complete without a sketch of the life of our leading undertaker and worthy citizen C. Scott Chambers of Walton. Like so many other men who have made their mark in the world, he was born and reared on the farm. He attended the county schools of the neighborhood finishing his elementary education at Aurora High School, Aurora, Ind. After this he engaged in farming for several years, successfully managing and operating his father's extensive acres.

On November 7, 1900 he was united in marriage with Alta Terrill of Petersburg, daughter of John and Mary Terrill of that place. They have two very attractive daughters, Aleen, who was born July 25, 1902 and who is the wife of Reuben Conner, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Erlanger. The second daughter is Mary Scott, who was born on May 26, 1904 and who married Wallace K. Grubbs, both of whom are associated with her father in business. Mr. Chambers also has a beautiful granddaughter, Jeanette Chambers Grubbs, aged nine months.

A dear little girl four years of age from Orphans Home in Louisville came to the Chambers home on a visit about two years ago and when the parting time came she had become so attached to him and his family that she wanted to remain, so out of sympathy and the pure kindness of his heart he has kept this little girl and given her parental care, which she seems to realize for she says, "I have the best daddy in the world."

Mr. Chambers came from Petersburg to Walton about twenty years ago and entered the undertaking business. By his industry, courtesy and kind consideration of his fellow men, he has built up a large patronage not only in his own community but in the adjoining counties as well.

On deciding to make this profession his life work he attended the Cincinnati College of Embalming, taking a course preparatory to trying the state examination. This he passed with highest honors, and he is both a licensed embalmer and undertaker in the three states of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. He has an up to date establishment equipped with all the [2 or 3 words not readable] necessary for his business, and he spares neither time nor expense to attain perfection and today he has an equipment second to none in the state. His latest addition was the purchase of a new hearse and a new invalid coach and ambulance, in the belief that "Boone County having the best people they deserve the best equipment." His personality and kindness to others combined with his ability makes him one of the leading undertakers in northern Kentucky.

Both Mr. And Mrs. Grubbs are also licensed embalmers and undertakers and are qualified in all modern methods of the profession. Mrs. Grubbs was one of the first lady undertakers in the state. Although many fine compliments have been passed to Mr. Chambers relative to his direction of funerals, this writer wishes to add that his grave service is second to none. The very latest type tents, awnings, and lowering devices make this service one of beauty, and Mr. Chambers is himself a genius in the arranging of flowers.

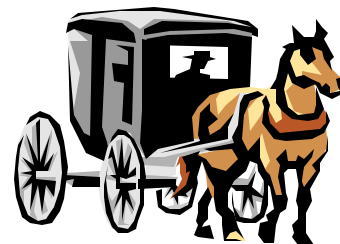
Below follows a concise history, or as near so as space will allow; of one of the oldest families in this section whose family on both sides are of Scotch-Irish descent. C. Scott Chambers was born in Petersburg precinct on February 13, 1871, the son of Alfred E. and Laura Scott Chambers, the father a native of Boone County and the mother of Kenton.

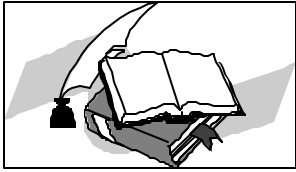
The writer will take up Mr. Chambers paternal ancestors first. The great grandfather of Mr. Chambers was Robert Chambers, who came from Virginia and settled in Burlington about 1800. He married a girl by the name of McAllister of Scottish descent. The grandfather of Mr. Chambers was Alfred E. Chambers who was born at Burlington on October 16, 1809. He married Amanda Sandford who was born on May 8, 1814. She was also a native of Boone County.

Mr. Chambers maternal grandfather by the name of Cleveland Scott was born in Kenton County, and married Alvira Collins, a native of Burlington. Cleveland Scott's father and great grandfather of Mr.

Chambers was Elmore Scott who was a native of Virginia and one of the early settlers of Kenton County. He married Polly Cleveland, a Kenton county girl. The parents of Alvira Collins and great grandparents of Mr. Chambers were Amos Collins, native of Massachusetts, who married Priscilla Swing native of Kentucky.

Mr. Chambers is a member of the State Board of Examiners of Undertakers at Louisville, having served in that capacity for several years. He is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. Lodge and a staunch member of the Masonic Order. In politics he has followed the teaching of his youth and is a loyal Democrat of the old school. He is progressive and always contributes liberally toward every worthy cause that has for its aim the upbuilding and development of his town and county. He is a member of the Christian Church and as an Elder is an active worker for the cause. He is Chairman of the Official Board and has been superintendent of Sunday School for a number of years. He never absents himself from church services unless kept away by business or illness. He is devoted to his mother and seldom fails to make her a weekly visit at Petersburg, continuously doing something for her pleasure and happiness. Mr. Chambers deserves all the good things in life that have come to him, and no doubt but what many more are in store in the days that are to come.



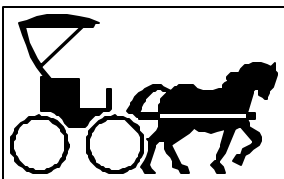


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The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, May, July, September and November. Unless otherwise announced, the meetings will be held at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard.



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**Annual Membership Fee** is only \$15 per household, **due every January**. This modest fee covers the cost of our newsletter mailings. We appreciate all who have joined the Boone County Historical Society to help us preserve and make known some of the history of our County. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join and attend our meetings. Membership fees can be sent to:

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