
◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

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July—August 2004

Mark Your Calendar for these 2004 events:

August 6: The Dinsmore Gala at R.C. & Deborah Jo Durr's home, Richwood Manor.

September 16: Dr. J. M. Huey tells about his grandfather, a **Civil War doctor** who was a prisoner of war, at BCHS's Sept. meeting.

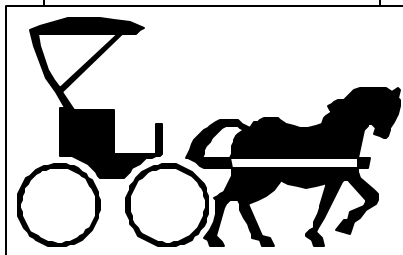
September 11: Family History Seminar and Book Fair in Louisville. Classes on dating/preserving old photos. See www.rootsweb.com/~kylgs for details.

November 18: Mike Rouse presents **old-time funeral customs**.

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Click on Boone County Heritage Tourism Council's new website, www.boonecountyheritage.org. You'll be able to view old photos, learn about the County's rich history, find out about special events at local venues, and link to Dinsmore Homestead, Boone Cliffs, the Nature Conservancy and other local organizations'

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.

July's program to be held at Florence Nature Park!

Florence Councilmember David A. Osborne and former Mayor Carroll M. "Hop" Ewing will reminisce about the history of Florence at the July meeting of the Boone County Historical Society. The meeting will be held in the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15. Come out and join us in this lovely meeting facility. Refreshments will be served

Directions to the Florence Nature Park: I-71/75 to exit 180 (U.S. 42). Turn east-bound on U.S. 42 off the exit ramp. Proceed through 4 traffic lights (Dream St./Freedom Way, Industrial Rd., Ewing Blvd., and Dixie Hwy (U.S. 25). Turn right at the 5th light, Banklick Street. Turn left into the park shortly after passing a stop sign.



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The Good Old Days — Transcribed News Items . . .

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Transcribed from the *Boone County Recorder*, July 6, 1916, page 1:

John Meeks Paroled after serving eight years for slaying Al Clutterbuck

Meeks was a good Prisoner

John Meeks, who killed Albert Clutterbuck in Florence; this county, on the night of Dec 14, 1907 and was tried and sentenced to the penitentiary for life in the Boone County Circuit court, April 25, 1908 was paroled last week, having served eight years and two months. Meeks was a good prisoner, which made much in his favor, while another factor that made in favor of his parole was his saving of the life of one of the guards; P.J. Mulken, of Louisville, several years ago, when another prisoner attacked him with a shoe knife and laid his cheek open from his eye to his throat. Just as the prisoner struck at the guard's heart Meeks seized the prisoner and after a hard struggle with him succeeded in disarming him. Meeks has no relations living in this county now it is said, his mother, who lived in Florence, having died several years ago.

Transcribed from the *Boone County Banner Personals*, August, 1897:

Miss Louisa Brown is still on the sick list. Miss Etta M. Graves made a long visit to Louisville.

Mrs. C.F. Seaman and daughter of Covington are visiting E. Dixon on Limaburg.

Johnnie Conrad, son of Eli and Mrs. Lizzie Conrad has had a very serious illness and he is yet quite weak, requiring constant care of the friends and physician.

Mrs. Lentz started to visit her mother in Maryland July 29, and arrived there next day with John Max in good condition. They are this away at a very important time, but it was the only chance to go before school time and some of the "big brothers" thought that the "only daughter" ought to comfort her mother.

Lewis Gaines the little son of Claude and Mrs. Carrie Robinson, who has been quite ill with the dysentery is getting along well and has been at church thus far two out of three nights.

Mrs. Lena (Tanner) Keller has been at home with her mother for about two months. Her husband, Rev. Ezra Keller of Hillsboro, Ill. joined her July 27, and preached an excellent sermon at Ebenezer Aug. 1.

Mrs. Martha Blankinbecker whose long illness has caused her to be greatly missed at church and especially at Sunday school at Hopeful church, is little if any better.

Mrs. Malinda C. Utz was unfortunate enough to hurt her ankle badly, and she was not able to walk for a while, but she is now around again and about as "good as new."

M.L. Tanner is not very well but he has been leading the singing and is doing good work.

Prof. A.C. Collins has given this office some pleasant calls. He is full of interesting reminiscences of the meeting at bowling green and especially his visit to the mammoth cave.

Wallace Tanner started to play naturalist at the Mammoth cave and secured an eyeless crawfish, but one of the guests at the hotel

not knowing his intention threw his valuable specimen away.

Mr. Arthur Guth and Miss Isa Adler of Cincinnati were married Aug. 4, by Rev. H. Max Lents, assisted by Rev. H.W. Hortsch. The ceremony which was conducted in German was very impressive, the ring being used. The groom is employed by the Baldwin piano company and he is an excellent young man, a brother of Mrs. Ezra W. Rouse of Limaburg. The bride formerly lived at Erlanger and has many friends, who will join the Banner in good wishes.

Joseph Myers and family have moved to Florence.

Miss Milly Beeman is in better health than when her sister died but she is totally blind or nearly so. She bears her affliction with Christian patience and submission. Thus she can see what the natural eye does not behold.

Walter Goodridge is "on the river" and we have not seen him for some time, but we are told that his improvement is very small if any. He can walk very little.

Carl Clutterbuck and about forty others hereabouts having whooping cough and many of them are whooping sure enough.

Mrs. Minta Utz after starting at Hopeful church July 25 was turned aside by a desperate toothache. She was on hand promptly at Ebenezer the next Sunday and in the absence of the organist played without a word as though she had never had the toothache.

W.H. Clayton was the first to return his envelope for Benevolence. There is still time enough time to be prompt but you ought to give the matter attention.

Mrs. E.A. Bartell, who is at Junction city with her sister, reports quite a revival of religion there.

Rev. E.I. Surface of William's Centre O., came here to see his many relatives August 3. He is pastor of an "Evangelical" church. He preached Wednesday night at Ebenezer church, and has agreed to preach Sunday Aug 8 at Hopeful.

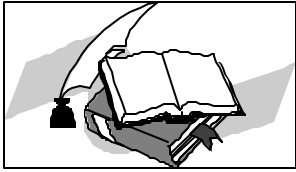


Northern Kentucky Encyclopedia to be Published Soon

Northern Kentucky Encyclopedia needs authors for Boone County articles. Please check the website or contact Dr. Paul Tenkotte at 859/426-1776. As of June 25, there are a number of articles that do not have authors. Visit <http://www.libertastechnologies.com/nkyencyclopedia/> for more info.

Call for Papers

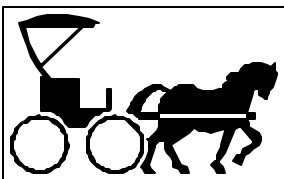
There is a call for papers by the Borderlands III Underground Railroad Conference to be held Sept. 16—18 at NKU. Papers are due by August 15, 2004. Contact Conference Committee, the Institute for Freedom Studies, 330 Landrum Hall, NKU, Highland Heights, KY 41099. Phone: 859/572-5817. Subjects may include, but are not limited to, women and the underground railroad, abolitionism in slave states, underground railroad conductors and stationmasters, the underground railroad in black newspapers, the underground railroad in mainstream press, religion and the underground railroad, teaching and the underground railroad.



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NOTE: July 15 program to be held at Florence Nature Park.

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.



BCHS Membership Privileges

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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