
◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

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May—June 2005

July's Date & Venue Changes:

PLEASE NOTE JULY'S MEETING DATE & LOCATION CHANGES!!!

A re-enactment of the 1943 Joan Kiger murder trial will be presented by former Boone County Judge/Executive Bruce Ferguson and a group of his fellow thespians.

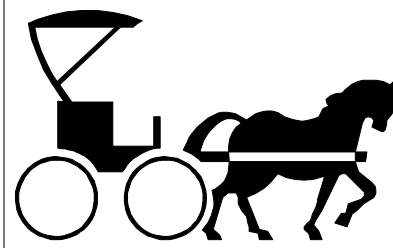
This play will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 14 in the 2nd floor courtroom of the OLD Boone County Courthouse in Burlington. Unfortunately, this venue is NOT handicap-

accessible. The Kiger trial was one of the most publicized events to have ever occurred in our County. Reporters from across the nation covered the tragic story of the 16-year-old girl being tried for the murder of her six-year-old brother. The trial actually took place in the old courtroom.

Executive Board

The BCBS Executive Board recently met to discuss 2006 program ideas and other business including the possibility of purchasing a video camera, the possibility of securing office/storage space, and website development. A proposal to donate \$100 to Dinsmore Homestead Foundation will be voted on at the May meeting.

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.

Matt Becher presents Frank Milburn program at May 19 Mtg.

Boone County Historic Preservation Officer Matt Becher, AICP, will present a fascinating program about Burlington's Frank Milburn, an amazing inventor, syndicated newspaper columnist, and television writer/producer/director during the 1940s and 50s. Milburn's inventions played a role in this nation's secret WWII military production. This program will be held at 7pm Thursday, May 19 in Community Room C of the Florence Government Center.

BCBS to receive 2005 Historic Preservation Award

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board has chosen the Boone County Historical Society as the recipient of one of the 2005 Historic Preservation Awards in the Local Government/Boone County Organization category. The award is in recognition of the Society's ongoing historical lecture series. This award will be presented Thursday evening, May 26, in the 2nd floor courtroom of the old Boone County Courthouse in Burlington.

Entries from the Loder Diaries_ . . .

Excerpted by Laurie Wilcox



FEBRUARY 1857

5th James Grant was married today to Miss Willis.

15th June Graves and Miss Ann Goble married today.

19th This morning in the forenoon today the still blew up in Mr. Snyder's distillery Wm Olds was scalded considerable & Joseph Huber Stitley scolded.

20th Wm Olds died.

23rd A. Lingenfelter moving from Petersburg to Edingburg Ind.

27th June Graves and his wife and Doctor McGuffy and his family [went] on board the Steamer J. P. Tweed – Graves for Independence Missouri and Dr. McGuffy for Hancock co. Ill.

MARCH 1857

13th Exhibition this evening. There was music by Mr. Tosso and two daughters on the piano.

15th This evening Crosby from Lawrenceburg fell out of a skiff into the river and got completely

wet and nearly froze.

29th John Kirby died today.

30th Wm Swing and Harriett hays was married

APRIL 1857

3rd Thomas Cox's wife had a daughter today.

8th F. B. Rust today brought his stallion Jim Mason to Petersburg. Myself and Henry McWethy traded horses.

Genealogy News: Federal Census Special Schedules

By Laurie Wilcox

As promised, I will explain the Manufacturing Schedules of the Federal Census, but I thought I would just go ahead and tell you about two Special Schedules while I have your attention. I have already covered the Agricultural schedule, so this month I'll give you a little insight into the Manufacturing and the Mortality schedules. You can find most of these schedules at the Scheben branch of the Boone County Public Library (BCPL).

Manufacturing Schedules were taken in 1810, 1820, 1850 thru 1870, and 1880. The 1810 had no information about the person who owned the company, only the kind, quantity and value of the goods produced. In 1820 they gave the owner's name, location of the business, number of employees, what was manufactured, annual

production and capital invested. These early Manufacturing Schedules can be seen at the Covington Branch of the Kenton County Library. For 1850 through 1870 they were called the Industry Schedules. The



business had to exceed \$500 to be listed. The information listed was name of the company, name of the owner, what was produced, capital invested, kind and value of raw materials used, number of employees, kind and value of annual products. These are available at BCPL.

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Mortality Schedules were taken in Kentucky in 1850 through 1880. These schedules reported the names of people who had died within the twelve months before the census was taken. The information taken about the deceased was their name, age at death, sex, color, marital status, place of birth, month of death, occupation, cause of death, number of days ill, birthplace of parents, and, in the 1880 schedule, how long the person had lived in the area plus the page and family number from the population schedule of the person supplying the information. Because Kentucky did not keep complete vital statistic records before 1911, these schedules can be very valuable to the genealogist.

The Loder Diaries

By Laurie Wilcox

Lewis Loder, born October 8, 1819, in Lycoming County Pennsylvania. He had several occupations. He was a farmer, hotelkeeper, bookkeeper for the Distillery and he also served as Justice of the Peace as well as Magistrate Judge for Petersburg for over 40 years. Lewis married Julia Ann Hayden, widow of William Hayden, in Kenton County, Kentucky on March 2, 1849. Julia Hayden, whose maiden name was Goodridge, was born May 19, 1819. Her parents were Fountain Goodridge and Sally McDaniel. Julia grew up in the North bend area of Boone County. Lewis and Julia had four children. The oldest was James Joshua, born on January 9, 1850, second son John C. Loder born on May 19, 1854 but died less than a year later on April 10, 1855, next was their daughter Anora who was born February 24, 1856, then another son Ancilet Leon Loder, usually referred to as Leon, was born October 22, 1860.

Loder began his diary on January 1, 1857. Its structure is fairly consistent. He gives the temperature, then weather. After that he tells what has happened that day in his life. He also mentions any births marriages or deaths. He is keenly interested in the Ohio River. He documents the river traffic, often naming the boats that travel on the river, and the river conditions. Then he mentions

any events involving people. His family is, of course, very prominent in these entries. The early entries, especially between 1857 and 1875, are valuable because there was no local newspaper published in Boone County, Kentucky during this time and the lack of vital statistics available for this time. Only scattered official records were kept by Kentucky between 1852 and 1911. The bulk of the diaries were written while Lewis lived in Petersburg, KY. This diary not only chronicles the life of one man but gives insight into the town of Petersburg KY during the last half of the 19th century.

The Loder diaries were saved from obscurity by E. Y. Chapin, a successful businessman and collector of historical artifacts. Mr. Chapin was born in Petersburg and remembered Mr. Loder. He acquired the diaries from a Loder descendant and had the notebooks rebound in 1946 for the opening of the Chapin Memorial Library in Petersburg. He opened the Chapin Memorial Library in Petersburg in 1949. The Chapin library still operates today in Petersburg.

In 2001 Chapin Memorial Library gave their permission for the Loder Diaries to be microfilmed by the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, (KDLA). They are available to the pub-

lic at both the KDLA research room and the Boone County Public Library, Scheben Branch.

William Conrad, a high school teacher and Boone County historian transcribed the diaries in the mid 1980s. These transcribed volumes have been used for many years by researchers interested in the genealogy and history of Boone County, KY.

The most often mentioned people are William H. Hayden, his stepson, his brothers George and John, and his children James, Anora and later Ancilet (who is most often called by his middle name, Leon). Many times he mentions who preached in the churches of Petersburg. There are entries when people were born, married, or died. The diary is an incredible document for genealogical researchers as well as historians. Also mentioned are accidents in the distillery, or everyday events like a picnic or party at someone's house.

Lewis Loder died on March 16, 1905 but his diary lives on and serves as an invaluable record of Boone County, history.

Upcoming Events

May 20: Johnson-Wilson Cemetery Stewards Luncheon with Susan Cabot, Noon, Burlington Baptist Conference Center, \$20/ticket. Contact Jan Garbett, 689-2383.

May 21: Split Rock Open House, 10am to 4pm, 4503 Bellevue-Petersburg Rd.

May 30: Historical Society mem-

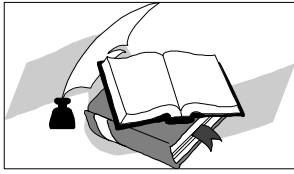
bers are planning to march in Florence's **Memorial Day parade**, from Boone County High School to Florence Government Center. If you plan to participate by either walking or driving an antique auto, contact Laurie Wilcox at 384-5550.

June 24: Annual Dinsmore Homestead Foundation Gala at the Homestead. For reservations, call 586-6111.

September 15: BCHS program on Latter Day Saints presented by Pam Durstock.

November 17: BCHS program on Farming on the banks of the Ohio River with the Hempfling family.





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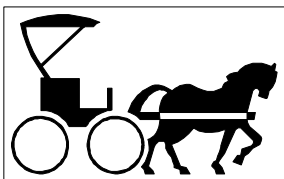


Websites of local interest:

BooneCountyKy.org.
 BooneCountyHeritage.org
 Kenton.Lib.Ky.US/~histsoc
 DinsmoreFarm.org
 SaveAmericasTreasures.org
 Nkyviews.com

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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.



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:

**BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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The Boone County Historical Society has received **tax-exempt status**. This means that all gifts to the Society are tax deductible.