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March—April 2007

Genealogy Workshop Saturday, March 17

Have you been thinking about researching your family's roots? It can be a life-long quest. Sometimes the hardest part is just getting started and learning about the techniques necessary for finding and documenting your ancestry.

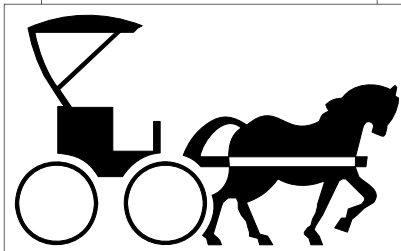
The Boone County Public Library is presenting a Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, March 17 at the Scheben Branch from 9 am to 4 pm. The morning session includes two options: Beginning Genealogy that covers census review, online research, and research organization; or Advanced Genealogy covering research of records from the Revolution and the Civil War, utilizing the enhanced databases of the library edition of Ancestry. Lunchtime includes a roundtable discussion of the "inevitable brick walls in family research."

The afternoon session includes how to document your family's oral history and how to trace the history of your house and property through deeds, wills, maps and newspaper articles.

Handouts and lunch are included in the \$10 registration fee. Call 384-5550 to register for this workshop.



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History of Railroads in Boone County... March 15



Steve Conrad will present a program on the history of Railroads in Boone County at the March 15 program. The presentation will highlight the changes in the communities resulting from the development of the railroads. The meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, March 15 in Community Room C, lower level of the Florence Government Center on Ewing Boulevard.

Robert Schrage and Donald Clare will talk about their recently published book, *Along the Ohio River: Cincinnati to Louisville*, at the May 17th meeting.

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You're invited to Dinsmore's Kentucky Derby Party



Everyone is invited to the Fifth Annual Derby Day Party at Dinsmore — absolutely the greatest Derby

Day event in the entire Tri-State area!

The party will be held Saturday, May 5, from 3 to 6 pm (or until the end of the race) at the Dinsmore Homestead, 5656 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY 41005.

The Derby race will be viewable on televisions set up under a big tent, rain or shine. The menu

includes delicious Kentucky Burgoo, appetizers, desserts, and a cash bar (with fabulous Mint Juleps). Live music will be provided by the Comet Bluegrass All-Stars.

There will be a silent auction, raffles, and a contest for picking the winning horse.

And there will be Men's and Women's Hat contests, so wear your fanciest (or funniest) Derby Day Hat!



Tours of the historic homestead will be offered from 3 to 5 pm.

Tickets are \$35 and each includes a complimentary drink from the cash bar.

Proceeds benefit the Dinsmore Homestead. An RSVP is required by April 30. Mail your check to Dinsmore Homestead Foundation, P.O. Box 453, Burlington, KY 41005.

So bring your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers to enjoy this really fun party on Derby Day!

Kentucky History Center Events

The Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort is the location for many events in the coming weeks. A visit to their website, <http://history.ky.gov>, will provide you with all the dates and details.

One upcoming event that is of interest to anyone who is or desires to be a guide or docent at Dinsmore, Gaines Tavern, or any other museum or historic site is: **Heritage Touring, March 26.**

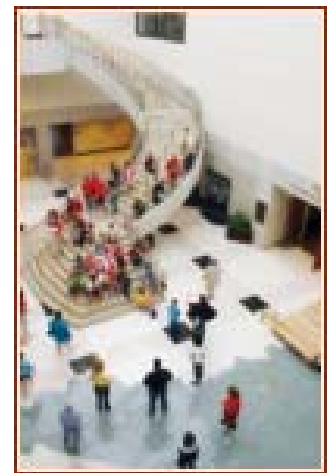
This annual conference, co-sponsored by Liberty Hall Historic Site, focuses on interpretive strategies. The program explores commonly held misconceptions about Kentucky history, social

history, and the decorative arts.

State historian James C. Klotter will present the keynote address, "Lies Across Kentucky." A \$25 fee includes morning refreshments and lunch. The event locations are Center for Kentucky History and Liberty Hall Historic Site. For more information and reservations, call Vicky Middleswarth 502/564-1792 Ext. 4425.

The History Center is located at 100 West Broadway in Frankfort. The Kentucky Military History Museum, at

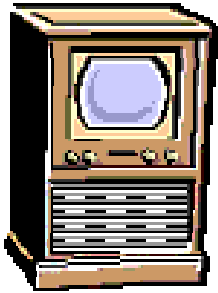
128 East Main Street in Frankfort, is not far from the Clark Center.



Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, Frankfort

“Where the River Bends” to air on KET

If you have Cable TV, and plan to be near that TV for a few hours on Sunday evening, March 11, you might want to gather the



family around and pass the popcorn! KET will be running its new series entitled “Where the River Bends: A History of Northern Ken-

tucky.” Three one-hour segments will run on Sunday, beginning at 7 pm, on KET One (UHF 54 for those who don’t have Cable).

The series “unravels the intricate web of historical events in Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties...from 100,000 years ago to the present...” The series begins with the prehistoric settlements around the Licking River, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Great Depression, the 1937

flood, and the 1977 Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire.

The Dinsmore Homestead and its buildings and grounds will be among the many features of the series. Boone County Historical Society member Christine Godsey, who serves on the Dinsmore Board of Directors, was one of those interviewed.



Governor’s Mansion being Renovated

The 93-year-old Kentucky Governor’s Mansion is receiving a version of television’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” although Ty Pennington is not the host or general contractor!

First Lady Glenna Fletcher is providing oversight to this renovation. According to the March 2007 issue of *Kentucky Monthly*, “A crew of 11 is working six days a week in all parts of the mansion’s main floor, including the ballroom...” The project is scheduled to be completed by late

April, just in time for the Derby Day festivities.

The project includes stripping and repairing of all the plaster and molding on the first floor, then painting it — with about 200 gallons of paint! The floors will also be refinished.



The first floor includes a massive dining room, a ballroom, the Governor’s reception room, the First

Lady’s parlor, and a sitting room.

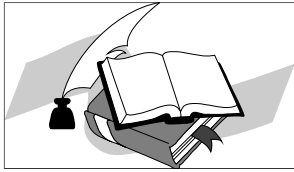
The cost is being paid by the Governor’s Mansion Preservation Foundation, established by the First Lady, and for which she has raised \$1.6 million. To view updates on the renovation project, go to <http://governorsmansion.ky.gov>. To subscribe to *Kentucky Monthly*, call 1-888-329-0053. The magazine often features historic sites around the Common-

“Clothesline of Quilts” needs barns in Walton area

Boone County Historical Society member Joyce Foley is a quilter who became a painter! As you might remember from the last newsletter, Joyce has organized a program to paint brightly colored quilts on boards that will be hung on barns around Boone County in an effort to enhance

tourism. The program is patterned after the one in Adams County, Ohio, that was initiated in 2004. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Resource Conservation and Development Program is working to duplicate the Adams County project in Kentucky. The first Boone County

barn to be graced with a quilt is Gary Wilmhoff’s barn on Pleasant Valley. Additional barn-owners are being approached, and boards are being readied. Joyce is currently seeking barns in the Walton/Southern Boone County area. Call her (525-2451) for details.



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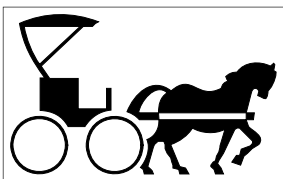
Websites of local interest:

BooneCountyKy.org.
 BooneCountyHeritage.org
 Kenton.Lib.Ky.US/~histsoc
 DinsmoreFarm.org
 SaveAmericasTreasures.org
 Nkyviews.com
 Splitrockpark.org
 FriendsOfBigBone.org
 Nkyencyclopedia.org
 Rabbithashusa.com
 Boonecocemeteries.org
 Thebooneconservancy.org



MAR. 15 topic: History of Railroads in Boone County

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



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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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