Our annual open house will be a part of the St. “Nich” Christmas Fest December 10th, 2016 from 10AM to 5PM. Many other business and restaurants are participating in the event. For a complete list of activities and participants see the Nicholasville Now website at www.Nicholasville now.org.

Jessamine County Historical and Genealogical Society will have door prizes drawings throughout the day. Children’s crafts include snowmen and stockings for $2.00 each. Face painting will be available for a $2.00 fee. Free Family Tree.

We hope everyone will come by sometime during the day and visit for awhile. It’s a great time to catch up with old friends and make new ones.
Upcoming Meetings/Events

December 10th, 2016 - Christmas Open House

January 26th, 2017 Business Meeting

February 23rd, 2017 our speaker will be Valerie Scott

March is our annual Chili Cook off

April 27th, 2017 we are celebrating WWI

2016 Members

Jo Arspiger - AZ
Richard A. Barclay—MI
Donald Basinger - UT
Jane A. Brantley - CA
Todd Beckham - MA
Richard, D. Bishop - NC
Donald Brooks - KY
Jerry L. Brown - KY
Sherrell S. Brown - KY
Ray Clark - KY
Sue Clark - KY
Laura Cox - MO
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Leroy Land Dale - KY
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Marsha Figueroa - Ger.
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Ernestine Hamm - KY
Arlene D, Hawkins - TX
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Laura Kennoy - KY
Paula E. Kennoy - KY
Helen Land - KY
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Tracy Lucas - KY
Bettye Lee Mastin - KY
Adeline W. Muir - KY
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Julie Polonus - IL
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Lee Robinette - KY
William (Bill) Russell - KY
Sue Sayre - NC
Constance T. Shotts - NC
Glen Teater - KY
Howard C. Teater - KY
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Jacob Walker - KY
Ann Watts - KY
Shirleen Wilhelm - WA
Judy Woulums, WCDB - KY
Rachael Word - GA
Brian W. Young - KY
Winfred Mastin Yunker - KY
Marilea Dixon Zajec - IL
Beverly Zuck - KY
Michael Zuck - KY

Reminder for all our members who pay their due annually It’s that time of year again. The rate is $20.00 yearly and is due by January 30th.
September Monthly Meeting

Randall Carrier, Indian Artifacts expert was the featured speaker at the September 22nd, 2016 meeting.

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End of the year Cemetery report

Our Offutt cemetery was front page news! Thanks to Tom Eblen, Lexington Herald Leader for his great write up and Jamie Millard for his information about the family.

Our last cemetery for the year is the Griffing family cemetery located at Camp Nelson. It contains the graves of Jasper Griffing a Revolutionary soldier who died in 1809 and his wife Elizabeth. Little is known about this family except that their son Jasper Griffing Jr. married Kitty Scott a daughter of Hervey Scott. They are buried in a small graveyard close by. We are grateful to Wayne Hayden for putting up the time period fence to protect this cemetery from the cattle. We will probably have to wait till spring to reset and repair the stones due to the weather.

In August members of the DAR Trabune chapter helped clean the Capt. William Anderson cemetery. Thanks to Susan Buffin, Carla Ray, Terry Perkins, Susan Moore, and Brenda Richardson. Our own Lee Robinette helped on this project. Great job everyone!

We are looking forward to next year as we are hoping to honor the 100th anniversary of World War I by collecting information on those that were killed and where they are buried. Also on all those who served from Jessamine County.

We hope that you will join our efforts to preserve the history of Jessamine County for the present and the future. In October we lost James Bates, our only hired help. He worked with us for about 10 years and is greatly missed.

Merry Christmas,

Ernestine Hamm
President’s Message

Merry Christmas to you all. I sincerely hope everyone is able to get into the spirit of the season the way my grandchildren do. I delight in seeing their simple joy, and wish all of you the stress free feelings they have during this time of year. Enjoying the children, remembering the reason for the season and contemplating how our ancestors lived and celebrated in much tougher times helps me keep the stress often times associated with this busy time of the year under control.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us for your Society’s Christmas Open House December 10th during Nicholasville’s St. “Nich” Christmas Fest. We have some fun things planned for the kids and young ones who are interested in starting a Family Tree.

Speaking of family history I would like to thank Carroll S. Carter’s family for their gift of Mr. Carter’s genealogical and family history books and papers. From this collection we have included in this newsletter copies of photos of Mr. Carter, from a boyhood to distinguished gentleman. You will also find the first installment of items contained in this gift as we continue to inform you of the research items available at your Society.

May you all have a tremendous 2017.

Richard L. Lucas
Having completed the materials that can be found on Bookcase 3, located to the left as one enters the front door of the Society Office, we now turn to the “Carter Collection” found in Cabinet “B”, which is located to the right as one exits the back door of the office. The top drawer is full of books:

The Hidden Half of the Family, A Sourcebook for Women’s Genealogy by Christina Kassabian Schaffer, 1999. The author describes this work as an attempt to identify and “then demonstrate how the legal status of women can be applied to genealogical research.” She covers the periods from “the 1600s to the outbreak of World War II.


The Source, A Guidebook of American Genealogy, Revised Edition, Edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, 1997. “This new edition of the The Source is intended to identify and describe the rich body of original research materials that is available, and to facilitate the use of these materials so that family history can be preserved and enjoyed.

Printed Sources, A Guide to Published Genealogical Records, Edited by Kory L. Meyerink, 1998, Ancestry Incorporated. This is a reference book which was not published with the intent to be read, cover to cover. It is best “to become familiar with its content, browse a few topics of interest, and then, when preparing to use a particular record type, learn what the author of the chapter on that topic has to say.”

Ontario People 1796 – 1803, transcribed and Annotated by E. Keith Fitzgerald, 1993. This book transcribed the rolls of names of those “who qualified as Loyalists (during the American Revolution) residing in Upper Canada (Ontario) from 1796 to 1803 maintained at the National Archives of Canada. Their value is in the fact that they contain entries of those who wanted to be considered Loyalists” in those days. “… the most important thing about these lists is that these people existed in 1796/7 in Upper Canada – not that they were Loyalists.”


In Search of Your Canadian Roots, Tracing Your Family Tree in Canada by Augus Baxter, 3rd Edition, 1989, 1994,1999. “In these pages I have tried to cover most of the records
available to the ancestor hunter of family historian. … I have concentrated exclusively on the many sources available to Canadian genealogical research within Canada.”


The Loyalists in Ontario, The Sons and Daughters of the American Loyalists of Upper Canada by William D. Reid, 1973. “Essentially what Mr. Reid did was to extract from the Orders-In-Council thousands of references to the and grants made to the sons and daughters of the Loyalist and arrange them systematically under the name of the Loyalists parent.”

Second Census of Kentucky, 1800, A Privately Compiled and Published Enumeration of Tax Payers Appearing in the 79 Manuscript Volumes Extant of the Tax Lists of the 42 Counties of Kentucky in Existence in 1800, by G. Glenn Clift, Assistant Secretary, Kentucky


Old King William, Homes and Families, An Account of Some of the Old Homesteads and Families of King William County, Virginia, From Its Earliest Settlement, by Peyton Neale Clarke, Published by John P. Morton and Company, Louisville, Kentucky, 1897. This old book does contain an index!

Kentucky Genealogical Research, by George K. Schweitzer, PhD, ScD, 1995. This book will give you a chapter entitled “Kentucky Background,” covering geography to the earliest of records, another on record locations and then a chapter covering research procedures and a listing of counties.

Marriages of Sumner County, Tennessee, 1787 – 1838, Compiled by Edythe Rucker Whitley, 1981.


Carter Family History, by J. Montgomery Seaver, undated, Clearfield Company, Reprints & Remainders, 200 East Eager Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Anyone with Carter “All
Kroger Reward Program

Support your historical society by designating us as your charity on your Kroger card. If you have questions about the program we have information and instructions on our website at www.jesshistorical.com. August was the re-enrollment period and I hope all of you have re-selected your Historical Society as your charity.

Carter Family History, by J. Montgomery Seaver, undated, Clearfield Company, Reprints & Reminders, 200 East Eager Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Anyone with Carter “All items concerned with persons in New England mentioned in the New Haven newspapers from 1755 to the outbreak of the Revolution are abstracted in this work.”


This covers a little over half the books in the top drawer of Cabinet “B”. We will report the rest of the books in this drawer in the next newsletter. The “Carter Collection” continues in to the second drawer, which is full of files.

Special Thank You

We wish to express our appreciation to all our members, volunteers and donors. These individuals and organizations make it possible for us to keep our doors open and preserve our history.

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One of the goals of the Jessamine County Historical Society is to collect and preserve relics, historical sites and documents of historical interest.

We have found that in many cases when a family member dies leaving their historical & genealogical research, often other family members have little or no interest in this material. Many hours and sometimes years have gone into such research and the information contained therein is very useful to the Historical Society and other researchers.

In an effort to protect your work, we would ask you to consider leaving a copy of this document with your other important papers, such as your will. Directing family members as to who you would like to donate your research to.

If you would like to donate your research to the Jessamine County Historical Society, just check the box beside your signature.

If you prefer your work to be donated to the Jessamine County Public Library, the M.I. King Library or the W.T. Young Library check the appropriate box, remembering to sign and date as well.

You will have a copy and the Historical Society will hold a copy even if you donate your work to one of the other choices. Therefore when family members contact us we can show them where you choose to donate your material.

The Jessamine County Historical Society greatly appreciates all your hard work and your wish for this donation.

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