



JESSAMINE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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First Annual Nicholasville vs Keene Chili Cook-Off



**Guest
Speaker
Bob
Wilson
1:00**

On March 19th 12:00 noon Location 114 Keene Troy Rd. (Community Center) The Jessamine County Historical Society will hold our first Chili Cook-Off between Nicholasville & Keene. Tickets are \$5 in advance & \$7 at the door. You can enjoy chili, a sandwich, dessert & a drink for this price. Please join us to help support your Jessamine County Historical Society.

For tickets contact Richard Lucas (885-0305), Jerry Brown (887-9669) or Ernestine Hamm (885-6240)

Coming Attractions

2016 Meetings and Events

March 19th	Keene & Nicholasville Chili Cook-Off	Noon	114 Keene Troy Rd. Keene, KY.
April 28th	Monthly Meeting & Tour	7 P.M.	Potter House
May 26th	Monthly Meeting	7 P.M.	Guest Speaker James L. Mallory
June 25th	Annual Picnic at High Bridge	Noon	Guest Speaker Ken Houp
July, 28th	Monthly Meeting	7 P.M.	Guest Speaker C.M. Huddleston

*** Monthly Meetings held at 216 N. Main St. Nicholasville, KY.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ray Clark
Sue Clark
JoAnn Lowery
Ken Rickard
Jacob Walker
Judy Woolums
Brian W. Young
Winfred Mastin Yunker

THANK YOU

James Faulconer
Janelle Fain Ragland
Brenda Houp
Bettye Lee Mastin
Brian Young
Maple Grove Cemetery
Your donations are greatly appreciated

Our February Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker was Artist Eric Lon Caldwell.



He began sketching scenes and objects on the Central Kentucky farm where he lived. Teachers recognized his talent and encouraged him to pursue a career in art. Awards and scholarships enabled him to achieve that goal.

His artwork can be found in private collections in Hawaii and throughout the US Mainland. His illustrations have been displayed at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art.

Eric has recently returned to his native Kentucky and is enjoying reacquainting himself with Camp Nelson.

He can be reached at ericloncaldwell.weebly.com or caldwelle003@icoud.com



At left are a couple of examples of Eric's work that he shared with us at the meeting

Reminders

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

Have you paid your annual \$20.00 membership dues yet? Lifetime members don't pay dues but some generously donate the dues amount each year.

Mark your calendar for our "Coming Attractions" shown on the previous page.

President's Message

Wow, winter is almost over and your Society is up and running in 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Vice President, Jerry Brown, for standing in for me as I have been recovering from surgery in January. I would also like to thank all those who kept me in your thoughts and prayers. It is nice to be able to say cancer free.

I am looking forward to hearing from our guest speakers as we progress through the year. March's visit to Keene for our first Chili Cook Off on the 19th should be a great event. I hope you all are able to attend. Not only will we get to sample some great chili, we'll also learn a little Keene History. I am also looking forward to our annual picnic; this year we'll be out at High Bridge.

I hope you all will be able to visit the office some Thursday afternoon to do some research, look over the exhibits Ms. Hamm keeps rotating through the year or just to visit. I am not writing a separate piece for this newsletter about research items you can find in the office, suffice it to say we have two of the three volume sets of Chronicles of the Scotch - Irish Settlement in Virginia by Lyman Chalkley, and anyone with ancestors who spent any time in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia should check them out. Mr. Chalkley, who published these volumes in 1912, abstracted the early court records of Augusta County. I not only found information on my Sevier and Hawkins ancestors, whom I knew resided in Augusta County in the 1740s to 1770s, but also found Richard Campbell of Frederick and then Shenandoah County mentioned, as well as Bryans and Boones. You just never know what you may find once you delve into our resources.

Richard L. Lucas

Cemetery News

We have begun visiting our cemeteries to check for downed trees and fences. We will begin spraying for weeds the first part of March, if the weather is ready. We already have three families coming in from out of town to visit some of our older cemeteries. We are very proud of the number of graveyards that have been restored and are being maintained by us and by others. Many thanks to all those who have helped over the years to locate, record, and protect these pieces of our Jessamine County history.

I would like to thank all those who helped with our Christmas open house, we feel it was a great success.

by Ernestine Hamm

History's Mysteries'

A new feature of the newsletter this year seeks your help in solving the mystery of those houses on our website that do not have a description. The Jessamine County Historical Society is attempting to learn the history of each house and adding it to our website.

If you have information on the J. Bryan House show below we would love to hear from you. By sharing this history with us you are helping to preserve it for future generations. You may share any details with us via US mail address 216 N. Main St., Nicholasville, KY 40356, e-mail us at Jessaminehistorical@gmail.com, or call me at 859-887-9669

This is your newsletter! I welcome articles on Jessamine County history or ideas for articles, from all our members.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sherrell Brown, Editor



History's Mysteries Solved

The Roberts House and the Mason Singleton House were two of the houses we needed information about for updating the website. Below is what we could find in our files at the Historical Society. Please contact us if you have any information that you can share with us on either house.



Roberts House

Sunnyslope built ca. 1860 was the home of Rankin Roberts, Jr. It was remodeled and looks very different from the picture on page 21 of Billy Jackson Bower's book History of the Brannon Road.



Mason Singleton House

Built ca. 1810-1820 is described as an H plan. A rare design for early American buildings. The hall, which forms the H is accessed from either side of the house.

This information is from a book titled "Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky Jessamine County." By The Kentucky Heritage Commission in conjunction with the Jessamine Historical Society

Membership Application

Sponsorship Levels

Annual Membership Fees:

Individual \$20.00

Student \$15.00

Lifetime \$250.00

Bronze

\$250.00 to \$500.00

Silver

\$500.00 to \$1000.00

Gold

\$1000.00 to \$5000.00

Platinum

\$5000.00 plus

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