JESSAMINE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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March 2017



Chili Cook-off

March 18th 12:00

Second Annual Chili Cook-off

Blue Building City/County Park

Keene, Wilmore & Nicholasville teams are participating

Tickets \$5.00 in advance & \$7.00 at the door.

Enjoy chili, sandwich desert & drink for this price.

All proceeds support the Jessamine County Historical Society



Book of the year Award

The Jessamine Pictorial book is awarded book of the year. It depicts the history of Nicholasville and Jessamine County through it's 264 pages and 1300 pictures from 1800's through today.

The book is available at the Jessamine County Historical Society Office at 206 N. Main St., Nicholasville. Contact us or stop by any Thursday afternoon between 1 and 3 PM to purchase your copy. A portion of the price for each book *bought* at the Historical Society goes to the Society. Picture is from the Jessamine Journal March 2nd, 2017.

President's Message

Wow, 2017 is certainly on the move. Time for the March newsletter already, and we're getting closer to our second annual Chili Cook-off. Make sure to mark your calendar for the chili cook-off on March 18th. This year Wilmore joins Keene and Nicholasville for all to sample and vote on which community make the best chili. We are in the Blue Building at City/County Park in Nicholasville. Besides enjoying the chili, we are also going to hear from Brandon Slone from the Kentucky Military History Museum. He will be discussing our participation in World War I. Did you know April marks the 100 Anniversary of the U.S. entering that war? I hadn't thought about it until I saw an e-mail from the Kentucky Historical Society. So come get your tickets Thursday afternoons from 1-3pm at our office. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

We would like to thank Ms. Valerie Scott, acting Assistant Chief for Human Resources at the Leestown road Veteran Affairs facility for her educational and entertaining presentation February 23rd. We also appreciate all the members and visitors who came to hear her presentation, and look forward to seeing you all again.

As mentioned in the last issue we now have a genealogical exchange file in the office. Not many cards in it as yet, but we look forward to receiving cards from family historians you would like to share information about. Below is an example I have made for the file.

Have a great Spring,

Richard Lucas

| Ancestor Name | - Squire Boone |
|---------------|--|
| Birth Date | - 6 December 1696 |
| Birth Place | - Bradnich, Devonshire, England |
| Death Date | - 2 January 1765 |
| Death Place | - Rowan (now Davie) County, North Carolina |
| Father | - George Boone III |
| Mother | - Mary Maugridge |
| Spouse | - Sarah Morgan |

Genealogical Exchange Card



Cemetery news

For those of you that don't already know, our cemetery project lost it's founder, Howard C. Teater. His hard work in locating and identifying our old cemeteries has enabled us to preserve them.

He also worked in the field on many of the 60 cemeteries that we restored. He leaves an empty place in our cemetery project, but also in our heart.

It looks like a very early spring in Kentucky! If this weather holds we'll be working in the cemeteries in March.

Ernestine Hamm

Upcoming Meetings | Events

March is our annual Chili Cook off April 27th, 2017 - celebrating WWI May 25th, 2017

June 24th, 2017—Picnic

July 27th, 2017

We wish to THANK the following individuals for their donations

Charlie Moore - set of hospital care items

Beverly Weagley—research on the Ramsey, Price and Williams Families

Dean Richards—Early city of Nicholasville map.

George Dean—Soft back Jessamine County History books.

Jerry & Sherrell Brown - Toner cartridge

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.

| Jo Arnspiger - AZ | | | | |
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| Todd Beckham - MA | | | | |
| Richard, D. Bishop - NC | | | | |
| Donald Brooks - KY | | | | |
| Jerry L. Brown - KY | | | | |
| Sherrell S. Brown - KY | | | | |
| Laura Cox - MO | | | | |
| Phillip Craft - KY | | | | |
| Howard Downing, - KY | | | | |
| Janelle Fain Ragland - KY | | | | |
| Marsha Figueroa - Ger. | | | | |
| Don Graham—KY | | | | |
| Kathy Hall –KY | | | | |

2017 Members

Charlie Hamm - KY Ernestine Hamm - KY Arlene D, Hawkins - TX Patricia W. Hunt - KY Julia Ince - WI Anna O. Jackson - KY Laura Kennoy - KY Paula E. Kennoy - KY Linda Adkins Lear - KY Richard Lucas - KY Tracy Lucas - KY Bettye Lee Mastin - KY William Q. Muir - KY Adeline W. Muir - KY Leon M. Preston - IL Ken Richard - KY Lee Robinette - KY Terry Todd - IL Ann Watts - KY Shirleen Wilhelm - WA Judy Woolums, WCDB - KY Brian W. Young - KY Marilea Dixon Zajec - IL

Membership list above reflects the names of Lifetime members and anual members we've received dues from as of February 28th, 2017.

MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME....Annual \$20.00, Student \$15.00, and Lifetime \$250.00.

February Monthly Meeting



Valerie Scott, featured speaker at the February 23rd, 2017



Christmas 2016 Open House

The snowmen were a hit with the children, as well as, the face painting. Look for details in upcoming newsletters about this years event. It's sure to be fun and informative.

RESEARCH MATERIALS LOCATED AT THE JESSAMINE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The CARTER COLLECTION—Cabinet "B" – Drawer Two

We now move to the second drawer of Cabinet "B" which is located next to the rear door of your Societies facility. We again wish to thank the family of Carroll Carter for donating these precious items.

<u>Reading Early American Handwriting</u>, by Kip Sperry, 1998. This is a handy resource to peruse before you begin your visits to courthouses and other keepers of old manuscripts. As any experienced historical researcher will verify deciphering 18th and 19th century handwriting can be a real challenge.

<u>Jessamine County Bicentennial, 1798</u> <u>1998</u>, <u>Historical Coloring Book</u>, <u>Illustrations from Howard</u> <u>Fain's Drawings of Historical Jessamine</u>. This contains several very interesting drawings of old Nicholasville and Jessamine County buildings, bridges and ferry.

Lower Troublesome Creek Cemeteries, Breathitt County, Kentucky, Part of Early Troublesome Creek Settlers Services, by Victor Jones and Jeanette Jones Shouse, August 2001.

The attire of those in the first picture indicates an early to mid-20th Century time frame while the three individuals attire appear to be from the mid-20 Century. - A cardboard photo envelope with genealogical info written in pencil re: "Grandmother" and "Grandfather" Williams. - An 8 by 11 envelope containing four 4 by 6 photos in a Wal Mart photo envelope of "Mark W his mounted boss" with a Post-it note stating "For cousins." - An 8 by 11 envelope containing a photo of "Old Ferguson, Cleveland Road, Fayette Co. Ky.," a photo of "Mrs."" John H. Carter, mother of Gen. Clifton Carroll Carter, Clifton Coleman Carter, & Robert Marshall Carter, Mary Coleman Carter," a photo of "C.C. Carter, Cadet US-MA, Class '99," a photo of what appeared to be a penciled portrait of "Gen. Clifton Carroll Carter, U. S. Army, Father Gen Marshall Carter, Col Clifton Coleman Carter (both U.S. Army), G.father – Henry Marshall (?)," a photo of six gentlemen sitting on steps with note affixed to the bottom "Dear Maj (j): The class of '99' owes you a lot and is grateful!, June '59 signed) Charlie Herron," a copy of the '99 Graduating Banquet USMA, February 15th 1899 menu and list of toastmaster and those giving toasts and subject. -

A three page "Sketch of Capt. John H. Carter, Avon, Ky., (a member of Gen. John H. Morgan's regiment),) and, lastly, an 8 by 10 photo of " 'Lemon Hill,'" Ferguson Home on the Cleveland Road in Fayette County, Ky. (Now called 'Hedgewood.'" - Copy of an article from the July 11, 1996 "Lexington Herald Leader," with an identifying Melanie Kay Davis "at left foreground." - A copy of photographs of what appears to be the back of a couple of pictures (no copy of the front of the photos, so names and relationships only). -Two photocopies of old photographs of unidentified couples. - A photocopy of a boy identified as "Lyman William Carter, age 12, Born 6/6/1895." - Three tintypes believed to be of James Clark, Alfred G & Ladica "Dixie" Mullens Williams and Harriet "Hattie" Williams, Great-Great Grandparents of Carroll Sparks Carter, Jr., and a photograph of Ellis Alfred Williams, Mr. Carroll Sparks Carter Jr.'s great-uncle. - A Walmart photo envelope with old photos and copies. On back of the first "The Carter Family, Gypsy - Colored maid Gertrude, Sister "Hattie," her daughter Anne Gertrude, Colored gardner, Hattie's husband Lyman William Carter." On back of the second "Hattie Williams Carter, Age 21, Daughter of Lyman Williams and her 3 sisters, taken about 1939." The final is a photo post card identifying the individual as Lyman Williams Carter, "15 yrs. of age." - Four 5 by 7 (two of each) of two men and a boy in a mountain setting and two men in a family room setting. - A Walmart photo envelope containing an old photograph and two larger copies of eight adults and three children identified on the back of the original; one being Mrs. N or W L. Carter. - A Walmart envelope containing a photograph of "My brother Grover," "Sister gypsie, Mrs. Tom H. Watson" sitting in front of Kentucky road sign "Z 229." - An envelope addressed to Carroll S. Carter, Jr. from Barbara Burgan containing a Christmas card with a couple of notes and two old pictures – "Sister Hattie's home and part of flower garden...1920" which includes a lady and dog sitting on a bench (looks like "sister Hattie").

We next find an accordian file labeled "Family – Photos." The file contains envelopes - The first includes four pictures of Mr. Carroll S. Carter, Jr. from baby pictures to when he was a retired gentleman. Also included is an 1870 picture of baby William Lyman Carter. - The second envelope has one photo from 1941 of William L. Carter and wife Hattie Williams and daughter Annie Gertude plus two unidentified ladies. Next in the file is a white "1 Hour Photos" envelope containing two copies of two photos, one of an apparent extended family undated with no one identified. The other is of two ladies and a man in front of the "Z 229" Kentucky road sign, again undated with no names.

The next accordian file is labeled "Family – Suspense." Located inside are copies of correspondence. One requests a copy of a book written by Victor Jones, another requesting information on how to purchase or locate a two volume book written by Cornelius Carroll, apparently never answered, another providing Susan Snowden with a draft Family Group Record for Sonya M. Wilkowski and a record of descendants of Dr. Alnzo Lucien Haynes, and finally a copy of a note from David Williams with his article "My Dad, The Governors" attached.

Next up, an accordian file is labeled "Family – Action – Routine" and contains nine groups of papers stapled together. Most of the groups of papers concern families buried in the Lexington Cemetery; surnames include Harp, Schaeffer, Duncan, Cropper, Robbins, Fisher, Rogers, Phelps, Johns, Heeter, Hisle, Gaines, Black, Davis, Hunter, Featherstone, Price, Hatton, Long and King. One packet is a Family Tree Report for Ryland Dillard Hunter.

The next accordian file is labeled "Family – Addresses" a graph paper with notes regarding surnames Moody, Barford, Turner, Ward, a 1999 "Lexington Herald Leader" article entitled "Checking family past gets easier," another graph paper noting a book entitled Weakly, Scearce, Arnold Families of Kentucky," a note re: a couple of books, a couple of articles regarding the death of Jerry Corman, and article entitled "Lexington to mark day of freedom from slavery" and pages copied from a book entitled <u>Whose</u> <u>Corman Are You?</u>

"Then we find a file labeled "Family – Help others" containing copies of three pages from "The Kentucky Explorer," Kentucky Genealogy Help Line," one from September 1997, one from July – August 1998, and one from October 1998. It also contains copies of pages from <u>Reynolds Families of Garrard,</u> <u>Jessamine, Madison Counties</u> by Emaline Reynolds Rohrer.

Next is an eight by ten envelope with return address of "The World Family Tree" containing items that organization had forwarded.

Then we find an accordian folder labelled "Family – Forms Blank" containing blank genealogical forms plus several copies of a two page dissertation entitled "Notes About Genealogy Info Desired" signed "Carroll."

Next up is a folder labeled "Federal Income Tax 1964" containing two eight by ten photos of Granville S. Hanes about 1939, and two envelopes containing photographs, mostly of the Carter Family.

Next in line is an unlabeled accordion file containing two portrait sized pictures, one of "Mrs. A. L. Haynes (1st) wife, mother of Mrs. C.S. Carter, Sr. ... made in Morgantown, Ky in May 1894," and the other of a couple, the lady identified as Ida Jane Ritchie. The only other item in the file is a smaller picture of Dr. A.L. Haynes and his three daughters "taken Paris, Ky. Fall 1940 at 1546 Cypress St."

Behind the unlabeled file is another accordian file labelled "Family – Photos #2" with a 5" by 7" photo of a young man and a woman with only the lady identified as Lela Inez Davis and an envelope bearing a two cent and a one cent stamps addressed to Miss Lida Arnold, Logana, Kentucky from the National Memorial Co., Northfield, VT containing a catalog of "Fine Memorial Cards."

Next is another accordian file labelled "Family – Sources, Family, Bible" containing several notebook pages and copies of Bible Family Record pages. Family names include Arnold, Davis, Moody, Corman, Crutcher, Cox, Baker, Carty, and Wilmore.

Next we find an accordian file labelled "Family – Sources" containing a "Book Ref in Bibliography Boilerplate" sheet, a Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah "Research Outline, Tennessee" pamphlet, a packet of typed and hand written notes and letters, an article entitled "How to Get Your Ancestors Military Records," a copy of an article entitled "Thin Gray Line," newspaper article entitled "Want to Research Ancestor? Net is a Good Place to Start," from the 7 February 1999 Lexington Herald Leader, and a packet on "Sources in West Virginia."

Yet another accordian file is next labelled "Family – Source – Jessamine Co., KY." There are several maps of Jessamine County, Nicholasville and Wilmore in the file, as well as copies of pages and articles concerning Jessamine County and "The Descendants of Henry Cassell."

All of this gets us about half way through the second drawer of the "Carter Collection." More to follow.

Richard L. Lucas

Central Kentucky Area Railroad Attractions



Wilmore Caboose Museum, Wilmore, KY

Situated along Norfolk Southern's busy north-south "Central Corridor", adjacent to Wilmore's historic downtown district, the Wilmore Railside Museum is a 1950's era, Southern Railway number X365 bayside caboose. The caboose houses an extensive collection of railroad and local history artifacts, exhibits, photos and literature which tell the story of the Wilmore-High Bridge area from the first settlers in the late 1700's through today.

Stop in and learn where we came from, who in our area was famous in the larger world, the coming of the railroads and what they do for us today. (Almost everything you own spent a part of its life riding on a train.) Watch one and a half mile long trains roll through town at 50 miles per hour. Listen in on the scanner as the dispatcher and train crews talk to each other.

Museum Hours: every Saturday 10 AM to Noon, May through October; other times by appointment: call city hall at 859-858-4411 or email the curators at railside.museum@wilmore.org

High Bridge Park, High Bridge, KY (5.4 miles from Wilmore)

View the first cantilever bridge in North America which was also highest bridge over a navigable stream until early 20th century. High Bridge is designated an engineering landmark and exhibited as a model in the Museum of American History of the Smithsonian Institute. When constructed in the 1870s, this was the highest bridge over a navigable stream. People came from all over to see the bridge or hear people speak there, such as Billy Sunday and President Rutherford B. Hayes. Daniel Boone surveyed the land and was known to have a cabin there. The 11 acre historic park includes a playground, historic pavilion, gazebos, overlook extending 35 ft. from 400 ft. cliff to view two rivers, the spectacular Kentucky River Palisades, and the historic High Bridge railroad bridge. High Bridge Homecoming Festival held annually mid-August.

-Destination Jessamine (www.destinationjessamine.com/placestovisit/)

RJ Corman Locomotive Display, Nicholasville, KY (6 miles from Wilmore)

Visible from US 27, just south of KY 29 are 4 locomotives and one caboose displayed in the company's distinctive red paint scheme. A little further south, on the other side of the Norfolk Southern Railroad overpass, an RJ Corman "F Unit" and passenger "dome" car are on display in connection with the company's offices designed to resemble a passenger station.

Please enjoy seeing this historic railroad equipment from the road, they are not open to the public.

What Do Those Lights Mean? and How do trains move through Wilmore? Ken Rickard 6/17/2015



The left hand signal is displaying an "advance approach" signal for a southbound train on track one. In the distance are the signals for northbound trains. (June 17, 2015)

Trains move through Wilmore by signal indication, just like automobiles move through an intersection controlled by a traffic signal. The difference is that while the traffic signal directs movement through an intersection, it does not know who, or what type of vehicle is passing through. A railroad signal is controlling an individual train.

A train is never allowed to occupy a section of track without permission. That permission is granted by the railroad's dispatcher. The dispatcher's job is to move trains from origin to destination as quickly as possible.

The railroad through Wilmore (The Cincinnati Southern Railway) originates in Cincinnati, Ohio and travels 334 miles south to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Most of that line runs about 10 miles single track, then 10 miles double track, repeating the entire way. The dispatcher tries to keep trains moving both directions, arranging the location where the trains will pass each other. This is called a "meet". The result we see in Wilmore is that northbound trains will often be moving slowly because they have to stop about two miles north of town, where the double track goes to single track, and wait for a southbound train which is currently travelling "out on the single" from Lexington.

The dispatcher uses a variety of computers to keep track of what trains are entering his territory and where they are going. He will direct the movement of these trains using signals mounted above or beside the tracks.

Membership Application

Sponsorship Levels

| Annual Membership Fees: | Bronz | ze \$250.00 to \$500.00 | | | | | |
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| Individual \$20.00 | Silver | | \$500.00 to \$1000.00 \$1000.00 to \$5000.00 | | | | |
| Student \$15.00 | Gold | | | | | | |
| Lifetime \$250.00 | Platin | um | \$5000.00 plus | | | | |
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