



# JESSAMINE COUNTY HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## *Annual Members Picnic*



Our members are enjoying hamburgers, hot dogs and an array of delicious side dishes and deserts. Thanks to all who helped make the event a success.



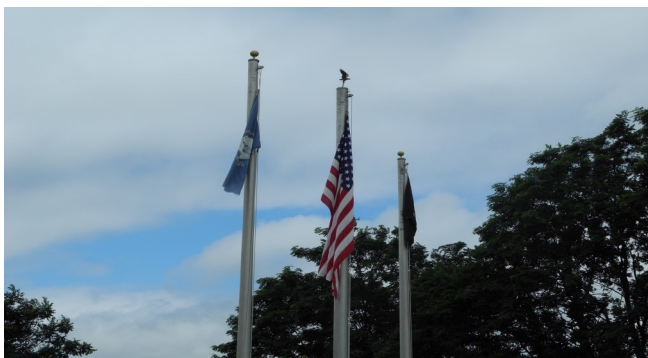
Stephen McBride, Ph.D., our featured speaker, has been conducting archaeological projects in Kentucky since 1987 and has been involved in research on Camp Nelson since 1989. He spoke to us on the history of Camp Nelson and why it was so important to the Union effort.



Matthew Benedict, representative of Camp Nelson Cemetery, was our second speaker and he discussed the requirements and the process for burial in Camp Nelson and other National Cemeteries.



A special thank you to Tracy Lucas for hosting this years picnic at the headquarters of the Camp Nelson Honor Guard.



Additional photographs of the picnic may be seen on our website at [www.jesshistorical.com](http://www.jesshistorical.com)



## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

The United States Marine Corps (USMC) was established on 10 November 1775 as the Continental Marines. Their mission was to conduct ship-to-ship fighting, provide shipboard security and discipline enforcement, and assist in landing forces. They embarked on their first mission in February 1776 and were disbanded at the end of the war, along with the Continental Navy. In preparation for the Quasi-War with France, Congress created the United States Navy and the Marine Corps. The Marines' most famous action of this period occurred in the First Barbary War (1801–1805).

In the Mexican-American War (1846–1848), the Marines made their first major expeditionary venture in the assault on Chapultepec Palace, which overlooked Mexico City. In the 1850s, the Marines would see service in Panama, and in Asia. The Marine Corps played only a minor role during the Civil War (1861–1865); their most important task was blockade duty and other ship-board battles, but were mobilized for a handful of operations as the war progressed.

The remainder of the 19th century would be a period of declining strength and introspection about the mission of the Marine Corps. During the Spanish-American War (1898), Marines would lead American forces ashore in the Philippines, Cuba, and Puerto Rico, demonstrating their readiness for deployment. Between 1900 and 1916, the Marine Corps continued its record of participation in foreign expeditions, especially in the Caribbean and Central and South America, which included Panama, Cuba, Veracruz, Haiti, Santo Domingo, and Nicaragua.

In World War I, battle-tested, veteran Marines served a central role in the United States' entry into the conflict. The Marines earned their nickname "Devil Dogs" from the Germans in WW1 at the Battle of Belleau Wood. They used 1903 Springfield Rifles with such effective marksmanship that they decimated German troops from a distance of over 800 yards.

World War II, saw the Marines playing a central role in the Pacific, participating in nearly every significant battle. The Corps grew and expanded from two brigades to two corps with six divisions, and five air wings with 132 squadrons. During the battle for Iwo Jima, photographer Joe Rosenthal took the famous photo Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the American flag on Mount Suribachi.

The Korean War (1950–1953) saw the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade holding the line at the Battle of Pusan Perimeter, where Marine helicopters (VMO-6 flying the HO3S1 helicopter) made their combat debut.

The Marines also played an important role in the Vietnam War at battles such as Da Nang, Hue, and Khe Sanh. The Marines operated in the northern I Corps regions of South Vietnam and fought both a constant guerilla war against the Viet Cong and an off and on conventional war against North Vietnamese Army regulars.

Marines went to Beirut during the 1982 Lebanon War on 24 August. On 23 October 1983, the Marine barracks in Beirut was bombed, causing the highest peacetime losses to the Corps in its history.

Marines were also responsible for liberating Kuwait during the Gulf War (1990–1991), as the Army made an attack to the west directly into Iraq. The I Marine Expeditionary Force had a strength of 92,990 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history. Currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Their purpose, by congressional mandate, is to be this nation's response force; we are thus called to be "most ready when the nation is least ready." From humanitarian relief efforts to combat operations; from air, land and sea, the Marine Corps is ready to answer our nation's call.

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We Wish to thank the following individuals for their donations and say how very much we appreciate their contributions.

J. L. Dickson donated the following: Garrard County/Lancaster Cemetery Book, Garrard County Tax List Book 1820 & 1828 1879 Beers Map for Garrard/Lincoln County (CD) , North American Railroads 1870-1917 (CD) , 1887 Index of United States Towns & Countries( CD), Fraternal Order of Police Annual Program 1947 Blue Grass Lodge #4 Lexington, and a large framed print of High Bridge.

Janelle Fain donated old newspaper clippings and a soft back Jessamine County book.

Kentucky Historical Society donated 11 Jessamine County post cards (High Bridge)

Police Officer Henry Blades donated a 1946-1947 High School Yearbook (NIHISCHO)

Harold Higgs donated Scrapbook of old newspaper clippings.

### *Welcome New members.*

*Florence Hubbard Babos*

*Richard A. Barclay*

*Jane A. Brantley*

*Lee Dickson*

*Arlene D. Hawkins*

*Helen Hubbard Martin*

## President's Message

Time for another newsletter from your Society. I hope you all are well and looking forward, as I am, to the refreshing fall weather. Of course with fall comes the time when we elect officers and board members for your Society. Our Vice President, Jerry Brown, has agreed to chair the nominating committee. He can be reached by telephone at 859-887-9669 or 859-533-1259. Please consider standing for a position on your board and give him a call, or call him nominating someone for a position.

Our membership is now up to 47. That is still less than a year or two ago, so please be on the lookout for those in the community who are interested in preserving, and learning more about Jessamine County, Kentucky, U.S., family and even world history. Ask them to join us.

We have been informed that you will see a new box you may check on your Kentucky Tax Form. It is now possible to designate a portion of your state income tax refund to the Kentucky Local History Fund. The Jessamine County Historical and Genealogical Society qualifies to receive grant funds from this Fund, which is overseen by the Kentucky Historical Society. Stop by the office for more details.

We still open the office on Thursday afternoons for research from 1PM to 3PM. Stop by and join us, you never know what you may learn.

Our September speaker will be Stuart Saunders of the Kentucky Historical Society. He was formerly with the Perryville Battle Field Park and is very knowledgeable of the Civil War battles fought in Kentucky. We had an almost full house to hear Eddie Price inform us about Kentuckians participation in the War of 1812. It was an outstanding presentation which was well received by all in attendance. We thank the Jessamine County Public Library for helping us sponsor Mr. Price.

I look forward to greeting you all soon.

*Richard Lucas*

## Cemetery News

Due to my illness and all the wet weather our Spring work has gone very slowly. We have mulched two cemeteries. We are looking for information on the Cravens cemetery, it is on land developed and only has one stone. The stone is for Nancy consort of William. If you have any information you may write me or stop by the office.

## Research Work

We have had a good turn out of local and out of state visitors doing research in our Library with free for our members and only \$5.00 fee for nonmembers. We feel like we have a large amount of material not only on Jessamine County, but most of our surrounding counties.

## Memoriam

We have lost 2 of our past members, Judith Jurgensen, and Elisabeth Headley Garr.

## Upcoming Events

We plan to have an open house during this years Christmas celebration on December 12th so we can show members and non members what we have to offer. This would be a great time to join the Historical Society and enjoy all the events and speakers in 2016. We will have personalized stocking for the children.

*Ernestine Hamu*

## August Speaker



Kenneth Scott representing Douglas Day Foundation, a non-profit organization called the Military Freedom Fest. It was started after September 11, 2001 to honor our Military Men and Women. To date he has held fifty five Honors Ceremonies and organized a total of eleven fundraiser. Doug and his organization have honored over 4,982 men and women, including active duty, veterans, and families of deceased veterans. Among those were 12 P.O.W's and 1 killed in action.

## September Speaker

Eddie Price, author of "Widder's Landing" spoke on Kentucky's involvement in the War of 1812 and what life was like during that time period. Kentuckians represented about 64% of the total 1876 men killed during the war. Eight Kentucky governors served in the war. The most memorable battle of the war, as far as the Kentucky Militia was concerned was that of the Battle of Frenchtown and the subsequent massacre at the River Raisin. The United States Flag during the war had 15 stars and 15 stripes. The 15th star and stripe represented the Kentucky the 15th state.



## BRICK WALLS

Each week we get e-mails inquiries from families search their Jessamine County ancestors. Many times we are able to locate the information they seek, however sometimes we don't have the answers they are looking for.

One case in point is a lady looking for William Taylor Gaines (Ganes, Gains) married Margaret Lutrell (Littrell, Little) in Jessamine County on 7/2/1841. He died 1893.

Another is a gentleman looking for his great great grandfather Thomas Jefferson Cornish.

Lastly a lady looking for William Heath who married Nancy Bowling about 1821.

If you have information on any of these individuals and are willing to share it with us please contact us via e-mail, at [jessaminehistorical@gmail.com](mailto:jessaminehistorical@gmail.com), call at 859-361-2867, mail to Jessamine County Historical Society at 216 North Main St., Farmers Square, Nicholasville, Ky. 40356. Thank you.....

### WHAT CAN BE FOUND AT THE JESSAMINE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

I previously wrote about the books located on the first shelf of the bookcase containing the books denoted as the "Stafford Collection." Following are the books located on the second and third shelves of this bookcase.

Index for Old Kentucky Surveys and Grants, "microfilmed by Kentucky Historical Society," "Final indexing was completed by Mrs Carol Cline—1973-74." This volume lists in alphabetical and chronological order the Old Kentucky land grants from 1776 to 1838. It also includes the "near mythical" Tellico Surveys and Grants.

Perusing this book I find the records of three of my mother's ancestors:

Samuel Boone—survey date 7-2-1785  
Leonard K. Bradley-survey date 4-20-1792  
Phillip Grymes (Grimes) - survey date 5-18-1797

Kentucky Pioneers and Their Descendents, Kentucky Society, Daughters of Colonial Wars, 1941—1950.

"Contains from thirteen to fifteen thousand names taken from Bibles, tombstones, obituaries, birth certification, vital statistics, tax books, deeds, wills, marriage and census records, principally of the counties Caldwell, Christian, Fleming, Hopkins, Jefferson, Livingston, Lincoln, Larue, Hardin, Fayette, Jessamine, Mason, Woodford, Calloway, Mercer, Bourbon, and Franklin."

Kinfolks, A Genealogical and Biographical Record of Thomas and Elizabeth (Stuart) Harllee, Andrew and Agnes (Cade) Fulmore, Benjamin and Mary Curry, Samuel and Amelia (Russell) Kemp, John and Hannah (Walker), Bethea, Sterling Clark and Frances (King) Robertson, Samuel and Sophia Ann (Parker) Dickey, Their Antecedents, Records and the derivation of Counties of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Prepared and published by William Curry Hallee, assisted by numerous collaborator. 1934, The title pretty much says it all about this three volume set of books. Many collateral family names are included, but searching for yours will be difficult since an all name index is included in any of the volumes.

Kentucky, Designs for Her Future, edited by Howard W. Beers, University of Kentucky Press, 1945. This book "is the result of a collaboration of University of Kentucky faculty in the fields of agriculture, chemistry, education, economics, geology, history and sociology in discussing Kentucky in prospect." The second chapter is entitled "Kentucky Heritage" by Thomas D. Clark.

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Kentucky Pioneer and Court Records Abstracted of Early Wills Deeds and Marriages from Court Houses and Records of Old Bibles, Churches, Grave Yards, and Cemeteries Copied by American War Mothers Genealogical Material Collected from Authentic Sources, Records from Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Montgomery, Nicholas, and Woodford Counties. Compiled and Published by Mrs. Harry Kenneth (edna Wilson) McAdams, 1929. The index is of surnames only. I did find a Samuel Boone mentioned on page 27.

Kentucky in Retrospect, Noteworthy Personages and Events in Kentucky History, 1792-1942. By Mrs. Wm. Preston Drake, Judge Samuel M. Wilson, Mrs. Wm. Breckenridge Ardery, Editors, Mrs. Wm. Breckenridge Ardery, Harry V. McChesney, 1042, Sesquicentennial Commission, Commonwealth of Kentucky. "The main purpose of this Chronology is to furnish a serviceable index or key to the leading facts of Kentucky history. Here you will find the names of the members of the 1775 Kentucky Territory Representatives in the Virginia House of Burgesses and General Assembly of Virginia, Biographical Sketches of Members and officials of Kentucky's first Constitutional Convention, some early stations and forts and the identities of these early settlers."

The Lure of Kentucky, A historical Guide Book. by Maud Ward Lafferty, 1939, Ms. Lafferty defined this book as an "inexpensive volume containing the high points of greatest interest to the entire state and told in popular style."

Kentucky Records, Early Wills and Marriages Copied from Court House Records by Regents, Historians and the State Historian, Old Bible Records and Tombstone Inscriptions from Barren, Bath, Bourbon, Clark, Daviess, Fayette, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mason, Montgomery, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Scott and Shelby Counties. Compiled by Mrs. William Breckenridge (Julia Spencer) Ardery. 1958. The full title again pretty much says it all. I did find the will of Philip Grimes abstracted in the Fayette County Will Abstracts section.

Methodism in Maryland, by G. C. M. Robert, 1866. According to the Preface Methodism had its origin in this country in 1760 simultaneously with New York, while in Maryland "the Rev. Robert Strawbridge lived and labored extensively." There is also a chapter on the Rev. Francis Asbury. Articles from the Carroll County Times (Westminster, MC) and the Jessamine Journal, both from 1971, and an unknown newspaper are also found folded in this book.

National Society United States Daughters of 1812, 1969 Membership Roster by States, The roster includes the names of the qualifying ancestor.

National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, 1941, Membership List and Index of Ancestors with Brief Histories of National and State Organizational. This volume also contains their by-laws.

Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds, A Complete Index to All of the Earliest Land Entries, Military Warrants, Deeds and Wills of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by Willard Rouse Jilson, ScD, State Geologist of Kentucky and Chairman of the Kentucky State Park Commission 1969, (Filson Club Publications: No, 34). This book is "logically a companion volume to the Kentucky Land Grants." IT is an index of early civil land entries, and military land warrants and entries II the State Land Office and the first deeds wills ad powers of attorney relative to land lodged in the custody of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals in Frankfort.

A History of the "Pioneer Families of Missouri, with Numerous Sketches, Anecdotes, Adventures, etc., Relating to Early Days in Missouri, also the Lives of Daniel Boone and the Celebrated Indian Chief Black Hawk with Numerous Biographies and Histories of Primitive Institutes by Wm. S. Bryan and Robert Rose, 1876, Facsimile of the 1st Edition dated 1935. Turns out one of the authors, and the publisher, Mr. Bryan, of this book is a distant cousin of mine. The information on the Bryans in this book is not consistent with other information I have found on the Bryan family. Like all material one comes across in genealogy the information in this book should be verified with additional research. It is, however, an interesting read.

Proceedings of The National Huguenot Society, Volume XV, 1956. This volume includes a brief biography of the President General of the Society, Margaret Hayes Sebree, D.C.L., "A Kentuckian by birth."

Proceedings of The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, Volume XXXVII, 1955. This volume includes sections on Huguenot Pioneers.

A History of Rowan County, North Carolina, Containing Sketches of Prominent Families and Distinguished Men, with an Appendix, by Rev. Jethro Rumble, 1881. Many early Bluegrass pioneers and settlers, including Daniel Boone, came from Rowan County. A brief perusal of the book on my part found not only Daniel mentioned, but also his father, Squire Boone, as one of the first county justices. Another section discussed William Bryan's loyalist brother, Colonel (Samuel) Bryan.

# Membership Application

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