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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Military Records in Kentucky with Brandon Slone, Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.** presented by the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Genealogical Society. The morning program examines the chronological military history of the commonwealth from 1792 to 1860, with emphasis on the participation of Kentucky state militia. This includes discussion of sources housed at the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs Military Records and Research Branch and other state and national repositories. In the afternoon, KHS reference staff will lead exploration of the resources available online as searchable databases or as digitized source material. To register for this free workshop, contact the reference desk at [KHSrefdesk@ky.gov](mailto:KHSrefdesk@ky.gov) or 502-564-1792, ext. 4460.

**The African-American Genealogy Group of Kentucky,** PO Box 1211, Frankfort, KY 40602, was formed in

January 2011. Their goal is to record and preserve records and experiences of African Americans here in the Commonwealth. For further information, email [aaggky@yahoo.com](mailto:aaggky@yahoo.com) or call 502-682-5082. Individual membership is \$30, Organization membership is \$50, and Contributing membership is an at will donation of time, money or services. Meeting in Harrodsburg at the Mercer County Public Library, Saturday, November 19 -- NO COST.

Did you know that Kentucky residents can take courses at most public universities tuition-free if they are 65 or over? Your editor is beginning two independent study courses from Western Kentucky University (History of Kentucky and The African American Experience in America), and nearly 1000 other courses are offered online or through ITV from WKU. Similar offerings are made through UK, UofL, ECU and others.

## OUR MEETINGS and UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November 15,** Brenda Edwards, Publishing Local History, Perryville United Methodist Church, 7:00 PM.

**December 13,** Christmas Party, bring desserts or snack and some Christmas traditions to share. Perryville United Methodist Church, 7:00 PM

**January 17,** Report on October Cemetery Workshop; also

bring one of your "brick wall" problems for the group to discuss. Perryville United Methodist Church, 7:00 PM

**February 21,** Dr. Jerry and Nancy Jones who own the Golden Lion B & B and the Jones Genealogy Research Center at **243 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Danville**, will have the meeting at their home. Dr. Jones will speak to the group and we will tour his military and genealogy collections.

## GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AND TIPS

If you have any resources and tips you wish to share, mail them to Michael J Denis, PO Box 125, Parksville, KY 40464, or email them to [mdenis46@gmail.com](mailto:mdenis46@gmail.com).

While in the Boyle County Public Library, looking for a microfilm copy of the "West End News" published in Parksville in 1886-1888?, I found absolutely nothing. However, as I was leaving the local history room, I happened to meet Jamie Helle, the Reference Librarian BCPL, and had a delightful conversation with her. She has asked me to let members know of several developments at the BCPL.

First, the Library has an online subscription to Heritage Quest, one of the largest genealogical websites around.



1 Junction City Train Station - What line?

Anyone with a library card at the BCPL can access this source from home. Go to the BCPL website at <http://boylepublib.org/>, click "Resources" on the left side, then click the "Heritage Quest Online" icon near the center of the page, and enter your BCPL membership number.

While there, explore the other resources available through your local public library.

Jamie also noted that the BCPL now subscribes to "Kentucky Ancestors" from the Kentucky Historical

Society, and "Bluegrass Ancestors" from the Kentucky Genealogical Society.

She also added that she is looking to update and upgrade the family files in the local history reference room, and is looking in particular for family trees and genealogies, rather than the "we had a reunion last week" newspaper articles which, while interesting, usually contain little or no genealogical information.

## HISTORICAL TIDBITS

Exerpts from The Olive Branch and Western Union, An Early Newspaper in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky, Contributed by Carolyn Crabtree, to be continued in forthcoming issues.

### Volume 1, Number 7, May 5, 1820

Front page: Article from the *Masonic Magazine* about Thomas Smith Webb. Article about his engraved portrait by Mr. Fhothingham. Mentions a miniature by Mr. John R. Penniman and an engraving by Messres. Annin and Smith. Thomas Smith Webb was born in Boston 30 October 1774. Was a printer in Keene, New Hampshire, removed thence to Albany in 1792 and worked as a paper stainer. Removed to Providence; occupation in cotton factories. Returned to his family in Boston in 1813. Died 6 July 1819 in Cleveland, Ohio on his way to a new home in Columbus, Ohio.

Page 52: Ads for: 20 April 1820: Mr. Shaffer Dancing School -- (Same as Vol. 1, No. 5, Page 40); 28 April 1820: Mr. Hamilton Morrison Singing School -- (Same as Vol. 1, No. 5, Page 40); 5 April 1820: House for Rent by Joshua Yeager -- (Same as Vol. 1, No. 5, Page 40); Same ads from B. F. Crutchfield, Dr. Green, John Henderson, D. Bell & Brother and James Armstrong

20 January 1820: Notice from James Montgomery forewarning all people not to trade for note given to John Bess for £52, also one given to Sherrad Rennalds for £110 as ... (see Vol. 1, No. 5, Page 40)

Page 38: Letter to Mr. Armstrong (Publisher of the *Olive Branch*) mentioning the *Lexington Advertiser*

Page 55: 9 April 1820: From *Little Prairie* comes an article about 3 Seminole Indians, 2 men and 1 boy, murdering Captain Davis of Nashville, Tennessee. The body was found buried on Mr. Walker's plantation. Captain Davis had one white man and 2 blacks on board his boat. The white man was tomahawked in a most dangerous manner but escaped. The black men were hunting but were seized when they returned to the boat. People on board a flatboat nearby saw the murder committed and sent work to New Madrid. Party of men was raised to pursue the Indians. A party of nine was found, but only three were taken, among them the chief who declared they were innocent.

Page 58: 17 April, 1820: Morris N. B. Hull and Peregrin Hutton indicted for murder in Baltimore, MD

"Characteristic Anecdote": At an assembly of people at the home of Commander Decatur's home before his funeral an American Tar (sailor?) standing outside declared to those entering the house that there were many

more than just the ones inside the house who admired and respected Commander Decatur. If any others would like to enter to pay their respects, he would clear the way for them.

From the *Salem Gazette*: "A Wild Goose Chase" On early dawn of Thanksgiving Day, Mr. Eliphalet Thayer of Dorchester, Massachusetts, went to the Neponset River to shoot gulls. When he arrived there were geese on the water. He shot seven weighing about eight pounds each before nine o'clock in the morning and got eight pounds of feathers from the birds.

April 19 Philadelphia: "Important News from Spain" Arrival last evening of last sailing ship *Brandt* with Captain Steinhauer ... in short passage of 29 days from Rochelle from which place he sailed 18<sup>th</sup> March

April 23 Louisville Paper: S.B. *James Ross*, Whiting, arrived at Shippingport from St. Louis

William W. Blair of Lexington appointed by acting Governor, Attorney General for Commonwealth of Kentucky in place of James Blair, resigned.

Candidates for Governor: William Logan, John Adair, Anthony Butler, Joseph Desha

Candidates for Lieutenant Governor: William T. Bault (Not sure--copy unreadable), Robert Ewing, William B. Blackburn

To: Col. J. Speed Smith -- A citizen was appealing to him to run for Congress; praised his good character, etc.

Page 59: Information Wanted: Young woman Elizabeth Shrowder, left house of Rev. Edward Talbot, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of March to go his son's Mr. James Talbot, distance 1 mile and immediately return, since which time she has not been heard of. It is supposed she has been murdered and a black man is confined upon suspicion. Any information will be thankfully received by Mr. Talbot residing three miles from Shelbyville.

Married in this county (Boyle):

Mr. William Bilboe to Miss Lucinda Durham

Mr. John Sally to Miss Nancy Claunch

Mr. Thomas Cooly to Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Moore

Mr. J.L.D. Smedly to Miss Patsy Letcher

## QUERIES

If you have any queries regarding Boyle County family research, mail them to Michael J Denis, PO Box 125, Parksville, KY 40464, or email them to [mdenis46@gmail.com](mailto:mdenis46@gmail.com).

## INTERNET SITES of INTEREST

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Allen County (IN) Public Library,  
<http://www.genealogycenter.org/Databases.aspx>,  
one of the largest genealogical libraries in the  
country. They have numerous FREE databases for  
patrons to search.

BCGA on Facebook,  
<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1662484128&ref=name#!/pages/Boyle-County-Genealogical-Association/144328472329003>

CINCINNATI, Aug. 21. The Mayor of Henderson, Ky., has fled to the rebel army. The entire City Council has been arrested for refusing to take the oath of allegiance, but were released upon resigning and giving bonds in \$5000 each. The property of the Mayor was seized and a new election ordered.

Ten Indiana regiments and four companies of cavalry had gone into Kentucky, and two other regiments are expected to leave the first of the week.

The Commercial of to-day says a guard is to be stationed at railroad depots and all other avenues leading from the State, who will require an exhibition of passes from the Provost Marshal from all persons leaving.

### BY TELEGRAPH

To Morning and Evening papers.

St. John, August 27.

Letters from Nassau, N. P., state that the American Consul's flag has been repeatedly hauled down, and trampled upon by Secession sympathizers.

Two hundred Guerillas have been routed by Federals, near Danville, Kentucky.

Two hundred Federals encountered a large force of Confederates near Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and after a severe fight routed them, killing thirty men and taking sixty prisoners.

Trouble is apprehended from the Chippewa Indians. Chief "Hole in the Day" has issued a proclamation to the effect that he would not be responsible for their conduct after Tuesday morning; and warning the whites to leave the country. He also sends for commissioners to make a treaty.

Governor Sibley thinks the Sioux warriors number about five thousand.

Great numbers are leaving Kentucky to join the Confederates since the promulgation of the intention of Government to draft for the Federal army.

(LEFT) Kentucky news from Nova Scotia, Canada:  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Morning Sun,  
29 Aug 1862, page 3

### A BLOODY KENTUCKY MURDER.

SHELBY CITY, Ky., Feb. 13.—Cam. Rowsey was shot and instantly killed at Moulnd Station on the Cincinnati Southern Railway, in Boyle County, 124 miles from Cincinnati, last evening, by William Gresham and a man named Reid. The weapons used were double-barreled shot-guns loaded with buckshot. Rowsey was shot three times, once in the bowels and twice in the face and head. Gresham has served a term in the penitentiary for killing Terrell at Milledgeville several years ago. The shooting of Rowsey was the culmination of an old feud. He has been one of the most desperate men in this part of the State for many years, and at the time of his death was under bonds for shooting with intent to kill.

The New York Times

Published: February 14, 1881

Kentucky news reported in the New York Times -- there are MANY, MANY Kentucky articles, and we will be printing some of them as time and space allows.

## BCGA PUBLICATIONS:

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Price &amp; Tax</u>	<u>Shipping</u>
<b>The Boyle County, Kentucky, Cemetery Records 1792-1992.</b> This hardback book has information concerning over 22,000 burials during the years 1792-1992 in the Boyle county cemeteries. Burials since 1992 have not been added to the second printing, but an addendum to the book has been added with corrections and additions to the first printing.	\$61.32	\$65.00	\$9.00
<b>Corrections and Additions ONLY for the First Printing</b> of <i>The Boyle County, Kentucky, Cemetery Records 1792-1992</i> , For those who already have the first printing of this book, the 10 pages of corrections and additions is available separately.	\$4.72	\$5.00	\$1.00
<b>Early Days In Danville</b> by Calvin Morgan Fackler. This hardback book was first published in 1941 and chronicles the history of Danville/Boyle County from its early beginnings in 1784 to the Civil War era. The book is indexed and mentions many early family names, along with stories of the families.	\$18.87	\$20.00	\$5.00
<b>Chaplin Hills: History of Perryville, Kentucky Boyle County</b> , by Geraldine Crain Harmon. This 130-page hardback book was published in 1971 and is no longer in print. Only a very few copies are left.	\$28.30	\$30.00	\$5.00

<http://www.bcg2.org/Merchandise/default.aspx>

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