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BOOK SALE—Just in time for Christmas

Closeout

Societies of Kentucky—Genealogical and Historical Societies of the Kentucky Counties & Their Books, compiled by Bax McClure 2004. Regular Price—\$13.78**SALE PRICE \$5.00** while supplies last.

Special Offer

Oral Histories of Jessamine County, Kentucky Cassette Recordings by Jenny Wilder, History Teacher and her students. Transcribed by Mildred Alcorn Bunch in January 2000. Vol. 1 Regularly \$15.00; Vol. 2 & 3 \$10.00 each Set of 3 books—Sale price \$20.00.

Discount.

Historical Society members receive 15% off all **REGULAR** priced books from now until December 30, 2014

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



Carl Hamilton, U.S. Navy, was the first veteran we interviewed. He served as a gunner aboard liberty ships in the South Pacific during WWII. Pictured with him is Natalie Domanico, Court Reporter Association and Dennis Traynor, Videographer. Photos by Jerry Brown.



Lt. Col. Cecil Grimes, U.S. Army, the 2nd veteran interview. He served as a PFC medic in WWII receiving wounds in both legs. Commissioned a 2nd Lt in Army reserves before being called to active duty during the Korean war. One of the Army's first medical helicopter pilots he served as Executive Officer of a Medical Unit in Vietnam prior to his retirement.



Inez Wilson, our 3rd interview, served in the Women's Army Corp during WWII. Overseas service was primarily on jungle islands in the Philippines and New Guinea area.



R. L. Slusher, U. S. Army, our 4th interview. He was designated Robert Lee upon his induction since the military would not allow initials only. He served on an amphibious boat unit during WWII.



Dale Cheney, U. S. Army Air Corps, known as Air Force today, was the 5th interview. He was assigned to a headquarters billet in Hawaii and Guam, meeting several generals, including "Hap" Arnold and General LeMay.



Robert J. Rhodeus, Army Air Corps (today's Air Force) will be our 1st interview in 2015. He was a Staff Sergeant in the 5th Air Force, serving from 1946—1949.

Oral History Project

I'm happy to report we've gotten this project off the ground at Thomson Hood Veterans Center. We have conducted six interviews thus far. Without the assistance of the Court Reporter Association here in Kentucky we would still be groping for a way to record the interviews. Natalie Domanico, immediate past president of their association helped get everything going, and has done her magic with her court reporting machine for two of the interviews. Her product is truly impressive. Dennis Traynor was our videographer for our first three interviews, providing us with terrific DVDs of the interviews. Both are now Honorary Members of your Society.

Photos and a brief bio of those interviewed are provided on the previous page. We look forward to more interviews in 2015. We could use additional interviewers, so please consider helping get this history on record before it is lost. The DVDs are available at your Society office for viewing/research.

Richard Lucas

President's Message

Winter is fast approaching and the Society conducted its last 2014 members meeting in October. I look back over the year and delight in the speakers we have enjoyed hearing from February through September. We have, among other things, learned about the Kentucky Black History website administered at the University of Kentucky, heard about the Civil War spy ring operating from Jessamine County, found out how the Sons of the Revolution grew out of the Cincinnatus Society, heard about the founding of the Camp Nelson Honor Guard and the service they provide our veterans, experienced a little of the feeling of being involved in the Cold War as a member of the Central Intelligence Agency, and even were advised on the history of bee keeping by the former Kentucky State Bee Keeper, who is now a valued member of this Society.

We also now have a current website thank you Beverly Zuck, and a consistent quarterly newsletter getting out to our membership, thank you Sherrell Brown. **We also now have our first Gold Sponsor, thank you Janelle Fain.**

Our oral history project with Thomson Hood Veterans Center is now off the ground, more on this elsewhere in this newsletter, thank you Honorary Member Natalie Domanico.

Just because we have had our last membership meeting of the year doesn't mean your Society is dormant for the rest of this year. We will have the office open for St. Nich Christmas Festival, December 13th. Bring the youngsters in and let them draw their name on a Santa hat and start a family tree chart. And, don't forget we'll still have the office open most Thursday afternoons. I am sure you can figure out on which ones will be closed.

I hope you all have a blessed filled Thanksgiving and truly joyous and Merry Christmas.

Richard L. Lucas

Cemetery Report by Ernestine Hamm

We have had more bad luck with our in town cemeteries than our county ones this year. The Todhunter fence was driven through but has been replaced and will have a new cemetery sign soon.

The Farra cemetery has not been maintained all summer and looks neglected, Mike Denger no longer owns the property around the cemetery. We hope the new owners will do a better job next year.

We have a new fence at the Wake Cemetery paid for by land owner Ron Eldridge. The man responsible for replacing the headstone, Dwayne Justice, should have that done this month.

Mr. Orville Duane Sharon and his family visited the 2/9 Scott cemetery, the old home site of Stoney Lonesome, Roberts Chapel and the Scott/Roberts cemetery. We greatly enjoyed their visit and their donation will help us maintain the Scott family cemeteries as well as many others in the county.

IN MEMORIAM

The Historical Society has lost another member, Lyde Simpson was president of the Historical Society She was an active member until the past few years that she was in the nursing home. She loved to help cook at our annual picnic and would do any job she was ask to do. On Oct. 2nd she passed at the age of 93. Her memory was always sharp and we would go to her with lots of questions. She received the outstanding citizenship award in 1978.



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

I have mentioned previously that our Society has much research material available. This sampling comes from the top shelf of the bookcase on the left as you enter the Society office and most of the books on the bookcase are denoted as the "Stafford Collection."

Adventures of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607 - 1625, compiled by Annie Lash Jester in collaboration with Martha Woodroof Hiden, F.A.S.G. (1883-1959), 2nd edition, 1964. This book contains information on "one hundred and nine forebears who assisted in the establishment of the Colony of Virginia under the tenure of the Virginia Company (of the full 'Muster of 1624/25') who by 1625, are here recorded, with their children, their grandchildren and in most cases their great-grandchildren in increasing numbers." Some surnames included: Andrews, Bagwell, Baldwin, Baley, Barne, Bates, Branch, Buck, Burwell, Bush, Calvert, Carsley, Chisman, Chew, Claiborne, Clay, Clements, Cobb, Cocks, Cole, Crump, Davis, Dawson, Diggs, Edloe, Epes, Evelyn, Farrar, Fisher, Fleete, Flood, Gaither, Gaskins, Graves, Gray, Gundry, Hallom, Hansford, Harris, Harwood, Holt, Hopkins, Johnson, Jordan, Lloyd, Lovelace, Lukin, Maccock, Mason, Mathews, Menefie, Montague, Moone, Offley, O'Neil, Pace, Peirce, Perry, Price, Reynolds, Rolfe, Royal, St. Leger, Savage, Sharp, Sheppey, Slaughter, Smith, Spencer, Swann, Taylor, Thoroughgood, Townshend, Trussell, Vassall, Waters, West, Whiting, Wilkins, Willoughtby, Wood, Woodhouse, Woodson, Wyatt, Yardley, Zouch.

Annals of Bath County, Virginia, by Oren F. Morton, B.Lit., 1917. This is a brief history of Bath County, Virginia which includes a list of the heads of households from the 1782 personal property books among other items of interest.

Bluegrass Houses and Their Traditions, by Elizabeth M. Simpson, 1932. Here we find a collection of brief histories of manor and mansion homes in the Bluegrass with brief comments on the owners. Included are Chaumiere du Prairie, Calumet, Bryan Station, Ashland and many more.

Church Life in the Blue Grass, 1783 - 1933, by Ward Russell, M.A.B.D., 1933.

This book originally was meant to be a history of South Elkhorn Church, but "her daughter churches" were so closely connected the "whole family of churches" are included. Here you will find pieces about Keene Christian Church, Nicholasville Christian Church, Providence Christian Church, etc.

The Story of the Constitution, by Sol Bloom, 1937. This 184 page book produced for the sesquicentennial of the United States Constitution includes brief sketches of the signers, and is one I personally plan on reading.

Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration, by Walter Allen Knittle, Ph.D.,

1965. This volume purports to be "an exhaustive study" of early Palatine migration from

the Rhine Valley to the English colonies in America. The appendices include a listing of approximately 12,000 surnames, something to check out if you have ancestors who immigrated from the Rhine Valley in the 1700s.

The Enchanted Bluegrass, by Elizabeth M. Simpson, 1938. The second book by Ms. Simpson about Bluegrass manor and mansion homes and their histories.

First Census of Kentucky, 1790, by Charles Brunk Henneman and Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, 1940. This is not an official federal or state census, but a "privately compiled list of tax payers appearing in the tax lists of all Kentucky counties which were established at the time of the First Federal Census."

Genealogy of Joseph Peck and Some Related Families Including The Bordens, The Carpers, The McClures, The Fowles, The Clays, The Meeks, The Winters, The Chapmans, The Molletts, The Groves, The Staffords, The Osbournes, by George Braden Roberts, 1955. The title pretty much says it all. Two newspaper articles, "Clay Villa Endured Vissitudes," "Herald-Leader", Lexington, KY, January 9, 1966 and "Auvergne Built by Brutus Clay In 1837," "Herald Leader," Lexington, KY, February 18, 1962, both written by Bettye Lee Mastin, are folded inside the book.

Gleanings of Virginia History, An Historical and Genealogical Collection, Largely From Original Sources, by William Fletcher Boochee, 1903. This old book includes the "Poll Lists" for the election of members to the House of Burgesses for 1744 from Fairfax County as well as "The rosters of Troops in the French and Indian Wars" from Hennings Statutes of Virginia and "original Muster and Pay Rolls" of Revolutionary War officers and men in the possession of Mr. Boochee. The last section of the book has family history and genealogy of some Virginia families.

High on a Windy Hill, by Catherine S. McConnell, 1968. Here we find tombstone inscriptions from all the cemeteries Ms. McConnell found in Washington County, VA.

Collins Historical Sketches of Kentucky, History of Kentucky by the Late Lewis Collins, Judge of the Mason County Court, Revised, Enlarged Four-Fold, and Brought Down to the Year 1874 by his son, Richard H. Collins, A.M., LL.B. Volumes I & II reprinted by the Kentucky Historical Society, 1966. These two volumes contain an "Anals of Kentucky," an outline history of Kentucky, biographical sketches, county sketches, and historic lists, including a list of Revolutionary War "veterans or surviving wives receiving pensions residing in Kentucky in 1840."

Annals of Southwest Virginia, 1769 - 1800, Volumes I & II by Lewis Preston Summers, 1929, reprinted 1992. This is a compilation of early records of the area of Virginia west of the Blue Ridge, south of the James River and east of the Cumberland Gap. It also includes the journals of Col. Thomas Botts who traveled in 1671 as far as the Narrows of the New River, Dr. Thomas Walker and Col. Christopher Gist who traveled

through Southwest Virginia in 1749 - 1750. Fincastle County records are also included.

History of the United States, by Emerson David Fite, Ph.D., Second Edition, Revised, 1916, 1919, 1923 (November 1926). This 560 page history of the United States has "less space devoted to military history" and more "special emphasis" on the "period of exploration and discovery, the development of geographical knowledge," and "the colonial period of dependence of events in the colonies upon contemporary English history." I did find some references to one of my ancestor, John Sevier, confirming you never know where you may find something on your own family history.

Kegley's Virginia Frontier, The Beginning of the Southwest, The Roanoke of Colonial Days, 1740 - 1783, by F.B. Kegley, MCMXXVIII. This book covers "the advance of the frontier from beginning to the beginning of settlement of the region of the James River and the Roanoke," the settlements of the area from 1740 to 1760; the areas history in the French and Indian War, the period between the ending of that war and the establishment of Botetout County, and the detail of the new county and community development from 1770 to 1783.

Johnson County, Kentucky, A History of the County, and Genealogy of Its People Up to the Year 1927, Volumes I & II, by Mitchel Hall, 1928. "A history of Johnson County and Eastern Kentucky from the period of first settlement to and including the year 1927." Volume II contains genealogies which include the Wiley Family and early Mason and Floyd Counties marriages to 1836.

All this on just one shelf of one bookcase located at your Society. Visit on Thursday afternoons and see what you may find. Or, you can call myself or Ernestine Hamm to make an appointment at any other time if 1 :00 to 3:00 Thursdays don't work for you.

Richard L. Lucas

2015 Monthly Meeting Schedule

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| January 22, 2015 | June picnic, 2015 |
| February 26, 2015 | July 23, 2015 |
| March 26, 2015 | August 27, 2015 |
| April 23, 2015 | September 24, 2015 |
| May 28, 2015 | October 22, 2015 |

Membership Application

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Individual \$20.00
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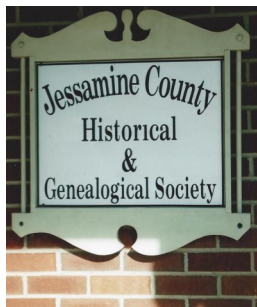
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