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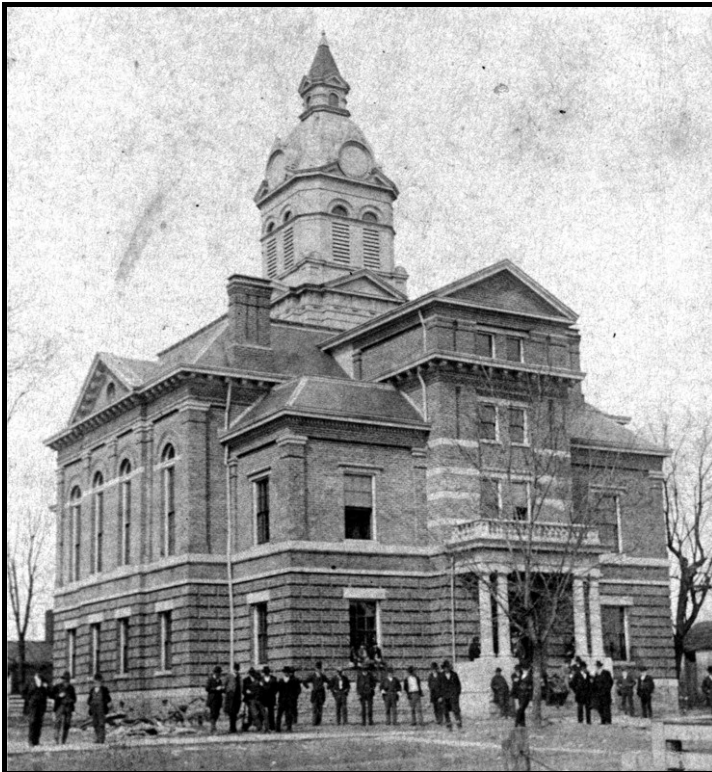
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COURTHOUSES SEPARATED AT BIRTH?

By Matt Becher

Late last fall, I received an email from Nolan Bees, who was supervising the restoration of the courthouse in Bandera, Bandera County, Texas. He had stumbled across a photograph of the 1889 Old Boone County Courthouse here in Burlington on the internet and was surprised to see that it bore a striking resemblance to the 1890 Bandera Courthouse. In fact, with the exception of building materials and some exterior details, the two buildings were near twins. I was shocked to learn of this virtual twin courthouse and also puzzled to hear that a man named B.F. Trester was credited with the design of the Bandera Courthouse. How could this be? There is no doubt that the McDonald Brothers, a prolific Louisville architectural firm known to have designed at least 10 Kentucky courthouses in the 1890s, were the architects of the 1889 Boone County Courthouse. In fact, I have a copy of the McDonald Brothers' signed original contract as well as receipts and correspondence from them to Boone County officials. Since learning of the Bandera Courthouse, I have corresponded with people in Texas who have some knowledge of the courthouses there, combed the internet for photographs, and conducted additional research into the McDonald Brothers. Although not yet complete, a plausible explanation of the similarity between the two buildings and the relationship between Trester and the McDonalds is taking shape.



1889 Old Boone County Courthouse as it originally appeared



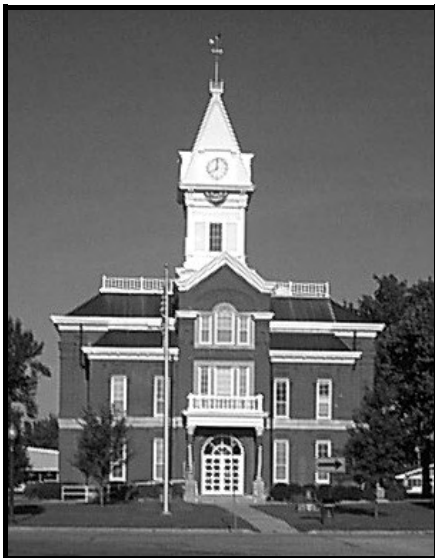
1890 Bandera County, TX, Courthouse

The building we now call the Old Boone County Courthouse is the 3rd courthouse built in Burlington. The first log courthouse, built c. 1801, was replaced by a brick building in 1817. That courthouse was remodeled several times but eventually demolished to make way for the present building. Completed late in 1889 at a cost of \$19,740, the courthouse was built by the McGarvey Brothers of Cincinnati under the supervision of the McDonald Brothers. The building was predominantly Renaissance Revival in style with a cruciform plan and imposing clock tower. It

featured a central foyer/hallway on the 1st floor with offices on either side and a grand staircase winding up from the back entrance to the spacious 2nd Floor Courtroom. Corner offices and the judges' chambers completed the plan of the 2nd Floor. Three attic spaces above the courtroom were reached by a series of stairs and ladders leading from the room behind the judge's bench. The clock tower itself was supported by a massive wood truss system, similar in design to a railroad bridge, which rested on the courthouse's four main load-bearing brick walls.

On their final inspection of the building, the McDonald Brothers noted a few minor variations from the original plans, but recommended that the county "accept the house." By mid-1896, the walls of the courthouse were starting to show cracks and the county debated whether to install rods to try and hold the building together. That idea was rejected but the problem persisted. By 1898, the courtroom was leaking and it was clear that something needed to be done. The county hired noted Cincinnati architects Samuel Hannaford & Sons to look at the problem; they determined that the brick walls simply could not support the weight of the clock tower and furnished designs for a smaller cupola. In the fall of 1898, contractors removed the original courthouse clock tower, reconfigured the roof and built the cupola that crowns the building to this day.

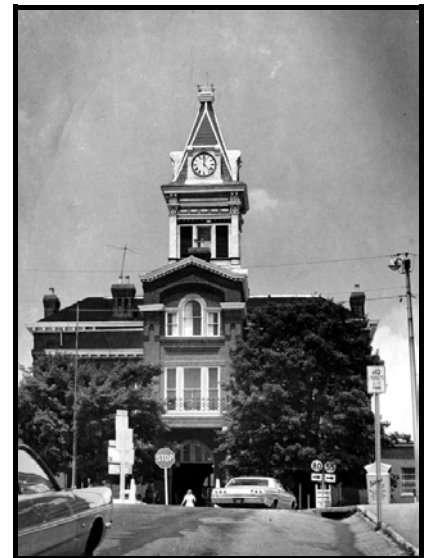
The Boone County Courthouse was one of many courthouses designed and supervised by the McDonald Brothers. While most of those buildings were in Kentucky, others were built in Indiana, Illinois, and Virginia. Many were patterned off what has been called the firm's "prototype" 1883 courthouse in Franklin, Simpson County, KY. The Simpson County Courthouse had all the elements that typified the standard McDonald Bros design: cruciform plan with projecting entry bay, central 1st floor hall, 2nd floor courtroom, and imposing clock tower. Courthouses nearly identical to the Simpson courthouse were built in 1887 in Adair County, KY, and Cumberland County, IL. It turns out that B. F. Trester, who lived in Aurora, IN, from 1850 to at least 1880, built the McDonald Brothers' Trimble



1887 Cumberland County, IL, Courthouse



1883 Simpson County, KY, courthouse



1887 Adair County, KY, Courthouse

County Courthouse, KY, in 1884, as well as the Lawrence County Courthouse in Lawrenceville, IL, in 1888-1889. Trester also built the 1887 courthouse in Ft. Bend County, TX. The Trimble and Ft. Bend courthouses were very similar to the Simpson County prototype. Curiously, the Ft. Bend courthouse design is credited to well-known Texas architect George Edwin Dickey: there is no mention anywhere of the McDonalds in association with that courthouse, which was replaced in 1908.

Although constructed of locally quarried limestone, the Bandera County courthouse is startlingly similar in exterior appearance to the Old Boone County Courthouse, built from brick fired on site. Having seen numerous interior photos of the Bandera Courthouse, I can attest that floorplans and many interior details of the buildings were nearly identical upon completion. I suspect that, for whatever reason, the McDonalds either sold or gave a copy of the Boone County plans to Trester, who resold them to Bandera County for \$500. Trester may have done the same thing in Ft. Bend County, TX. We may never know the truth behind the story, but it is safe to say that the courthouses in Boone County, KY, and Bandera County, TX, are considered landmarks in their respective communities.

OLD McDONALD MEETS FARMER MAURER

By Pat Fox, Review Board Chair

As children, most baby-boomers learned what cows, sheep, pigs, ducks, and horses sounded like, by singing “Old McDonald had a farm, EE-I-EE-I-O, and on that farm he had some...” When pictures were added in story books, the identity of these farmyard animals took shape. Boomers, who by and large did not live on farms, were herded into cars on Sunday afternoons for drives “in the country,” reaffirming that farms looked like Old McDonald’s and that they were filled with the animals he raised. Children today still sing Old McDonald, but the farmland where these animals live is disappearing. Instead, concentrated animal-feeding operations dominate the farm scene, leaving Old McDonald little choice but to sell his land for development.

Though this grim view of contemporary farming seems to be the norm, family farms still exist. In western Boone County, the Maurer sheep farm on East Bend Road has remained in the farming business, providing an example of how farms can adapt to the changes pushed on them by society. In 1950, Bob Maurer's father moved his family to the old White family farm outside Burlington. The farm had been in the White family since the 1830s. Bob's father raised cattle, hogs, chickens, and horses. According to Bob, at that time most farms were dairy farms and provided a regular pay check to pay the household expenses. Yearly “cash crops” like beef cattle and tobacco provided the family with luxury items such as appliances, televisions, or a new car or tractor. In those days, the value of neighbors created close community ties. “You helped your neighbors as well as your family. That's the way we were raised,” explained Margaret Maurer, Bob's wife. Farming demanded work, but the philosophy of neighbors helping neighbors created a value driven lifestyle and eased the stress of manual labor.

The increased demand for farm products to feed growing U.S. and world populations in the 21st Century, however, has required a more profit-driven attitude, replacing the slower pace of the mid-1900s farming community. Bob realized this when his University of Kentucky agriculture teacher reviewed his farming program in 1956: “Going into a big dairy business would have required new equipment and barns and 150 plus head of cattle. He told me that I'd be out of debt by age 70 if all went well. So I worked at Sears, but I still farmed at nights, weekends, and vacations and helped my parents.”

Sadly, Bob Maurer sees that farms today may become “museum pieces like Shakertown,” for often in farming communities “two and a half generations are removed from farming.” He understands that some of the county and state “Right to Farm” laws have hurt the farming community. Maurer also recognizes that the lack of local infra-structure for farming has forced farmers to buy things like fertilizer outside of the county and made it harder to get their equipment fixed.

The fate of farming does not have to be so grim if trends in marketing are recognized. Four years ago Bob and Margaret's daughter and son-in-law moved into the area and built a house across the street from her parents. According to Bob, “it had been a dream of Betsy's to come back to farm, so she talked me into coming out of retirement to raise sheep.” Since Bob and his son-in-law have steady retirement checks, farming is no longer the sole pay check. As a result, the family team could afford to experiment and chose to raise sheep strictly as a meat product. With this increased interest in sheep and goat farming, UK is putting together a training course on how to raise sheep and goats. At a recent state-wide sheep and goat conference, “the Department of Agriculture invited growers of sheep and goats,” recalls Maurer. “When asked, what can UK do to help, 90% wanted a course on sheep and goat management because the extension agents knew nothing about these animals.” In one to two years there will be a class in different counties, and Bob Maurer may be one of the instructors.

If family farms in Boone County are to remain, adapting to a changing market will be required. In recent years Kinman Farms on KY 18 and Sandyland Acres on KY 20 have used the harvest months of September and October as the time to create family-friendly or spooky-oriented mazes to attract people to their farms. The McGlassons on KY 8 sell produce. Petting zoos and farmer's markets also entice the public to enjoy what farming can offer. Recently, Bruce Ferguson and his son had a c. 1850 log house rebuilt on the family farm with the idea of providing the experience of what Boone County pioneers and farmers experienced in the 1800s.

Preserving farming as it was experienced years ago or modifying farmland to handle a new market can be done. Imagination and “thinking outside the box” requires risk-taking, but early results have indicated that in doing so, the look, the feel, and even the work of a farm can be maintained. Old McDonald might not recognize farming today, but farmers like Bob Maurer have chosen to adapt to the times and make farming work.

OLD BURLINGTON CEMETERY HIT BY WINDSTORM

Strong winds tore through the Old Burlington Cemetery this spring, knocking down one of the old silver maple trees along Bullittville Road. The tree fell across the road and severely damaged or destroyed part of the 100+ year old iron fence that lines that side of the cemetery. Quotes to repair or replace the damaged panels range from \$2,420 up to \$3,570. As the remaining large maple trees on that side of the cemetery near the end of their life cycle, the fence and grave markers are at risk of further damage as the trees deteriorate. Unfortunately, the Old Burlington Cemetery Trust fund is not able to cover capital costs of fence repair or trimming/removal of such trees.

The Review Board hopes to raise funds from various sources to address these problems. A request for funding has been submitted to the R. C. Durr Foundation, which generously donated funds to print the *Boone County Historic Cemeteries Map* in 2005. Boone County Public Works has offered to help with tree trimming and redirecting the runoff from Bullittville Road that undercuts the fence. The Parks Department is helping with fund raising events, including the Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour (October 5). Finally, Jerry Garbett intends to publish a book to raise funds for the cemetery trust fund (see below). **Of course, donations to the Old Burlington Trust fund managed jointly by the Review Board and Huntington Bank are always welcome.** Please contact the Review Board at 859-334-2111 for information on making a donation.



The cemetery's 100+ year old fence was mangled by the storm

THE OLD BURLINGTON CEMETERY

by Jerry Garbett

*“Pause stranger, ere your wandering feet you turn, And from this grave a lesson deign to learn;
A soldier's ashes sleep beneath your feet, A patriot's heart once in his bosom beat;
That freedom, which we fought in youth to gain, He leaves to you to cherish and maintain.”*
Epitaph on Revolutionary War Veteran Israel Gilpin' headstone.

In 1994, under the direction of the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board and staff Susan Cabot, I began the task of taking the Old Burlington Cemetery from an overgrown community blight to a recognizable graveyard that shows signs of respectful care. My first daunting assignment was removing honeysuckle, poison ivy, and maple tree saplings from the fence line. The historic wrought iron fence, once black and shiny, had turned an ugly rusty orange. After many hours of scraping with a bristle brush and cleaning with mineral spirits, the fence took on a new look. Rustoleum paint provided the facelift that the old fence line needed. With continued oversight by the Review Board and Matt Becher, present-day preservation planner, the historic graveyard remains on a steady path of improvement, restoration, and preservation. Recently, the County jail crew cleared out several other major areas of undergrowth. Now, it is relatively easy to keep invasive growth under control with regular mowing and weed eating.

Over the years, the Old Burlington Cemetery has become an old friend to me. Every time a broken gravestone is repaired and reset in its rightful place, I feel that bond of friendship deepen. But I also recognize that the work is not even close to an end. Many stones need repair. A spring storm took out a large tree along the Bullittville Road fence line, severely damaging a section of wrought iron fencing. There are a number of towering maple trees that threaten the safety of the cemetery. But projects mean expenses and expenses mean fund raising. To that end, I have been gathering information on those interred in the Old Burlington Cemetery. That project will culminate in the publication of a book, *A Patriot's Heart*, a collection of biographical sketches, photographs, and family history data. The estimated publication date is March, 2008. Proceeds from book sales will be earmarked for the continued restoration and care of my dear friend, the Old Burlington Cemetery.

THE COLEMANS

This spring, I completed the repair and resetting of several Coleman family gravestones. Both head and footstones were displaced. The headstone for Chiles Coleman, family patriarch, was in three pieces; the portion with Chiles' name was thirty feet away under an ash tree that had sheltered quite a collection of dislocated gravestone pieces. Chiles Coleman, born 1798 in Virginia to John and Lucy Chiles Coleman, married Mary Montgomery Preston (born circa 1800). In the 1850 census, District 2 of Boone County, the household of Chiles and Mary Coleman included Nancy, Ellen, James P, Robert F, and William Reynolds. The family had moved from Fayette County, Kentucky to Boone County by 1840. Census records name Chiles as a farmer and slaveholder.

The Coleman family burials include: James P. Coleman, 1829- 1873; his wife, Mary Kate Frazier Coleman, 1830-1867; Chiles Coleman, 1798-1853; Robert F. Coleman, 1832-1866; and Mary R. Coleman, 1790-1856. [I am not certain who Mary is, but I do not believe that this Mary was Chiles's wife. She is not in the traditional place for a wife, which is to the left of the husband]. As a former wagon master from Rising Sun once said, "We'll continue on." The work in the Old Burlington Cemetery will no doubt continue on and on.

DEATH CERTIFICATES: INVALUABLE SOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY

by Jan Garbett

I guess that I am a slow learner. It has taken me 54 years to discover the treasures of information in microfilmed death certificates. Now I travel weekly to the Kenton County Public Library and stake my claim to a reliable microfilm reader. I research death records to add to my own family history and upon request, copy records for out-of-town genealogists. Along the way, I look for Boone County records, especially those in the Burlington area.

Death certificate research led me to the life and death of Lesley Sparrow, a Louisville resident who was murdered in Boone County in October, 1979, and buried in the Old Boone County Infirmary Cemetery. From my research, I have compiled a growing list of persons of various ages and occupations who were also buried in one of the locations used for burials by the Infirmary. The Infirmary cemetery located closest to Idlewild Road was referred to as Potters Field on death certificates. Communicable diseases such as cholera or tuberculosis claimed the lives of some who were subsequently buried in the Infirmary graveyards; others died at the Infirmary of heart disease or chronic kidney disease (referred to as Bright's Disease on death certificates). There were also those who were simply taken by old age, but evidently could not afford the cost of a cemetery plot and burial. Many were buried in the graveyard in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries but a few were buried in the 1970s and 80s. Consider Adam Ludwig, a German native who fell victim to cholera in 1916; Ephraim Lafflin, a World War I veteran who died of cardiac edema at the Infirmary in 1945; Matilda Shepherd, a female African-American farmer who died in 1917 at age 85 of pneumonia; and finally, John Virgil Griffin whose death certificate February 1, 1980 stated that he died of active tuberculosis at Booth Hospital, Florence and was buried at "Potters Field" in Burlington.

As a mother and grandmother, I am drawn to the stories of children told by death records. Clifford Sanders and Howard Rust were two such bittersweet examples. Clifford's mother, Lena, was a widow raising four children in 1929. Her husband, Omer, had died of acute appendicitis in 1922. Howard was the son of Samuel and Lulubelle Rust. One humid April afternoon in 1929, Clifford and Howard joined a group of local young men for baseball practice in Walton. Ominous storm clouds prompted all of the baseball players to seek shelter in a nearby barn. Thinking that they were safe from the ensuing storm that raged outside, Clifford and Howard huddled together. A bolt of lightning pierced the barn roof and struck the lifelong friends, killing them instantly. [The Kentucky Post reported that the storm hit Northern Kentucky with such brute force that the area was covered in darkness and chickens went to roost]. Clifford and Howard were buried side-by-side on April 23 in the Walton Cemetery, as close in death as they were in life. *Source: The Kentucky Post, April 22, 1929, front page, and April 24, 1929.*

REVIEW BOARD REACHES OUT TO OWNERS OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

In June, the Review Board tackled yet another item from their 2007 Action Plan - reaching out to owners of National Register-listed historic properties in Boone County. A letter of introduction and information sheet was mailed to each of the 160+ owners of National Register properties listed individually or located in one of three districts: Burlington, Rabbit Hash, and Walton. The board felt it important to let property owners know that rehabilitation work they do on their businesses and residences may be eligible for State and/or Federal tax credits. The board also offered to share historic information about the properties or districts filed in the Review Board office.

BOONE COUNTY HERITAGE FAIR: SEPTEMBER 15

On Saturday, September 15, noon to 4 pm, the Scheben Branch of the Boone County Public Library will host the first ever Boone County Heritage Fair. The Review Board will join other local history and preservation organizations from throughout Northern Kentucky to share information about local history and preservation projects. Members from the participating organizations will take part in a roundtable discussion about future preservation initiatives within Boone County and Northern Kentucky.

At 1 p.m., Boone County Resident Bruce Ferguson will present *John Hunt Morgan's Escape through Boone County*. Confederate General and renowned raider, John Hunt Morgan, rode through Boone County after escaping from the Ohio Penitentiary in late November, 1863. The Review Board's new John Hunt Morgan Escape Trail map will be unveiled during this presentation.

At 2 p.m., John VanWilligen will present *Food and Everyday Life on Kentucky Family Farms: Perspectives from Oral History*. Today, there is increasing interest in eating locally grown foods. During the times described in this presentation virtually all food was local. Using information from the Kentucky Family Farms Oral History Project at the University of Kentucky, VanWilligen describes old time ways of producing, preparing, and preserving food used in Kentucky. The presentation will be illustrated using Library of Congress, Farm Security Administration images taken in the 1940s

This event will also mark the opening of *Life Along the River: An Ohio River Portrait*, an exhibition on loan from the Kentucky Historical society. This exhibition will be on display in the second floor lounge area of the Scheben Library from Saturday Sept. 15 to Friday October 19. Scheben Library, 8899 US 42, Union, Kentucky, 859-384-5550.

BURLINGTON GHOSTS & MYSTERIES TOUR: OCTOBER 5

Join us on Friday, October 5, at 7:00pm for another unique event: the first ever Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour. The guided walking tour will stop at eight buildings and sites in Burlington, including the Old Boone



Stories of ghosts in the Renaker House have persisted for nearly 50 years.

County Courthouse, Old Clerk's Building, and Old Burlington Cemetery. At each stop, tour docents will tell about the ghostly hauntings, strange events, or mysteries the site is known for. Paranormal Investigators of Northern Kentucky (PINK) will be on hand to answer questions and offer possible explanations. The walking tour will begin promptly at 7:00pm in the 2nd Floor Courtroom of the Old Boone County Courthouse. Note that the tour will require some walking and stair climbing. Refreshments will be served outside the Old Clerk's Building at the conclusion of the tour at 8:30pm. Adult registration is \$10 in advance with a limit of 25 for the walking tour. Crafts and games for toilet trained children ages 3 to 10 will be available for \$5, with a limit of 15. **Please note that all proceeds from the tour benefit ongoing maintenance and restoration of the Old Burlington Cemetery.** The event is co-sponsored by the Review Board and Boone County Parks Department. To register, please call the Parks Department at 859-334-2117.

REVIEW BOARD KEEPS BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

For the last several years, the Review Board has enjoyed a strong working relationship with the Boone County Public Library. We are pleased to announce that the Boone County Parks Department has also offered to partner with the Review Board to develop quality programming that relates to local heritage. Several events are already in the works, including the Boone County Heritage Fair (September 15) and the Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries

Tour (October 5). Future events may include a county-wide bus tour (May, 2008) and a series of walking tours of historic communities around Boone County. The Parks Department is also actively participating in the Boone County Barn Quilt Trail. Parks is paying the costs to have a new quilt block painted and installed on the white barn at Valley View Orchard on KY 8.

LOG HOUSES NEAR BURLINGTON SAVED

Two mid-19th Century log houses located in the Burlington vicinity are being carefully dismantled and will be relocated and rebuilt in Rabbit Hash. Located on the former Griesser Farm about two miles west of Burlington, the John White Log House is on the site of the Baptist Convalescent Retirement Village. Although the house was covered in Insulbrick brand asphalt siding years ago and had a couple of rear additions, the fact that its core was of log construction was well known. Before the development even began, the Review Board secured an agreement with Baptist Life Communities, who were required to restore the building on site as a community center for the retirement village. The project stalled after the first phase of construction began and Review Board members feared that the log house would deteriorate and be lost.



Rear view of the White log house, which has its original shake roof.



The distinctive Greek Revival entry of the c. 1840 White log house

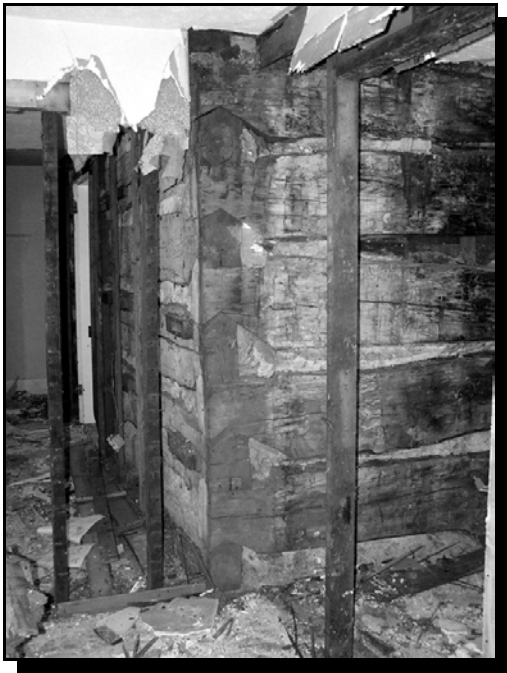
Rabbit Hash resident Duane Doyle knew of the building and the situation and approached the Review Board and Baptist Life about the alternative of salvaging the building before it fell apart from neglect. Both organizations agreed that this was the best alternative and Doyle began dismantling the house in early June. He soon learned that this was no ordinary log house. In fact, it appears to be one of the finest log houses ever constructed in Boone County. The unsightly Insulbrick siding and underlying original wood clapboard has done a remarkable job of preserving the beech and poplar logs, which are nearly as straight, solid and well chinked as they were when the house was built over 160 years ago. The original wood shake roof also survived beneath layers of asphalt roofing.

Preliminary deed and genealogical research suggests that the house was built c. 1840 by Virginia native John White, whose father settled in Boone County about 1820. Measuring 18 by 26 feet, the two story house has a Side

Passage plan with an uncommon interior log wall separating the parlor from the hallway. An ornate wooden stair leads to the open second floor. The entryway is a classic Greek Revival design with rectangular transom and sidelights. The entrance was well protected under the Insulbrick, which was probably installed about 1910. The walls are unbelievably straight and even for a 160-year old building. The logs themselves appear to have been carefully chosen by the builder, who appears to have had a wealth of virgin timber available on his farm.



Steeple notched logs at the White Log House



A corner of the original steeple-notched log pen hidden inside the Owen Tanner House

The other log house, listed under the name Owen Tanner on the *1883 Atlas of Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties*, sits on a parcel next to the Gold Star Chili on KY 18. The property is slated to become a mixed-use office and retail development and the Review Board asked for permission to document and salvage the house prior to its demolition.

Initially believed to be of balloon frame construction, the Tanner house from the exterior looked like a typical c. 1870s farmhouse. However, once staff gained entry to the boarded up building, it was obvious that the walls in the left 2/3 of the building were far too thick for studs. The curiously thick center wall extended halfway up into the second level and was finished off with drywall as a sort of knick-knack shelf. A peek under the siding on one outside corner confirmed that the core of the house was a log pen, built in the mid-1800s. Don Clare, also of Rabbit Hash, has been stripping away the drywall, plaster and other interior finish for several weeks. Don has determined that the rooms to the right of the original pen were added when the rear kitchen addition was built and that the whole structure was then re-roofed. A chimney fire in one end of the building blackened the roof and several logs. However Don thinks there are enough sound logs left to allow him to build a spacious one room addition to his log house in Rabbit Hash, which he also salvaged and relocated from elsewhere in Boone County.

REVIEW BOARD RECEIVES TWO GRANTS

The Review Board's grant application to the Kentucky Heritage Council for Federal Fiscal Year 2006-2007 was recently awarded funding for two projects. The first project is a partnership between the Review Board (acting on behalf of Boone County Fiscal Court) and the City of Walton to conduct archaeological investigations at the c. 1817 Gaines Tavern. The City of Walton recently acquired the building and is in the early stages of restoring it as a local heritage and community center. The \$9,000 grant (\$5,000 Federal with \$2,000 from Boone County and \$2,000 from Walton) will be used to retain a qualified archaeologist to direct other professionals as well as volunteers in a preliminary archaeological assessment of the property. The project will focus on several tasks, including documenting the nature and extent of intact archaeological deposits at the site, and gathering enough information to update the site's 1979 National Register nomination to include the site's archaeology. The Review Board hopes to see the project begin this fall. **There will be an opportunity for volunteers to participate in the project, so please contact the Review Board at 859-334-2111 if you are interested in helping.**



The complicated wood truss system under the roof of the courthouse has never been documented or analyzed

The other project funded for FY 2006-2007 is the development of "as built" drawings for the Old Boone County Courthouse. Although completed in 1889, the county has never had an accurate set of architectural drawings for the building. A total of \$4,000 (\$2,000 Federal, \$2,000 Boone County) is available to retain a qualified architect to supervise the project, which will hopefully teach architecture students the process of developing measured drawings of historic buildings. The "as built" drawings will include floor plans, a ceiling plan of the 2nd Floor Courtroom, a section plan, and a roof framing plan. Analysis of the roof framing may help explain why the building's original clock tower was replaced in 1898. Review Board staff will develop a detailed history of the building to accompany the drawings. The project must be completed by August 1, 2008. The Review Board hopes that this project will be the first step in the development of a long-term plan for the Courthouse.

MORE UPCOMING LOCAL HERITAGE EVENTS

August 18 & 19 - noon to 6pm: Third Annual Battery Hooper Days. The event will include Civil War Living History, Archaeology interpretation/hands on artifact processing, activities for kids, petting zoo on Saturday, Ice Cream Social and food, and performers such as Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, and General Lew Wallace. Well known local performers will include Katie Laur (Sunday), the Comet Bluegrass Allstars (Saturday). Also performing will be the Gallatin County Bluegrass Youth Band, the Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers, and the Sons of Dixie Barbershop Quartet. James A. Ramage Civil War Museum and Battery Hooper Park, Highland Avenue, Fort Wright, Kentucky. Visit www.fortwright.com and click on the Civil War Museum tab for more information.

September 21 - 6:30pm: Dinsmore Homestead “An Autumn Affair” Gala Fundraiser. Dinner, silent and oral auctions, house tours, cash bar. Live music by Greg Schaber. The event will be held under a big tent, rain or shine. Proceeds benefit the Dinsmore Homestead. \$60.00 per person. RSVP by Friday, September 14th. Dinsmore Homestead, 5656 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky, 859-586-6117.

September 26 - 7:00pm: History of the Anderson Ferry. Paul Anderson will share the history of the Anderson Ferry, which has been in continuing operation since 1817. Scheben Library, 8899 US 42, Union, Kentucky, 859-384-5550.

September 27 - 7:00pm: Churchill Clark. Churchill Clark (great-great-greatgreat grandson of William Clark) will share stories about Lewis and Clark’s famous journey. See pictures of Keelboats, pirogues and dugout canoes. For all ages! Sponsored by Friends of Big Bone. Scheben Library, 8899 US 42, Union, Kentucky, 859-384-5550.

September 29 - 10:00am: Kentucky: a Look Back. Jim Toner, of the Florence Antique Mall, will discuss Kentucky’s early days, from the time of the Indians to the coming of the Europeans. View a display of Kentucky antiques and learn more about their history. Scheben Library, 8899 US 42, Union, Kentucky, 859-384-5550.

September 29 & 30 - noon to 4pm: Great American Outdoor Weekend. Participants will tour a public trail at Big Bone Lick State Park, the birthplace of American vertebrate paleontology, with paleontologists, and historians from Cincinnati Museum Center and the Friends of Big Bone. Interpretive commentary on the Ice Age, fossil mammals, and Native Americans will be provided. Bring your fossils and artifacts for identification. Visit www.cincygreatoutdoorweekend.org for more information.

September 29 & 30 - noon to 6:00pm: Annual Dinsmore Harvest Festival. A weekend of heritage crafters/artists...Start your holiday shopping early! Concerts, homemade bean soup & cornbread, other great food, pony rides, raffles, house tours, games, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting. Admission: Adults - \$5.00; Seniors & Members - \$3.00; Ages 7-17 - \$2.00; Children under 7 - Free; Dinsmore Homestead, 5656 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky, 859-586-6117.

October 4 - 7:00pm: Along the Ohio River. Authors Robert Schrage and Don Clare will show and discuss some of the wonderful collection of postcards from their recent Arcadia Publishing release titled *Along the Ohio River: Cincinnati to Louisville*. Scheben Library, 8899 US 42, Union, Kentucky, 859-384-5550.

October 5: 7:00 to 9:00pm: Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour. Starts at Old Boone County Courthouse, corner of Burlington Pike and East Bend Rd. See details on Page 6.

December 7, 8 & 9: Dinsmore Holiday Gift Shop in Burlington. Open for three days only at the Cabin Arts Cabinette, North Jefferson Street in Burlington. Refreshments. Call Dinsmore at 859-586-6117 or Cabin Arts 859-586-8021 for hours.

December 8 & 9: Dinsmore Christmas in the Country. See Dinsmore's Christmas house with historic dancers, music, and refreshments. Hours - 1:00 to 5:00 pm both days and 7:00 to 9:00 pm Saturday evening candlelight tours. Admission: Adults - \$5.00; Seniors & Members - \$3.00; Children, 7 to 17 - \$2.00. Dinsmore Homestead, 5656 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky, 859-586-6117. Don't miss the **followup Christmas event the weekend of December 15 & 16**, which will feature Dinsmore Homestead in all its holiday splendor. The house will be decorated by the Boone County Garden Club and Northern Kentucky Herb Society. Tours will be offered each day at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

Upcoming Local Heritage Events

September 1 - noon to ? : Rabbit Hash Old Timers Day. Don't miss Boone County's largest single-day heritage event! Old Timers Day draws up to 2,500 people to partake in music, food, and contests ranging from frog jumping to the rolling pin fling. Rabbit Hash, Center of the Universe, USA.

September 15: 8:30am: Bad to the Bone Duathlon. The Friends of Big Bone will host the 2nd annual duathlon at Big Bone Lick State Park. The race will include two 5k cross-country runs through the park and a 40k road bike ride. Proceeds benefit the Friends education and park improvement programs. Visit www.badtothebonerace.com for more information.

September 15 - noon to 4:00pm: Boone County Heritage Fair. Scheben Library, 8899 US 42, Union, Kentucky, 859-384-5550. Details inside on Page 6.

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The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board

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