

# Boone County Historical Society



November-December 2023

## 2024 Meetings & Events

All meetings at the Boone County Public Library will start at 6:30 pm.

No meetings in December, January or February.

**March 21: James Duvall** will talk about the 19th century **Big Bone Springs Hotel**.

**April 18: Ron Buckley** will talk about his research at the **Crisler/Sebree Grist Mill**.

**May 16: Captain Don Sanders** will talk about life on the river.

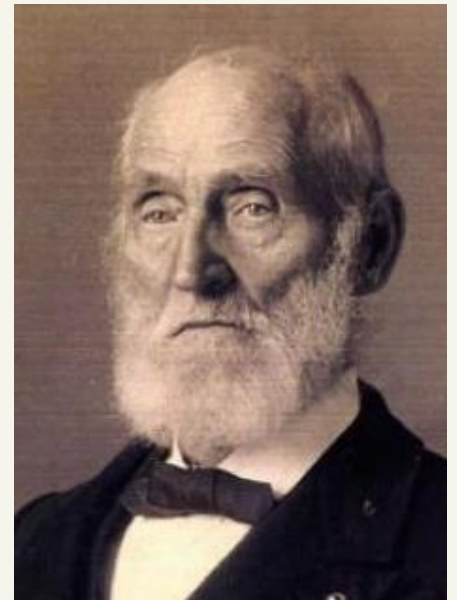
**July 18: Annual Out & About** at the **Gaines Tavern** in Walton Ky.

**September 19:** Meeting **TBD.**

**November 21:** Meeting **TBD.**

## **TRACEY HOWERTON WILL TALK ABOUT THE LIFE OF DR. BENJAMIN STEVENSON ON NOVEMBER 16 AT 6:30 PM.**

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stevenson (1812-1902) was not born in Boone County, Kentucky, but much of his life was spent and shaped here. After attending medical school at Transylvania University, B. F. Stevenson married Ann Eliza Tousey (daughter of Erastus and Catherine



Tousey) in 1843; they resided in Boone County, and had four children. From 1861-1864, Stevenson served as a surgeon for the U. S. Army's 22nd Kentucky Infantry. He wrote copious letters home to Ann and other family members during his medical service in the Civil War. Tragically, Ann died in the summer of 1865. In 1884, Stevenson published his book, *Letters from the Army*, out of Cincinnati. Stevenson and his surviving family members later lived in Kenton County for nearly 25 years. Howerton will discuss her research, and share how Stevenson's life and activities serve as a window into this tumultuous time period.

## RON BUCKLEY'S PRESENTATION DELAYED

Ron Buckley fell and broke his leg two days before he was scheduled to make his presentation about his research on the Crisler/Sebree Grist Mill at our meeting on September 21. As a result, he had to undergo a partial hip replacement surgery. His recovery is slow, but with therapy, he is progressing to get better.

We have rescheduled his presentation to be presented at our April 18, 2024 meeting.

## KARL LIETZENMAYER TALKS ABOUT THE COVINGTON FLOOD WALL MURALS

Since Ron Buckley could not make his presentation on September 21, we called on Karl Lietzenmayer who gladly filled in for us in our meeting. His presentation was on the stories and interesting facts behind the Covington Flood Wall Murals.

We graciously thank Karl for making this presentation on such a short notice.

## SKIRMISH AT SNOW POND HISTORIC MARKER

Many thanks to the Kentucky Historical Society for loaning us the damaged Snow's Pond Historical Marker. We have stored it in our museum where we will put it on display when we are open to the public.

We understand that it may take several years before a replacement marker will be made due to Kentucky's backlog of damaged or broken markers. Until it is replaced, we will display the damaged marker.

## TRACEY HOWERTON

Tracey Howerton is the Local History Librarian at the Boone County Public Library, Borderlands Archive and History Center. She has worked at BCPL since Dec. 2017.

Tracey holds an MLIS, with an Archival Concentration, from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, School of Information Studies (SOIS). She worked at the Nashville Public Library's Special Collections Division for 11 years, and the State Historical Society of Missouri's Kansas City research center for 2.5 years. Her full-length research article on Dr. B. F. Stevenson appears in the December 2022 issue of the *Northern Kentucky Heritage* magazine.

## MUSEUM NOW READY TO OPEN

Thanks to the hard work of many of our members and the Boone County Maintenance Department, our museum opened on October 7 for the County wide garage sale that was held behind the County's Administration building. We had between 30 and 50 people to visit our museum for that event.

We plan to be open for other special events that take place from time to time. We are also planning to be open at least one day a month starting in the spring of next year. We would like to have volunteers to open the museum during those times.

We owe a big "Thank You" to **Judge Gary Moore and the Fiscal Court Commissioners** for preserving the old County Clerk's Office which we have the privilege of occupying. We appreciate their willingness to preserve this historic structure, and for their support of and interest in the Boone County Historical Society.

**We would like volunteers to assist us when the museum is open. If you are willing to volunteer during open hours, please contact an officer or board member.**

## BOONE COUNTY'S 225TH CELEBRATION

In 1798, Boone County was created out of a portion of Campbell County. In 1799, the first fiscal court convened in Boone County. The 225 Celebration committee is preparing a county wide celebration to commemorate this milestone.

A kick-off event will be held at the Boone County 4-H and Utopia Fairgrounds on June 1, 2024. This event will offer fun activities, food, speakers and entertainment. Burlington, Florence, Union and Walton are also in the midst of planning special events in their localities. Don't forget to check the event calendars for each city for updates.

Throughout the county, residents and visitors will encounter display panels highlighting people, places and events in Boone County's history. Other options to explore our past will be available soon in the form of digital exhibits which can be accessed through the Boone County Borderlands Archive and History Center's web page on the Boone County Public Library's website:

<https://www.bcpl.org/borderlands>

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **City of Walton** will host the **Veterans Day** event on **November 10 at 11:00 am** at the **Walton Senior Center**. A meal will be provided.

The **City of Florence** will host the **Veterans Day** event in the **Community Room** of the City Building on **November 11 at 2:00 pm**.

The **City of Walton** will host the following **tea events** at the **Gaines Tavern** on the following dates. Call city hall for reservations at 859-485-4383

Nov. 5—**Fall Tea** from 2—4 pm

Dec. 3—**Christmas Tea** from 2—4 pm

The **City of Walton** will host **Christmas on Main** at the city building on **December 1** from 6—8 pm.

**Boone County Parks** will host **Christmas in Boone County** at the **Burlington Commons** on **December 2** from 4—7 pm.

**Dinsmore Homestead** will host **Christmas in the Country** from 12—5 pm on **December 3rd & 4th**.

The **City of Florence** will host their **Christmas Tree Lighting & Winter Wonderland Village** in the lobby of the city building on **December 5** from 5—8 pm.

**Gaines Tavern** will have an Open House on **December 10** from 1—5 pm.

### THE BCHS MUSEUM

Boone County Historical Society expresses appreciation to the Boone County Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court Commissioners for permission to use the Old County Clerk's Office as a repository for items of historical significance to Boone County's heritage. Directions: I-71/75 Exit 181 (KY 18 Burlington Pk). Proceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville-

Burlington Road aka Garrard St.); turn left into the Boone County Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked "County Court Clerk's Office...1853" The street address is 2965 Gallatin Street, Burlington, KY 41005.



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## ABOUT THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **mission** of the Boone County Historical Society is to develop awareness and promote appreciation of the history of Boone County, Kentucky. We are fortunate to partner with the Boone County Public Library.

The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings at 6:30pm on the third Thursday evenings of March, April, May, July, September and November.

Meetings (except for July) are held at the Boone County Public Library, Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. July "out-and-about" meetings are held at various locations around the County.

The Society will be hosting a number of exhibits at the BCHS Museum (*see page 3*) each year. Most items for these exhibits are borrowed on a temporary basis from our members and friends, and do not belong to the Society. We greatly appreciate being entrusted with these loaned items that relate to our exhibits.

Items in our permanent collection have been donated by individuals and families who desire to share with others items of historical significance to Boone County. Their generosity is gratefully appreciated.

**Annual membership fee is \$15 per household, due every March.** This covers the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters. Checks, payable to the Boone County Historical Society, can be mailed to the Boone County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23, Florence, KY 41022-0023.

The Boone County Historical Society has received a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status — all gifts to the Society are tax deductible.

**All programs and exhibits are free and open to the public.**

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