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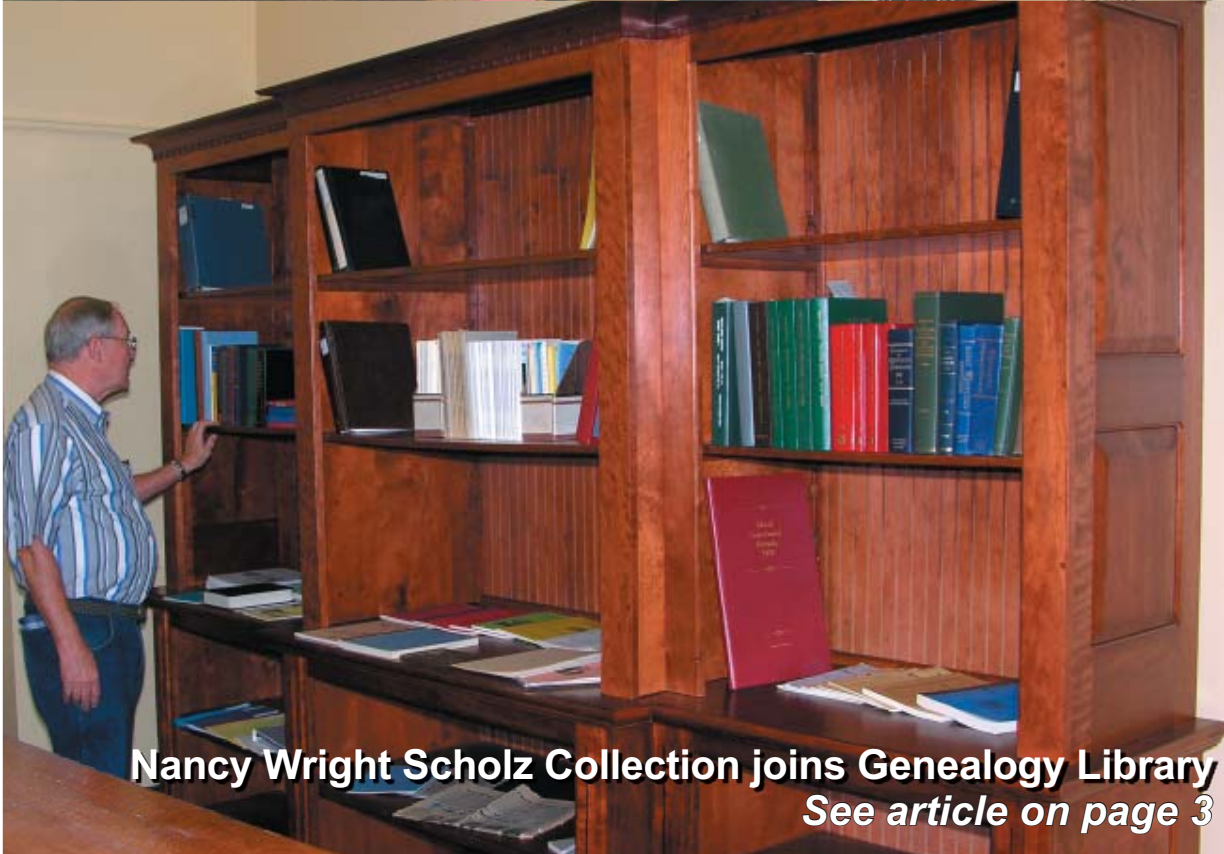
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Museum, Genealogy Library Dedicated

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Nancy Wright Scholz Collection joins Genealogy Library
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Genealogy Library displays Fergerson scrapbooks

The Genealogy Library now has on display two very interesting scrapbooks maintained by Lillian Hunter Fergerson. They contain newspaper clippings and community information that provide interesting insight into the life of a young woman living in Carlisle in the 1920s and 1930s.

The clippings and other information are mounted in large fabric sample books used by traveling salesmen calling on C.C. Cole Company. They were donated by Mrs. Fergerson's daughter, Kathleen Paris Mc-

Clanahan of Xenia, Ohio, and her family.

The museum and library continue to receive interesting and significant artifacts and documents relating to the history of Carlisle and Nicholas County. We are most appreciative of the community's interest. Please contact our curator, Jim Haag, at (859) 289-6587 if you have items you wish to consider donating.

Society Newsletter available electronically

If you are interested in receiving this Newsletter electronically (.pdf by email) let us know at:
NCHistorical@jones2.net

Condolences

The Society wishes to express our sympathy to the families of Helen Darrell Vice, Dan Rich, Robert Poline, and Adalene Ring Wilson on their passings since our last newsletter. All were long time members and will be greatly missed.

Newly restored wing of Neal Building opens

September 26, the Museum and Genealogy Library Wing of the Neal Building was dedicated marking completion of the restoration work begun in November 2007 with a \$280,000 Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant.

The grant required \$70,000 in matching funds that was enthusiastically provided by members and friends of the Nicholas County Historical Society locally, throughout Kentucky and in 16 states.

A reception was followed by a dinner and dedication ceremony. The ceremony recognized three individuals that have made significant contributions toward preserving the history and architecture of

Nicholas County and Carlisle.

The museum area was dedicated in memory of the late Joan Weissinger Conley, a charter member, long time president and guiding spirit of the Nicholas County Historical Society.

Mrs. Conley was the compiler/ editor of the popular reference volume "History of Nicholas County" and a third edition of this book is being published to further commemorate the Museum opening.

A section of the Genealogy Library was dedicated to the memory of Nancy Wright Scholz. Her family presented the library with an extensive collection of reference volumes

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Nicholas County Historical Society President Michelle McDonald presents a plaque to be displayed in the Joan Weissinger Conley Museum area to Jock Conley.

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Nicholas County Historical Society President Michelle McDonald presents a plaque Charles Scholz. The plaque recognizes that a portion of the generalogy library is dedicated to the late Nancy Wright Scholz.

and histories of the Wright and allied families from this area and adjoining counties; products of a lifetime of genealogy research by the late Mrs. Scholz.

In presenting this significant collection to the Nicholas County Historical Society Mr. Charles Scholz of Quincy, Illinois, recalled his wife's extensive research all over the world and her fond memories of visiting Nicholas County and the enjoyable meals at Garrett's restaurant.

The event also marked the inauguration of the Carol Garvin Fund in memory of the late president of the Nicholas County Historical Society.

This annual fund will supplement income from fund-raising events, facility rentals and sales to ensure a base of support for operation and maintenance of the Neal Building and the Carlisle Depot, as well as funds for capital improvements to these

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historic buildings under care of the Historical Society.

The immediate objective is to raise about \$100,000 to provide an elevator for handicapped and service access to the Neal Building second floor (Mozart Hall) as well as minimum restoration to the hall so it can again be used as a

community-gathering place as in the 1880's.

Contributions and pledges through 2010 total about \$60,000 with annual pledges thereafter of about \$7,000. Contributions and/or pledges to this fund may be made by completing the form below.

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Carol Garvin Annual Fund

Yes, I want to participate in the Carol Garvin Annual Fund for the operation maintenance and improvements to the Neal Building and the Carlisle Depot. I make the following donation/pledge for the immediate need for an elevator and restoration work on Mozart Hall. I will make every effort to satisfy this commitment, but understand that it is not legally binding and can be modified at any time:

2008 Donation: \$ _____

Annual Pledge: \$ _____

Remind me annually: ___ Yes ___ No

(General reminders will be published in this newsletter)

We publicize names of all donors and plan to honor donations of \$1,000 or above with appropriate memorial(s) in the building. Please check if you do NOT want to be publicly recognized as a donor.

Signature of Donor

Date

*Make checks payable to NCHS Garvin Fund", and send, with this form, to:
Nicholas County Historical Society*

P.O. Box 222

Carlisle KY 40311

Donations will be acknowledged and are tax deductible.

The Historical Society has a brokerage account for acceptance of securities.



Posters and Flyers from 1800s

Three new exhibit areas opened

The artifacts from the depot have been mostly moved to the museum side of the Neal Building. This will be a long process. Currently we have three exhibits available for viewing.

In one exhibit area we hope to highlight a different town in Nicholas County every few months with your help in providing memorabilia. Currently we are highlighting Headquarters. Included in this exhibit is the re-

cently discovered time capsule from the cornerstone of the high school. It was placed there in 1938 and contains artifacts from that period.

Another exhibit area features "The Business of Carlisle." It contains letterheads, photos, and advertising from the many businesses in Carlisle over the past 125 years.

The third exhibit area features posters which Eugene Neal discovered on the second floor in the Mozart Hall. All have been removed, restored, and framed. These posters advertised performances in Mozart Hall and surrounding areas in the late 1800s. Also removed, framed and on display are several playbills and tickets from performances in Mozart Hall. These tickets, playbills, eleven posters, and photos of the graffiti found under and around the posters are now on exhibit.



Headquarters

Christmas Tradition comes to an end

Since the 1930's Eugene Neal sold natural Christmas wreaths and decorative rope and the Historical Society continued that tradition after Mr. Neal died.

Unfortunately the lady who made those wreaths, Mrs. Gail Mills of Means, Ky, is in poor health and can no longer make them for us.

For that reason we will no longer offer them for sale and

suggest that our regular customers contact one of the excellent florists now in town.

As a little girl Gail helped her father make the wreaths and recalls delivering them after Thanksgiving and visiting in the Neal home. She has continued this throughout her adult life. We send our best wishes to Gail and our thanks for maintaining this tradition over the years.

History of Nicholas County reprinted

The NCHS board of directors recently approved a third printing of The History of Nicholas County to commemorate the opening of the new museum. The books are individually numbered and only 500 were ordered. The first few boxes of the

books have arrived, and the History is now available at the Neal Building or the Nicholas County Public Library for a \$50. Do your Christmas shopping with us!

Basic items needed in Neal Center kitchen

The Neal Center kitchen needs your help. With the installation of a stove, and the activity schedule picking up, the staff has discovered a desparate need for serving spoons, carving and paring knives, ladels and serving spoons.

If your spring cleaning efforts left you with extras, please consider donating them to the Neal Center.

For more information, contact Michelle McDonald at (859) 289-2614.

To order a copy of the History of Nicholas County, complete the information below and send the form with a check for \$50 per copy, plus \$5 per copy for postage and handling, to:

Nicholas County Historical Society
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Mark your calendars

The Carlisle Christmas Parade will be December 6. The activities of Victorian Christmas last year will be improved and expanded. The Courthouse Square Arts Guild will be doing ornament decorating at the Neal Building and the Society will be selling baked goods and drinks. Stop by for a cup of cheer before watching the parade!

