A Wonderful Gift from benevolent members

Members Elizabeth Asbury Stone and Arthur Asbury have bestowed a most wonderful gift to our group. They have donated the remaining acreage (about 40 acres) of the original Forest Retreat farm to the society.

In turn, the land will be sold to Dr. Phillip Tibbs and his wife Trudy and the proceeds will revert to the Neal Building Fund. This will go a long way toward making the installation of an elevator to Mozart Hall possible.

Our many thanks to the Asburys, who are making the gift in memory of their parents, Mary Knight and Eslie Asbury, and to the Tibbs. We are so lucky to have such benevolent members.

By Michelle K. McDonald

Wonderful Gift leads to elevator order

Thanks to the Asbury gift noted above, the elevator is on order. There is a 12-14 week fabrication and delivery time but our contractor, Wally Thomas of Ewing, thinks we can have it installed in time for our annual meeting in June.

As noted in previous newsletters, the elevator will provide access to the upstairs Mozart Hall for catering services, equipment and handicapped visitors. Previous work has provided fire protection, front stairs, rear emergency stairs and temporary lighting for Mozart Hall so the area will be immediately available for limited use.

Heating and cooling, permanent lighting and decorating must be completed before Mozart is completely functional. However, once the elevator is in place we hope to have accumulated adequate money in the Carol Garvin fund and other memorials and donations to start and perhaps finish this final phase.

We now have a total of about $60,000 in these accounts and most of our operating expenses are covered by rentals, sales, dues and fund-raisers so thanks to all of you, the outlook is encouraging.

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**Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. John G. Irvin of Lexington, formerly of Carlisle. Mr. Irvin was a wonderful member of the Historical Society and made many contributions to our organization – not the least of which was serving as the guest speaker at our annual banquet three years ago. His humor and wit will be missed by all who knew him.

The Society also expresses sympathy to the family of Margaret Marquard, another member who recently passed away. Mrs. Marquard and her late husband William were good benefactors to us and even sponsored an event some years ago to tour their farm here in Nicholas County.

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**Museum and Genealogy Acquisitions**

We have received a number of items for our museum and genealogy collection.

Several items were received from the estate of Dorothy Neal Including:

- A large portrait of Mr. Eugene Neal now hanging in the Welcome Center,
- A painting of the Neal Building as it looked prior to renovation, painted by an unknown friend of Mr. Neal,
- A billfold belonging to Mr. Thomas Vaughn probably dating back to the 1850’s,
- A printed copy of the Vice family history,
- Other letters, clippings pictures and miscellaneous items of particular interest to genealogists and historians.

“A Description of the Location and Brief History of the Clay Farm” written by Oliver K. Curry in 1985 was donated by Mr. Steve Hensley of Louisville, a recent visitor to the Neal Building.

Ledger books from the Dale and Lyons Service Station that was located across from the Post Office were donated by Kenneth Lyons. This station was originally Green and Miller Station. The station was apparently a” hangout” for locals since these Ledgers brought back many memories (and stories) from Kenneth and his brother Bud Lyons.

Susan Neal Beymer of Lawrenceburg, daughter of Powell Neal donated her father’s WWII uniform and pictures. Powell Neal met Tony Bennett when they shared a fox hole during an air raid. They both were sons of grocers from small towns and loved jazz music. Susan recently attended a concert by Mr. Bennett and shared stories and pictures of her father with him.

By Bob Garvin
The Curator’s Report

Well, Happy New Year.

Our collection continues to grow. We have received several boxes of material from the Neal estate. They contain many photographs, newspapers and genealogy material which will be a great asset to our library. We greatly appreciate this gift.

The display of materials from Headquarters has been removed and in its place an exhibit of material from Blue Lick Springs. Several pieces are on loan from Gladys Shrout and the remainder are from our collection. If you have anything from this town which you could donate or loan we would be most appreciative.

After this exhibit we will be at a loss as far as other towns in Nicholas County. If you have material from other towns we would like to exhibit it in the future.

By Jim Haag

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