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INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Heather Bone  
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Coleman  
Mr. Allen W. Dunn  
Mr. & Mrs. Riley Handy  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Hutchings  
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Mallory  
Mrs. Ed Martin  
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Mullen  
Mrs. Lena Logan Regan  
Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Stanger  

Bath, Somerset, England  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Bloomington, Indiana  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Evanston, Illinois  
Auburn, Kentucky  
Russellville, Kentucky  
Everett, Washington  
Roseland, Florida  
Cookeville, Tennessee

CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

The South Union Shaker property, consisting of the Centre House, the Preservatory, and three acres, was jointly purchased in the fall of 1971 by the state of Kentucky and a non-profit preservation group. In November, 1973, the property was deeded by the state to the non-profit group to restore and maintain as an educational site. Also, $50,000 was donated from the governor’s contingency fund to be used in major exterior restoration such as, tuck-pointing and sealing the 150-year-old brick walls.

INTERIOR RESTORATION CONTINUING

The interior restoration of the 1824 Centre House, begun in 1972, is being continued. The woodwork on the ground and second floors is being stripped down to its original red and mustard stains. The plastered walls are being repainted white.

The long narrow windows on either side of the main entrance door and the two directly above on the second floor are to be replaced with panels made up of the small glass panes saved from the earlier Centre House windows. Two windows are being restored as memorials: one to Mrs. Bunie Porter, mother of Monroe Porter, Deland, Florida, the other as a memorial to the father of Mrs. Myrtle Calvert, Centertown. Another window is the gift of Mary Nancy Procter Saltsman, Bardstown.
DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Mrs. Heather Bone, staff member of the American Museum in Britain, visited South Union in September. Mrs. Bone was visiting the states on a fellowship to study the American Shakers.

Last May two South Union Centre House pegs were presented to the American Museum as a gift from South Union to become part of the Shaker Collection at Britain's American Museum.

SHAKER ITEMS RECENTLY PRESENTED TO SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION

Picture of Sister Frances Carr
Photographs of South Union in the 1920's
Seth Thomas hanging wall clock originally in Centre House
Wagon lift
Wooden potato masher with Shaker stain
Shaker-made flax or jute hackle
Walnut corded bed, bought at South Union sale
Straight chair
Straight chair
"The Shakers" Harper's New Monthly Magazine, June 4, 1857
Straw bonnet and 3 Shaker dresses in the current Shaker style
Also, two photographs

Mrs. Stewart Williams Springfield, Tenn.
Mrs. O. S. Bond Louisville, Ky.
Mr. & Mrs. Shelby Renfrow Bowling Green, Ky.
Mr. W. T. Lee Auburn, Ky.
Mrs. Molly Hamilton Pittsfield, Mass.
Ernie Ezell South Union, Ky.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Futrell Hopkinsville, Ky.
Mrs. Ralph Eldred Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. Anna Bell Jenkins Franklin, Ky.
Tom Eskew Atlanta, Georgia
Eldress Bertha Lindsey Canterbury Shakers
Canterbury, New Hampshire
The Shaker bicentennial will be marked by the publication of many new titles. Several of these are by members of Shakertown at South Union.

Mary Richmond - Bibliography of approximately 5,000 published Shaker titles, written either by or about the Shakers.

Amy Bess Miller - a book on Shaker herbs

Ray Pearson, Amy Bess Miller, - The Shaker Image, a photographic book on the American Shakers

Another upcoming publication is a reprint of By Their Fruits (Chapel Hill, 1947), the history of the South Union Colony, as part of the American Utopian series by the Porcupine Press.

An article "Industries of the Kentucky Shakers" will be one of thirty or more articles on Kentucky topics that will be published in the March and April issues of Antiques. These articles will then be bound into one cover and made available in the special Kentucky Bicentennial issue of Antiques, which is being sponsored by the Kentucky D.A.R. It will be available in the gift shop sometime in April at $3.95. When ordering, add 50¢ for mailing.

Three recently published titles now available in the gift shop are

The Simple Spirit, photographic study of Pleasant Hill, by Jim and Sam Thomas. ($4.95) (Jim is a South Union member).

Shaker Music, a manifestation of American Folk Culture, by Harold E. Cooke ($18.00).

Shop Drawings of Shaker Furniture and Woodenware, a collection of measured drawings made to scale and with dimensions and details, by Ejner Handberg, ($3.00)

ARE YOU LISTENING?

The present budget does not support all of our needs. The office can use a bookcase that will lock, an airconditioner, and an electric heater.

The shop can use more hand tools (chisels, furniture clamps, and other hand tools used in the repairing and refinishing of furniture), and a shop type vacuum cleaner.
THE 1974 SEASON

The Centre House will open for visitors on Sunday, May 12, and remain open daily 9 - 5 and Sundays 1 - 5 through Labor Day.

Throughout the remainder of September and through October, the museum will be open only on Saturdays (9-5) and Sundays (1-5).

Special rates are available to groups of 10 or more if visits are scheduled ahead. Clubs and group tours can be scheduled throughout the entire year. Call 502-542-4167 or write Mrs. Curry Hall, Shakertown at South Union, Kentucky 42283.

NEW RESIDENT

Directly across the highway from the Centre House in the home of members John and Mary Turner, there is a new baby girl, Christie. To keep them all company is their dog named "Shaker". Mr. Turner is the manager of the Lee Thomas Shaker Farm.
EQUIPMENT

It is hoped that soon the Centre House will be equipped with a hundred or more stack chairs, kept on dollies, so that the Meeting Room can be quickly set up for group use. Chairs have been contributed as follows:

Franklin-Simpson Co. D.A.R. - 1
Russellville - Logan Co. D.A.R. - 2
Mr. & Mrs. Curry Hall, Auburn - 2
Halls Insurance Agency, Auburn - 6
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Mullen, Everett, Wash. - 2
Mrs. Mary Nancy Procter Saltsman, Bardstown - 6

The organization office now has a new electric typewriter, an anonymous gift of $100 being received toward its purchase.

Another friend of Shakertown at South Union, who wishes to remain anonymous, has sent a check for $500.

HURRAH FOR VOLUNTEERS

The South Union project has been aided through the time and "know-how" of a number of volunteers:

Ellsworth Strickler, Auburn, replaced a walnut mantle and made wooden picture hangers to be used for displays.

Roger Futrell, Hopkinsville, has restored and refinished seven chairs.

Ernie Ezell, South Union, worked with Mr. Futrell in repairing and refinishing a table.

Pete Hunphrey, Pat Bouldin, William Brown, and John Gaines of Russellville, and Oren Gaines of Bowling Green, combined their materials and skills to restore the Seth Thomas clock.

Will Arnold, Auburn, using "for free" Bill Howlett's Chevrolet garage wrecker, moved a large grist mill stone back to Shakertown. It is now located in the West yard of the Centre House, a good place to sit and visit with a friend.

IRS REMINDER

All donations made to the non-profit South Union Shaker project are tax deductible. The IRS number is 23 717 3327.
A Date to Remember

The 13th ANNUAL SHAKER FESTIVAL

July 12-20

Drama "Shakertown Revisited" each evening 8:15

The South Union Shaker Festival is one of twelve Kentucky events included in the new government publication - "Festival USA 1974". This publication will be distributed to prospective foreign travelers. It can be purchased for 90¢ from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20204.

GENEROUS GESTURE

Mr. Lee Thomas, Sr., owner of the 1846 Ministry's House, and Mr. C. G. Morehead, artist, have contributed ten "Shaker House" limited prints to the gift shop. The sale proceeds ($15.00 each) will go into the restoration fund.

The prints, autographed by both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Morehead, make excellent gifts for all occasions. Perhaps you will want to give yourself a concrete reminder of South Union and, at the same time, help the cause.

1974, THE DOUBLE BICENTENNIAL

Not only is 1974 the bicentennial of the state of Kentucky, but it is also the bicentennial of the American Shakers.

Plan now to attend the Shaker Bicentennial Convention to be held October 10-11 in Cleveland at the Western Reserve Historical Society. There will be lectures and panel discussions relating to various aspects of Shaker life, and special exhibits will be mounted from the society's extensive library and museum holdings. A post-convention bus tour is being planned to Union Village, Ohio, and to Pleasant Hill, Kentucky.

Information relating to the convention can be had by writing to
Mr. William R. Van Aken, Chairman
Shaker Bicentennial Committee
The Western Reserve Historical Society
10825 East Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44106