THE 1973 SEASON

Since May 15, the Centre House has been open daily to visitors, who have come from 43 states, the District of Columbia, and 9 foreign countries.

Helpful and encouraging comments have been made by visitors representing other museums and historical and educational groups, such as The Tennessee State Museum; the Association of Tennessee Antiquities; Hancock (Mass.) Shaker Village; the Smithsonian Institute; the Shaker Historical Society of Shaker Heights, Illinois; the Montgomery County, Tennessee, Historical Society; the Kentucky Bi-centennial Committee; and the Louisville Arts Club.

The Shaker Festival, July 12-22, enjoyed good attendance. A check of car licenses showed visitors from 27 Kentucky counties and 17 states. Dates for the 1974 festival will be July 12-20. Mark your calendar!

Among the special groups visiting South Union recently have been two folk life classes - one from Vanderbilt, the other from Western Kentucky University; the Jennings, Louisiana, Explorer Scout Troop; a church group from Mayfield; and the Senior Adult Fellowship of the First Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

For the second year the Logan County Telephone Cooperative held its annual meeting at South Union. More than 200 members toured the Centre House as guests of the telephone co-op.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Adding interest to the museum displays are a number of items recently given by preservation-minded individuals.

A wooden tool used for tightening or loosening fruit jar tops - a gift from Mr. Charlie Sears, South Union.
A copy of the Original Shaker Music, published in 1884 by the New Lebanon, New York, Shakers. On the flyleaf is the signature of W.T. Bates, one of the nine members living at South Union at the close of the society in 1922, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes, Auburn. Also a gift of the Hugheses is a 1904 newspaper obituary of Eldress Harriet Breedlove.

A length of lead pipe plowed up on the Shaker farm was presented by Mr. John Turner. This pipe was part of that laid in the 1830's to conduct water into the mound cisterns from which it was pumped into the dwelling house kitchens. The Kentucky Shakers engineered the first water systems in their areas.

MOREHEAD COMES TO SOUTH UNION

Mr. C.G. Morehead, Kentucky artist of property, has recently painted the 1846 Ministry's House. Plate XVII in his series of limited edition prints is "Shaker House."

Mr. and Mrs. Morehead were guests at the Festival and Mr. Morehead autographed the new print for happy purchasers.

The artist graciously presented the museum with a framed copy of "Shaker House."

The gift shop is handling the print. The signed print for $15.00 and the signed and numbered print for $25.00 come in cardboard cases suitable for mailing.

MEMBERSHIP

Additional support to the Shakertown at South Union restoration program has come from the following new members:

Professors Kenneth and Mary Clarke, Bowling Green
Mr. Alan R. Schoen, New York City
Mrs. T. B. Wilson, Auburn
Mr. Willard Traub, Brookline, Massachusetts
Mr. Kenneth Meeker, Hudson, New York
Mr. Marvin Polansky, Hudson, New York
Mr. L. R. Weatherford, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, South Union
Mr. Jos. B. Pugh, Portsmouth, Ohio
Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Finney, Auburn
Mrs. John Shaw, Russellville
Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, Auburn
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Craig, Charlotte, North Carolina
It is also gratifying to report that the 1973 membership roll shows a gratifying percentage of renewals.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHARTER MEMBERS

Check your South Union membership card. If it is dated 1972, you have failed to renew your annual membership.

Maybe your reminder did not reach you or maybe you forgot to return it.

Remember that you can renew in any of the three annual categories: Contributing $100.00, Associate $25.00, or Active $10.00. Any other amount under $500.00 is also an annual membership. Sustaining and life memberships do not have to be renewed.

When you visit the Centre House, please show your membership card at the admissions desk. Your card will introduce you to the hostess, who will be happy to waive the admission charge and record your visit on the museum attendance record.

Remember that the individual membership card now permits the holder to bring a guest, equalizing this card with the joint membership card which admits both husband and wife.

SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION IN PRINT

The July Kentucky Travel Guide carries a feature story on South Union. The current Mobil Oil Tourbook lists South Union as a tourist attraction.

The 1974 calendar is a special Shaker bi-centennial issue. South Union photographs by Colin Richmond will appear along with those from other Shaker societies. Copies of the calendar can be ordered from the gift shop for $3.50 + 20¢ for mailing.
Mr. Richmond, photographer and designer for Oneida Silver, spent a spring day photographing at South Union. An article on the Shakers in the May issue of the new American Heritage Magazine is illustrated with Richmond photographs.

Mr. Wendell Garrett, editor of Antiques Magazine, and members of his staff were at South Union August 3 to select and photograph objects to illustrate an article on the Kentucky Shakers, scheduled to appear in the special Kentucky issue of Antiques in April.

OUR FRIENDS, THE PEARSONS

In July our young Chicago friend Per Pearson constructed and installed two doors on the recently restored dressing closets in rooms 6 and 12, making it possible to set up new lighted displays.

It was Per's father, Ray, who designed and made the attractive and useful book racks for the gift shop.

We are indebted not only to Per and Ray but also to Lars, for "putting their hands to work" for South Union.

THE NEW FENCE

A delay in the construction of the new fence around the Centre House yard occurred when Carpenter Slim Trogden, in true Shaker fashion, refused to use some "no-good, sappy" pickets. New acceptable pickets are now on hand and the fence is being completed.

THE EZELLS

Ernie and Elaine Ezell, who now live in the Preservatory, are welcome additions to South Union.

Under Ernie's constant care the yard has become a thing of real beauty.

Elaine is a valuable part-time staff member in the museum.

The Ezells, both Logan Countians, have been Western University students this summer. This fall Ernie will continue his studies and Elaine will return to her position of librarian at Chandlers Chapel High School.
Jars of wild honey now for sale in the gift shop came from Ernie's discovering a source of supply near the site of the old Gasper Meeting House.

The Ezells, with their energy, willingness, and pleasant dispositions, are real assets to the Shakertown at South Union project.

THE SCHOOL BELL TOLLS FOR SHARON AND MARILYN

Sharon Hardison and Marilyn Boyd have been dependable museum workers this summer. Sharon will re-enter Western University and Marilyn will be a senior at the Auburn High School.

THE NORTH FAMILY HOUSE

Photographs of all the principal South Union buildings except the North House are now on display. Surely some one somewhere has a kodak picture of the North House, which stood on the right side of road 1467 near Clear Fork Creek.

If you can find a kodak picture or any other type photograph which can be copied, it will fill a present gap.

The lonely straight and narrow way
I ever will pursue. Here I received
my mother's love As drops of honey
I eat
Shakertown
At South Union, Kentucky 42283