THE LANDMARK ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO HEAR

Noted Irish Journalist and Author
Billy Kennedy discuss
Women of the Frontier in America
With Particular Emphasis on the
Scots-Irish Influence

Sunday, April 10, 2005
2:30 p.m.
Pioneer Log House
behind the Kentucky Building
Free Admission
Plenty of Parking Available

Kennedy's new book Women of the Frontier will be available for purchase and the author will sign copies.

Kennedy hails from Belfast and you will enjoy his energy and knowledge as well as his Irish lilt.
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- The Landmark Association has several important items on its wish list: 1) a volunteer coordinator, who can help get our membership involved in some of our activities; 2) a grant facilitator, who can help the Association write and administer grants; 3) a computer that’s been in operation for two years or so, so we can contest to more modern technology in our office. Since we’re asking, we’re also asking for memberships too. Ask your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and acquaintances to become a part of the preservation movement in Bowling Green.

- The Historic Preservation Board is offering another Cemetery Documentation Workshop on Friday, April 16th, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The workshop will take place at the Heritage Missionary Baptist Church, near Westburn. This workshop provides training for volunteers who want to participate in the Warren County Cemetery Documentation Project. The project is a terrific opportunity for families, church groups or social organizations, as well as interested individuals, to learn how to identify the most common stone materials and their critical differences, how to identify the major types of monuments found in most cemeteries, and how to complete accurate transcriptions and stone forms. Trained volunteers will be able to document a cemetery in which they have always been interested or have one assigned to them. Volunteers will be loaned some of the necessary tools including a hammer and mallet.

- For information about workshops or to schedule an additional workshop at your cemetery, contact Robin Zeigler at 842-1953 or robin.zeigler@bgky.org. Directions and a "what to bring" list will be provided upon registration.

- Heritage Education Conference 2005 will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, May 19-22, 2005. The conference will focus on interactive conference sessions and workshops with heritage development professionals, local historic resource stakeholders, economic development professionals, chambers of commerce, park agencies, non-profit organizations, and elected officials. For more information visit http://ihc2005.org

- July is Civil War month in Bowling Green. Look for the new brochure, “Civil War Discovery Trail in Bowling Green, Kentucky,” partially funded by Landmark Association. Lost River Cave will sponsor the month’s kick-off event. Also, visit Lost River Cave from July 18-24 for Civil War “living history” tours. If you are a Civil War reenactor interested in taking part, contact Christian at 393-0077.

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• The Kentucky Heritage Council is registering war related memorials throughout the state. Listing will provide some protection for these sites, whether they are sculptures, plaques, bridges, etc. If you know of a memorial that you would like to nominate, please contact Robin Zeigler at 842-1953 or robin.zeigler@kgov.org for an application.

• Twelve interested individuals trooped with us south for the Nashville Ramble in March. We are planning a summer ramble to Frankfort and a fall ramble to New Albany, Indiana and Louisville. This is a great way to see how other communities are handling preservation issues and to see some great projects. In Nashville, Manic Ezell led us on an architectural tour of the Frist Center for the Visual Arts. This fantastic exhibition facility is really a massive adaptive re-use project, as the building formerly served as Nashville’s downtown post office. Afterwards we had an enlightening trek through the Belmont Mansion.

• Our annual meeting will take place at the Presbyterian Church on Thursday, May 19. Landmark member, Thomas N. Moody, will give us a historical tour of the building and will give us a brief organ concert in the sanctuary. The Presbyterians inhabit the oldest church in the city, dating from the 1830s. In 2002 Mr. Moody donated an interesting 1854 broadside to the Kentucky Library which announced that a cholera epidemic was ravaging Bowling Green. As a postscript the printer noted: “We are requested to state that the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church have deferred their Fair until next fall.” Cholera got the best of the Presbyterian ladies that summer, but the Landmark Association will be welcomed with open arms in May. Our pre-dinner reception will be held at Ecclectic Style on Fountain Square and hosted by Mark Hood and Cathi Munisteri.
Pretty Church Wedding At High Noon Today

(Editor's note: It's always fun to marry a photograph to a letter, personal journal entries or a newspaper article. This photo of the wedding of Anne Perkins and Samuel Rawlins was donated to the Kentucky Library by Ruth Hines Temple, the great granddaughter of the bride's mother. The wedding was held on May 10, 1928, at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Below is the newspaper report of the nuptial exchange.)

Amid the lovely setting of ferns and autumn leaves enhanced by the soft glow of candle light, the wedding of Miss Alice Bryan Braswell of Brattleboro, North Carolina, schoolmate of the bride, was said of honor. She wore a beautiful imported model of tuscia crepe Elizabeth with a violet picture hat fashioned with folds of taffeta and trimmed with a single flower. She carried an arm bouquet of Russell roses and Parma violets tied with purple tulle. Following her wore the little flower girls, Virginia Earl Venable and Nall Johnson, in ruffled peach-colored taffeta dresses. Their flowers were French bouquets of rosebuds, lavender pompons and sweetly sunburst; Miss Ruth Hines McGinnis in autumn brown. They wore honey dew; Miss Ado April Rawlins, as the bridesmaid of the bride, wore a gown of henna crepe romaline.

The ceremony was held in the church at 12 o'clock noon today at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Thomas A. DeVore said the ceremony using the impressive Episcopal ring service.

The church was beautiful with its decorations of autumn leaves and ferns. The altar was banked with ferns and leaves interspersed with cathedral candles in brass candleabras. The pews were marked with yellow pompons and bows of tulle.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 1244 Park Street.

The house decoration was Russell roses and ferns. The center piece for the bridal table was a beautifully decorated wedding cake surrounded by white topers and crystal candle sticks. Seated at the bridal table were the members of the bridal party.

Mrs. R.C. Blodgett, mother of the bride, wore a gown of henna crepe romaline.

Mrs. E.J. Kells, grandmother of the bride, wore black satin.

Mrs. H.E. Rawlins, mother of the groom wore an attractive black satin trimmed with grey fur trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawlins left immediately on a motor trip to Nashville, Chattanooga, and Birmingham and will be home in Harrisburg, Illinois after Nov. 10.

For her traveling costume, the bride wore a brown satin frock with a coat to match and a close fitting brown hat.

Mrs. Rawlins is the only daughter of Mrs. R.C. Blodgett and is a very talented young lady. She was educated in the city schools, Teachers' College and Gurnon Hall, Washington, D.C. Mr. Rawlins is a graduate of the Bowling Green Business University and is a prominent public accountant with offices in Harrisburg, Illinois.

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Out of town guests for the wedding included: Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Rawlins, Harrisburg, Ill.; Misses Edith and Ada Rawlins, Harrisburg, Ill.; Miss Alice Bryan Braswell, Brattleboro, N.C. and B.E. Lindsay, Lake City, Fla., who served as best man.

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History & Inspection of Warren County Poor Farm, 1938

In an interview with Esquire Virgil Coen of Oakland retained to write a history of the county and 90 years of age) he states that to the best of his memory when the original county was formed, 1797, a plot of ground consisting of some 165 acres, located on the north side of Barren River, near Bowling Green, was set aside for the purpose of taking care of the poor and neediest of the county.

Contributions for its upkeep were made by the various farmers and planters of the county in the form of donations, such as sides of meat, one or more bushels of corn, wheat, meal, potatoes, etc. This property was retained by the county for the purpose mentioned subject, of course, to various changes in the improvements thereon, until 1872 when it was used as part payment on the present County Farm which is located some twelve miles from Bowling Green near the town of Woodbury, Kentucky.

When originally purchased the present county farm consisted of 236 1/2 acres but sales and purchases since that time have reduced the acreage to some 120 acres. The land is very fertile and is tilled by the inmates of the home under the supervision of the Head Keeper and his assistant. The grounds immediately surrounding the buildings are well kept and the lawn is supplied with flowerbeds and shrubs. The improvements on the farm were inspected by the writer on October 28, 1938 and consist of a large two-story, brick residence occupied by the Head Keeper and his family—Mr. C.A. Spaulding; a four room, frame cottage which is the residence of the Assistant Keeper; Mr. George Woolbright and his family. Mr. Woolbright is in charge of the farm's business is in charge of the farm and is a very efficient. The farm is well run and the inmates are reasonably well taken care of.

The superintendent of the farm—Magistrate John V. VanMeter—lives at his home near Rockfield. He is employed by the county and receives $150.00 per month. He is the county's master of the poor, and he can be considered the keeper of the county's poor house.

The Superintendent and Head Keeper are elected by the Fiscal Court, and the Assistant Keeper is employed by the Head Keeper. All salaries, however, are paid by the county. (*)

*The above information was secured through the splendid cooperation of County Judge, G. Duncan Milliken, Jr., Esquire Leslie White, County Court Clerk, George Potter, Circuit Clerk, C.A. Lawson, former Magistrate Alex Smith, Head Keeper, C.A. Spaulding and by means of a personal inspection of the plant and grounds by the writer. Miss poor farm is no longer in existence.

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Perhaps you could pass this newsletter along to someone you think would be interested in supporting Landmark’s efforts in historic preservation advocacy.

I (we) want to support the Historic Preservation efforts in Bowling Green and Warren County.

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I have enclosed $___________ to support the Irene Moss Sumpter Preservation Endowment Fund.

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