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## “Dear Old Golden School Days” New Exhibit: Sept. 15, 2010– February 15, 2011



“Dear Old Golden School Days” explores the history of Oldham County Schools beginning with the pioneer years and following its development through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. At one time there were 15 one room school houses that dotted the county. The exhibit will feature texts, photographs, school albums and oral histories of the lives of children and teachers. One special feature of the exhibit will focus on the career of Ruby Carraco who taught from 1931 until her retirement in 1969. Ruby kept a scrapbook of her experience and students of where she taught which included the one room schools of Brownsboro, Covington and Hebron. She also taught at Buckner, Liberty and Crestwood. Her 60 page album has been reproduced and will be displayed on one of the exhibit walls.

There is a special silent 16mm film playing that has been converted to DVD that depicts the Crestwood School Auction on May 26, 1947 . The auction was to raise funds to build a gymnasium which was constructed two years later. The film includes the Ky. State Reformatory Band which used to travel around the county to play for benefits such as the auction.

A replica of a “one room school” with the old stable to tie horses, an out-house and classroom has been constructed as a tribute to the rural school days. Other displays include a section on African American Schools, the “Academy Schools” of early 19<sup>th</sup> century such as Funk Seminary, and an interactive “chalkboard” where visitors can write about their personal teacher favorites from Oldham County.

**SPECIAL VIEWING OF EXHIBIT on OCTOBER 30: SEE INSIDE!!**

## The Oldham County History Center

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Email: ochstryctr@aol.com

Website:

oldhamcountyhistoricalsociety.org

Hours of operation:

T,W,Th, Sat : 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.,

Fri 10 am to 8 p.m.

closed Sun & Mon

***Fall River Lecture Series featuring dinner at the Westport General Store***

The Oldham County History Center presents its' fall line-up of guest speakers for the River Series Dinner Series. The series offers a delightful array of guests as participants get to visit the quaint village of Westport near the Ohio River and dine at the Westport General Store. All programs begin at 6 p.m.

Oct. 13: Chuck Parrish **"History of Steamboats on the Ohio River"**

Nov. 10: Mike Strohm portrays **John James Audubon** and demonstrates some of the techniques Audubon used for his wildlife portraits

Dec. 8: Dot Carraco **"It's About Dead People"** Dot shares her knowledge and stories about her cemetery research in Oldham County

Cost: \$18 members/\$20 non-members  
Reservations Only: Call the history center at 502-222-0826 or email us at [ochstryctr@aol.com](mailto:ochstryctr@aol.com)

**The History of Hankies  
Thursday, Oct. 7 at Noon**

Join us for this wonderful luncheon featuring our local historian, Ruth Klingenfus as she delights the audience with her outstanding handkerchief collection. These important accessories were once an essential part of decorum and wardrobe. They, like many things of the past, were "ecologically friendly". The lunch, prepared by history center volunteers, will feature a wonderful hot chicken salad, butternut squash soup, homemade rolls and butter rum cupcakes with caramel icing.

Cost: \$12 for non-members/\$10 for members. Call 222-0826 for reservations or email us at [ochstryctr@aol.com](mailto:ochstryctr@aol.com)



*History Campers search for fossils on 18 Mile Creek as a part of this past summer's History Camp for Kids sponsored by the Head Trust*

**Now Taking Orders:**

***Oldham County Kentucky  
Graves and Cemeteries***  
**By Dorthy L. Carraco and William B.  
Younger, Jr., Editors**

The Oldham County Historical Society announces a new publication, *Oldham County Kentucky, Graves and Cemeteries* by Dorthy Carraco and William Young, Editors. The new book lists graves and cemeteries of Oldham County up to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The survey project for cemeteries, led by Oldham County Historical Society research genealogist, Dot Carraco, was initiated in 2000. Working with volunteers that assisted her, information was collected on nearly 14, 000 interments. Most of the 206 known cemeteries, with the exception of those that are inaccessible or lost to time, were physically visited to record the data on the grave stone or markers, the general condition of the cemetery and the GPS location of the cemetery. Digital photographs were taken of each grave stone or marker. The raw data acquired from the survey and other sources was entered into databases by Ms. Carraco and volunteers. Data processing and document layout support was provided by William B. Younger.

The following three databases were merged to produce the book: (a) Graves Database, (b) Funeral Home Records and (c) Cemeteries Database. The Graves Database merged data from a previous publication by the historical society, *Oldham County Records, Vol. 1* by McKechnie & Dent (1974) with updated surveys physically conducted by Carraco and her volunteers. The publication also includes a map and GPS location of the cemeteries.

These records can be accessed on the Oldham County Historical Society website: [www.oldhamcountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.oldhamcountyhistoricalsociety.org) or for those wishing a hard copy of the book, the history center is now taking orders. Hard copies of the book cost \$55.00. Pre-paid orders must be in by Nov. 1, 2010 to meet the holiday season deadline. To order contact the Oldham County History Center at 502-222-0826.

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**Celebrating the Train  
Saturday, October 9**

LaGrange will be celebrating Train Days on Saturday, Oct. 9. There will be various activities throughout the town that day with the focus on trains.

The Oldham County Arts Association will have a display of artwork with the theme of "Trains" in the Rob Morris Chapel Educational Building on Oct. 8, 9 & 10. In addition there will be miniature train displays at the LaGrange Community Center and vendors will be selling miniature train items on the Oldham County History Center grounds. Children will be able to ride a small train on 2nd Street which will be closed to traffic.

For more information contact Discover Downtown LaGrange at 269-0126.

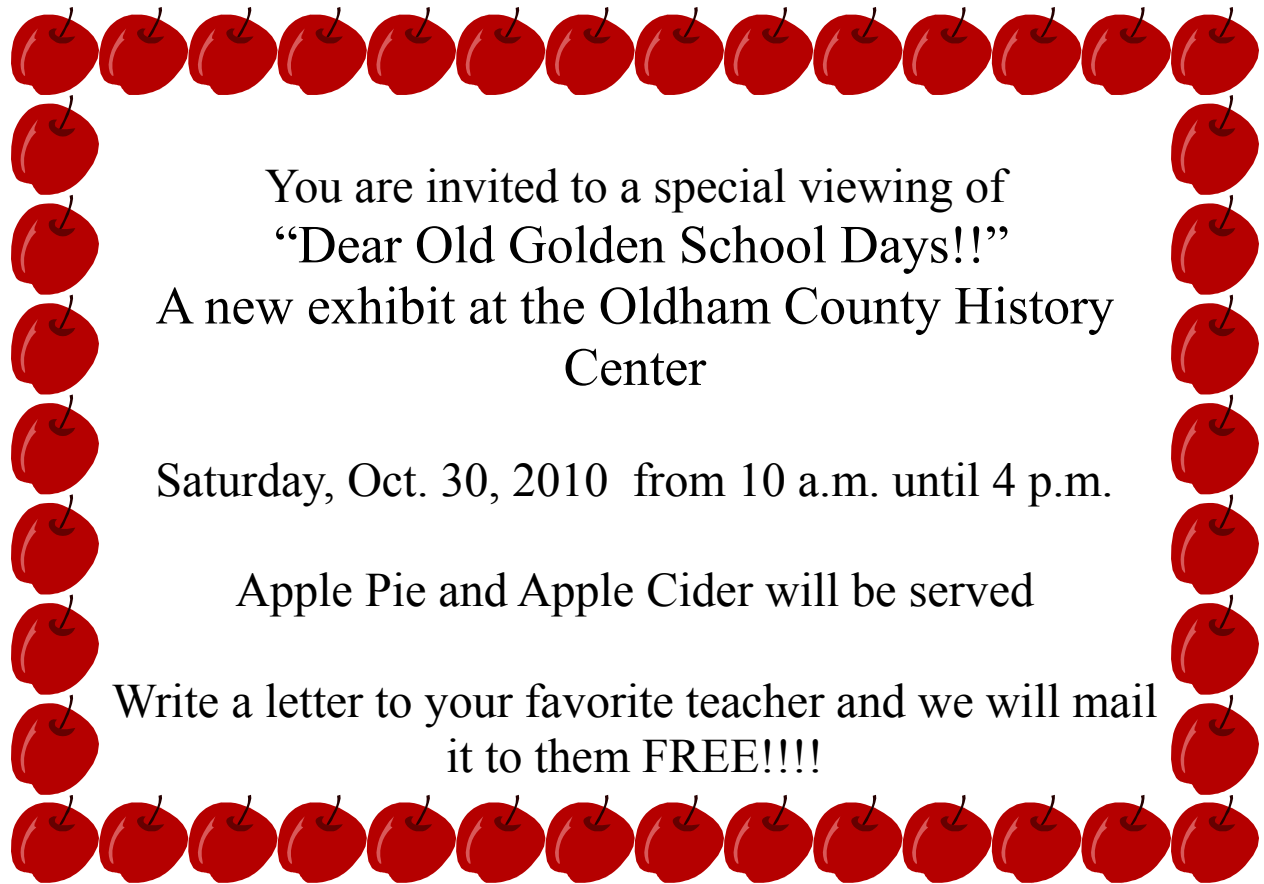
## **CAP Visit a Success!!!**

We had a great time visiting with Architect Ronald Stiller and Conservator Jennifer Hein who visited with staff and museum volunteers to scrutinize and inspect our collections and buildings. Their consultation provided through a \$7,000 grant from the Heritage Preservation of the National Institute for Conservation to assess museums and museum collection. Their enthusiasm for the great condition of the buildings and the wide variety of collections the museum has to offer was a great boost to current fundraising efforts that to enhance the conservation and preservation of museum documents.

Currently the museum has received \$28,000 from private donations to update the archives by creating a new vault that will feature a powder dry system. This type of system adds extra protection to paper documents and photographs. The CAPS team also made recommendations regarding building maintenance and conservation techniques to enhance some of the museum's valuable and rare collections.



Conservation Assessment Program's architect, Ronald Stiller made a presentation to the Board of Directors and interested volunteers about updating building maintenance for the buildings on the Oldham County History Center campus. He was very complimentary about the great conditions and renovations that the historical society has made to



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“Dear Old Golden School Days!!”  
A new exhibit at the Oldham County History  
Center

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Apple Pie and Apple Cider will be served

Write a letter to your favorite teacher and we will mail  
it to them FREE!!!!



The Woosley Family digs in at the Public Archaeology Program sponsored by the Oldham County History Center at the Gatrewood Site on Sept. 19, 2010. Our special thanks to Colonel Glenn Fisher.

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 106 North Second Avenue  
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**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Oldham County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization. We need your support for to help us continue our efforts to help preserve our community's history. If you are a member, please renew today! If you are not a member, please join us in our efforts!!

Thank you for your support!



Ann Barrickman Smiser received the J. Chilton Barnett Champion of Oldham County History Award at the 2010 Annual Gala



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