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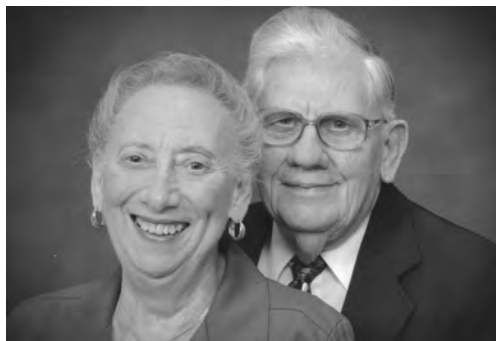
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2007 J. Chilton Barnett Champions of History Award: J. W. and Rose Ethel Hall



J. W. and Rose Ethel Hall, 2007 Recipients of the J. Chilton Barnett Champions of History Award

J. W. and Rose Ethel Hall are life long Oldham County residents and have been very active in community affairs, one of which is serving with the advisory Committee of the Peyton Samuel Head Family Trust. The Trust was established through the generosity of the late Louise Head Duncan for the purpose of assisting the people of Oldham County in charitable, educational, religious, literary, medical, scientific, fine art and civic matters.

J. W. first met Mrs. Louise Head Duncan while managing Southern States Farm Coop Store. The store was located adjacent to the house that years later became the Chilton Barnett Archives Museum. When J. W. and Rose Ethel married in 1952, they rented their first apartment on the second floor of that building from Mrs. Duncan.

In 1958, J.W., Rose Ethel and Margaret Smoot purchased the Sauer Insurance Agency in LaGrange KY (where Rose Ethel worked during high school and which is now J. W. Hall and Sons Insurance Associates). Mrs. Duncan was a client there. Over a 30 year period of time, J. W. Assisted Mrs.

Duncan with many insurance and business matters becoming special friends as she relied more and more on his advice.

Rose Ethel retired in 1992 after serving as Office Manager of the South Oldham Medical Clinic for 12 years and Secretary/Treasurer for the family business for several years. J. W. retired in 1991.

In Mrs. Duncan's later years, she and J. W. discussed their mutual long-time interest in history and she expressed her desire that upon her death the home place, considering its central location on Second Street, become a museum to honor the memory of her father, Peyton Samuel Head. Mr. Head had been a well known banker and community leader . (continued on page 2)

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Irish Rover II owner Michael Reidy with guest Jeneen Wiche from 2006 Gala.

Honorary Chairperson for the 2007 Gala is Bill Howard, local businessman and owner of Fastline Publications. Howard was recently appointed chair of the Regional Leadership Coalition.



Anthony Redfeather "holds" Wal-Mart manager Terry Sanders hostage for the history center's Wal-Mart Appreciation Day in June.

Champions of Oldham County History (continued from first page)

Upon her death, this information was presented to the entire Advisory Committee of the Peyton Samuel Head Family Trust. It voted that J.W. meet with the existing Oldham County Historical Society to implement the project. This was enthusiastically received. Thus, began the development of the Oldham County History Museum.. The Halls currently serve with the Advisory Committee of the Peyton Samuel head Family Trust and consider it a privilege to do so.

J. W.'s community activities have included: South Oldham Lion's Club, Oldham County Planning and Zoning, South Oldham Fire Department, Oldham County Ambulance Taxing District, Crestwood Christian Church. Rose Ethel's community activities have included: LaGrange Historical District, Parent Teacher Association, Crestwood Christian Church. The Hall's family include their sons and son's wives: Steve and Karen Hall, Jay and Debbie and grandchildren Stephanie, Hannah and Zachary.

The J.Chilton Barnett Champions of Oldham County History Award is given to honor a man whose support, during his lifetime and even after his death through his bequest, has made the History Center and Archives Building possible.

The award is given to recipients who have demonstrated a sincere interest in Oldham County history and a desire and effort to preserve that history for future generations.

Oldham County Historical Society's 2007 Annual Gala and Award Ceremony

Where's Elvis? A Return to the 1950s

Purpose: To honor Oldham Countians for contributions to the preservation of the history, artifacts, architecture and quality of life of our county.

To raise funds to continue the work of the Oldham County Historical Society and the existence of the Oldham County History Center.

Date: Friday, September 28, 2007

Site: Oldham County History

Center Grounds (Under a Tent)

*Reception with Open Bar

*Presentation of the J.Chilton Barnett "Champion of Oldham County History Award" to J.W. and Rose Ethel Hall

*Dinner by Silver Spoon Catering, owned by Oldham Countians Philip Koenig and Kathy Hensley

*Music for dinner and dancing by the Vinyl Kings

*Silent Auction

*Live Auction with Ken Hays, Auctioneer and Appraiser

*Honorary Chair is Bill Howard, President of Fastline Publications

Cost (\$125 person

\$ 1250 for a table of ten

(call the history center to make your reservations!!)

2007 Gala Sponsors (as of July 1, 2007)

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2007 Elijah Marris Recipient Dr. Kevin Wayne Cosby

This year the Oldham County Historical Society presented the annual Elijah Marris Award to Dr. Kevin Wayne Cosby. Dr. Cosby serves as senior pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church, the largest black church in the state of Kentucky with over 10,000 members. He's been an Adjunct Professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Louisville.

Dr. Cosby carries on the legacy of Elijah Marris by serving as the 13th president

of Simmons College of Kentucky which was co-founded by Marris. Simmons was struggling to compete with other higher education institutions when Dr. Cosby took over as president in January 2005. The school was not accredited, in physical disrepair, enrollment was down and it was financially unstable. Cosby has vigorously fought to improve the weakened condition of Simmons for the past 2 years. Cosby has established financial partnerships with the Louisville Metro Government, the University of Louisville,

Georgetown College and Southeast Christian Church. He has raised over 1.7 million dollars for Simmons, of which over 1 million came from David Jones, Sr., founder of Humana.

(note: The Elijah Marris Award is given annually at the history center's Juneteenth Celebration)



Dr. Kevin Wayne Cosby receives the 2007 Elijah Marris Award at the Annual Juneteenth Celebration at the history center. City Councilman James Beaumont on right.

Old Haunts and Favorite Spots: Oldham County Cemeteries

August 15, 2007 through November 3, 2007

Learn about our people of the past and read some of the most unusual epitaphs from the cemeteries around Oldham County. This exhibit details the research and work of the history center's cemetery team led by our genealogist, Dot Carraco. For the last 10 years Dot with volunteers, has recorded and photographed cemeteries and gravesites across Oldham County. Oldham County's cemeteries include Kentucky's only confed-

erate cemetery in Pewee Valley as well as gravesites such as D. W. Griffith and Eastern Star founder, Rob Morris. Displays also include funeral dress and traditions including funeral wakes, and celebrations.

Special Activities:

Public Opening: Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m.

Scottish Bagpipe music, funeral food samples

Discover Downtown Ghost Tours, begin Sept. 6, 2007 (reservations only through Discover Downtown LaGrange)

History After Hours, Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, Ky. Humanities Council Speaker Sue Lynn McDaniel "Dying Proper: A Century of Kentucky Funerals", \$13 members/\$15 non-members, reservations: 222-0826

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Archaeology Institute

"It's Easier to Learn History This Way!!"

During the week of June 18th, 2007 the Oldham County History Center held its Archaeology Institute for High School Students. Nine students from Oldham County worked on the Bibb Site for 2 days and then worked on a Civil War site, Battery Hooper, in Cincinnati. When student Lori Ferriell was asked what she learned from the Archaeology Institute she replied that "I learned how to carry out digging and looking for artifacts and realized that there are still things

from the past and places all around us that could be uncovered and more things that we can learn from our past" Student Hayley Stroud replied that "It's easier to learn history this way. You read textbooks and listen to your teachers explain history to you, but it's not the same as actually visualizing it and being in it, to be there and actually experience it - is unforgettable!". Another student Tyler Frerman said, "It requires patience!!".

This year the Archaeology Institute was sponsored by the Carl Clore Foundation and history center members, Joe and Mary Overstreet. There will be continued Bibb Investigations and the Oldham County History Center is planning additional institutes for high school students for the Summer of 2008.



Archaeology institute students at Bibb site: Cam Carroll, Dereck Lewis, Josh Gonzalez, Nathaniel Green and Juan Santoyo

Cultural Heritage Series Continues

German Street Dancers

Friday July 20, 2007 at 6:30 pm

*Place: Across from the Irish Rover Too on Main Street in LaGrange, KY.

The Oldham County History Center will host the Louisville Ethnic Dancers as part of their summer cultural heritage series. Celebrate Oldham County's German heritage as the Louisville Ethnic Dancers perform German folk and traditional dances in German traditional dress.

The performance is free and open to the public! Come kick off Oldham County Day with the Louisville Ethnic Dancers and the Oldham County History Center!

The Queen's Tea

Friday, August 24, 2007 at 2 p.m.

Celebrate our English culture with a special afternoon tea in honor of Queen Elizabeth's visit to Oldham County in 1986. Special presentation by Rebekka Siegel from the Elk Creek Vineyard with emphasis on food, culture and our History by Food cookbook!!! Cost : \$20 members, \$25 for non-members, reservations only!! (This was a sell-out last year!!)

Walking History with Dr. Tom Owens

"History After Hours"

Thursday, July 19, 6 p.m.

The Oldham County History Center will feature guest speaker and historian Dr. Tom Owens for the July "History After Hours" program on July 19. Dr. Owens has spent his career engaging folks with the local history. Owen is a Professor of Libraries and Community Relations Associate at the University of Louisville. As the Associate Archivist for Local History at the University Archives and Records Center, Owen works to preserve and make available records that document the university's history, as well as the history of the Louisville area. As an Associate for External Affairs, he promotes appreciation of UofL throughout Kentucky and the region. He served on the City of Louisville Board of Aldermen from 1990-1998 and serves on the Louisville Metro Council.

He has been instrumental in the historic revitalization efforts of downtown Louisville's Main Street restoration. He has led numerous walking tours, published and produced articles, videos and given many lectures and interviews about community preservation of history and its importance for engaging people with their community.

The History After Hours program features cocktails and appetizers furnished by Irish Rover II followed by Dr. Owen's presentation. The activities take place in the Rob Morris Chapel on history center grounds on Thursday evening, July 19, 6 p.m. \$13 for history center members/\$15 for non-members. Reservations are recommended: 502-222-0826.

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Birthday Gift

In honor of Anne Murner by Siobhan and Michael Reidy

Memorial Gift from the Sarah Fendley Estate

The Oldham County Historical Society welcomes our new Board of Director member, Jeff Dean. Jeff is an Oldham County native and works for Jordan Development. Jeff is the son of Lawrence and Helen Dean. Jeff and his wife Sandra, have four children, Rachael, Presley, Molly and Parker.

Now taking orders for our new 2007 Ceramic Historic Building Model, the Oldham County Courthouse. Call us to reserve your model today!!! 222-0826 Last year's model, the Duncan Memorial Chapel is still available and can be purchased at our museum gift shop or by mail order.

Oldham County Historical Society
106 North Second Avenue

The Oldham County Historical Society preserves, collects and conveys the history of Oldham County by telling the story of its people and the events that shape its development using the objects and artifacts that illustrate and symbolize that history. Through its exhibits, programs and activities, it will engage people in a dynamic process of thought, participation and action. It will strive to affirm the importance of individual and collective community memory to develop a more enlightened society. The Oldham County Historical Society was founded in 1959 and incorporated as a private, 501(c)3 educational organization in April, 1975.

The Society is governed by a Board of Directors and owns and operates the Oldham County History Center, J.C. Barnett Library and Archives and the 1880 Presbyterian Church all of which are located beside the town square of LaGrange.

Mission Statement: The Oldham County Historical Society will create, maintain, and manage for the benefit of all the people of Oldham County: A physical presence, an organizational structure, a strong financial base and endowment, staff and volunteers, collections, exhibits, educational programs, activities and special events and a publications program.

The creation of the Oldham County History Center is made possible through the contributions of the Peyton Samuel Head Family Trust, The Oldham County Fiscal Court, the Board of Directors and support from sponsors and individuals.

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