



# Historical Society, Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Thoughts

We had a wonderful meeting at the Shelby County Public Library March 19 with an outstanding program delivered by Kandie Adkinson, administrative supervisor in the Secretary of State's office. Our attendance was well over 50 and everyone had a great time.

You are in for a big treat this month. The museum is getting ready to reopen after a year of planning with a new exhibit entitled Shelbyville Then and Now. This exhibit has taken a tremendous amount of volunteer hours from the museum committee with Julie Mulcahy as chairperson. As members of the Shelby County Historical Society you are receiving the following invitation to join us for this grand opening on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sharon K. Hackworth



*The Shelby County Historical Society*

*Invites you to*

*The Grand Opening Celebration of  
Shelbyville Then and Now Exhibit*

*6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21*

*Shelby County Public Library, Hudson Room*

*Troy McCormick, Museum Designer Presentation*

*7:15 p.m. — Ribbon Cutting at the Heritage Center*

*627 Main Street*

*7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. — Reception*



## Membership

In the last newsletter we requested e-mail addresses from those of you who are willing to share with us. We responded to each of you prior to the last meeting with a short reminder of the meeting time and date. We also announced an upcoming event that involved the Junior Historical Society. The responses from those of you who commented were very favorable. We will make every effort to limit our contact to meeting notices and urgent issues. If you have not shared your e-mail address with us, we would be pleased to receive it at [kpmplc@bellsouth.net](mailto:kpmplc@bellsouth.net).

Our Society has 134 members — 27 of which are lifetime members. Do you have a friend who is not a member of the Shelby County Historical Society? Why not bring that friend to a meeting? We will try not to disappoint you.

## Dues

If you have not paid your 2009 dues, the Society would be delighted to receive yours! You will notice on your mailing label the number 8, 9 or L. This notation indicates that your dues are current through 2008, 2009 or a lifetime.

Individual and family memberships are \$25 annually. Any amount over \$25 is tax deductible and will be deposited into the Endowment Fund. Interest from the Endowment Fund supports the education projects of the society, including museum exhibits and community programs. Following are levels of sponsorship:

Sponsor: \$50-99 Founder: \$100-999 Benefactor: \$1,000 or more.

Please mail to: Shelby County Historical Society, PO Box 444, Shelbyville, KY 40066-0444.

## Ideas

Do you have an idea for making our organization even more exciting? Perhaps you have a program, a project or an article for publication. Now is your chance! If your submission meets our high standards, you could have the privilege of speaking, writing an article or chairing a committee.

## Did you know?

Shelby County was established by an act for dividing the County of Jefferson, Approved June 23, 1792.

**Genealogy note:** Anyone interested in Logan genealogy, please e-mail Ken Kirton at [Ktkirton@aol.com](mailto:Ktkirton@aol.com)

## Sign up for History Camp now!

“War Clouds a’ Comin’ ” is the title of this summer’s history camp, June 23-25. Union and Confederate soldiers will ride horses down Main Street and exchange gunfire (blanks). Our camp, focused this year on President Lincoln and Shelby County’s role in the Civil War, will take place in Shelby County’s historic district. The public is invited to watch, and registered campers, ages 7-12 will participate.

On the first day, re-enactors will portray Abraham Lincoln, Mary Todd Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Varina Davis, Gov. Beriah Magoffin, John C. Crittenden, Dr. Richard F. Logan, Elijah Marrs, Henry Marrs and Julia Tevis. Campers and re-enactors will discuss the reasons for divisions between Northerners and Southerners.

On day two, Gov. James F. Robinson, John Hunt Morgan, Cassius Clay and the Confederate governor of Kentucky John Hawes will be portrayed. Campers will be introduced to the key issues Kentucky faced: whether or not to emancipate their slaves, and the role of rivers and rails in transportation. Campers will be part of five families and each family will carry a banner. At about 11 a.m. confederate guerillas Sue Mundy and William Quantrell will arrive on horses. They will tell the campers how guerillas operate and answer questions from the audience. Also, the Union army honor guard will speak about Lincoln’s assassination, and Bill Shannon will explain how his horse-drawn hearse is just like the one in the President’s funeral procession. At the close of day two, Dr. Robert Jefferson Breckenridge, George Prentice and a lady bystander will explain to the campers how they feel about the war and about Lincoln’s assassination.

For day three, campers will meet at Chatham Station. Col. Frank Wolford will speak and explain the controversy over his letter to the president. The crowd of campers will also be addressed by a farmer, a storekeeper, a stagecoach driver, and a banker. The campers will walk back to the Welcome Center and add statistics to maps concerning slaves and free blacks in Kentucky. Also, Union and Confederate deaths will be posted.

The Shelby County Historical Society History Camp 2009 will commemorate the Civil War in Shelby County. The event will be held June 23-25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Heritage/Welcome Center, 627 Main Street. Register your campers by phoning Sharon Hackworth at 633-5473, or Sherry Jelsma, 633-7182.

This camp is for boys and girls ages 7 to 12. There is no fee; camp is a community project of the Historical Society. Camp will focus on the Civil War in Shelbyville: its causes, the war, and its aftermath.