

# The Filson Historical Society

September 2012 Programs

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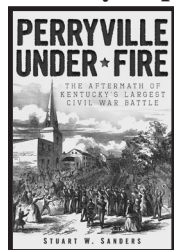
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## **Perryville Under Fire: The Aftermath of Kentucky's Largest Civil War Battle**

Stuart Sanders

**The Filson Historical Society**  
Monday, September 11 • Noon



The Battle of Perryville laid waste to more than just soldiers and their supplies. The commonwealth's largest combat engagement also took an immense toll on the community of Perryville and citizens in surrounding towns. After Confederates achieved a tactical victory, they were nonetheless forced to leave the

area. With more than 7,500 casualties, the remaining Union soldiers were unprepared for the enormous tasks of burying the dead, caring for the wounded and rebuilding infrastructure. Instead, this arduous duty fell to the brave and battered locals. Stuart Sanders, former executive director of the Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association, presents the first in-depth look at how the resilient residents dealt with the chaos of this bloody battle and how they rebuilt their town from the rubble left over.

Stuart W. Sanders is former executive director of the Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association. Sanders has also written for *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *America's Civil War*, *MHQ: The Quarterly Journal of Military History*, and several other publications. He is currently a public history administrator in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Reservations are suggested

## **Picnic Under the Trees**

### **Nervous Melvin and the Mistakes Oxmoor Farm**

Friday, September 14

Gates open 6:00 • Music starts at 6:30



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Join The Filson for our annual Picnic Under the Trees at Oxmoor Farm! This year, we welcome **Nervous Melvin and the**

**Mistakes**, one of Louisville's most successful and longest lasting bands. Along with their original music, the band draws from a list of over 700 songs from artists such as The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Rolling Stones, U2, and many others. Bring out your friends and family for an evening of music and fun.

This event will take place at Oxmoor Farm. There is a charge for admission: Members \$10 in advance/\$15 day of; Non-members \$15 in advance/\$20 day of. Children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge. Gates open at 6:00, with the music beginning at 6:30. We welcome you to bring your own picnic, games, and blanket for a festive evening under the stars.

Reservations are suggested.

## **Our Shared History: Repudiating the Administration: The Copperheads in Putnam County, Indiana**

Nicole Etcheson

**Jeffersonville Carnegie Library**  
Tuesday, September 18 • Noon



The Copperheads, or anti-war Democrats, have been called traitors who actively aided the Confederacy. Strong in Midwestern states such as Indiana, the Copperheads saw themselves as expressing legitimate dissent against the policies of the Lincoln administration but their outrage included violent draft resistance and

opposition to emancipation. Did the Copperheads merely express anti-war sentiments that should be permissible in a free society (although rarely tolerated with good grace during wartime) or did they actually aid the Confederacy? Drawn from her award-winning book, Etcheson examines the role of the Copperheads by looking at the Peace Democrats in Putnam County, Indiana, a hot-bed of anti-war sentiment.

Nicole Etcheson is the Alexander M. Bracken Professor of History at Ball State University. She is the author of *A Generation at War: The Civil War Era in a Northern Community*, *Bleeding Kansas*, and *The Emerging Midwest*. She is currently working on a project about suffrage in the post-Civil War era.

Reservations are suggested.

## **Walking Tour of Old Louisville**

Tom Owen

### **The Filson Historical Society**

Friday, September 21 • 3:30 p.m.



Join us on a walking tour of historic Old Louisville with UoFL archivist and historian Dr. Tom Owen. Louisville's pied-piper of neighborhoods, Owen will lead us on a walk through

Old Louisville. The journey includes a feast of Victorian architecture, colorful stories of the well-known and not-so-well-known, and the calling-out of places where cloistered nuns once prayed and common folk played. Owen loves to weave a tale, has an eye for easily overlooked detail, and delights in the surprise. The tour will end at The Filson with a wine and cheese reception.

There is a charge of \$25 for Filson members and \$30 for non-members. Please dress comfortably; the walk will last approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Space is limited; Reservations are required.

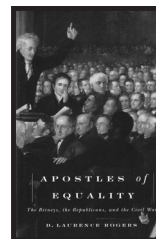
## **James Gillespie Birney, Kentucky's Forgotten Prophet**

D. Laurence Rogers

### **The Filson Historical Society**

Tuesday, September 25 • Noon

While Kentuckians Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson



Davis and Henry Clay have won lasting fame for their varying political careers, James G. Birney, a native of Danville who transformed from slaveholder to the first anti-slavery Presidential candidate, has been scorned and virtually forgotten. Now, scholars from Duke University Law School say Birney should be recognized for initiating the abolition movement that led to the formation of the Republican Party, the election of Lincoln and the Civil War. Author D. Laurence Rogers will describe Birney's tortuous path to the frontiers of political thought and the reasons why this native Kentuckian deserves admiration for his courage and foresight.

A native of Chicago, D. Laurence Rogers grew up in Bay City, Michigan. His book, published by Michigan State University Press, is entitled *Apostles of Equality: The Birneys, the Republicans and the Civil War*.

Reservations are suggested.

## **"Country Mice and City Slickers:" Cultural Distinctions Between the Bluegrass and River City**

Estill Curtis Pennington

### **The Filson Historical Society**

Thursday, September 27 • 6:00 p.m.



Everyone knows that Lexington was founded by a wild cat in a blue uniform and Louisville by a red bird in a ball cap.

But do the distinctions start or stop there? Estill Curtis Pennington compares and contrasts the decorative styles and seminal events of Kentucky's two great cities in this "light hearted, informative and occasionally insightful lecture."

Early artists, societal rioting, duels, horse races, reform movements and unreconstructed rebels are all visited before some sincere, and heart felt, closing remarks, on the beauty, and importance, of each locale.

Estill Curtis Pennington is an honors graduate of the University of Kentucky and received further training in the history of American culture in the Smithsonian Program at George Washington University. He has served in curatorial capacities in such establishments as the Archives of American Art and the National Portrait Gallery. Pennington is the founding curator of the Morris Museum of Art's Southern collection. He is the author of *Lessons in Likeness: the Portrait Painter in Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley 1800-1920*, which will be for sale after the lecture.

Reservations are suggested.

## **"Distinctive Dwellings"**

**The Filson Historical Society's 19th Annual House Tour**

Sunday, September 30 • \$125

Call The Filson at (502) 635-5083 - reservations are requested to assure seating for all programs.

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

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Day of: \$5 more

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## September 29

**It's All About the Bourbon:**  
**Bourbon Academy Fall 2012**  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Mike Veach

## September 30

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**19th Annual House Tour**  
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Cocktail Buffet at 6:00 p.m.

## Save the Date!

### Upcoming Events at The Filson!

**October 20**

John Floyd and Floyd's Fork: Lecture, Hike, and Canoe Trip in Floyd's Fork  
Bob Hill  
12:30 p.m. • Fischersville, Kentucky

**November 15**

**THE GERTRUDE POLK BROWN LECTURE SERIES**  
*IKE'S BLUFF: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World*  
Evan Thomas  
6:30 p.m. • The Temple

### It's All About the Bourbon: The Filson Bourbon Academy

Come enhance your appreciation of bourbon and increase your knowledge of Kentucky whiskey at The Filson Bourbon Academy. This educational seminar is supported by the Kentucky Distillers Association and the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau. This eight-hour course will take place on Saturday, September 29 at The Filson Historical Society. The class will be led by The Filson's bourbon historian, Mike Veach, a member of the Bourbon Hall of Fame.

The Academy is limited to 25 students, with a cost of \$100 for the day-long session including a box lunch. Please call The Filson to make your reservation at (502) 635-5083 or visit us online at [filsonhistorical.org](http://filsonhistorical.org). Please reserve your spot by September 24.

**The Filson Historical Society will be closed on Saturday, September 1 and Monday, September 3, 2012, in honor of the Labor Day Holiday. We will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.**

Our Mission: To collect, preserve and tell the significant stories of Kentucky and the Ohio Valley history and culture

Reservations are important to ensure seating. Now enjoy the convenience of our new online registration system - [www.filsonhistorical.org](http://www.filsonhistorical.org)

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