

The Filson Historical Society

October 2011 Programs

1310 South Third Street

Louisville, Kentucky

40208

The Filson Institute Public Conference "Floating Palaces? Steamboating in the Ohio Valley and Beyond"

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October 6, 7, 8



With the arrival of steamboats two hundred years ago, the Ohio Valley region, a part of the Western waters, was gradually transformed.

People, freight, ideas, and news traveled faster and our region was linked to national networks of commerce, communication, migration, and popular culture. The region's communities were in the right place—on the banks of one of the greatest natural highways of westward migration in our nation's history—and at the right time—the advent of the steam engines—to enjoy an unprecedented economic boom. In time the steamboat industry became a major economic driver. A steamboat industrial complex grew up around the Falls communities of Clarksville, Jeffersonville, Louisville, New Albany, Portland, and Shippingport, each specializing in some aspect of steamboat production. Between 1847 and 1867, New Albany alone produced about 200 steamboats. Please join us as we commemorate the bicentennial of steamboat transportation.

Schedule of Events

- **Thursday, October 6**
Film Showing • Noon
Reception and Keynote Lecture • 5:30
(*\$5 for non-members*)
- **Friday, October 7**
Day of Lectures • 9:30-3:30
(*\$5 for non-members/ \$10 for boxed lunch*)
- **Saturday, October 8**
Oktoberfest on the *Belle of Louisville* with lecture
Board at 11:30 a.m. • Cruise 12:00-3:00 p.m.
(*\$45 for members, \$50 for non-members*)

A Silent Distillery Speaks Michael Veach and Ed Foote The Filson Historical Society

Tuesday, October 11 • 6:00 p.m.



Image from the Edwin S. Foote photo collection

Ed Foote, master distiller at the legendary Stitzel-Weller distillery, and bourbon historian Michael Veach, present *A Silent Distillery Speaks*. Prior to the closing of

the Stitzel-Weller distillery in 1992, Foote shot film all around the distillery and donated the never before seen footage to The Filson. Veach, an associate curator of special collections at The Filson, will open

the evening with special artifacts related to Stitzel-Weller, such as the Foote papers which include log books, distillery history and family papers. Following the film, Foote will add commentary and be available for questions.

A reception will be held in the dining room at The Filson following the event. Diageo, the world's premium drinks brand, is sponsoring the reception. Joy Perrine, bar manager at Jack's and co-author of *The Kentucky Bourbon Cocktail Book* will be preparing specialized drinks featuring Bullitt Bourbon.

There is a \$15 charge for members (\$20 for non-members) to attend the event. Reservations can be made by phone at (502) 635-5083 or online at www.filsonhistorical.org
Reservations are required.

Walking Tour of Whiskey Row and Historic East Main

Tom Owen

The Filson Historical Society

Friday, October 14 • 3:00 pm



Image from the Brown-Walker family collection

Join us on a leisurely walking tour of Louisville's famous Whiskey Row and Historic East Main Street. Beginning at the Cressman Gallery in the Traugher Public Parking Garage at First and Main, Tom Owen will zig-zag us along Main and Washington Streets through the old Belknap Hardware Company complex, show us the world both above and below the Clark Memorial Bridge, and circle the old Big-4 Railroad Freighthouse (now Slugger Field). This rapidly developing area just above the YUM! Center has experienced abandonment and demolition but stories abound and an emerging future awaits. We will conclude the afternoon with a wine reception at an undisclosed and mysterious venue.

The walking tour will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Cressman Garage. There is a charge of \$25 for members (\$30 for non-members). You may reserve your place by visiting www.filsonhistorical.org or by calling The Filson at (502) 635-5083.

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Book Launch • Solicitor General Bullitt: The Life of William Marshall Bullitt

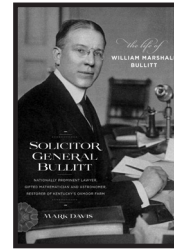
Mark Davis

The Filson Historical Society

Tuesday, October 25

Reception at 5:15 • Program at 6:00 p.m.

Over the last three years, author Mark Davis has reviewed the diaries and correspondence of the Bullitt family in the Filson's collections. From stormy Louisville elections to friendships with



celebrities, Davis brings to us the untold story of one of the nation's most prominent lawyers in his book, *Solicitor General Bullitt: The Life of William Marshall Bullitt*.

Bullitt led an interesting life in addition to his many accomplishments as Solicitor General under the Taft administration. Davis will share details about Bullitt's assistance to the family of Alice Speed Stoll, who was kidnapped in 1934. He will also discuss the first-hand descriptions of communist leader Joseph Stalin, whom Bullitt encountered on a trip to Moscow. While the lawyer was visiting the West Coast, he met with friends such as Jimmy Stewart and Hedda Hopper. This is the story of not only the lawyer, but the man as well.

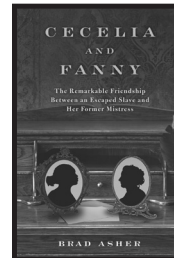
Solicitor General Bullitt will be available for purchase during the event. You will have the opportunity to meet the author and have the book signed.

Reservations are suggested.

Cecelia and Fanny: The Remarkable Friendship Between an Escaped Slave and her Former Mistress

Brad Asher

The Filson Historical Society
Wednesday, October 26 •
Noon



Cecelia and Fanny tells the tale of Cecelia, a fifteen-year-old slave, and her mistress, Frances "Fanny" Thruston Ballard. While visiting Niagra Falls, Cecelia ran away, crossing into Canada and joining the free black population there. Through the years, the two remained close, resulting in the later discovery of letters from Fanny to Cecelia. The documentation of the relationships between freed slaves and their former owners is rare, making this group of letters especially prized. Moreover, Asher provides a unique look at race relations prior to, during, and after emancipation in Louisville.

Brad Asher is an independent scholar and writer. He received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago. In addition to *Cecelia and Fanny*, he is the author of two other historical books.

This lecture will begin at noon at The Filson Historical Society.

Reservations are suggested.

The Filson Historical Society will be closed on Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1, during the St. James Court Art Show in Old Louisville. We will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 3.

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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Monday, October 3

6:00 pm • The Filson Historical Society

The Filson Bourbon Academy

Michael Veach, Associate Curator of Special Collections

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Two Hundred Years of Steamboating: 1811-2011

Charles E. Parrish

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Opening October 21 • United We Stand - Divided We Fall

Commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War with The Filson Historical Society's latest exhibit, *United We Stand, Divided We Fall!* The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Save the Date! Gertrude Polk Brown Lecture Series

1861: The Civil War Awakening

Adam Goodheart

November 20 • Ballard High School

Save the Date! The Civil War Field Institute:

“Mud and More Mud: The Tullahoma Campaign”

Tullahoma, Tennessee • November 3-5, 2011

Tullahoma was a campaign of brilliant maneuver, great logistical planning and command flexibility when the original plan went awry due to weather. What saved the Confederate army from destruction was the incessant rain that plagued the campaign for both sides. One Confederate officer declared that Tullahoma was a Greek word with “Tulla” meaning mud, and “homa” meaning more mud!

This Fall The Filson Civil War Field Institute will visit a now visually stunning place in Middle Tennessee to explore a campaign that is only just becoming appreciated by Civil War historians as an important campaign that achieved vital goals with very few casualties on either side. Please refer to your brochure for more details!

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

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