

HISTORY OF FAMOUS FAIR ASSOCIATION

Bourbon County Agricultural Society Organized in 1836 Most Successful in the State

OLDEST FAIR IN WEST

Early Records Show First Meeting Held in Year of 1821 — Foundation for the Society

The event of the season, commencing Monday, marked the 63 annual exhibition of the Bourbon County Agricultural Society and the gates of the historic organization will be thrown open to the public this morning.

The annual fair in this city has for years past attracted people from far and near, and the exhibition which will begin this morning, give promise of a successful week from every point of view.

Lacking a little less than a month it has been seventy-five years since the Bourbon County Agricultural Society was first organized and the first fair held under the direction of the organization.

During the many years intervening the popularity of the Bourbon fair has been attested by the world-wide reputation it attained, and since its birth has been at the head of the county fairs of the State, and widely known as the oldest fair west of the Allegheny mountains.

Few are alive today who can recall the first fair held in Paris under this organization. The original charter of the Society is on record in the County Clerk's office and is regarded as a rare document.

While history shows the first fair was held in Bourbon county in 1836, there are records to show that as early as 1821 a fair was held in Col. Clay's woods, a few miles from Paris on the Winchester pike. It is understood to have been an exhibition of stock alone.

The organization of the Bourbon County Agricultural Society was first determined upon June 6, 1836, when a number of farmers met in this city on court day when the subject was taken up resulting in the calling of a meeting for that purpose to be held on the ninth of July. General Garrard at this meeting was elected as president of the new organization, Wm. P. Hume and Nimrod Lindsay, vice presidents; Thomas Y. Brent, treasurer; Thos. P. Thornton, corresponding secretary, and Hiram Bledsoem, recording secretary.

A committee was appointed to prepare a constitution and at a meeting on July 30, 1836, the organization was completed by the adoption of the constitution and the election of a board of directors composed of Geo. W. Williams, Henry T. Duncan, Henry Clay, Sr., Jas. W. Coggs-well, Brutus J. Clay, Col. John Cunningham, Wm. Hickman, Jere Duncan, Chas. S. Brent and Henry Towles.

The first fair under the new organization was held the last day of September and the first day of October, 1836. The list of premiums was not very attractive and the schedule of entries was very short. The entire resources of the Society, including subscriptions, donations, entrance fees, etc., aggregated \$584.50, of which amount \$450 were paid out in premiums and \$35 for other expenses.

After serving the Society for two years President Garrard died and in 1838 Wm. P. Hume succeeded him, filling the office until 1841, when Major George W. Williams was chosen.

Up until the year of 1845 similar societies throughout the state suffered a decline under the pressure of financial troubles. Leaving the Bourbon Society the only survivor, with its condition weakened by the financial strain, but during the year following conditions and prospects were considerably improved.

Up to that time the exhibitions had been held on the piece of bottom land near the junction of Stoner and Houston creeks, and a portion of what is now known as White Addition. A subscription of stock in shares of \$33.50 each were secured, and ten acres of land laying on the South side of Main street, directly opposite

the old Kentucky Midland depot and the grounds improved. The amphitheatre was constructed in a circular hollow, the side being graded in seats for the accommodation of the spectators. A board fence four feet high separated this from the show ring. Marks of this rude arrangement remained for several years.

Four years later, in 1850, a tract of ten acres was added to the first purchase and the whole was enclosed by a high board fence. In 1852 Major Williams tendered his resignation as president of the Society and Brutus J. Clay was elected to succeed him. At a cost of approximately \$10,000 a new amphitheatre, handsome cottages and convenient booths were erected. Shortly afterwards eight more acres of ground was added, making a total of twenty-eight acres. In 1856 the State Agricultural Society erected a floral hall and a number of box stalls which were subsequently purchased by the Bourbon County Agricultural Society. To these more improvements were added.

With the guidance of the organization gradually passing into younger hands, the young men composing the majority of the Board of Directors desiring to keep fully abreast with the times decided to introduce new features in the way of trotting, running and pacing races. To this end the old circular amphitheatre was torn down in 1886 and in the early spring of the year following several more acres of ground was purchased, a splendid half-mile track built, and a new grandstand seating 7,000 people, judges and music stands and new stables built. A new floral hall was erected just south of the grandstand. At this meeting the fiftieth anniversary of the existence of the Society was celebrated in an appropriate manner and in the presence of a large crowd.

The change from the old to the new ideas of conducting the county fair did not meet with the approval of the farming classes and the attendance dwindled down year after year until 1896 the society was confronted by an overwhelming debt. The fate of the organization was decided on December 10, 1896, when fire destroyed the amphitheatre, stands and a goodly portion of the fence around the race track.

Already burdened with debt the society decided not to rebuild and with this decision passed the hope of reviving the famous old Bourbon Fair, and ten years passed before the movement for reorganizing the Society was considered.

The question of reorganizing the Society was agitated year after year following the destruction by fire of the buildings, but without any result and the grounds of the Society were divided into small tracts and passed into the hands of real estate speculators and home builders and is rapidly becoming one of the most attractive residence sections of the city.

The reorganization of the Society was undertaken in the early spring of 1906, when it was proposed by the promoters to float enough stock to purchase suitable grounds and erect a stand, stalls and other necessary buildings.

The proposed movement met with hearty support and a tract of land containing 22 3-4 acres at the intersection of the Bethlehem and Maysville and Lexington turnpikes was purchased from Mr. E. K. Thomas at a cost of \$8,500.

An amphitheatre fashioned after that erected in 1852 was built and stock stalls erected. The grounds were improved by the planting of trees, and beautiful walks were laid from each entrance. All this work was completed before scheduled date of the fair, and the first exhibition held by the newly organized Society was held in September, 1906.

With each succeeding year the Society has added improvements to the extent of whatever their surplus would permit, and extended many premiums which have attracted the finest exhibitions of stock of any fair in Kentucky.

Since the organization five years ago Mr. Jos. M. Hall has held the office of president of the Society, with Messrs. R. J. Neely and W. G. Talbot as vice presidents, Mr. Chas. Webber, secretary and Clifton Arnsparger treasurer.

Bourbon Fair Holding Sway This Week.

The sixty-fifth annual exhibition of the Bourbon County Agricultural Society began Tuesday morning. Rain fell at intervals during the opening day and marred the sport. The crowd was reduced to a minimum as a result of the inclement weather.

Wednesday was the largest second day in the history of the society in point of attendance and an excellent program contributed to the enjoyment of the large crowd.

Yesterday was a record-breaking day, the third day always being the largest attended of any during the week. The following are the awards for the first two days of the fair:

First Day, Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Committee—J. P. Barbee, W. G. Talbot, J. T. Hinton, Robt. Meteer.
Shorthorn or any pure beef breed of cattle—
 Best bull, 3 years old and over, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 No ring.
 Best bull, 2 years and under 3, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 No ring.
 Best bull, 1 year and under 2, \$10 first, \$5 second.
 Abe Renick, first and second.
 Best bull, under 1 year, \$10 first, \$5 second.
 Abe Renick, first and second.
 Best cow, 3 years and over, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 Abe Renick, first and second.
 Best heifer, 2 years and under 3, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 No ring.
 Best heifer, 1 year and under 2, \$10 first, \$5 second.
 Abe Renick, first and second.
 Best heifer calf, under 1 year, \$10 first, \$5 second.
 Abe Renick, first and second.

Shetland Ponies—
 Ponies eligible to compete in this class must not be over 46 inches high. Ponies to harness must be driven by children not over 15 years of age.
 Best mare or gelding, any age, in harness, \$10 first, \$5 second.
 Barbee Stock Farm, Millersburg, first; David Johnson, Muir, second.
 Best stallion, any age, in harness, first \$10, (Special by E. F. Speares & Sons, manufacturers of Red Cross Flour) \$5.
 Harvey Kerr, Lexington, first; John Stuart, Paris, second.
 Best pony, 3 years old and under 4, \$10 first, \$5 second.
 Miss Rogers, first; Sam Clay Ward, second.

Best pony, 2 years old and under 3, \$10 first, (Special by Walter Clark, mule dealer) \$5.
 Barbee Stock Farm, first; David Johnson, second.
Best pony, 1 year old and under 2, \$10 first, (Special by H. A. Power) \$5.
 Howard Judy, Millersburg, first; Christine Thomas, Paris, second.
Best pony, under 1 year, \$10 first, \$5 second.
 Barbee Stock Farm, first and second.
Matlick & Shropshire, Winchester, 1st.
Stallion, 2 years old and under 3, \$20 first, \$5 second.
 Allie Jones, North Middletown, 1st; H. A. Power, Charming King, Shropshire & Matlick, Winchester, 2d.
Stallion, 1 year old and under 2, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 R. H. Boardman, Little Rock, 1st; Collins & Redmon, North Middletown, 2d.

Best saddle pony, 4 years old and under, \$10 first, (Special by Bourbon Steam Laundry) \$5 second.
 Miss Rogers, first; Howard Judy, second.
Long Wool Sheep—
Buck, 2 years old and over, \$5.
 J. B. Wood & Son, Hutchison, first and second.
Buck, 1 year old and under 2, \$5.
 O. B. Lloyd, first; C. M. Shroat, second.
Buck, under 1 year old, \$5.
 E. M. Shroat, first; O. B. Lloyd, second.
Ewe, 2 years old and over, \$5.
 E. M. Shroat, first; E. B. Wood, second.
Ewe, 1 year old and under 2, \$5.
 E. M. Shroat, first; E. E. Wood, second.
Ewe, under 1 year old, \$5.
 F. M. Shroat, first; O. B. Lloyd, second.

Pair lambs, buck and ewe, \$5
 E. M. Shroat, first; O. B. Lloyd, second.
Down Sheep—
Buck, 2 years old and over, \$5
 A. M. Casey, first; E. E. Wood, second.
Buck, 1 year old and under 2, \$5
 A. S. Thompson, first; A. M. Casey, second.
Buck, under 1 year old, \$5
 A. M. Casey, first; E. M. Shroat, second.
Ewe, 2 years old and over, \$5
 A. M. Casey, first; E. M. Shroat, second.
Ewe, 1 year old and under 2, \$5
 A. M. Casey, first; E. M. Shroat, second.
Ewe, under 1 year old, \$5
 E. M. Shroat, first; A. M. Casey, second.

Pair lambs, buck and ewe, \$5
 E. M. Shroat, first; A. M. Casey, second.
Sweepstakes—
Long wool buck, \$5
 J. B. Wood & Son, first and second.
Long wool ewe, \$5
 E. M. Shroat, first and second.
Down buck, \$5
 A. M. Casey, first; A. S. Thompson, second.
Down ewe, \$5
 A. M. Casey, first and second.

Second Day, Wednesday, Sept. 6

(Postponed from Tuesday)

Harness Horses—
 (Size, style and action considered).
 Best harness mare or gelding, any age \$25 first, \$10 second.
 Allie Jones, North Middletown, 1st, Roberta; Shropshire & Matlick, Winchester, 2nd, Jack Straw.

N. Y. Saddle Horse—
 Best N. Y. saddle mare or gelding, walk, trot and canter, 15.2 and under, to be docked or tail tied, \$20 first, \$5 second.
 Shropshire & Matlick, Winchester, 1st, Aurora; Robt. Moreland, Lexington, 2d.

Roadster Stallion—
 Best roadster stallion, any age, \$20 first, \$5 second.
 Allie Jones, North Middletown, 1st, Marble King; Collins & Redmon, North Middletown, 2d.

Colts—
 Colt, either sex, under one year, \$35 first, \$15 second, \$10 third.
 W. E. Speakes & Bro., 1st, Mildred King; Sanford Carpenter, 2; Wm. Sanders, 3.

Committee—C. M. Thomas, J. M. Hall, N. F. Brent, C. Arnsparger.
Sweepstakes—For All Pure Beef Breed Cattle—

Bull, 2 years old and over, \$15
 No ring.
Bull, under 2 years old, \$15
 Abe Renick, 1st.
Cow, 2 years old and over, \$15
 Abe Renick, 1st.
Cow, under 2 years old, \$15
 Abe Renick.
Exhibitors' Herd—
 (Shorthorn or any Pure Beef Breed of Cattle, Aged Herd)

Consisting of one bull 2 years old or over, one cow 3 years old or over, one heifer 1 year old and under 2, and one heifer under 1 year old, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 Abe Renick, 1st.

Breeders' Young Herd—
 Consisting of one bull under 2 years old, two heifers 1 year old and under 2, and two heifers under 1 year old, all except the bull to be bred by the exhibitor, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 Four calves, get of one bull, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 No ring.
 Four calves, get of one bull, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 No ring.
 Two calves, produce of one cow, \$15 first, \$5 second.
 No ring.

Beef Cattle—
Steer, 2 years old and under 3, \$10
 Abe Renick, 1st.
Steer, 1 year old and under 2, \$10
 J. H. Marr, Millersburg, 1st; A. Renick, 2d.
Steer Calf, \$10
 No ring.
Butcher Steer, \$10
 Abe Renick, 1st; J. H. Marr, 2d.

Harness Horses—
 (Animals 2 years old and over to be shown in harness, under 2 years old shown at will. Size, style and action considered).
Stallion, 4 years old and over, \$20
 first, \$5 second.
 Allie Jones 1st, with Marble King; Collins & Redmon, 2d, with Teddy Roosevelt.
Stallion, 3 years old and under 4, \$20
 first, \$5 second.
 Matlick & Shropshire, Winchester, 1st.
Stallion, 2 years old and under 3, \$20
 first, \$5 second.
 Allie Jones, North Middletown, 1st; H. A. Power, Charming King, Shropshire & Matlick, Winchester, 2d.
Stallion, 1 year old and under 2, \$15
 first, \$5 second.
 R. H. Boardman, Little Rock, 1st; Collins & Redmon, North Middletown, 2d.

Stallion colt, under 1 year, \$10
 first, \$5 second.
 Collins & Redmon, 1st; Ray Burris, 2d.
Saddle Horses—
 (Size, action, style and all gaits to be considered.)
Mare, 4 years old and over, \$20
 first, \$5 second.
 Allie Jones, 1st, Cornelia; Shropshire & Matlick, 2d, Hazel Downs.
Mare, 3 years old and under 4, \$20
 first, \$5 second.
 Allie Jones, 1st; Shropshire & Matlick, 2d.
Mare, 2 years old and under 3, \$20
 first, \$5 second.
 Allie Jones, 1st, J. B. Betty, Fayette County; James McCray, North Middletown, 2d.
Mare, 1 year old and under 2, \$15
 first, \$5 second.
 Sanford Carpenter, Millersburg, 1st and 2d.
Filly Colt, \$10
 first, \$5 second.
 Geo. F. Speakes & Bro., 1st, Mildred K.; Sanford Carpenter, Millersburg, 2d.

Sweepstakes For Harness Horses—
Stallion, any age, \$25
 Collins & Redmon, North Middletown, 1st, Teddy Roosevelt; Allie Jones, 2d, Marvel King.
Mare, any age, \$25
 Allie Jones, 1st and 2d.
Baby Show—
 Handsomest boy baby of Bourbon county, under 18 months old, ladies to judge, (Special by W. H. Whaley, \$10).
 Cromwell Cook Cleveland, 1st.

Mare and Colt—
Saddle mare and suckling colt, \$15
 first, \$5 second.
 Sanford Carpenter, 1st, Speakes Bros., 2d.
Ponies, Any Breed—
 (Over 46 inches and under 54 inches)
Harness pony, \$10
 first, (Special by T. E. Moore) \$5 second.
 L. L. Haggin, Lexington, 1st; Walter Mann, Lexington, 2d.
Saddle pony, \$10
 first, \$5 second.
 Forest Sparks, North Middletown, 1st; John Collins, North Middletown, 2d.

Berkshire Hogs—
Bore, 1 year old and over \$5.
 J. W. Case, Hutchison, 1st.

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 J. W. Case, Hutchison, 1st.
Bore, under 6 months old, \$5
 Logan Bryan, North Middletown, 1st; J. W. Case, 2d.
Sow, 1 year old and over, \$5
 J. W. Case, 1st.
Sow, 6 months old and under 1 year, \$5
 J. W. Case, 1st.

Sow, under 6 months old, \$5
 J. W. Case, 1st; Logan Bryan, 2d.
Poland China Hogs—
Bore, 1 year old and over, \$5
 L. R. Jones, North Middletown, 1st.
Boar, 6 months old and under 1 year, \$5
 Huffman Bros., Centerville, 1st.
Boar, under 6 months old, \$5
 J. B. Wood & Sons, Hutchison, 1st; L. R. Jones, North Middletown, 2d.
Sow, 1 year old and over, \$5
 Huffman Bros., Centerville, 1st.
Sow, 6 months old and under 1 year, \$5
 Huffman Bros., Centerville, 1st.
Sow, under 6 months old, \$5
 Wood & Sons, Hutchison, 1st; R. L. Jones, North Middletown, 2d.

Duroc Jersey Hogs—
Boar, 1 year old and over, \$5
 A. P. Adair & Sons, 1st.
Boar, 6 months old and under 1 year, \$5
 A. P. Adair & Sons, 1st.
Boar, under 6 months old, \$5
 A. P. Adair & Sons, 1st.
Sow, 1 year old and over, \$5
 A. P. Adair & Sons, 1st.
Sow, 6 months old and under 1 year, \$5
 A. P. Adair & Sons, 1st.
Sow, under 6 months old, \$5
 A. P. Adair & Sons, 1st.

Grand Sweepstakes—
Boar, any age, \$8
 J. M. Case, Hutchison, 1st.
Sow, any age, \$8
 J. M. Case, Hutchison, 1st.
Four head of hogs, (any breed), get of 1 boar or produce of 1 sow, \$8
 J. M. Case, Hutchison, 1st.

The most entertaining feature at the fair this week and which was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors was the vocal selections rendered by Miss Wilmina Hamman. Yesterday afternoon Miss Hamman made her first appearance and scored a decided hit. Miss Hamman rendered three selections, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "I'd Love to Live in Loveland," and "Every Little Movement."

She was compelled to respond to encores following each number. Miss Hamman possesses a rich, clear voice, strong and sweet and her enunciation is perfect. This afternoon Miss Hamman will render several selections and it is safe to say that each afternoon she will gain in favor.



Bandmaster Michaels, with his excellent musical organization is delighting the crowds at the Fair this week.

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BIRTHS.
 —Born, to the wife of Dan Isgrigg, on Tuesday, a daughter, Isabelle.

Mrs. Massie's Will.

The last will of Mrs. W. W. Massie was offered for probate in the Bourbon County Court yesterday afternoon.

The will bears the date of February 9, 1910, and is written wholly in the testatrix's own handwriting, the chief provisions of which are as follows:

The income from \$1,500 to be used in keeping cemetery lot; Presbyterian church in Paris \$2,000; To establish and maintain hospital in Paris, Ky., to be known as the "W. W. Massie Hospital," \$10,000 and residence in Paris with the ground adjacent thereto. This bequest with this condition: "I make this bequest with the proviso that the hospital being accepted by the town is to be perpetually insured and kept free of taxation, and that the town of Paris raise an endowment fund of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) and endow it for that amount."

Lincoln Institute, \$2,000; the cause of African Missions, \$2,000; the cause of Prohibition in Kentucky \$5,000; Stillman Institute at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, \$2,000; Miss Julia Miller \$2,000; Ben Downey, \$2,000; Miss Nannie Keller, \$1,500; Mrs. Chas. Miller and three sons, \$2,000; Dr. Shive \$500; Edith Shive, \$500; Mrs. Mattie Hawes, \$800; Mrs. John W. Bishop, \$1,500; Wm. Bell, \$250; Sarah Bedinger, \$150; Belle Morrow, \$400; Sidney Watson \$50; Mrs. Florence Lochart Clay a "Madonna," oil portraits of testatrix and her husband to be reframed and hung in hospital; Wm. K. Massie, Lexington, Ky., oil painting "The Aurora," and mosaic table; Mrs. Ida H. Stoner, Roman Mosaic "Pin's Doves"; Mrs. Cassius Clay, statue of a "Nubian Slave"; James McClure, hatrack, mahogany chair, two oil paintings, scenes in Yosemite Valley; large mantle mirror to hospital; Miss Florence Lochhart, set of china; Mrs. Mattie Hawes, set of china and two rugs; Mrs. Chas. A. Miller, set of china; Mrs. Lizzie H. Miller, Two Teakwood tables, 2 writing desks, 12 dining room chairs and set of furniture. The testatrix, referring to her son, provided as follows:

"I leave no part of my estate to my son, Wm. C. Massie, as his present property exceeds mine in value and at my death his estate will be increased by his father's will. Had he needed it my whole estate without reserve would have been bequeathed to him."

"I desire my son shall select from my household furniture any articles he may desire, not excepting even such articles as I have donated in the private memorandum entrusted to Mrs. Florence L. Clay, and Mrs. Mattie Hawes, of Millersburg."

Many small items of household furniture and bric-a-brac were entrusted to Mrs. Florence L. Clay and Mrs. Mattie Hawes to be disposed of according to a written memorandum in the handwriting of testatrix, which was left with her will but was not signed. These ladies have been authorized by Mr. Wm. C. Massie, the sole heir, by a writing filed in the County Court, to carry out the wishes of his mother, and all of said property will be entrusted to them for that purpose."

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