

Madison County Historical Society Spring/Summer 2009 News Update

† **Madison County Heritage Walk of Fame.** The Walk of Fame Selection Committee has selected the followings six persons to receive plaques: Daniel Boone (frontiersman), Laura Clay (suffragist), Kit Carson (explorer), John Gregg Fee (founder of Berea College and abolitionist), James Bennett McCreary (KY Governor, Madison County U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator), and Monk Estill (KY's first freed slave). The handsome bronze plaques for this first class of inductees will be encased in red brick-colored concrete and will be located in the sidewalk around the Madison County Courthouse. Plaques have been ordered and installation will begin shortly. Installation ceremony will be on August 22nd .

† **Become a sponsor for the Madison County Heritage Walk of Fame.** The Heritage Walk of Fame is expensive, and you are encouraged to become a sponsor. Go to the Historical Society's web site: www.madisonhistoryky.org print out form (found under the Madison County Heritage Walk of Fame), mail in the form with your donation, and be placed on the Sponsorship Honor Roll.

† **Madison County Junior Historical Society** currently has 78 dues-paying student members. Some of the students are working on a Madison County history quilt project. The development of a teaching module centering on the Madison County Heritage Walk of Fame is being considered. More creative projects are also being planned.

† **The Historical Society Board of Directors** has approved a Lifetime category of \$500 for society membership.

† **Members present at the April Historical Society meeting** approved the following Officers and Board members for 2009 and 2010: Officers—William Adams (president), Paul Rominger (vice president), Bill Robinson (secretary), and Charles Hay (treasurer and program chair). Board of Directors—in addition to the officers, are Jackie Couture, Jane Clouse, Dean Whitaker, Bob Moody, Steve Connelly.

† **Planning for the Kit Carson park** continues. An agreement between the City of Richmond and Eastern Kentucky University's Arlington Association is currently being finalized. The city has employed a landscape architect to draw up park plans and an interpretative National Park Service quality sign is being made.

† **At the April meeting**, members present ratified the expenditure of up to \$7,000 for badly needed repairs to Cane Springs Baptist Church. One corner of the building has sustained major water damage to the foundation and needs immediate repair. In addition, talks with the Madison County Office of Historic Properties continue concerning the possibility of establishing of a small community park on a portion of the Cane Springs land.

Program

Date: June 4th

Location: Burnamwood in Richmond. The property, built by William Embry in 1855 and purchased in 1868 by Curtis Field Burnam, is located at the end of Burnam Court, which runs into West Main Street just past the Tates Creek Road traffic light on West Main.

Time: 6:30

Program: Bill Robinson, the Society's secretary and reporter for the *Richmond Register* will speak on "Curtis Field Burnam: Outstanding Madison Countian."

Special Event: There will be tour of the estate after the meeting.