

YOUNG HISTORIANS

GEORGETOWN & SCOTT COUNTY MUSEUM

JULY 2023



A HISTORICAL SUMMER

A group of middle and high school students participating in the Congressional Academy, 2023, under the direction of Dr. Chad Wallace and Geri Ann Lankford recently visited the Museum.

THE CONGRESSIONAL ACADEMY

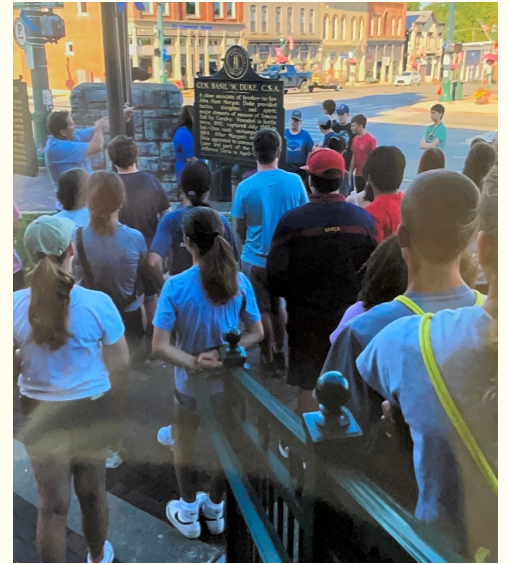
The Congressional Academy is made possible by a federally funded grant for which teachers can apply. Dr. Wallace and Ms. Lankford's group has been active for around 3 years and counting. Over 80 students applied this year but only 40 slots were available, however this shows a growing interest in history amongst the younger generations.



Their summer social studies project this year was a study on the brown historical markers here in Scott County.

THE BROWN SIGNS

As part of their visit, the Scott County Schools students were given the task to create a historic brown sign of their own. They had to find something within the museum that they thought was worthy of a sign which they then wrote and drew themselves with all their own research completed with the help of our exhibits.

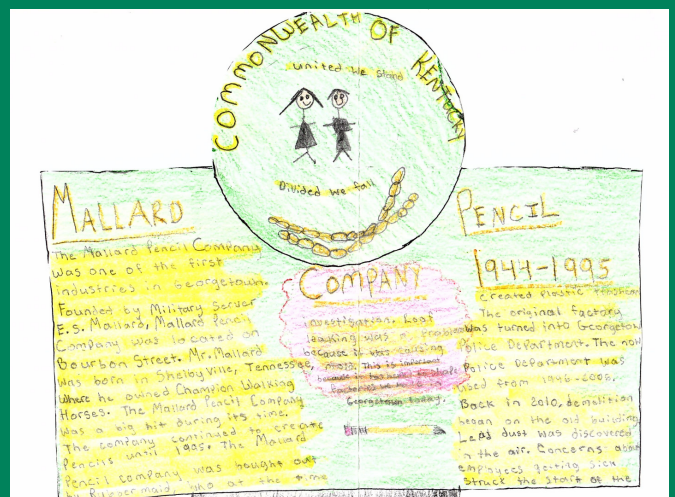


Dr. C. Wallace teaching the students about Basil W. Duke




A student cleaning the Basil W. Duke historic brown sign.

As well as creating signs of their own, the students went around to all the existing brown signs in our Scott County community and cleaned them up while also reading and learning about what the sign in front of them was marking.



Student made Mallard Pencil Company historic sign by Molly H.




Oldest Living Kentucky Derby Winner

Silver Charm became the oldest living Kentucky Derby winner on March 8, 2022. He arrived at Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm December 2014 when he retired from stud duty in Japan. Silver Charm was a notable racehorse. In addition to the Kentucky Derby, Silver Charm was victorious in the Preakness Stakes and Dubai World Cup. During the 1997 Belmont Stakes, Silver Charm narrowly missing winning the Triple Crown, when he lost the race by three quarters of a length. He was the 1997 United States Champion 3 year old Colt. After his racing retirement, Silver Charm became a breeding stallion in Kentucky and, later, Japan. Silver Charm won 12 races and earned close to seven million dollars. He was elected to the United States Racing Hall of Fame in 2007.


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Fallen Officers in Scott County

Four officers have fallen to this date in Scott County. These heroes are Night Policeman George William James on October 22, 1955, Night Policeman William Owens Barkley on April 11, 1972, Lieutenant Gary Wayne Crump II of Georgetown Police Department on June 30, 2021, and Deputy Caleb Cooley on May 22, 2023. Each of these officers were lost in the line of duty, serving our county with honor. Three of the officers were lost to gunfire and one was lost to a heart attack in the field. As time goes on, we must honor their sacrifices and service in order to keep their and all other heroes legacy alive. Photos of both Lieutenant Gary Wayne Crump II of Georgetown Police Department and Deputy of Caleb Cooley are provided below.



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Mallard Pencil Company Factory—Georgetown, KY

The Mallard Pencil Company Factory was one of the first industries in Georgetown. The Pencil Company was opened by Elroy S. Mallard in 1946. Born in Shelbyville, Tennessee, Mr. Mallard owned the pencil company, but he also owned Champion Walking Horses. The factory operated until 1995, when it was bought out by Rubbermaid who eventually relocated. The Mallard Pencil Company was soon followed by Carbide Products in 1949, Electric Parts in 1956, Universal Wire Spring Division of Hoover in 1959, and more. The most notable follower of the pencil company is Toyota, who announced that they would build a plant in the Georgetown area in 1985. The Georgetown Police Department was built in the lot where the pencil company used to reside.

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GENERAL CHARLES SCOTT

General Charles Scott (1759-1815) was a Revolutionary War hero and influential Kentucky politician who founded Georgetown and Scott County. After the Revolutionary War, he moved to Kentucky and was awarded a large tract of land for his military service. In 1784, he founded Georgetown on this land, naming it after his friend and fellow Revolutionary War hero, George Washington. Scott County was established in 1792 and named in his honor. Scott was an advocate for education and infrastructure development, and he worked to establish Georgetown College. He also helped to build the East Courthouse and jail in Scott County. Scott is remembered as a respected military leader and public servant who played an important role in shaping the history of Kentucky and the United States.

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DANIEL BOONES SYCAMORE TREE

In the 1700s, Daniel Boone became notorious for being the only American and an explorer to the Cumberland Gap. His name also came his brilliant hunting skills and his knowledge in navigating. During his travels, it is reported that he stopped at the sycamore tree and on a later branch, he carved his initials. The sycamore tree and the stone archway to the entrance in Boone's Gap happens to be in Boone's Gap. It is said that Boone's tree is still standing today. Boone's tree is located in Boone's Gap, near the Boone's Gap Archway. Boone's tree is a sycamore tree and is one of the oldest trees in Boone's Gap. Boone's tree is a sycamore tree and is one of the oldest trees in Boone's Gap. Boone's tree is a sycamore tree and is one of the oldest trees in Boone's Gap.


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Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm


Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm changed the way people view thoroughbred aftercare. It all started when former movie critic for The Boston Globe, Michael Brown, heard about the death of 1986 Kentucky Derby winner Ferdinand in 2002. This spurred him into action. He got a leased paddock and a horse, then got started. Over the years, Old Friends Farm has expanded to a 236-acre farm, three satellite locations, and a herd of over 240 retired racehorses and breeding stallions. Old Friends is now the "living history museum" of horse racing with nearly 20,000 visitors annually. Their revenue supports hard knockers like Popcorn Delites who created a name for himself by starring in a Hollywood movie. Every horse has a unique story, and Old Friends Retirement Farm gives them that opportunity.

Created by: Julie Hoskins



OLD FRIENDS FARM


Beginning in 2003, Old Friends Farm has served as a thoroughbred retirement facility and tourist spot located in Georgetown. The founder Michael Blowen started the organization with only one horse and a leased paddock, in hopes to save race horses who would otherwise be slaughtered after their career ended. Old Friends has housed over two hundred and forty retired racehorses and breeding stallions, as well as the farm spanning two hundred and thirty-six acres. It has been home to Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm as well as several other winners of various races. Old Friends Farm takes care and honors the horses behind the industry here in Kentucky and is a recipient of a Special Eclipse Award recognizing great service to the sport of Thoroughbred racing.



GIDDINGS HALL

Giddings Hall is a Greek revival building built in 1839 by J.E. Farnham in Georgetown. Recitation Hall, Giddings Hall, previously, structure after Georgetown College was first Baptist college founded west of the Allegheny Mountains. Elyan Gray was the historically linked to Giddings Hall and is said to have stored bourbon there.

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Mallard Pencil Company

The Mallard Pencil Company was originally located on Bourbon Street, Georgetown Kentucky. The Mallard Pencil Company was founded on November 11th, 1945 but the business factory was opened in Georgetown Kentucky on January 3rd, 1948, by Elroy S. Mallard who was originally born in Tennessee and only started the company after being released from military service. The Mallard Pencil Company closed in the mid 1980s, but the company itself closed in 1985. The company did not hold good records of the location so we have no idea what the income was, how many employees they had, or what other brands they had. The location, the police station looks over the building for a while, before knocking it down because of the bad air.

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