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Come join us at the Society meeting held each month on the second Wednesday of each Month at the Erlanger Historical Depot on Crescent Ave.

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Be sure to come to Heritage Day 2016



September 18, 2016

The 25th Annual Heritage Day will take place in Erlanger, KY on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Opening and flag raising ceremony will be accompanied by the Lloyd High School Band and Chorus playing the National Anthem it will take place at 1:00 p.m. and festivities will continue until 5:00 p.m. There will be music, games, food and craft booths, Tour

the 1877 Depot museum and the newly renovated 1943 Caboose. The Depot structure is the last remaining wooden depot from the Old Southern Railroad Line between Cincinnati and Chattanooga. Take a carriage ride or a walking tour through the historic district of Erlanger. Take a look at the Vintage Cars and the 1950's Greenline bus. Visit the vendors, watch the displays throughout the day, have a sandwich with old friends or meet some new ones. Everything throughout the day is free with the exception of food or drinks. Pickup a Booth punch ticket at 6 different booths and have all the spaces punched and drop the punched ticket in the treasure chest in the Depot Museum to win the major prize of \$50.00 gift certificates.



The Coe Family

A Family of Doctors and some of the first residents of Erlanger, KY

By Patricia A. Hahn
Thank You to Betty Roszmann and Diana Carroll for their help with research.

This is the first entry in Platt Book 66 establishing the town of Erlanger, KY Acts 1887-88 Vol 2 Page 195. The 1887 Act establishing Erlanger, Kentucky beginning on the Covington and Lexington Turnpike at the intersection of the Buttermilk Road, thence extending with the last named road to the gate of Joseph Cleveland residence, west to Dry Run including lands of Henry Niemeyer and James Riggs, north down Dry Run to Boone County lines, south to Florence and Independence Turnpike Road, east to Turkey Foot Road and Bullock Pen Creek including the Buckner land to Banklick Road at the corner of S.W. Henry and Charles Frazer's lines, eastwardly to the line

between the lands of Alfred and Dorsel property

The first time we see the Coe family mentioned in Erlanger documents is the sale of land to Mary Arabella Coe: Deed Book 118 Page 517 August 6, 1904 for \$233.00 . Geo. M. Clark, Geo. B. Kerper, and R. H. Weather head, trustees of Erlanger Land Syndicate to Mary A. Coe In the town of Erlanger at the plat of the Re-Subdivision of Erlanger lots 194 and 195. Plat Book 66 page 640 of Kenton County. The land was deeded to the Trustees of Erlanger Land Syndicate by Daniel W. Thrasher May 10, 1887 at Independence, and then sold to Mary A. Coe wife of Thos. Coe deceased. These lots were on Cowie Avenue. In the 1900 Census Mary is a Widow living on Commonwealth Avenue and five of her six children are still living with her. Charles is a Photographer, Walter is a Brakeman on the Southern RR., Susan is a Milliner, George is a Clerk and Anna is at school. One daughter, Mary Louise Grandin Coe is married by 1900.

Mary Arabella lived at 315 Commonwealth in 1920 with her single daughter Anna . Two of her sons also lived in Erlanger. They lived at the Cowie Ave. addresses. Walter Randolph Coe and his wife Edith E. Goins lived at 119 Cowie and George Burnet Coe and his wife Anna Lois

Smith lived at 122 Cowie Avenue. . Mary's son Charles Forest Coe passed away in 1920 and the two married daughters lived in Ohio. Charles Forest Coe in WWI was detailed by Company A as a sharpshooter and because of his excellent marksmanship, he was awarded a medal of honor [not, "the Medal of Honor"]. George was a Pullman Conductor for the Pullman Car Co. He supervised the porter and maid service and provided for the comfort of passengers in the sleeping, parlor, buffet, and observation cars.

During WWI, many thousands of recruits were sent south over the Southern Railway, and as they passed through Erlanger the train would stop and a large delegation of ladies would meet the train and serve the recruits coffee and sandwiches.

2nd entry in the Deed Book 126 March 11, 1905 was the sale of Plot #198 which is 314 Graves Avenue, 471/2 feet on the east side of Graves Ave. from Samuel Hughes of Lesourdsville, Ohio and his wife who owned this property and sold it to the Erlanger Land syndicate for \$125.00.

Then in 1926 the Coe family purchased this

plot #198 on Graves Avenue from the Land Syndicate plus lots 193-196-197-194-195 on Graves Avenue listed in deed book 224 page 198 for \$18,250.00. The deed list George B. Coe and wife Anna Lois, Walter R. Coe and wife Edith, Sue W. Piatt and husband Eugene Piatt, Mary C. High and husband E. Nelson High and Annabel S. Coe plus the children of Charles Coe deceased, Grandin Coe and Eugene Coe.

The Coe family did build homes on the property and rented the homes. In 1930 #312, 313 and 314 were rented homes. In 1930 the 314 Property was rented to Joseph Bryant and his family. Joseph was a Wholesale Feed Store salesman. Then in 1940 the property was rented to a school teacher Charles Ellis and his family and it states he paid \$30.00 per month rent. Then in the late 1940's Walter Randolph Coe and his wife Edith Goins Coe resided at 314 Graves. Walter was a Conductor for the Railroad. Dr. George Randolph Coe was their older son. Dr. Coe had an office at 15 Commonwealth Avenue



1937-Dr. George R. Coe
wife Elizabeth son Gordon

in Erlanger for over 20 years. Dr. Coe had a winning personality. He passed away at the age of 54 from a heart attack and was missed by Erlanger citizens. Florence Coe, daughter of Walter and Edith, was an elementary principle in the Erlanger-Elsmere School System. The youngest son Walter Slater Coe was also a Doctor. Walter practiced in Louisville, KY.

Some genealogy of the Orr Family:

Thomas Calhoun Coe was born in 1843 in Manhattan, New York and came to Kentucky in the 1860's / Married Mary Arabella Orr in 1871 in Kenton County Kentucky. He died on February 12, 1894, in Erlanger, Kentucky, at the age of 50, and was buried in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Thomas and Arabella Orr Coe had 6 children Charles Forest Coe 1867-1920 married Fannie H. Crisswell

Mary Louise Grandin Coe born 1873-1945 married Everett Nelson High
Walter Randolph Coe 1877-1958 Married Edith Goins
Susan Woodward Coe born 1880-1953 married Eugene Carroll Piatt
George Burnett Coe born 1881-1955 married Anna Lois Smith
Annabella S. Coe born 1886-1964 remained single

Mary Arabella Orr Coe was the daughter of Dr. Thomas Jefferson Orr who was born on May 10, 1809, in Culpeper, Virginia. He had nine sons and three daughters with Mary Elizabeth Grandin between 1839 and 1859. He died on February 28, 1873, in Kenton, Kentucky, at the age of 63, and was buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.



Found this photo of the Orr family the photo does not contain the names of the people other than; Dr. Thomas J. Orr and his wife Mary Elizabeth Grandin Orr, in the center of the photo.

Four of Doctor Orr's sons also became doctors.



Dr. James Graham Orr



Dr. Wm P. Orr

I could not find photos of the other two doctors. I only found their death certificates. Dr. Charles A. Orr died in 1926 and Dr. George Burnet Orr died in 1920. They are buried in Spring Grove Cemetery.



Orr Monument

All of the Coe/Orr family was proud of their heritage. Mary Arbella's Genealogy was traced back to Jacob Piatt, who served in the Revolutionary War and was promoted to rank of Colonel, to serve on the staff of General Washington. The Coe's were SAR and DAR members for several generations.

I know some of you remember Dr. Coe or have heard of Dr. Coe from your parents and grandparents. Hope you have enjoyed looking back on an early resident family of Erlanger, Kentucky.