



BLAKE VICKERS — RR

The Sons of Union Veterans put on an honor guard ceremony to celebrate the reopening of White Hall.

HISTORY

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ture. The home has remained structurally similar since its restoration and establishment as a state historic site in 1968 at the behest of Governor Louie Nunn and his wife, Buella Nunn. 58 years later, officials still feel compelled to divert their efforts toward the preservation of the home; though this time, the stewardship of the home has officially devolved to the local level, not the state.

The City of Richmond has agreed to take on the responsibility of the home as of May with the house reopening to the public on June 3 after a ceremony in which Richmond Mayor Robert Blythe cut a red ribbon to signify a new chapter in the ownership of the estate.

Besides the presence of public officials and dignitaries present at the ceremony, other groups were there, such as the Sons of Union Veterans.

The Sons of Union Veterans is a fraternal organization dedicated to commemoration of the victory of the Union during the Civil War. They also believe in upholding the liberties reserved for all Americans that are enumerated in the Constitution, just as their predecessor organization, “The Grand Army of the Republic,” believed. President Ulysses S. Grant was a member of that organization after the American Civil War.

Steve Menifee, a cur-

rent member of the Sons of Union Veterans, said he attended the event because “Cassius Clay represents the values our organization stands for, which includes the fight for ‘a more perfect union’,” an endeavor he believes to be something all Americans should strive to achieve every day because it is inscribed in the preamble of the U.S. Constitution. He spoke with such solemnity after he participated in a 21-gun salute with his fellow uniformed Sons of Union Veterans members.

When asked about what made the Richmond City Commission want to assume responsibility over the property, Mayor Robert Blythe responded, “We could not let this home sit and deteriorate. It is a jewel and a testament to the lives of those who lived here, as well as a reminder of a past we need to know about — including the evil that was here. Though White Hall is a good place today. Such a beautiful place, it is.”

In Mayor Blythe’s perspective, the preservation of Clermont and the entire White Hall estate is a homage to the lives of those who resided there, including the lives of those who toiled against their will. Nonetheless, Mayor Blythe defended Clay.

“But Cassius Clay, himself, was a decent man,” he said. “Not a perfect man but a decent man because of his selfless decision to voluntarily emancipate all those whom he had inherited from his father.”

Commissioner Mike Brewer said of Clay, “He was a truly extraordinary

man and a good statesman.... but he was not a man to be reckoned with.”

But there is more inside the Clermont House. There are different exhibits containing the actual dresses worn by relatives of Clay such as his wife, Mary Jane Warfield, and daughters. Also, there are exhibits that divulge the lives of the enslaved at White Hall. The newest exhibit that is part of the recent renovation is dedicated to the lives of African American Madison Countians who served in the military.

228 years later, the White Hall estate has endured throughout the centuries of its numerous owners with many renovations with the intent of simultaneously preserving its authenticity as a home built at the turn of the 18th century.

Pertaining to the continuity of the property’s stewardship and maintenance, Mayor Robert Blythe said, “We felt we knew better what to do with it.”

Matthew Parrish, who is the curator of Clermont House, concluded the grand reopening, saying it was “a great way to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States.”

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Estate of	Fiduciary	Attorney	Kind
Morris B. Floyd 22-P-00593	David L. Bohannon 103 Karla Drive Richmond, KY 40475		Final Settlement 05-14-2026
Terry Clay Sparks 24-P-00024	Christopher Rainwater	H. Vincent Pennington 114 South Fourth Street Danville, KY 40422	Final Settlement 05-18-2026
This JUNE 6, 2026 David M. Fernandez by BE/DC Madison County District Court			

APPOINTMENTS			
Pursuant to Section 424.120 and 420.340 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, Notice of Creditors, Administration has been granted by the District court upon the following:			
Estate	Fiduciary	Attorney	Kind
Fonnie Horn 25-P-00523	Sandra Horn Tammy Fultz	Charles Hardin 214 N. Third Street Richmond, KY 40475	Co-Executrix 05-06-2026
Joy C. Johnson 26-P-00112	James Lee Noland Jr.	Kory Isaacs 218 West Main Street Richmond, KY 40475	Executor 05-06-2026
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Luther Abshear 26-P-00234	Judy Abshear 1231 E. Irvine Street Richmond, KY 40475		Administratrix 05-06-2026
Wilma J. Lakes 26-P-00241	Marilyn Ballinger 904 Walter Lakes Road Waco, KY 40385		Co-Executrix 05-13-2026
	Katrena Lakes 130 Carrs Mill Road Waco, KY 40385		
	Whitney Lakes 26023 Valley Ridge Road Madison, KY 35456		
Teddy R. Ramey Jr. 26-P-00246	Sandra L. Ramey 2705 Penn Meade Drive Nashville, TN 37214		Executrix 05-13-2026
Richard Lee Kinlaw 26-P-00249	Melba Ann Land 185 Forest Lane Richmond, KY 40475		Executrix 05-06-2026
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			This June 6, 2026 David M. Fernandez by BE/DC Madison County Circuit/District Court