

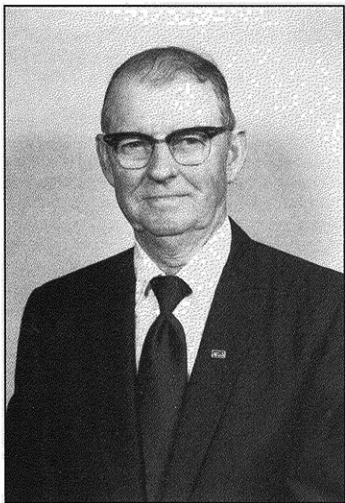
Sol Warren wins Susan Arthur Historical Preservation Award

Local historian K.S. Sol Warren, author of the first book-length history of Knox County, Kentucky, was named the second recipient of the Susan Arthur Historical Preservation Award at the Daniel Boone Festival Royalty Coronation 8 October 2007. He was given the award by the GFWC/KFWC Junior Woman's Study Club at Knox Central Middle School gymnasium before the presentation of candidates for festival queen, princess, mini-queen and mini-king.

The Junior Woman's Study Club created the award in 2006 to be presented during the Daniel Boone Festival in honor of the late Susan Arthur, president of the Knox Historical Museum, local historian, and official storyteller at the club's annual picnic for royalty candidates. The award acknowledges an individual who has made significant contributions to the preservation of local history, traditions and other forms of this region's cultural heritage.

The club established the Susan Arthur Historical Preservation Award to be given annually in the form of two plaques: one to the person they choose to honor as following in Susan's steps and preserving our history and another plaque to be inscribed with that person's name each year and kept on display at the Knox Historical Museum. Charles Reed Mitchell, winner of the 2006 Susan Arthur Award, is also listed on the museum's plaque.

King Solomon Warren was born 4 September 1916 on Roaring Fork at Stinking Creek in Knox County. He attended Red Bird High School and later graduated from Knox Central High School. During World War II he volunteered in April 1940 to serve our country in the U.S. Army, qualifying only after eating a pound of bananas and drinking a quart of water to meet the minimum weight requirements. Stationed in the U.S. Panama Canal when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, Warren was sent to the European Theater and served in Germany and Austria as a combat medic under General George Patton, totaling over five



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years in the military. He was employed by the Veteran's Administration for almost a quarter of a century. He is now a member of the Barbourville Deaton-Smith American Legion.

Since returning from military service, Warren has been a major contributor to every effort to preserve and maintain the heritage of southeastern Kentucky. Knox County Judge M.G. Bingham hired him as Knox Quarterly Clerk, and the seven years he spent in this employment gave him access to county legal records which peaked his curi-

osity about his homeland's past and helped develop a strong interest in writing local history. A supporter of the Pentecostal Children's Home, he introduced a periodical, the *Children's Home Circle* and edited it for ten years, among other educational and charitable duties.

He was one of the original incorporators of the Daniel Boone Festival and a founder of both the Knox County Historical Society in 1976 and the Knox Historical Museum in 1987. He was a reporter for newspapers in Corbin and Middlesboro, Kentucky and Knoxville, Tennessee, the Associated Press, and over the years wrote more than a hundred feature articles for the *Barbourville Mountain Advocate*.

Warren's books include *A History of Knox County, Kentucky* (1976), *April in Kentucky* (1983), *Back on the Farm Where I Come From* (2003) and several volumes of works on his family and general genealogy studies.

Further biographical and family information may be found under his name in *Knox County, Kentucky: History and Families*, Barbourville: Knox Historical Museum, 1994, 323.



David Mills presents Warren with award.

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