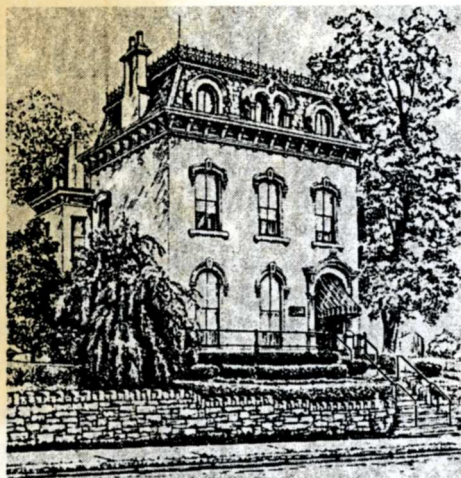


THE BAKER - HUNT FOUNDATION



620 GREENUP STREET
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

THE HOME OF THE BAKER-HUNT FOUNDATION

On June 29, 1854, John W. Baker, a merchant of Cincinnati, and his family established their home in this fine house, now 620 Greenup Street, Covington. He purchased the property from John C. Bayless. The house had been built on a parcel of land held by Robert Kyle.

The original building had already been enlarged before Mr. Bayless sold it to John Baker. A larger new parlor was added to the west front of the house relegating the old parlor to a secondary position. On the south side an entry hallway and stairs had been built which made the house wider. In October, 1860, an additional strip of land was acquired, enlarging the lot on which the house stands and shortly after the Civil War, Mr. Baker altered the size and shape of the home.

He had a wide hall door and elaborate vestibule built to replace the plain door of earlier days. The straight stairway was removed from the hall in favor of a lovely circular stair built in the well at the far end. Small stained glass windows in the stairwell were added at this time. Tall French windows were cut in the front wall to admit more light to the parlor. Finally, a great deal of additional space was made available by a redesigned roof in the mansard style with decorative dormers and chimney pieces. The small attic was converted into full sized rooms as they exist today. Botanical specimens in the gardens were rare and the

Baker-Hunt Foundation to hold open house Jan. 16-17

The Baker-Hunt Foundation will hold an art show and open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 16 and from 1 to 5 p.m. Jan. 17.

The open house is for the purpose of promoting the foundation, its programs and instructors to the Tristate area. Proceeds from the sale of students and instructors' works benefits the Baker-Hunt Foundation and restoration of the Baker-Hunt facilities.

entry to the coach house at the rear street preserved the entire area around the house for stately landscaping.

Mr. Baker came to Cincinnati from Philadelphia in 1838. He established himself as a merchant in candles, lamps, and chandeliers. A year later, he married Henrietta Adams Potter who was from a distinguished New England family. They lived in a select residential area of Cincinnati prior to 1854. Seeking more space and a quieter setting for his wife and nine year old daughter, Margaretta, they moved to Covington.

In 1872 Margaretta Baker married Dr. William Hunt in the Trinity Episcopal Church. In spite of her small family, Mrs. Hunt continued to improve her home through new additions to the structure. She added a conservatory on the south side. At another time, a long enclosed porch was built. A small bay was added to the north facade and a sun room was built over the first floor roof toward the rear of the house.

A frequent visitor to their home was Margaretta's niece, Miss Kate Scudder. The two women, particularly Miss Scudder, became community leaders, as they planned cultural and educational events for the large home.

Mrs. Margaretta Baker-Hunt and Miss Kate Scudder established the Baker-Hunt foundation in 1922. The entire estate of the Hunt family is held in perpetual trust to support it. The Firststar Bank designed the legal structure. The recorded purpose of the Foundation is

the promotion of education, the arts and sciences, and the encouragement of religious activities.

A building designed to house a natural history museum and a small auditorium was erected in 1927. An art teaching studio was added in 1967 and an adjacent parking area in 1970. In these buildings and in some areas of the mansion, classes in the arts and allied subjects are taught.

The Baker-Hunt Foundation operates through a Board of Directors, Business Manager, and a Program Director.

To receive information about our programs, classes, and art exhibitions or to be added to our mailing list please call our office at (606) 431-0020.

