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YORK STREET WAS NAMED FOR ENGLISH NOBLEMAN

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The history of York street, Newport, now 142 years old, was related to members of the York street Business Men's Association last night by Charles B. Truesdell, Ft. Thomas, former state senator.

The meeting featured a band concert by Gasdorf's Band.

The thoroughfare, Mr. Truesdell said, was named in honor of an English nobleman, York, a personal friend of the Duke of York. York was a guest of Gen. James Taylor, founder of Newport.

Because the street led to the ferry it was for many years the main artery of travel in Campbell county. The ferry boat plied between Newport and Cincinnati.

William Anderson, president, in introducing Mr. Truesdell, said the association was formed a month ago to promote better business on the street. He said the next concert would be given Monday night at Fifth and York streets.

Continuing with the history of York street the speaker said:

"For many years your street and city boasted of having two of the largest hotels in the middle west, the International Hotel, between Front and Second streets, established in 1801 and operated for many years by

Thomas Barlow. The building where this hotel stood was demolished in 1901.

"The other was the Southgate Tavern, located at Front and York streets, established during the period of the War of 1812 and abandoned in 1910.

"A tavern and general store was operated for many years by Bill Lee at Southgate and York streets. Lee died leaving an estate valued at more than a quarter of a million of dollars. A noted law suit developed over the settlement of the estate, in which Col. Oliver Root represented one interest and Humphrey and Thomas Marshall, of Louisville, represented another.

"General George P. Jackson who once lived on upper York street, moved to California during the eighties and became governor of that state.

"The town of Newport once operated an artesian well at Fifth and York streets. It was abandoned in 1871 when the Newport Water Works was built. The well was operated by a wooden pump and supplied cold, clear and an abundant supply of water to citizens.

"The first drug store in Newport was established at Fourth and York streets. It was opened in 1840 by George Tyler. The first hat store in the city was opened by William Tice on York street, between Sixth and Sev-

enth streets. Later it was moved to the Rink Building, at Seventh and York streets.

"Healey's Hall, originally known as the Red Men's Hall, located between Fourth and Fifth streets, was used as a county courthouse after the old courthouse was abandoned and while the present courthouse was being built.

"The Rink Building was constructed in 1879 and built by Henry Schriver of Ft. Thomas. The building was a noted resort for many years. It is now used as a residential and apartment house and storeroom.

"George Fearons and James Ryan once operated the leading tailor shops where the Saint Paul's Episcopal Church parish house now is located. Fearons later became Mayor of Newport. Ryan was an uncle of Phil J. Ryan, present Newport attorney.

"The Masonic Temple Building, where this concert is being held, was dedicated in 1886. The Newport Post-office once was located here.

"Four of the principal churches of Newport are still located on this street.

"Prior to the Civil War the territory located south of Eighth and York streets was known as the Commons."