

Announcing a new book to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of McCracken County...

McCracken County, Kentucky

Bicentennial History Book, 1825-2025

Since the early 1800s, when pioneers came to explore the Jackson Purchase and the permanent settlement of Pekin (later changed to Paducah), was established at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee rivers, the area that would become McCracken County has been a center for both agriculture and business, beautiful homes and rich traditions, a place where people are known for hard work, steadfast faith, and family values.

To celebrate our county's upcoming 200th Anniversary in 2025, the McCracken County Fiscal Court is proud to announce a new comprehensive historical book of the county, its people and communities, with hundreds of photographs representing all eras of local county history.

We Need Your Help!

The *McCracken County, Kentucky Bicentennial History Book* will contain hundreds of photos, sketches and highlights of our county throughout the years. To make sure the book fully represents the county and its people, **WE WANT TO INCLUDE YOUR NEVER BEFORE SEEN PHOTOGRAPHS**, because this book documenting the history of our county is for everyone!

If you have a photograph representing something of historic significance to McCracken County that has never been published before, please send it in. We cannot guarantee the image will be included, but we are interested in unpublished photos that help tell our collective history.

You may send original photographs and we will handle them with care, or send professional duplicate prints (no Xerox copies, please) of any irreplaceable photos. In addition, high resolution photographs may be emailed to:

MCCRACKEN200THBOOK@ACCLAIMPRESS.COM.

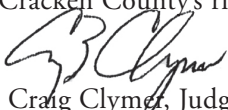
Please write your name, address and a caption on the back explaining who and what is depicted in the photograph and, if possible, the date it was taken. All photographs will be reviewed for content and clarity, with the goal of using as many as we can, and all will be returned when the book is completed.

There is **NO CHARGE** for having your photos published in the *McCracken County, Kentucky - Bicentennial History Book*. Your pictures (and any book orders) should be sent in no later than July 30, 2024. Additional information and ideas on what photos to send are located inside this brochure or online at: **WWW.ACCLAIMPRESS.COM.**

Special Book Offer

This hardbound, library quality 8.5 x 11-inch coffee-table volume will be printed on heavy-weight gloss paper for superior photo reproduction, and will be beautifully bound in a rich leatherette cover with the McCracken County seal stamped in gold foil. **Copies of this limited edition series may be reserved for only \$49.95 by July 30th.**

Please join us in support of this special book celebrating MaCracken County's rich legacy!



Craig Clymer, Judge Executive
McCracken County, Kentucky



Bicentennial Edition
1825-2025

Pictured above is a sample cover for the McCracken County, Kentucky Bicentennial History Book. Note: the actual cover has not been finalized and will tentatively feature the McCracken County seal stamped in gold foil.

How To Participate

Send your photographs, book orders and checks to:
McCracken County Bicentennial History Book
c/o McCracken County Public Library
555 Washington Street • Paducah, KY 42003
Make checks payable to McCracken Co., Ky Bicentennial Book

QUESTIONS? Call (270) 444-4707, email
mccracken200thbook@acclaimpress.com, or visit
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DEADLINE: JULY 30, 2024

McCracken County, Kentucky – BICENTENNIAL

Invitation for Photograph and Memorial Page Submissions:

With the 2025 Bicentennial year rapidly approaching, the McCracken County commemorative book committee is inviting families across the county to participate. **This commemorative history book is a community-wide effort and due to numerous requests, sponsored memorial pages are available for family histories to be included.**

The deadline for family sponsored pages is July 30th. To see an example and to obtain details, scan the QR code at on the opposite page or visit <https://www.acclaimpress.com/books/mccracken-county-kentucky-bicentennial-edition/> and download the Memorial page.

Ideas for Never-Before-Published Photos to Submit:

- **Significant People and Places:**
Important citizens, business and civic leaders, veterans, and notable figures
- **Buildings:**
Homes, barns, and other landmark buildings, etc.
- **Events/Activities:**
Parades, political rallies, disasters, floods, fires, etc.
- **Businesses:**
Drug stores, general stores, banks, doctor offices, sawmills, etc.
- **Schools:**
Buildings, school activities, graduating classes, sports, school buses, etc.
- **Transportation:**
Early automobiles, boats & barges, road construction, trains, etc.
- **Organizations:**
Garden clubs, 4-H, military, civic organizations, etc.
- **Churches:**
Buildings, church picnics, baptisms, revivals, etc.

This page pictured clockwise from top: Downtown Broadway looking west from 3rd St, ca. 1900; Heath Junior-Senior Prom at the Civic Center, 1967; Paducah Drive In on Hwy. 45, ca. 1950s; Paducah Municipal Airport, 1938. Opposite page, top corner: author and humorist Irvin Cobb. Background image: Paducah City Hall, 2020, by Carol Highsmith. Photos courtesy of the Library of Congress.

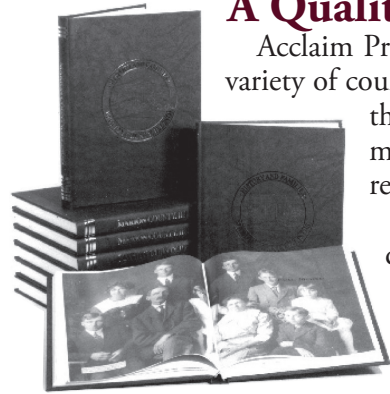


BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK • 1825-2025

A Quality Publication

Acclaim Press has published hundreds of commemorative history books for a wide variety of counties across the country, with nearly a century of combined experience in the publishing industry. Each book is painstakingly researched and documented, containing scores of superior, historic photographs and well-researched information that capture the history of each community.

Your book will be printed on number one grade, acid-free, double coated glossy paper to ensure the highest caliber photo reproduction and Smyth-sewn binding for longevity. Your choice of



books includes the hardbound Deluxe Edition, bound in a classic leatherette displaying the McCracken County Seal stamped in gold for \$49.95, or the Leather Collector's Edition, bound in genuine bonded leather, for only \$89.95. Either version may be personalized with your name, or that of a friend or loved one, stamped in silver or gold for an additional \$8.00.

NOTE: This hardbound, 8.5x11-inch "coffee-table" book will be a limited edition publication and you must order in advance to be assured of receiving a copy.

Bicentennial History Book Chairpersons:

Steve Ervin, *County Comm. Development Project Manager*

Judge Executive Craig Clymer

Justin Brasher • Lea Wentworth • Nathan Lynn,

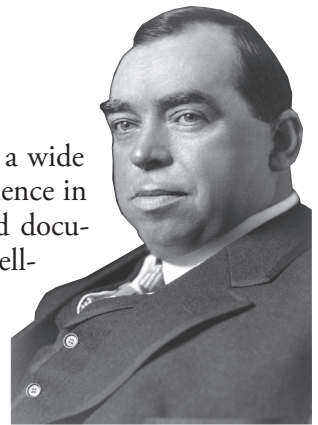
McCracken County Public Library

Dr. William H. Mulligan Jr., *Jackson Purchase Historical Society*

Roy Hansel, *McCracken County Historical Society*

Brent Taylor, *Assoc. Professor of History,*

West Kentucky Community and Technical College



Book Contents:

- Early Settlement, The Purchase, County Establishment
- Cities, Towns, Communities and Neighborhoods
- Transportation, including Rivers, Railroads, Roads, and Bridges
- Agriculture and Farming
- Business, Industry and Energy
- Military and War
- Medicine and Hospitals
- Government, Politics, and Local Media
- Civil Infrastructure and Public Safety
- Religion, Education, and Schools
- Sports and Recreation, Arts, and Entertainment
- Architecture, Historic Homes, and Sites
- Civil Organizations and Community Leaders
- Traditions, Customs, and Local Culture
- Special section featuring the county's historic businesses, churches, clubs, and organizations
- Hundreds of photos of county life and events since the 1800s



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Order Form

Make checks payable to McCracken Co. Ky Bicentennial Book

McCracken County, Ky Bicentennial History Book	Qty	Price	Total
Deluxe Edition (\$59.95 retail; now only \$49.95)		\$49.95	
Leather Collector's Edition		\$89.95	
Embossed Name on book cover (\$8.00 per line; 2 lines maximum)		\$8.00	
Shipping & handling: add \$8.57 first book, \$5.25 for each add'l book to the same address			
Make checks payable to McCracken Co., Ky - Bicentennial Book	TOTAL		

☐ Please send me add'l information on the special Family Memorial section, available for \$300 per full-page

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NOTE: Proceeds from the sale of this book will also help other communities and organizations preserve their history through Our American Heritage Project, a non-profit organization.

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