

Historical Sketch

is famous (Peter, Op. Cit., p. 205).

In 1793 Fayette County had four important roads: The Wilderness, the Nashville, the Lexington-Limestone and the Louisville Roads (R. S. Cotterill, History of Pioneer Kentucky, p. 236). Today, four federal highways (Nos. 25, 27, 60 and 68) traverse the county.

Small settlements in the county include Athens, Brier Hill, Montrose, South Elkhorn, East Hickman and Slickaway.

A short distance northwest of the city of Lexington a federal narcotic farm and hospital has been erected. The institution is unique in this part of the country.

Local nineteenth century historians were fond of applying the rather extravagant soubriquet "Mother of Counties" to Fayette. Even with the limitations of a more realistic outlook, however, some truth will be granted the lesser implication of the title when it is realized that originally Fayette County embraced approximately one-third of the state of Kentucky, or forty-seven of its present counties.

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