

Eastern Kentucky University Archives
Postcard Collection, 1907-1987 (To view postcard images click here.)

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Scope and Content Note

The EKU Archives Postcard Collection is an artificial collection compiled from a variety of sources including donations of individual postcards, postcards that may have been weeded or separated from other collections (and we have not been able to determine their original donor) and some that may have been purchased. The postcards in this collection all relate to Kentucky and have been divided into three groups for ease of access: Kentucky, Madison County and Eastern Kentucky University. Within these series the cards have been arranged alphabetically by city, county or locale (where city or county would not be the primary point of access) and then again alphabetically under those headings by personal name, subject or place name. For the most part this collection is comprised of picture postcards (which have a photomechanical or printed image) and the terms photochrome (for a color photo cards) or photo card (for B&W photo cards) have been used to identify those cards that contain real photographic image. Some of the black & white images that appear to be photographs are actually photomechanical reproductions. There are also several images that are only color photocopies of postcards (their source is unknown and they are only copies of the front of the card).

A note on arrangement and description: We are still in the process of researching postcard history, so, some of the information given about the type of postcard may be inaccurate. Unless otherwise indicated, these are individual cards. It has also been noted when there is more than one card of the same subject but with different views. If there are two identical cards it will be indicated as “2 copies” and if there are different views, the number of views will be noted and the number of cards will read as “items.”

For example: “Governor’s Mansion (two different views), 4 items” means that there are two different views of the Governor’s Mansion on four postcards which could be three cards of one view and one card of another view or two cards of each view. “State Capitol (six different views), 6 items” would be an indication that there are six postcards, each with a different view of the State Capitol building. “Capital Hotel, 2 copies” means that there are two postcards with the same view (even though the cards may be manufactured in different years and/or by different companies).

To facilitate research, the collection has been divided into categories that we thought would aid researchers as well as help us manage a collection. The categories that were devised are not formal cataloguing subjects but represent the best way to divide the collection to assist researchers in locating particular images. The postcards that were difficult to categorize have been placed at the end of each series as “General Interest.” The collection is currently divided into three series:

Kentucky - alphabetical by City, County or Locale (except Madison County).

Madison County - alphabetical by City or Locale (except EKU).

Eastern Kentucky University - alphabetical by building, subject or name.

Kentucky - by City, County or Locale (except Madison County).

Bardstown

Garden in Rear of Old Kentucky Home
Fitch, John, Memorial
Kitchen, Old Kentucky Home
St. Joseph's Proto-Cathedral (Fold Out)
Wickland, The Dining Room at

Blue Licks Battlefield State Park

Blue Licks Battle Ground Monument

Bowling Green

Warren County Court House, photo card (3-A-36)

Catlettsburg

Presbyterian Church (color photocopy only)

Columbia

Lindsay-Wilson Jr. College

Cumberland Falls State Park

Beautiful Cumberland Falls
Beautiful Cumberland Falls, Kentucky's Niagra
Cumberland Falls, W.M. Cline No. 500
Cumberland Falls, W.M. Cline No. 501
Cumberland Falls, W.M. Cline photo card series (8 items):
 Cumberland Falls (1-Y-1); Moonbow (1-Y-5); Cumberland Falls and
 Moonbow Inn (1-Y-22); Lobby Dupont Lodge (1-Y-52); View from DuPont
 Lodge (1-Y-53); Cumberland River above Cumberland Falls (1-Y-60);
 DuPont Lodge, exterior view (1-Y-174); and DuPont Lodge, people seated
 on porch (1-Y-181).
Cumberland Falls, Standard Printing Co. series (6 items):
 Cumberland Falls During Drought; Cumberland Falls at Flood Stage;
 Cumberland Falls at Normal Stage; Moonbow Inn; Rhododendron; and du
 Pont Lodge.
Greetings from Cumberland Falls (Old Man and Old Woman of the Falls)
Wolf Creek Dam, Lake Cumberland, photochrome

Crab Orchard

Famous Crab Orchard Springs Hotel, 2 copies

Elizabethtown

Brown-Pusey House
Brown-Pusey House Garden

Frankfort

Capital Hotel, 2 copies
Daniel Boone and Companions, East Lunette, 2 copies
Daniel Boone's Monument
Executive Mansion, New
Governor's Mansion (two different views), 4 items (one to Maree Jane Diamond,
 Richmond, KY)
King's Daughters Hospital, 2 copies
Liberty Hall
O'Hara, Grave of Theodore
Old State House
Saint Clair Street Looking toward Old State Capitol

Stewart Home Training School, view of Lake and Residence of Dr. John P. Stewart
State Capitol (six different views), 6 items (one is addressed to Janie Diamond,
Richmond, KY and two are photochromes)
State Capitol, photo card series (6 items):
North Front; West Front; Chamber of Court of Appeals; East End of
Corridor; Hall of House of Representatives; and Senate Chamber.
State Capitol and Governor's Mansion (two different views), 3 items
State Office Building, New
War Mother's Memorial Bridge

Franklin

Simpson County Court House, photo card (3-A-112)

Gilbertsville

Kentucky Dam
Kentucky Dam, Ducks-eye view of
Kentucky Dam, Fish-eye view of , 2 copies (Harry S. Truman signature reproduced)

Glasgow

Barren County Court House

Hardin County

Birthplace of Abraham Lincoln

Harrodsburg

Cabin In Which Parents of Abraham Lincoln Were Married
Federal Monument
Federal Monument, Pioneer Memorial State Park
Fort Harrod, (three different views), 5 items
George Rogers Clark Monument
Kentucky's First Cabin
Kentucky's First School at Old Fort Harrod
Lincoln Cabin
Lincoln Marriage Temple (two different views), 2 items
Mansion Museum, Pioneer Memorial State Park

Henderson

Audubon, John James, Memorial Tablet
Audubon State Park, Audubon Memorial Museum (two different views), 4 items
Audubon State Park, Tea Room
First Presbyterian Church
L & N Railroad Bridge, photo card
Night Scene on Ohio River at Henderson
Saw and Grist Mill Erected by John James Audubon

High Bridge

Beautiful Kentucky River, looking east from High Bridge
Beauty Spot in the Kentucky River, A
Chimney Rock on the Kentucky River, 2 copies
Dix River Hydro-Electric Dam (three different views), 3 items
High Bridge, Southern Railway Bridge (four different views, one card is a
photochrome), 4 items
High Bridge, Southern Railway Bridge, at Night
Junction of Dix and Kentucky Rivers
Kentucky River From High Bridge at Night
Looking up Kentucky River from High Bridge
New High Bridge at High Bridge, by Night

Train Approaching Bridge at High Bridge

Hodgenville

Inscription in Memorial Hall, Abraham Lincoln National Historical Park
Lincoln Cabin Inside Memorial Hall on Lincoln Farm (two different views), 2 items
Lincoln Knob Creek Farm (two different views), photochromes, 2 items
Lincoln Memorial Hall on Lincoln Farm
Stone Steps Leading to Lincoln Spring, Lincoln Farm

Horse Cave

Hotel Owens, New, 3 copies

Irvine

Broadway, photo card (note on back indicates 1931)
Broadway and Main, photo card (note on back indicates 1931)
Court House (color photocopy only)
Court House and Jail (color photocopy only)
Estill Springs (color photocopy only)
Irvine High School, photo card (note on back indicates 1933)

Jackson

Pan Bowl, Picturesque scene on the

Lancaster

Circle, The
Post Office

Lexington

Ashland, The Home of Henry Clay (one is a photochrome), 2 items
Calumet Farm
Central Baptist Hospital, 2 copies
Henry Clay Monument (two different views), 2 items
Hotel Lafayette
Keenland Association Running Track
Kentucky State University, Main Building
Lexington Skyline
Mill at Second Street
Running Track [with horses]
Spendthrift (originally Cherry Grove, Major Hester P. Lewis, 1804), photo card
Three Optional Routes (Louisville to Lexington) Courtesy of Rogers Restaurants
Tobacco Wagons (color photocopy only)
Trotting Track [with horses]
Union Station
U.S. Routes Thru Lexington, KY (mileage from Tommy Duvall's Service Station)
University of Kentucky (two different aerial views), 2 items
University of Kentucky, Library
University of Kentucky, Memorial Hall
Walnut Hall Farm

Louisville

Brown Hotel, Broadway at Fourth (to Margaret Willoughby, Richmond, KY)
Canal Locks, Ohio River
Churchill Downs, Home of the Kentucky Derby
City Hall
Kentucky Hotel (two different views), 7 items
St. Joseph's Infirmary, Chapel
Speed Memorial Museum (note on back indicates 1938)

Louisville - 1937 Flood (see accession #1984-025), photo card series (5 items):

Barret and Broadway Boat Station; First and Breckinridge Streets; Fourth and Broadway Looking East; Fourth Street Looking North; and, Third and Chestnut Looking South.

Mammoth Cave

Banquet Scene in Mammoth Cave, 1915
Bridal Altar
Crystal Lake
Echo River, 360 ft. Underground, 2 copies
Entrance to Mammoth Cave
Going In

Mammoth Cave, H.C. Ganter series, 1892-1908 (10 items):

Martha Washington's Statue; Exit of Corkscrew into Main Cave; Consumptive Cabin; Star Chamber; In Violet City; Marble Temple; Jenny Lind's Arm Chair; Chimes; Bridal Altar; and On Echo River. [note: the images on the cards are 1892-1908 but the cards were produced after 1907]

Mammoth Cave Hotel
Martha Washington's Statue

Mayfield

Curlee Clothing Company
East Broadway
First Baptist Church
Hall Hotel
Mayfield High School
Mule Day Market (note on back indicates 1947)
Woolridge Monuments, 3 copies

Middlesboro

Boone Way Inn
Central School Building
Coal House, Middlesboro Chamber of Commerce
Cumberland Gap and Pinnacle Mountain
Fern Lake
Hotel Cumberland, 3 copies (one to Margarett Gentry, Richmond, KY)
Pinnacle Rock, Top of
Post Office (to Henry M. Harris, Richmond, KY)
Rock Bluff on Colmar Road
Three States Marker (note on back appears to be a reading list)

Natural Bridge State Park

Natural Bridge, photochrome
Natural Bridge (three different views), 3 items

Nicholasville

Farmers Exchange Bank Bldg. Main Street (color photocopy only)

Owingsville

Old Owings House

Paducah

Hotel Oxford, 2 copies
Twitchell, Birthplace of Paul, Short Story Writer (autographed by Paul Twitchell)

Paris

Cane Ridge Meeting House, photochrome

Pineville

Bird's Eye View, From Top of Mountain ("Ancil Hurst" on back)
Cumberland Gap From Pinnacle Mt., ("Ancil Hurst" on back)
Kentucky Ridge Forest, Where the Mountain Laurel Blooms
Seven Sister, On the Harlan Line, Near Pineville ("Ancil Hurst" on back)
Wallsend Bridge ("Ancil Hurst" on back)

Powell County

Pilot Knob - which lead Daniel Boone to the beautiful level of Kentucky, photo card

Pryse

Texaco Refinery, photo card (note on back indicates 1932)

Russellville

James, Jesse, Mural, In Lobby of Southern Deposit Bank

Shakertown

Grey Room, Shakertown Inn
Guest House of Historic Shaker Village
Pleasant Hill Church Family of Shakers
Shaker Village Guest House
Shakertown Inn

Switzer

Covered Bridge, photochrome

Versailles

Main Street looking North (color photocopy only)
View of Main Street (color photocopy only)

Walker State Park

First House Ever Built by a White Man in Kentucky (by The Collotype Co.)
Story of Kentucky's First House, Cline photo card (1-Y-?)

Warsaw

Gallatin County Court House, photo card

Kentucky (General Interest)

Boone, Daniel, in the Wilderness by William C. Allen
Boone's, Daniel, Log Cabin on Kentucky River
Brown, Hon. John (1st US Senator from Kentucky)
Combs, Earle Bryan (2 unsigned and 3 signed copies), 5 items
Drive Through the Blue Grass Section
Eggner's Ferry Bridge, Aerial View of, Over Kentucky Lake
Foster, Stephen Collins
Kentucky State Building, Jamestown Exposition (VA), 1907
Lincoln, The Earthly Pilgrimage of Abraham
Lincoln, Abraham, by C.J. Long
Old Log Cabin
Roadways Connecting Kentucky State Parks
Typical Kentucky Blue Grass Road, 2 copies
Typical Kentucky Tobacco Field

Audubon, John James

Series of 24 cards entitled "From *Audubon's Birds of America Postcards*, a Dover Publication" (© 1987). Includes: American Flamingo; Atlantic Puffin; Black-Crowned Night Heron; Carolina Parakeet; Cerulean Warbler; Common Troupial; Great Blue Heron; Gryfalcon; Long Billed Curlew; Magnolia Warbler; Magpie Jay;

Mallard; Northern Parula; Northern Shoveler; Pileated Woodpecker; Prothonotary Warbler; Reddish Egret; Roseate Spoonbill; Scarlet Ibis; Snowy Egret; Snowy Owl; White Pelican; Whooping Crane; and Wild Turkey.

Horses and Horse Farms

Blue Grass Stock Farm "In Old Kentucky," 2 copies

Citation Kentucky Derby Winner 1948, 2 copies

Citation, "One of the Greatest Race Horses of All Time"

Fair Play, Statue at Elmendorf Farm

Grazing Scene in the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky, Cline photo card (1-Y-320)

Imp. Pataud, Sire of Sam Freedman, Minute Man, Pyx, Gloria France

Man-O-War

Man-O-War with his trainer

Man-O-War, Statue at Faraway Farm

Man-O-War, Statue at Faraway Farm, photochrome

Typical Breeding Farm "In Old Kentucky"

Typical Stock Farm in the Blue Grass State "In Old Kentucky"

War Admiral "In Old Kentucky,"

Whirlaway, Kentucky Derby Winner, 2 copies

Poems, Songs or Text

First Nine Laws of Kentucky

In Kentucky (three different views with text by James H. Mulligan), 3 items

In Old Kentucky... (one card has notations on back and is signed by the author of the poem, Mary Eyre Wintersmith Robertson), 2 copies

Ladies and Gentlemen We Give You Kentucky..., 1947

My Old Kentucky Home (two different views), 3 items

Neighboring in Kentucky (by Lucy Louise Hatcher), 2 copies

Old Kanituck

Tribute to Kentucky (by Bruce Barton)

Madison County

Berea

Berea College, Alumni Memorial Building, photochrome

Berea College, Fireside Industries (woman at a loom outdoors), photo card

Berea College, Fireside Industries, where colonial arts are being perpetuated

Berea College, The Handicraft of Berea College Girls in Fireside Industries

Berea College, Ladies Hall

Berea College, An Old-Fashioned Loom at the Fireside Industries

Berea College, Sunshine Ballard Cabin, photo card

Boone Tavern

Moore's Motel on U.S. Route 25, photochrome

Boonesborough

Boone, Daniel, Tablet

Boone, Daniel, Tree, (from Theodore Keith, 1952), Cline photo card (1-Y-132?)

Boonesboro Bridge, photo card

Boonesboro Bridge Between Winchester and Richmond (color photocopy only)

Richmond

Baptist Church

Bel Air Motel, photochrome

Boone Rock

Caldwell High School, 5 copies

Caldwell High School, photo card
Catholic Church and Rectory on the Dixie Highway
Clay's Ferry (Bridge) on the Dixie Highway, 2 copies (note on back of one indicates that it was purchased by Susanne Geist nee Williams in 1916 or 1917)
Clay's Ferry Bridge - US 25 (1-Y-147), Approach to, (color photocopy only)
Clay's Ferry Bridge - US 25, Near Richmond, KY, photo card series (4 items):
 Highest Bridge in Eastern U.S. (1-Y-108); Highest Bridge in Eastern U.S. (1-Y-368); Highest Bridge in Eastern U.S. (1-Y-371); Approach to (1-Y-372).
County Court House and Bandstand (color photocopy only)
County Court House (three different views), 3 items (note on back of one indicates that it was purchased by Susanne Geist nee Williams in 1916 or 1917)
County Court House, photo card (1-Y-247)
Elks Home on the Dixie Highway
First Christian Church on the Dixie Highway
Glyndon Hotel on the Dixie Highway
Government Building (City Hall)
J.W. Zaring Grain & Mill Co. by Night, 4 copies
J.W. Zaring Grain & Mill Co., This is Where Zaring's Patent Flour is Made
Kentucky River Near Richmond, photo card (1-Y-144)
Kentucky River Seen from Clay's Ferry Bridge, photo card (1-Y-369)
L. and N.R.R. Depot, 2 copies (note on back of one card indicates 1920)
Lancaster Avenue
Madison Institute
Main Street (to Flora Sullivan, Williamsburg, KY)
Main Street Scene, Schlegel Photo
Patti A. Clay Infirmary, Schlegel Photo
Post Office
Post Office, U.S., photo card (1-Y-284)
Street Scene, photo card, 1949 (1-Y-271)
Street Scene (color photocopy only)
Telford Community Center

Whitehall

Exterior view of Whitehall (two different views, one is a photochrome), 2 items
Interior views, photochrome series (7 items):
 Ballroom; Bath Tub with Running Water; Blue Room; Laura Clay Room;
 Library; 1859 Steinway Piano; and Yellow Room (Sarah Clay Bedroom).

Madison County (General Interest)

Dixie Highway From Top of "Big Hill" (two different views), 2 items

Eastern Kentucky University (includes Eastern Kentucky State Normal School [EKSNS or EKSNT], Eastern Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College [EKSNTSTC], Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College [EKSTC or EKTC or ESTC], Eastern Kentucky State College [EKSC or ESC] and Eastern Kentucky University [EKU].)

 Alumni Coliseum, photochrome, 4 copies
 Beckham Hall, photo card (1-Y-250)
 Beckham Hall, EKSTC (also shows part of Miller and McCreary), 3 copies

Burnam Hall, EKTC
 Burnam Hall, EKSTC (to Mary F. McKinney, Richmond, KY)
 Burnam Hall, Women's Dormitory, EKSTC, albertype
 Burnam Hall, photo card (1-Y-248)
 Coates Administration Building, 3 copies (one to Charles Baldwin, London, KY, 1931 and one to Elizabeth Clubb, Lexington, KY)
 Coates Administration Building, photo card (1-Y-109)
 Coates Administration Building, albertype
 Eastern Kentucky State Normal School (EKSN) series (11 items):
 Athletic Field, 2 copies; The Campus, 2 copies; Dormitory, 2 copies; The Gymnasium, 3 copies; The Library; and Main Building, 2 copies.
 Foster Music Camp group photograph, photo cards (17 items):
 1947; 1948; 1949; 1950, 3 copies; 1951; 1953; 1955; 1956; 1957; 1958; 1959, 2 copies; 1960; 1962; and 1963 (in bluetone).
 Keen Johnson Building, ECU, photochrome, 2 copies
 Keen Johnson Student Union Building, EKSTC (two different views, note on back of one reads "Mrs. Dunn Foundation"), 2 items
 Keen Johnson Student Union Building, photo cards (two different views, one marked as ESC, 1-Y-137 and the other as ESTC, Cline Photo 1-Y-136), 2 items
 Library, Teachers College (Crabbe Library)
 Library, EKSTC (Crabbe Library), albertype
 Library, EKSN (probably Walter's Collegiate Institute building)
 Maple Avenue, KS Normal School, Richmond, KY
 Memorial Hall Dormitory (EKNS, by B.L. Middleton)
 Miller Gymnasium, State Normal (to Frederick William Erschell, Newport, KY)
 Roark Building, ECU, photochrome
 Stephen Collins Foster Music Building, ECU, photochrome
The Teacher's Mission by Charles R. Skinner, State Normal School
 University Hall
 Weaver Health Building, Eastern State College, photo card (1-Y-599)
 Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) School, Branch No. 6, Army Administration Schools, photo card series (34 items):
 No. 1631 Students Room, 2 copies; No. 1632 Company Inspection, 3 copies; No. 1633 A Corner of the Mess Hall, 4 copies; No. 1634 Company March, 4 copies; No. 1635 Retreat Formation, 4 copies; No. 1636 Company Drill, 4 copies; No. 1637 P.T. Exercises, 4 copies; No. 1638 Coming from Classes, 3 copies; No. 1639 Relaxation, 4 copies; and No. 1640 Class Room, 2 copies.