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African Americans in Madison County, Kentucky

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Slave Population</th>
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**Colored Soldiers**

- 1861-1865: 356

**After Ratification of the 13th Amendment**

- 1870: 6,189
COLORED SCHOOLS

• Negro overseers of Green Clay were literate.
• Cabell Chenault built school for his slaves in 1850.
• Madison County – 1 colored school in 1866.
• Early teachers John H. Jackson (1868) and Cornelius C. Vaughn (1870).
• Kentucky Legislature approved colored school for District 12 (1882)
• 34 colored schools in Madison County, KY (1893 & 1897).
LESSER KNOWN
MOVERS AND SHAKERS

• Nelson Kavanaugh (pre 1837) - barber
• Daniel S. Bentley (1850-1916) - journalist, minister
• Thomas W. Burton (1860-1930) - physician
• Andrew J. Emery (1862-1919) - military librarian
• Anna M. Logan Beckwith (1884-1964) - pharmacist
• Hortenius Chenault (1910-1990) - dentist
• Arnetta Black O’Neal (1910-1943) – educator, civic leader
• Tommie Beatrice Laine Holland (1916-2003) – educator, civil rights activist
• Ruth A. Burton Gaylord (b.1938) - librarian
• Jacqueline Smith (1956-2005) - medical researcher
ORGANIZATIONS, EVENTS, & SUCH

- Negro Volunteers in Company G, 48th Regiment in Spanish American War (1899-1901)
- Kentucky Vagrancy Law (Ben Burton, 1899)
- Colored Fairs (1900, Richmond; 1908 Berea)
- Madison County Colored Chautauqua (1915-)
- Theophanis v Theophanis (1932)
- Birth Control Movement (1936)
- Richmond Colored Branch Library (1942-)
- African Americans killed by lightning
- Integration of Eastern Kentucky University (1958)
- Large donation to Berea College (Randa Davenport Russell)
SO MUCH MORE TO DISCOVER!

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