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AFRICAN AMERICANS
IN
MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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February 21, 2019
Richmond, Kentucky

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### Slave Populations

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### Colored Soldiers

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### After Ratification of the 13th Amendment

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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 (1910-184) – 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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