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## BRACKEN COUNTY.

Bracken County was formed out of parts of Campbell and Mason counties in 1796. It was named in honor of William Bracken, an early pioneer, and was the twenty-third county created in the State. The county is bounded on the north by the Ohio river, east by Mason county, south by Harrison and Robertson and west by Pendleton county. The lands are mostly high and rolling and contain just enough limestone to make them very fertile and especially adapted to the growth of tobacco, corn, wheat, oats and hay, tobacco being the principal article of export. Bluegrass, with timothy and clover, are abundant and grow to perfection. Also many varieties of fruits.

Such is the character of this soil, that, when seemingly exhausted, it can in a few years be reclaimed by grassing.

The north fork of Licking river, Big Bracken, Locust, Turtle, Snag, Holts and Big Kinkaid creeks are the principal streams, furnishing, with the Ohio river, abundant water for man and beast.

All timbers, especially hard woods, are found here, that grow in this climate. Great improvements have been made in farming methods during the past ten years. The farmers are using the latest improved machinery and improved field and garden seeds.

There are 175 miles of turnpike free to the traveling public. All roads of any importance have been macadamized. There are twenty-nine and three-fourths miles of completed railroad in the county. Nineteen and three-fourths miles of the C. & O. run through the Ohio valley, and ten miles of road have just been completed from Wellsburg to Brookville. It was built by the citizens of the county.

None but first-class farm hands are employed at from twelve to sixteen dollars per month.

There is one vegetable and fruit cannery located at Augusta. There are three good banks and two live newspapers, which are well patronized.

There is an excellent opening for both tobacco and shoe factories at Augusta, a live town with an estimated population of 2,000, where a model school building, costing \$20,000 has just been completed, on the site of the "Old Academy Building," one of the first institutions of learning erected west of the Alleghany mountains.

This town has a medium tax rate, is healthy, and has good shipping facilities by both rail and water. There are also excellent openings for manufacturing enterprises at Wellsburg. This town is favorably situated in a large bottom along the Ohio river, and is the junction of the B. & W. with the C. & O. R. R.

This county is noted for the growth of white Burley tobacco, especially the color, texture and fiber of the plant when cured, and is one of the foremost and possibly leads the counties in Northern Kentucky engaged in this industry. There were handled during the past season 3,000,000 pounds at Augusta, 1,200,000 at Johnsville, 700,000 at Milford, 600,000 at Brookville, 500,000 at Germantown, 400,000 at Chatham and 350,000 at Wellsburg.

Brookville is the county seat and is situated near the center of the county. There are fifty-one brick and frame school houses, all in good condition. Graded schools are maintained in Augusta, Brookville, Johnsville and Germantown with competent and well-paid instructors. In some instances the public funds are supplemented by local taxation. In every part of the county there are convenient schools, mills, churches, and almost every convenience or necessity of modern civilization.

The county has a population, according to the census of 1890, of 12,396. It is situated in the Ninth Congressional, Sixth Appellate, Nineteenth Judicial, Twenty-sixth Senatorial and Eighty-fifth Legislative Districts.

POSTOFFICES:—Augusta, Berlin, Bladestan, Bradford, Brookville, Chatham, Elm grove, Foster, Germantown, Gertrude, Johnsville, Lenoxburg, Milford, Morris, Mount Hor, Neave, Parina, Pearl, Petra, Powersville, Rockspring, Santafe, Willowgrove.