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The Good Old Days In Kentucky

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This story is founded in Old Kentucky, taking us back to the days when street-car transportation was in a more or less primitive state.

A photograph of one of the cars taken in Newport in 1886 is shown in the larger view on this page. Mr. Mains, standing at the extreme left, was the driver. The others, left to right, are John Kaeney, Ben Gosney, J. White and C. Garly.

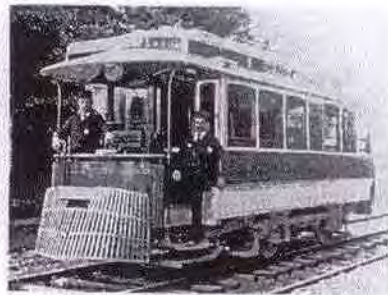


Two pioneers of transportation, J. D. Mains and William Broderick, are still serving Northern Kentuckians on the Green Line.

When horse-cars were in vogue as a mode of travel, Mains became a driver on the Blue Line, in 1885. His route extended from Fourth and Scott Streets, in Covington, across the Licking River to Fifth and Saratoga Streets, in Newport. It was a tedious job, he explains, for, when the

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One of the first type of electric cars used on the Green Line also is shown with this story in the smaller picture. William Broderick, the motorman, is shown to the left in the front vestibule. He was employed in 1894; previously he had been a member of the Covington Fire Department. He operated on the route from Fountain Square in Cincinnati to the famous race track at Latonia, carrying hundreds of thoroughbred devotees daily.



motive power of the old-time cars was in an adverse mood, they were not so susceptible to control as is the modern electric street-car.

In March, 1905, he was promoted to Inspector, which position he now holds. The man shown with him is C. Forsett, who was the conductor.

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