

For their report, the Frankfort statistics folks asked someone from each county to come up with a history of their county. They got more of a description than a history from most authors, but they can be interesting, nonetheless.

#### BOONE COUNTY.

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Boone county was formed in 1798 from a part of Campbell county, and was the thirtieth organized in the State. It lies in what is known as the "North Bend" of the Ohio river and has a river frontage of about forty miles. The quality of the soil is above the average counties of the State, most of the land being tillable. The county has a population of 10,650. Burlington is the county seat. Total acreage of land, 160,000, with an assessed valuation of \$35.00 per acre. Tobacco, corn, potatoes and live stock are the principal products; and all of the farmers appear to be in a progressive condition, as shown by the deposits in the nine banks in the county. Nearly three million pounds of tobacco was sold on the floor of the loose leaf market at Walton during the past season, bringing about \$500,000. The county voted \$200,000 for road purposes last year, and the bonds were sold on a 4 per cent basis, showing the excellent credit of the county, as this bond issue is the only debt owed by the county, it heretofore having money to lend.

Nearly twelve miles of the Dixie Highway pass through the county, and \$42,000 is now being expended on this roadway to bring it up to the highest perfection. The citizenship of Boone county ranks very high, there being a great respect for the law and morals, and there is comparatively no business in the criminal courts. The school facilities are excellent, all of the towns having a graded school and the county a high school. The many beautiful and costly church edifices in the county show the strong religious sentiment. The fact of many strangers buying farms and homes in the county during the past years show that Boone county's attractive features are being recognized by those who want homes in a prosperous, law-abiding community. Big Bone Springs, famous in history, are being exploited by a company with a view to erecting a fine hotel and bath houses, and regain the popularity these springs had in ante-bellum times; as with the good roads, this pretty place can be easily reached. Walton, the largest town, at the junction of the L. & N. and Q. & C. railroads, has under consideration the establishment of two manufactories; and there is a general bright outlook for Boone county.