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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In the history of the public schools of Bracken County, the name of Hon. A. C. Armstrong cannot be omitted. He was a graduate of Jefferson College in Pennsylvania and occupied the position of president of Augusta College, and through marriage became allied with Bracken County, where he served as County School Commissioner for twenty years, filling that position at the time of his death in 1883. It was during his period of office that Bracken County was divided into 54 districts in 1857.

During the term of office of Mr. Armstrong he was elected by popular vote of the county as its representative at Frankfort and was made state chairman of the Educational Committee and wrote the school laws of Kentucky, many of which are still in existence.

From the records left by Mr. Armstrong some of the schools were known by names which are now remembered while the remaining schools were named by district numbers only. Of the fifty-four districts established by Mr. Armstrong the following named schools are found: Locust Grove, Augusta, Poor House, Buckeye, Rock Springs, Bradford's Landing, Raccoon, Lane Seminary, Foster, Stone School House, Dutch Ridge, Perrine Seminary, Mt. Zion, Locust Mill, Fairview, Salem, Union, Sharon, Brooksville, Frank's, Vint. Hamilton, Pleasant Ridge, Alinder, Powersville, Berlin, Bridgeville, Willow, Mains, Jett's, Bratton, Petra, Stump, Mt. Olivet, Santafee, Milford and Routts.

The process of consolidation has been continuing for a number of years. At first schools having a very few pupils were transported to other one or two room schools, but the year 1939 marks the complete consolidation of schools in Bracken County with the exception of the Augusta, which still remains as independent district. The county has been consolidated into the following schools: Milford, Western, Brooksville and Germantown.

Milford School is made up of Santafee, Belmont, Petra, Colvin, Neave, Rosemond, and a part of the Kinney School.

The Brooksville School is composed of Powersville, Bladeston, Mt. Zion, Chatham and Wellsburg.

The Western School is composed of Foster, Lenoxburg, Berlin, Johnsville, part of Salem Ridge, Lone Oak, Pity Creek, Goatsville, Eden and probably Snag Creek.

The Germantown School is composed of Sharon, Parina, McKibben, Stonewall, Bridgeville, Hillsdale, Dutch Ridge, Beech Grove, Pea Ridge and part of Tangletown.

Not all of these schools were in existence at the time of the final consolidation in 1939 but had gradually passed out of existence during the process of consolidation.