

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.

BRACKEN COUNTY.

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Bracken county was formed mostly from territory cut off from Mason county, and has a population of 10,400. Brooksville, situated in the center of the county, is the county seat, and has a population of 700. Augusta, on the Ohio river, 45 miles east of Covington, is the largest town, and has a population of 22,000. The Chesapeake & Ohio railroad runs along its northern border; a short line called the Brooksville railroad intersects the C. & O. at Wellsburg. Three hundred miles of macadamized roads have been built. The county has recently voted \$200,000.00 to put these roads in repair. Agricultural products are wheat, rye, oats, corn, buckwheat, potatoes and tobacco. Timothy, red and sweet clover have revitalized the soil, and the bountiful crops of alfalfa are making the industrious farmers rich. The breeding of fine cattle has been an important industry. Many cattle are grazed and fattened for the markets. With the coming of the sweet clover and alfalfa, the farmers have established modern dairies and, being favored by fine shipping facilities, this business has become very profitable. The town of Foster, an old established shipping point on the Ohio river, shipped \$50,000.00 worth of cream last year, and will ship more than \$60,000.00 worth the present year. Bracken county, since its formation, is regarded as being the leading White Burley tobacco county, particularly as to color and fiber. The tobacco grown in this county cannot be excelled for fancy cutters, calory smokers and fine plug types. Old Bracken, with her undulating, rolling and part hilly surface, will grow all crops known to the temperate zones. There are eight little banks in the county containing \$2,500,000.00 deposits.

With her hoe-cake and her honey,
With her limestone and her money,
With the well known hospitality of her people,
'Tis an ideal place to mingle.