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George W. Hawes'

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# Kentucky State Gazetteer and Business Directory

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*of 1859 and 1860*

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A gazetteer is defined as a "list and description of places such as villages, towns, and cities and may also mention neighborhoods, cemeteries, populations, rivers and mountains, and other geographical features."

*George W. Hawes' Kentucky State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1859 and 1860* was the first of at least eight such volumes published in Kentucky from 1859 to 1896 which are currently accessible by the public in libraries across Northern Kentucky.

Many of the statewide gazetteers for Kentucky of the latter half of the nineteenth century weren't just for providing a list of place names with brief descriptions. They included business directories and served as the phonebooks of their era, with lists of businesses and the men and women who ran them in each city, town and community, along with plenty of advertisements, which helped to pay for their publication. They provided information about access to shipping points, railroad availability, stagecoach fares, and the distances between communities.

Most of the information about the smaller communities was provided to the publisher by the local postmasters, and while there are only two post offices in Harrison County today, there were a dozen or more at any given time during the latter half of the 19th century. The failure of a few postmasters to respond to the queries of the publisher may account for the lack of a listing for some communities, while the self-promotion of others may have made their communities look larger or more important than their size alone would have indicated.

For those researching the era the business directories can serve as a census replacement for those censuses which have been lost, like that of 1890, or as an interim census, albeit one of only businessmen and women. If you are researching those of a particular profession or trade, like physicians or photographers, they can be invaluable in determining what services were available to the public of the past and who provided them.

These volumes can be curiously interesting, too, for what they don't show. For instance, if you didn't know it already, you couldn't tell by reading these entries that nearly a fifth of Harrison County's population were enslaved African Americans. In this respect, you might not be able to tell the entries of Cynthiana, Kentucky apart from those that might have been published for Cynthiana, Indiana.

If you are an avid read of the *Harrison Heritage News* you will probably recognize the names of several people listed in this directory who have been the focus of stories published over the past decade.

The following texts have been transcribed verbatim, with the full content as in the original entries.

So, take a short walk back down the streets of simpler times in Harrison County, do a little window shopping, and enjoy this glimpse into the past as much as these texts will allow. The first stop in your journey is . . .

## **BERRY'S STATION,**

A post office of Harrison County, and station on the Lexington and Covington Railroad.

## **BROADWELL,**

A post office of Harrison county, 32 miles north-east from Frankfort.

## **BUENA VISTA,**

A post office of Harrison county, 45 miles north-east from Frankfort.

## **CLAYSVILLE,**

(FORMERLY MARYSVILLE.)

A post village of Harrison county, on the west side of Licking river, 48 miles east north-east from Frankfort.

It contains a church, a woolen factory, a flouring mill, and several tobacco factories.

## **COLEMANSVILLE,**

A post village of Harrison county, on the west side of the south fork of Licking river, 42 miles north-east from Frankfort.

## **CONNERSVILLE,**

A post village of Harrison county, 42 miles east north-east from Frankfort.

## **CURRY'S RUN,**

A post office of Harrison county, 44 miles north-east from Frankfort.

## **CYNTHIANA,**

A post village and the capital of Harrison county, situated on the south fork of Licking river, and on the Kentucky Central Rail Road, 39 miles east north-east from Frankfort, 33 miles north-east from Lexington, fare \$1,00; 175 miles from Columbus, Ohio, fare \$5,00;

66 miles from Cincinnati, fare \$2,00; and by stage 12 miles from Millersburg.

It is surrounded by a rich farming district, and contains the usual county buildings, twenty stores, one large carriage, wagon and plough manufactory, one extensive flouring mill, one male and female college, five Protestant churches, two weekly newspapers (the "Kentucky Age," W.W. Gruelle, editor and publisher, the "News," A.J. Morey, editor and publisher), one Masonic Lodge (St. Andrew's, No. 18), one lodge I.O.O.F., one bank (deposit Bank of Cynthiana, capital \$25,000, John W. Peck, President, J.S. Withers Cashier) and a large number of various mechanical trades. Population 2,100.

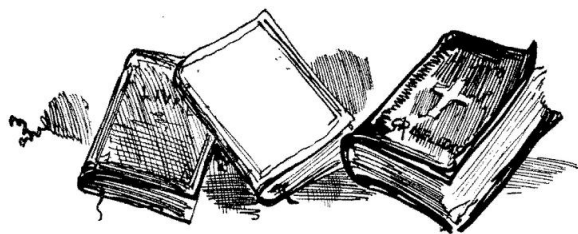
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON, Postmaster.

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**Alphabetical List of Professions, Trades, Etc.**

Addams, J., physician, Main, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
Ames, A.E., county surveyor.  
Anderson, T.W., St. Charles Exchange, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Bents, W.L., tailor, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
Bliss, M., merchant tailor, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Boyd, G.A., grocery, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Boyce, John S., clerk of Circuit Court, office in Public Square.  
Box, Frank, tanners' ware, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Broadwell, S.E., staple and fancy dry goods, &c. (wholesale), Main, cor. Pike.  
Cleary, Wm., county attorney.  
CLEARY, WM. W., ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW, OFFICE IN PUBLIC SQUARE.  
Coffman, Henry, saddle and harness manufactory, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
Coleman, James M., assessor.  
Cox, John F., grocery, Main, cor. of Public Square.  
Cromwell, H.F., carriage, wagon and plough factory, Walnut, cor. of Pleasant.  
Cummins, Richard, cabinet maker, Main, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
Curry, J.R., attorney and County Judge and Commissioner in Chancery, office in Court House.  
CUSON & GIVENS, DEALERS IN DRY GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, QUEENS, GLASS AND CHINA WARES, CARPETS, &C., &C., MAIN, BET. PIKE AND PLEASANT.  
Dabney, J.R., druggist, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Day & Dills, produce and groceries, Main, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
Day & Remington, carpenters and builders, Walnut, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
Deposit Bank of Cynthiana, John W. Peck, President, J.S. Withers, Cashier, capital \$25,000.  
Dilling, C.G., clothing store, Main, bet. Pleasant and Pike.

Dunn, G.W., tailor and renovator, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
English, Thos., boots and shoes, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
Fennell, Joseph, saddle and harness shop, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Forrester and Givens, attorneys at law, office in Court House square.  
Frizell, J.S., druggist, Main, near Pike.  
GRUELLE, W.W., EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE "KENTUCKY AGE."  
Gray, F.M., bakery and confectionery, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Hammar, Adam, boots and shoes, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Hobson, William C., tinner, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Hoffman, Wm. R., jailor.  
Jones, Robert, staple and fancy dry goods, Main, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
Kaufman, M., clothier, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
Kennard & Brother, grocery, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
"KENTUCKY AGE," W.W. GRUELLE, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.  
Kimbrough, Geo., grocery store, Main, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
Kirkpatrick, J., physician, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
Lefresh & Curl, hardware and notions, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
Lemmon, Geo., Harrison House, Main, bet. Pleasant and Pike.  
Lossin, Oxley, blacksmith and wagon shop, Walnut, co. Pike.  
McGrain, M., grocery, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
McIntosh, J.W., staple and fancy dry goods, clothing, &c., Main, opposite Court House.  
Magee, J.L., boots and shoes, hats, stationery, &c, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
Martin, J.D., hardware and groceries, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
Mason & Rankin, staple and fancy dry goods, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
Masonic Lodge, (St. Andrews, No. 18.)  
Merrell, Levin, blacksmith and wagon shop, Main, cor. of Walnut.  
Miller and Redman, dry goods, Main, bet. Pleasant and Pike.  
Moffitt, Wm. N. & John S., surgeon dentists, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
MOREY, A.J., EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE "WEEKLY NEWS." (See card, p. 72.)  
Morford, J.B., house painter, Main, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
Murphy, Mrs. M., proprietress West House, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.

Nichols, James T., livery stable, Main, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
Northcutt, W.L., dealer in dry goods, &c., Main, cor. Pike.  
Patch & Gray, steam flouring mill, Walnut.  
Peck, John W., president of the Deposit Bank, Main, cor. Pike.  
**PECK & FRAZER, DEALERS IN GROCERIES AND PRODUCE, MAIN, BET. PIKE AND PLEASANT.**  
Pollmeyer, Lewis, Franklin House, Main, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
Rankin, T.R., Rankin House, Pike, cor. Railroad.  
Rankin, T.R., coroner.  
Roper, Wm. P., carpenter and builder, Main, cor. Walnut.  
Shawhan, John, sheriff.  
Shumate, Wm., undertaker and cabinet maker, Main, cor. Pleasant.  
Smith, W.O., physician, office in Public Square.  
Trimble, W.W., attorney at law, Main, bet. Pleasant and Pike.  
**TURTOY & EVELETH, MANUFACTURERS OF SADDLES, HARNESS, &C., &C., MAIN, BET. PLEASANT AND SECOND.**  
Vandenburg, C., ambrotypist, Main, bet. Pike and Pleasant.  
**WALL, JAMES G., DEALER IN OYSTERS, FRESH FISH, &C., PIKE, BET. MAIN AND WALNUT.**  
Webster, C.A., iron and hardware, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.  
West, James L., watch maker, Main, bet. Pike and Walnut.  
Wherritt, Perry, county clerk.  
**WILLIAMSON, ALEX., POSTMASTER, Pike, bet. Main and Walnut.**  
Withers, J.S., cashier of the Deposit Bank, Main, cor. Pike.



### **HAVILANDSVILLE,**

A small post village of Harrison county, situated on Richland creek, 14 miles from Cynthiana, the capital of the county, 54 from Frankfort, 18 miles from Covington and about 130 miles from Louisville.

In addition to the other productions of this vicinity, some two hundred hogsheads of tobacco are raised and exported annually.

The village contains one manufacturing establishment, one store, one steam flouring mill and one water saw mill, one pork packer and dealer, one blacksmith, one distiller, one magistrate and several small residences. Population 25. Post office established 1842.

H.H. HAVILAND, Postmaster.

### **Alphabetical List of Professions, Trades, Etc.**

Blades, John W., ambrotype and daguerrean artist.  
Cleveland, J.W. & W.F., distillers and rectifiers.  
Eddleman, N.M., constable.  
**HAVILAND, H.H., POSTMASTER.**  
Haviland, H.W. & Co., pork packers and dealers.  
Haviland, R.S., general merchants.  
Haviland, R.S., steam flouring mill proprietor.  
Morgan, E.J., blacksmith and plough maker.  
Morrison, M., proprietor, Richard [*sic*] creek saw mill.  
Mullins, Eld. A., Baptist pastor.  
Pollard, Geo. F., magistrate.  
Woolery, John, magistrate.

### **LEESBURG,**

A post village of Harrison county, situated on Silas Creek in the south-western extremity of the county, 10 miles southwest from Cynthiana, the capital of the county, 30 miles east north-east from Frankfort, about 70 miles south from Covington and 75 miles east from Louisville.

It contains two churches (Christian and Presbyterian), one seminary, one Masonic Lodge (Warrant No. 110), one hotel, four general stores, one druggist, three physicians, two magistrates, one carding machine, two milliners and ten or twelve mechanical trades. Population about 200.

B.T. BOSWELL, Postmaster.

### **Alphabetical List of Professions, Trades, Etc.**

Anderson, James, saddle and harness maker.  
Anderson, Jas. W., blacksmith and plough maker.  
Arnett, R.F., collector.  
Arnett, T.B., constable and township trustee.  
Arnold [*sic*], Rev. Thos., Christian church pastor.  
Bishop, Miss M.J., assistant principal of Leesburg seminary.  
Blackerly, Dr. John M., township trustee.  
**BOSWELL, B.T., POSTMASTER AND GENERAL MERCHANT.**  
Cummins, Benjamin, boot and shoe maker and dealer.  
Forsythe, Rev. Wm. H., Presbyterian pastor.  
Furnish, Thos., magistrate.  
Grehan, B.N., principal of Leesburg seminary.  
Harris, James T., saddle and harness maker.  
Hillman, S.P., physician and druggist.  
Leesburg Hotel, W.E. Stout, proprietor.  
Harn, Wm. H., tailor and assessor.

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Harn, Wm. H., tailor assessor.  
Leesburg seminary, B.N. Grehan, principal, Miss M.J. Bishop, assistant.  
Shields, Miss Mary, milliner and dressmaker.  
Shields, T.B., carpenter and builder.  
Stout, T.H., general merchant.  
Stout, W.E., Leesburg hotel proprietor.  
Thomas, J.D., general merchant.  
Thomas, John D., township trustee.  
Thomas, Miss Maria, milliner and dress maker.  
Walker, W.A., carding machine proprietor and cabinet maker.  
Walker, Wm. A., township magistrate and trustee.  
Wasson, J.M., general merchant.  
Wasson, John M., township trustee.  
Woodford, J.M., physician and surgeon.  
Woodward, Wm., tailor.

### ODDVILLE,

A small post village of Harrison county, situated on Beaver creek, six miles from Cynthiana, the capital of the county, 40 miles east north-east from Frankfort, 60 miles from Covington, and 75 from Louisville.

It contains one Methodist Episcopal church, one high school, one division Sons of Temperance, No. 279, two steam sawmills, two general stores, one physician, one attorney, one magistrate, two carpenters, two blacksmiths, two boot and shoe makers, two carriage and wagon makers, two chair manufacturers, one cooper, one distiller, one gunsmith, two shingle makers, three stone and brick masons, one turner, and twelve or fourteen resident planters. Population 75. Post office established in 1851.

A.F. WHITEKER, Postmaster.

#### Alphabetical List of Professions, Trades, Etc.

Batson, John D. physician and surgeon.  
Brannock, W., planter.  
Chapel, Rev. M.E., Methodist.  
Crow, J.C., carpenter and builder.  
Cunningham, W.W., turner.  
Garrett, E., planter.  
Goodnight, P., stone and brick mason.  
Hays, T.G., boot and shoe maker.  
Jenkins, Brockman, shingle maker.  
Kavanaugh, Rev. W.B., Methodist.  
Kerns, Hugh, stone and brick mason.  
Lang, Robert, blacksmith.  
Lebus, Louis, school teacher.  
Lucus, Milton, attorney at law.  
McWhitaker, H., steam saw mill proprietor.  
Moore, George W., carriage and wagon maker.  
Moore, N.S., carriage and wagon maker.  
Phelps, G., planter.  
Rogers, John, chair manufacturer.

Rose, Joseph C., boot and shoe maker.  
Smith, James T., magistrate.  
Smith, James T., cooper.  
Spegals, Philip, shingle maker.  
White, David, planter.  
White, James M., blacksmith.  
White, Wm., chair manufacturer.  
WHITEKER, A.F., POSTMASTER.  
Whiteker, M.D., distill[er].  
Whiteker, M.D., steam saw mill proprietor.  
Whiteker, T.J., carpenter and builder.

### RAVEN CREEK,

A post office of Harrison county, about 40 miles north-east from Frankfort.

### ROBERTSON'S STATION,

A post office of Harrison county, north-east from Frankfort.

### RUTLAND,

A post office of Harrison county, north-east from Frankfort.

### SCOTT'S STATION,

A post office of Harrison county, north-east from Frankfort.



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