

a quick History of LEXINGTON, KY



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1775

McConnell brothers name the site of the future town "Lexington" for the Battle of Lexington

1782

Virginia Legislature charts Lexington as a town

1792

Kentucky becomes a state; Lexington is the first provisional capital



1799

Transylvania University is founded

1865

The University of Kentucky is founded

1899

The Historic Courthouse is constructed on Main Street



1914

First "skyscraper" erected (now the 21c Museum Hotel Lexington)

1936

Keeneland Race Track opens

1965

Urban Renewal recreates downtown and railroad tracks are removed from what is now Vine Street

1974

City of Lexington and Fayette County merge to form the Lexington Fayette Urban County (one of the first merged governments in the nation)

1988

Man o' War Boulevard is completed

Col. Patterson and troops build the first blockhouse on what is now Main Street near S. Mill

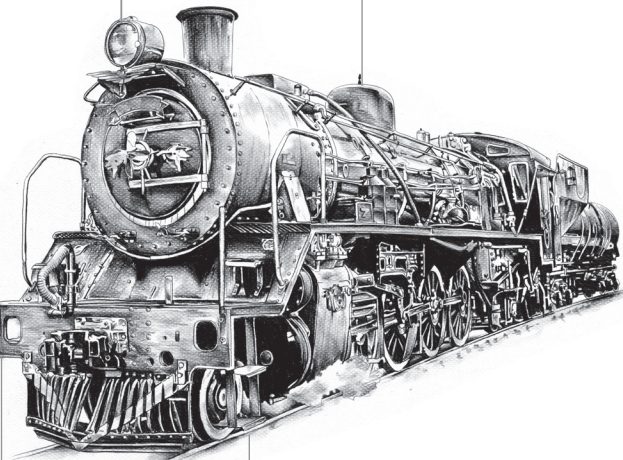
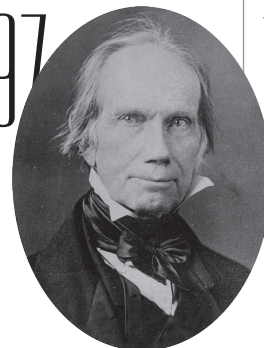
1779

The Kentucky Gazette, first newspaper in Kentucky, begins publication

1787

The Lexington Jockey Club is formed, first in Kentucky; Henry Clay moves to Lexington from Virginia

1797



First railroad reaches Lexington

1835

Red Mile racetrack opens

1875



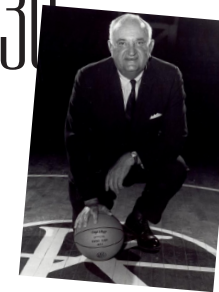
First loose leaf Burley tobacco auction held

1906



University of Kentucky hires new head basketball coach Adolph Rupp

1930



The Urban Service Boundary—first in the nation—is established; Gratz Park Historic District is created, first of several in Lexington

1958

Interstate-64 caches Lexington; Mayor Foster Pettit blocks it from running through downtown

1973



Kentucky Horse Park opens

1978

