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## PREFACE

**K**ENTUCKIANS were making history before the state itself was born. Indians roamed the forests, stalked game at the salt licks, and had no thought of the white man when the territory lying west of the hazy Alleghenies first came to be considered as a land of adventure and opportunity by those who later poured through the mountain gaps.

On battlefields, in the forum, in the courtroom, and in other less exciting but equally important walks of life, the Kentuckian has occupied a very definite and frequently a prominent place in the affairs of our country. It is difficult now to realize that this region was once an outpost of civilization on the continent of North America, known in the parlance of the long-settled eastern states as the West, or the Western Country.

The settlement of Kentucky made possible the conquest of the Northwest Territory. It was in the conflicts between the "long hunters" of the "dark and bloody ground" and the British and Indians that the dauntless spirit and matchless courage of the tall men in buckskin shirts first became the topic of campfire stories, some of which later have been presented in printed pages.

But the Kentuckian has been more interested in making than in recording history. During the years that this compiler has studied the origin and development of the Commonwealth and has formed his collection of Kentuckiana, the need for a bibliography of subjects intimately associated with the people and the history of this state has become increasingly evident. There was no single source from which it could be ascertained just what had been written, nor could the titles which were known to exist be located in many instances.

In compiling the titles for this bibliography, it has been the author's purpose to list only printed books and pamphlets relating to Kentucky history or the lives of Kentuckians at home. These titles were selected and collated, irrespective of the place of publication, date of printing, or the author's birth-place or residence. No attempt has been made to include items because of the fact that they bear Kentucky imprints, but rather to locate and collate all printed works, wherever published, that will in any way throw light upon the history of Kentucky or the activities of its people. Bound reprints of magazine articles were considered as separate items and are included in this work.

Excluded from the scope of this undertaking are magazine and newspaper articles, typed and manuscript materials. Poetry and fiction have also been omitted, except in a few instances where a book is based on facts or borders

closely on history. A few books which are believed to be within this category have been grouped and placed under "Historical Fiction and Legendary Stories."

No reports, surveys, bulletins, minutes, proceedings of meetings, songs, or broadsides are listed, and only a few speeches of an historical nature. The classification of books used by the Library of Congress has been followed, namely, the height of the binding of books measured in centimeters, instead of the octavo and duodecimo system which is customary with book dealers and others. For works with more than one volume the pagination has not been noted. The word "wrappers" distinguishes pamphlets and paper-bound books from those which are bound in cloth, leather, or other substantial material, and, unless otherwise mentioned, all titles have these more permanent covers.

Many books have been written about two of Kentucky's most distinguished sons, Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, but each moved from the state when under ten years of age. A full bibliography of their works and volumes concerning them is in itself a separate field. Therefore, only those books which relate to their youth in Kentucky are listed here.

Certain travel diaries and account books have been given a place in this compilation because they throw light upon the life, manners, and customs of the people of the period, or contain other valuable information not to be found elsewhere. There are, perhaps, other books and pamphlets which some bibliographers might have thought worthy of listing but which have been excluded here because of the ephemeral character of the material or the scarcity of relevant contents.

Many libraries, both public and private, were examined, but numerous titles listed were from the author's personal Kentuckiana collection, not that they were rare or even scarce, but because they were readily accessible and easy to collate at leisure moments. In making the annotations for the titles, especially those of the travel accounts, only that part of the contents was described that related to Kentucky, although the work may have covered the entire Mississippi and Ohio valleys. When the title made the contents self-evident, the annotations were somewhat shortened.

Whenever possible, the locations of two copies of each book or pamphlet have been cited, and these generally in a Kentucky library as the largest group of users of the bibliography will probably be Kentuckians.

An appendix lists holdings of the University of Kentucky Library in addition to those indicated in the bibliography itself. The recent acquisition by the University of Kentucky of the Samuel M. Wilson Library greatly enhances the value of its already sizable collection. After the bibliography had been sent to

the printer, Miss Jacqueline Bull and other members of the staff checked a copy against the holdings of the University Library, including the Wilson collection, and made it possible to include the appendix. Their checking revealed that the University Library also has other editions of many of the titles. I am thankful for their help.

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Although many months of labor and research have gone into this work, I do not claim it to be all-inclusive or bibliographically infallible, but it is presented with the hope that it will be of some value to the historian, research worker, bibliophile, author, librarian, and those persons generally whose interests lie within the field of Kentucky history.

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