

Register of the Kentucky Historical Society

Submission Information

Manuscript Submission

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Submit manuscripts to David Turpie, PhD, editor, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. Electronic submissions are preferred and should be sent to: david.turpie@ky.gov. To submit via postal mail, send manuscripts to David Turpie, Kentucky Historical Society, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, KY, 40601.

Subject Matter

The subject matter of potential articles can range widely, from broad-based studies to local topics or biographical pieces. Any time period is acceptable, from the eighteenth century to the recent past.

There should be a Kentucky connection to the article, but the main action may not necessarily take place in Kentucky. For example, there are articles in the *Register* about Kentuckians in military service overseas and about politicians working in Washington, D.C. The *Register* staff will also consider comparative studies or broader, regional studies (on Appalachia, for example) that have a significant Kentucky component.

Format and Length

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