

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



CLINTON COUNTY: GUERRILLAS BURN COURTHOUSE; RECORDS LOST

Guerrillas on the Kentucky-Tennessee border burned the Clinton County Courthouse in Albany in late 1864, destroying all county records. Courthouses sometimes were tactical targets for regular military troops who thought destroying county records would add to the chaos of war. Guerrillas, however, typically acted out of personal spite and often in response to pre-war grudges. During the war, guerrillas burned eight Kentucky courthouses, Confederates burned 12 and Union accidents caused two fires.

The Clinton County courthouse was rebuilt in 1895. Kentucky Historical Society, J.H. Patrick Kentucky Courthouse Photographs, Graphic 21_Box1_FF29_1_1.



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