

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



This iron furnace hearth notch plug is from Buffalo Iron Furnace in Greenup County. The furnace was constructed at about the same time the Beaver Dam Furnace operated. Kentucky Historical Society, David Spencer Collection, 1989.2.

MENIFEE COUNTY: HISTORY OF BEAVER DAM FURNACE BURNS ON

Built in 1819, Beaver Dam Furnace began operation under iron master Robert Crockett. The furnace, a large, truncated pyramid of sandstone blocks, stood 35 feet high with a 28-square-foot base. The furnace produced nails, plow plates, kettles, skillets and flatirons. The products were floated down river by flat boat to market. The furnace went out of business around 1873.



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