

# A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



*The Southern Queen, part of the Eastern Kentucky Southern Railway, was one of two gasoline-powered cars that ran in the last years of the railway. Kentucky Historical Society, Ohio River Portrait Project, 1990PH02.*

## **LAWRENCE COUNTY: EASTERN KENTUCKY RAILWAY**

The Eastern Kentucky Railway, with roots reaching back to 1867, ran 36 miles from Riverton to Webbsville, moving coal, iron and timber. EKR experienced highs and lows depending on the market at the time. Passenger and mail service helped to offset losses, but it was not enough. The railway closed in 1926. A new company, the Eastern Kentucky Southern Railway, started in 1928 and ran gasoline-powered cars altered for track use because the track would not support a heavy locomotive. Service ended in January 1933.



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