

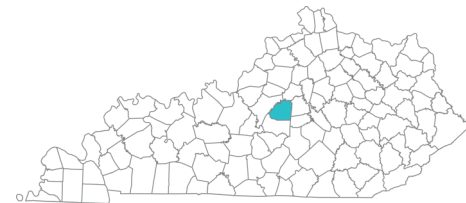
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This 1915 postcard shows the church and several other buildings. Kentucky Historical Society, Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection. Graphic5_Box16_177.

WASHINGTON COUNTY: U.S. DOMINICAN ORDER STARTS HERE

Central Kentucky is the cradle of the Dominican religious order in the United States. Fr. Edward Fenwick started Saint Rose Priory in 1806 on land he purchased with his own money. By 1810, there also was a college at the site. Now a parish, the structure is the oldest west of the Alleghenies still in use as a church. In 1822, the first order of the Dominican sisters in the United States opened at St. Rose and later moved to another site.



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