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WHAT'S MY STORY?

I'M THE COVER OF THE KENTUCKY CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION JOURNALS OF 1788 TO 1792.

Forming a new state was exciting, but even founding fathers get distracted. Thomas Todd, a Virginia attorney who lived in Kentucky County, was 19 when he was appointed clerk to his first of five Kentucky constitutional conventions. The doodles on this cover of state convention journals from 1788 to 1792 show that the then-20-something's interest may have waned at times. Or, perhaps, as on the first day of the convention, he was just waiting for a quorum to be present. On the first day, July 28, 1788, he recorded: "Several Members appeared and took their seats; but the number not being sufficient to proceed to business, The Convention Adjourned till Tomorrow Ten of the Clock –"

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