

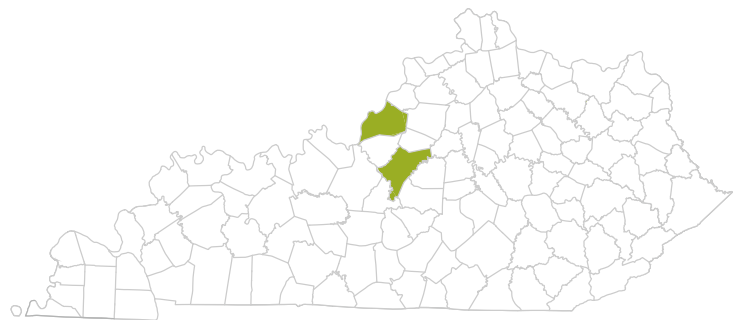
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LEADERSHIP & LEGACY IN KENTUCKY HISTORY
JAMES GUTHRIE | 1792-1869



James Guthrie was pictured on the cover of the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Vol. 10 No. 28 January 1912, which carried the article "James Guthrie: Lawyer, Financier, and Statesman" by George Baber.

FATHER OF LOUISVILLE – Louisville was a stagnant river town when James Guthrie arrived in 1820. Yet he gave the city life by constructing the Portland Canal on the Ohio, gave it a mind as a charter trustee of the University of Louisville and gave it a future as president of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. Through Guthrie's leadership, the L&N was the only North-South railroad line operating after the Civil War. A Democrat, Guthrie's bipartisan reputation was such that when he left the State Senate local Whigs begged him to stand for reelection. A term in the U.S. Senate capped a half-century career in which Guthrie fashioned Louisville into the lynchpin of American life and commerce.



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