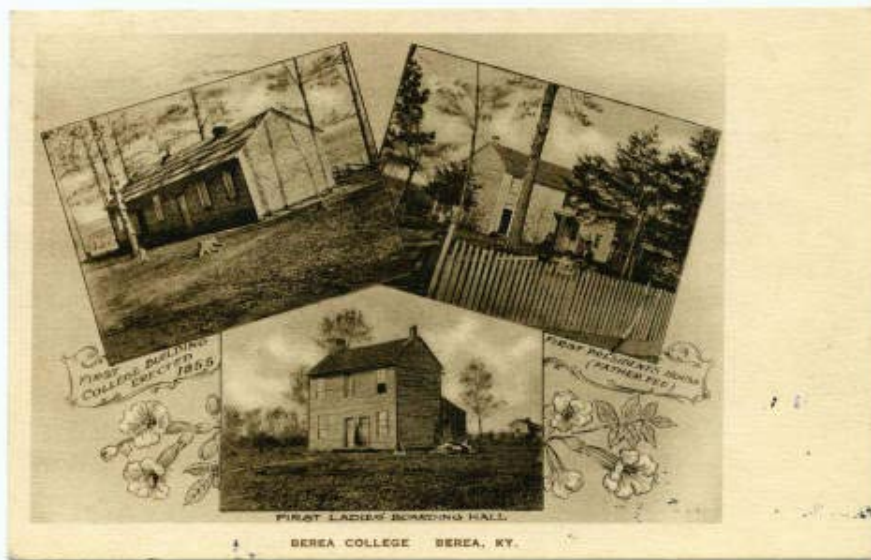


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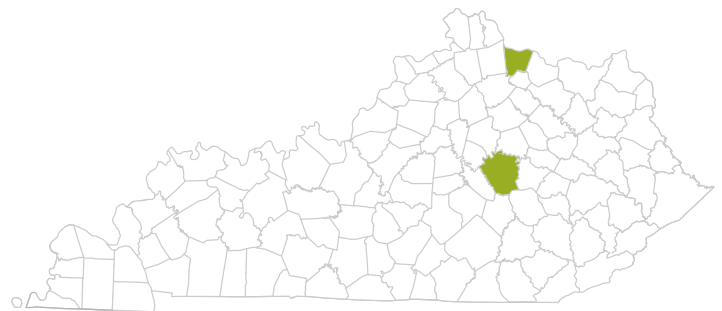
## JOHN GREGG FEE | 1816-1901



*This postcard, ca. 1916, shows three Berea College buildings. (Graphic5.Box2.61 Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection, Kentucky Historical Society)*

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**LEADERSHIP IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY** – When John Gregg Fee proclaimed, “God hath made of one blood all nations of men,” he was merely putting words to what he practiced in life. Fee was a unique individual for his time and place. Despite being severely persecuted and eventually exiled for being an abolitionist in a slave state, Fee never wavered in his conviction that all people are equal. In 1855, Fee started a mission school in Madison County to educate area children. After the Civil War that school evolved into Berea College, the first integrated educational institution in a former slave state. Berea continues John Fee’s legacy today by providing a high-quality education to all who seek it.



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