

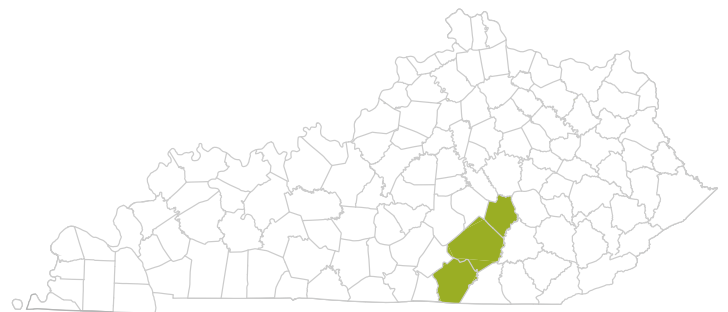
LEADERSHIP & LEGACY IN KENTUCKY HISTORY
JOHN SHERMAN COOPER | 1901-1991



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CROSSING PARTY LINES – “I was sent here to represent my constituents, and I intend to vote as I think best.” John Sherman Cooper’s response to an angry U.S. senator would set the tone for his next 30 years as a public official. While colleagues frequently called into question his party loyalty, Cooper, a Republican, was a popular public figure to many Kentuckians. The Cooper-Church Amendment remains his enduring legacy as Cooper worked across party lines with Sen. Frank Church of Idaho to bar funding of U.S. troops in Cambodia during the Vietnam War.

Learn more: John S. Cooper Interview, Pass the Word, a project of the Kentucky Oral History Commission administered by the Kentucky Historical Society.



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