



2024 LEGISLATIVE MOMENTS

KENTUCKY'S OLD STATE CAPITOL

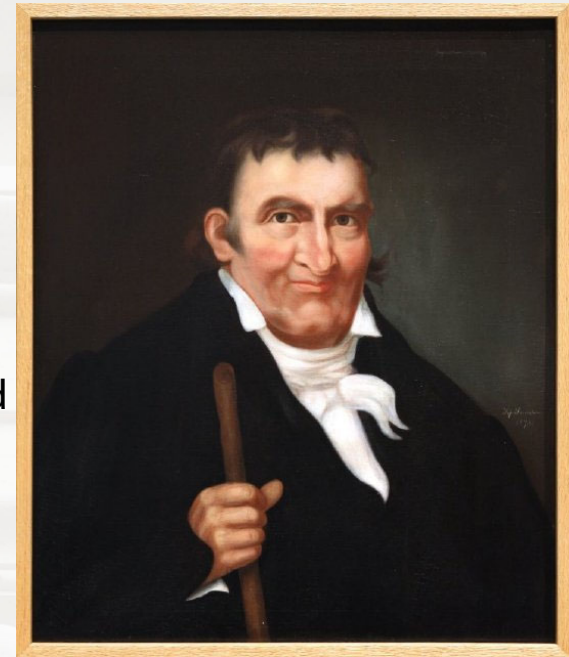
Tip Saunders

The Kentucky Legislature has routinely allocated funds to procure items deemed significant for the state of Kentucky.

On April 21, 1884, the Legislature passed an act to purchase a painting of Simon Kenton from Kentuckian Mary Ann Xantippe Saunders, who had painted the portrait nearly a decade earlier.

Born in Columbia, Saunders—who usually went by “Tip”—studied art in **Louisville** and New York and later taught at an art school in Louisville. A portrait painter, Saunder’s painting of Simon Kenton was based on an original by Matthew Jouett.

Sanders gained fame for her portraits, including one she painted of her cousin, writer, and humorist Mark Twain.



*1873, Kentucky Historical Society, Simon Kenton
Portrait by Tip Saunders; catalog no. 1904.13*

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