

The Courier-Journal (1830–2000)

Kentucky's newspaper of record. 10 Pulitzer Prizes.

THOMAS EDISON. The Kentucky Derby. Strip mining. Prohibition. Decades of natural disaster, including the devastating tornado of 1890 and the Ohio River flood in 1937. *The Courier-Journal* offers award-winning in-depth coverage of the pivotal people and events who shaped the local region, and made an impact on the rest of the world.

In the early decades of the 20th century, *The Courier-Journal* became a forum for conflict when it was purchased by liberal Robert Worth Bingham whose views clashed with the longtime conservative editor, Henry Watterson. The paper went on to become a progressive voice in southern politics, championing causes such as public education, equal rights for blacks and advocating for the poor of Appalachia. *The Courier-Journal* became the first U.S. daily newspaper to appoint a woman managing editor when Carol Sutton accepted the position in 1974.

For researchers seeking an authoritative regional perspective on national and international events, as well as local perspectives on community news, the digitized pages of this newspaper (1830–2000) are a valuable resource in a variety of fields, including history, political science, African-American studies, genealogy and more.

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Why The Courier-Journal?

- **Full access to this historical newspaper:** Users can study the progression of events over time by browsing full-text, full-image issues of the *The Courier-Journal*, which offers full-run coverage of 1830–2000, including news articles, photos, advertisements, classified ads, obituaries, cartoons, and more.
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May 18, 1875: The first Kentucky Derby is held at Churchill Downs.

January 22, 1937: The Ohio River floods caused extensive damage.

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