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Presidents of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society

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More particularly to local interest, this book details very little of direct bearing on the Jackson Purchase area of Kentucky and Tennessee. Aside from the Bowling Green to Memphis branch and the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis (NC&StL) line from Paris to Paducah, the L&N's history only occasionally crossed paths with that of the region. (The L&N acquired the NC&StL in 1880, though the latter continued to operate throughout most of its history as an independent line.) For a specific history of the L&N story in Paducah, the reader may be referred to *The Paducah Gateway: A History of Railroads in Western Kentucky*, by Donald E. Lessley, Troll Publishing, 1978.

The book is well constructed with solid binding, the print is very readable with no noticeable typographic errors, and the appendices contain voluminous data on L&N finances and operations from 1859 through 1969. It is a "must-have" book for the railroad buff and would serve as an excellent reference or text book describing a marvelous story of transportation and industrial development in the southern United States.

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Current President Gregory S. Miller has compiled a list of the Presidents of the Society since 1958, reproduced here for the official record.

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Friends of the JPHS will be pleased to note that Judge Bill Cunningham is to be the featured speaker for the third annual Hammack Scholarship Dinner at Murray State University. The meeting will be held at the Curris Center Ball Room Saturday, September 18. The fund is named for Dr. James W. Hammack Jr., and is currently endowed at about \$30,000. The first scholarship is planned for this fall, and the goal is to award a \$5,000 graduate fellowship to an outstanding student in the History MA program at Murray State each year.

The department is also searching for a new chair following the retirement of Dr. Ken Wolf, who will continue to teach on a part-time basis. Interim chair is Dr. Duane Bolin, 2004 winner of a Regents' Teaching Award from the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.