

Editor's Remarks

Members of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society have promoted the history of the purchase region for more than half a century. The 2017 edition of the *Journal of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society* is the forty-fourth journal published by the society. This year's edition features three articles, one interview, and eight book reviews. Andrew Landreth's article examines reasons why the abolitionist views of a number of Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian evangelical ministers in Kentucky failed to exert a profound impact on Kentucky society. Bobbie Smith Bryant's article addresses the history of quilting and the significance of quilting to the Jackson Purchase area; William Schell's article provides historical background to the 1916 American raid, led by General John J. Pershing, into Mexico to capture Pancho Villa. Bill Mulligan has already pointed out that soldiers from Calloway County participated in the raid. In an interview conducted by Megan Dobrose, Frances Bennett discusses her memories of growing up in Mayfield, Kentucky during the Second World War. The interview was originally an assignment for a history class taught by Mr. Brent Taylor at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah, Kentucky. I appreciate Mr. Taylor for informing me of the interview and Ms. Dobrose for allowing it to be published. Finally, the book reviews in the *Journal* address a wide range of topics related to West Kentucky and Tennessee, topics such as agriculture, the environment, and war. This year's journal undoubtedly offers readers insight into the Jackson Purchase's past from numerous perspectives.

This year's journal may be the society's forty-fourth volume, but it is my first. I thank JPHS President, Dr. William H. Mulligan, Jr. for asking me to serve as editor and for his assistance in bringing this year's journal to fruition. I am grateful also for the support of the members of the society and for the diligent efforts of the scholars whose writings appear in this volume.

Please discuss with me your ideas about articles or book reviews for future volumes of the journal. While traditional topics related to war, politics, and society are certainly welcome, I would also like to see the journal focus on less examined subjects pertaining to race and gender, business and economics, and geography and the environment. The 2017 edition of the *Journal of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society* promises to enhance our knowledge of a region rich in history, much of which remains untold.

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