

Number 65 (dated 1789), of *Petitions of the Early Inhabitants of Kentucky*

To the Honourable General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia --

The petition of us the subscribers of the Counties of Fayette and Bourbon Counties be struck off, for the purpose of forming a new County, in the following manner (to wit) Beginning at the mouth of Boones Creek, and running up said Creek to the mouth of Bogg's fork, thence a Direct line to the Junction of Welch's fork, with the main fork, known also by the name of Robinson's fork of said Creek; thence up said Welch's fork and the longest branch thereof to the head; then a direct line to strike Mason County line one mile below the upper Blue licks on the main Licking Creek; thence with said Mason County line to Madison County line; thence with said Madison County line to the beginning which division we conceive would be very advantageous to the Inhabitants of the proposed new County, and not disadvantageous to the Counties of Fayette and Bourbon, we therefore Request that you will grant the prayer of our Petition , and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray
(names)

I do certify that notice of the same purport of the within was publickly set up at two different courts previous to September Court in the present year at the Courthouse in Bourbon County Given under my hand this 8th day of Sepr. 1789.

John Edwards CBC

I do certify that Notice of the same purport of the within was publickly set up at two different Courts previous to September Court in the present year at the Courthouse in Fayette County Given under my hand this 8th day of Sept. 1789.

Levi Todd CL. Co. F.

(The next page shows these signatures, along with about 10 others that could not be read):

Daniel Boone (at top center)
John Niblack
Squire Boone
Isaac Shelby
James Wilkinson
Charles Hazelrigg
?? Patterson
Joseph Crockett
Benj Logan
Gabriel Madison
Richard Durett
Levi Todd
George Jameson
Daniel Trabue
Saml W. Dowell
David Hathaway

(Note: About three years later Clark County was formed (1792) from parts of Fayette and Bourbon counties, as a territory that included the present-day territories of Clark, Montgomery, and Bath counties, plus parts of Estill, Floyd, Menifee, Morgan, and Powell counties. Thanks to Mary Lou Hazelrigg for bringing the text of this petition to our attention.)