

Did You Know.....

1810 - The Yahoo Falls Massacre of Cherokee Women and Children occurred in Whitley City. (Fact or Legend, you decide.)

1818 - The first commercial oil well in Kentucky was drilled in 1818 by cable tool by Marcus Huling on a 757-acre lease from Martin Beatty, on the South Fork of the Cumberland River in McCreary County.

1912 - The county is named for James B. McCreary, Governor of Kentucky 1875-1879 & 1912-1916. McCreary was a lawyer, Confederate officer, Kentucky Senator, Kentucky Representative and Kentucky Governor. The county seat is Whitley City. McCreary County became Kentucky's one-hundred-twentieth, and final county in order of formation. McCreary County is the only Kentucky County to not have a single incorporated city.

1919 - McCreary and Pulaski County 1919. A meteor was observed over Tennessee and Kentucky on the night of April 9, 1919. The meteor produced a sound that was heard from Tennessee to Lexington, Ky. One fragment was discovered in Sawyer, near Cumberland Falls. It weighed 54 pounds.

1944 - Army Private Wilburn K. Ross from McCreary County Kentucky was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions near St. Jacques, France in October 1944.

THANK YOU

In 2008 the museum will celebrate 20 years of service to McCreary County.

Because of Donors like you, we have been able to serve our community and make a huge difference in the preservation of our history.

For More Information

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History & Mission

The McCreary County Museum was founded in 1988 by a small group under the leadership of Dr. M. A. Winchester and Bill Singleton. The old Stearns Coal and Lumber Company office building was for sale at the time and with the matching grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council, it was purchased and became the site for the museum. The museum has been an asset to the county, serving thousands of visitors each year. Due to the generosity and thoughtfulness of the people of the county, the exhibits have expanded and the main and second floors are now being used for the museum.

The mission of the McCreary County Museum is primarily to collect, preserve & protect the artifacts which reveal the heritage of the people of McCreary County and to interpret for our visitors life as it was lived during the different periods of time in McCreary County from the earliest inhabitants of pre-colonial times to the residents of the last quarter of the twentieth century.



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