



# Be it ever so humble

A portion of frontier Kentucky County, Virginia, later known as Hardin County, Kentucky, was settled by the influx of westward travelers after the War of Revolution. Preserved here is a log structure that once gave shelter to the pioneers calling this area home. A variety of period furnishing of the early home and numerous other artifacts used by early area homesteaders are on display.

*I was born Feb. 12, 1809,  
near where Hoggsville  
now is, then in Hardin County.  
A. Lincoln*



## Location & Hours

The Hardin County History Museum is housed at 201 West Dixie Avenue located on the corner of Mulberry Street and Dixie (HWY 31W) in Elizabethtown, KY.



The museum and gift shop are open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Special hours for group tours are available by contacting the museum at 270-763-8339.

## Tours

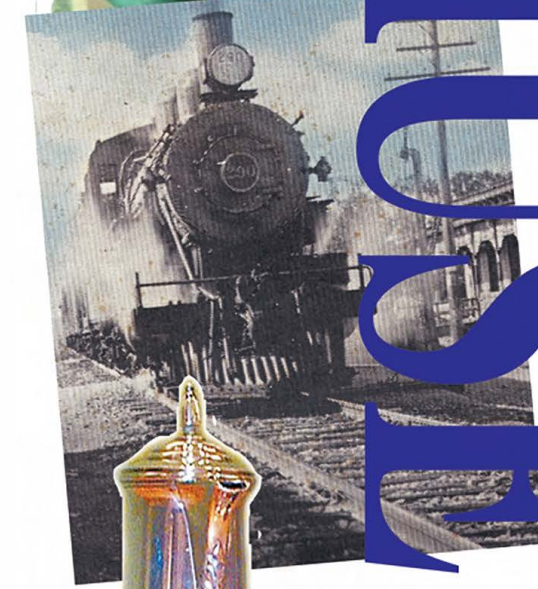
Guided tours of the exhibits are offered during museum hours as well as by special appointment for groups. Self-guided tours are available during museum hours only. To reserve special hours for guided and group tours, contact the museum at 270-763-8339. Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

For more information about future exhibitions and upcoming events, please call (270) 763-8339 or write: **HARDIN COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM**  
201 West Dixie Avenue  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701  
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# HARDIN COUNTY HISTORY



# MUSEUM

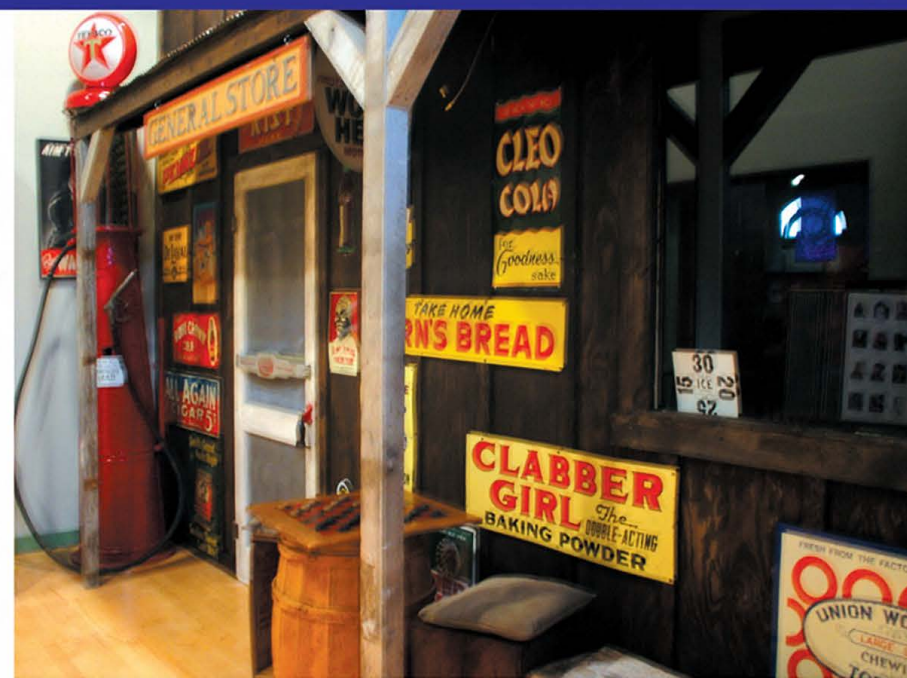
*A sense of past time and place*

## A Vivid and Unforgettable Story of Hardin County Development

### Nothing Just General In-Store Here...

Discover what shopping was really like before supermarkets at this real down home country store. The shelves are stacked from the floor to ceiling with staples and sundries that good homemakers enjoyed at the turn of the century.

Marvel at the progress of commercial product advertising and packaging.

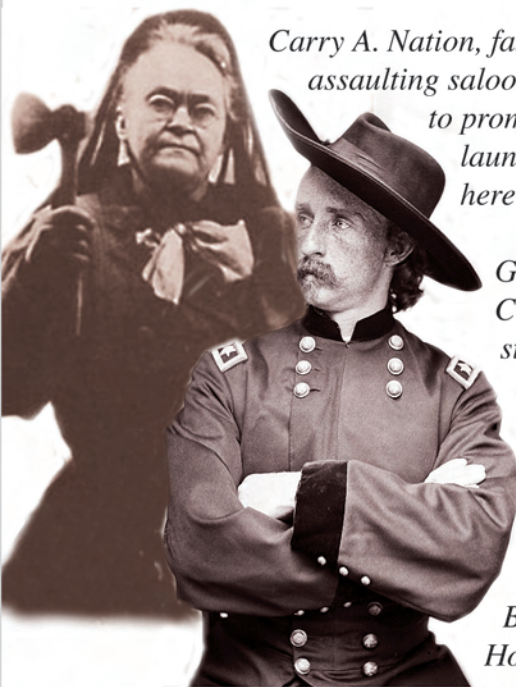




In 1809, the birth of a baby boy to Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln went unnoticed here in Hardin County; however in the last couple hundred years we have noticed our fair share of



## Famous and Infamous Residents and Visitors



*Carry A. Nation, famous for assaulting saloons with a hatchet to promote temperance, launched her attack here in 1900.*

*George Armstrong Custer was stationed here and corralled horses for his last post in the Dakota Territory before his legendary Last Stand at the Battle of Little Big Horn.*



Carl Maxie Brashear

## Men of Honor

*Celebrate the notable achievements of Hardin Natives like Carl Brashear, First African-American U.S. Navy Master Diver. Learn the heritage and important contributions of Black Hardin Countians as you reconnect with past school, worship and life.*

## Man Perpetrates Great Diamond Fraud Gaining Millions in Cash

*Industrial diamonds, the plot and the players are all on display highlighting one of the biggest swindles in American History by a less than contrite leading Elizabethtown citizen.*



## Louisville & Nashville Railroad

*Described as the most significant internal improvement in Kentucky during the nineteenth century, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad grew to become one of the most significant rail lines in the U.S. From its beginnings prior to the Civil War through its 1986 merger with CSX, the L&N has played a major role in the history of Kentucky. On December 28, 1862, between*



General John Hunt Morgan C.S.A.

*Elizabethtown and Colesburg, Morgan's Raiders destroyed two of the most important L&N R.R. trestles rendering the line impassable for two months.*



## The Collective Memory of early Hardin County

Since opening its doors in the fall of 2003, the Hardin County History Museum has been collecting and preserving artifacts, documents and other memorabilia that tells the story of Hardin County from its early Native American inhabitants to modern times. Through a variety of permanent and rotating exhibits, as well as speakers, tours and promotions, the history museum strives to promote knowledge and appreciation for area heritage.

The Lincoln Room reveals and honors the local heritage of the 16th President, born in Hardin County, along with a local documentary "I, too, am a Kentuckian," in the NEW theater.



Discover the legend of Swift's silver and the setting of Ft. Knox's gold.

Captured in the "Yesteryear of Photos" is a century of local transition of commerce.

A premier collection of artifacts honors the area's founders and inhabitants as well as their lives and achievements.

We invite you to visit and enjoy a journey through time.

