

Early Maps of Ohio County, KY

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1863 Kentucky railroad map





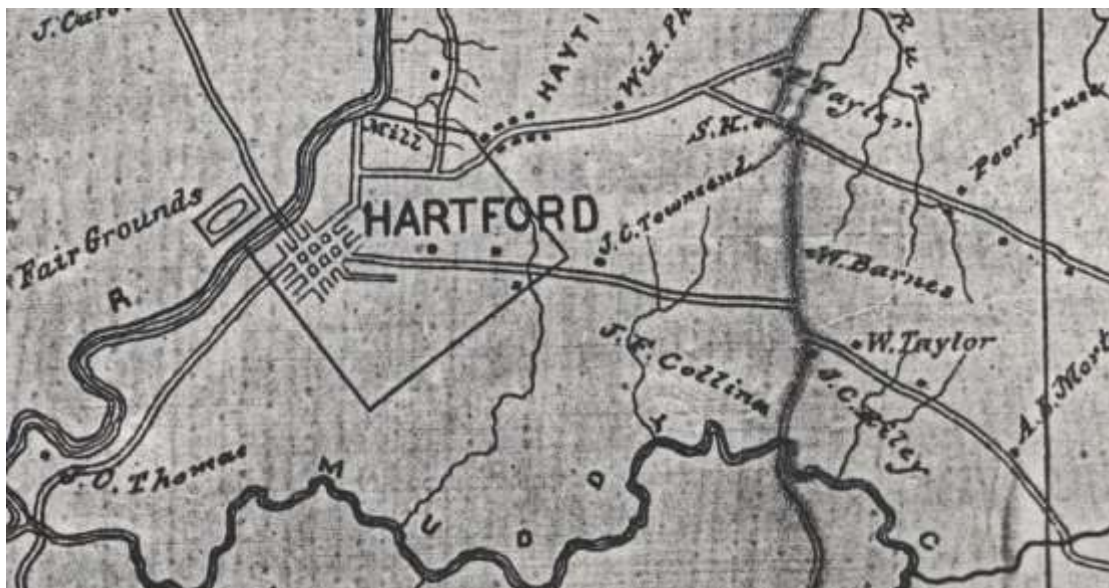
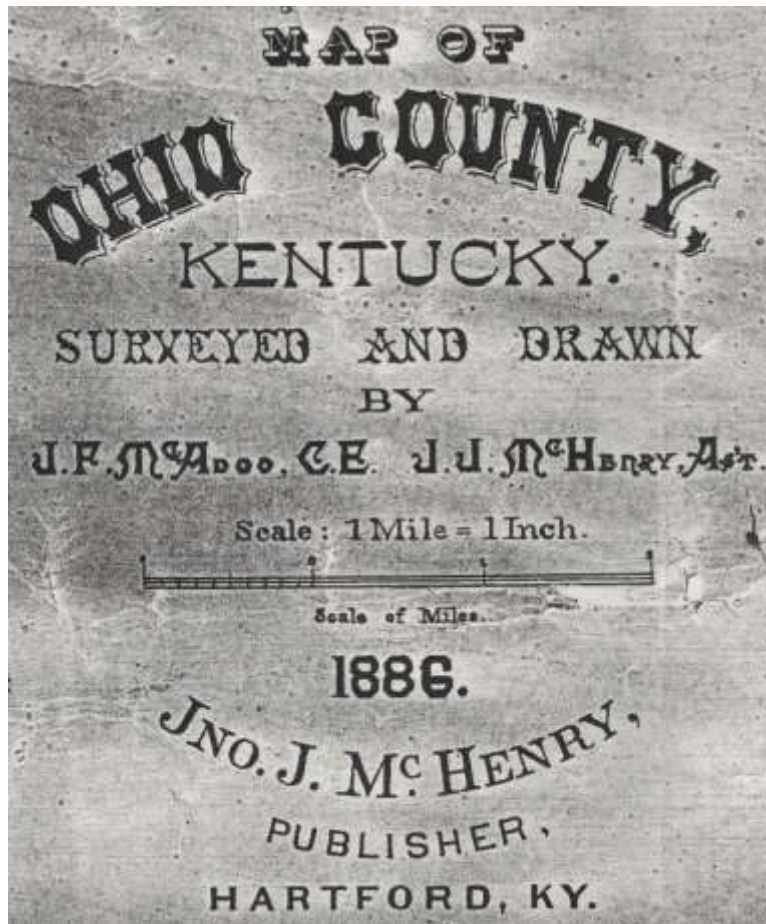
1874 Kentucky map



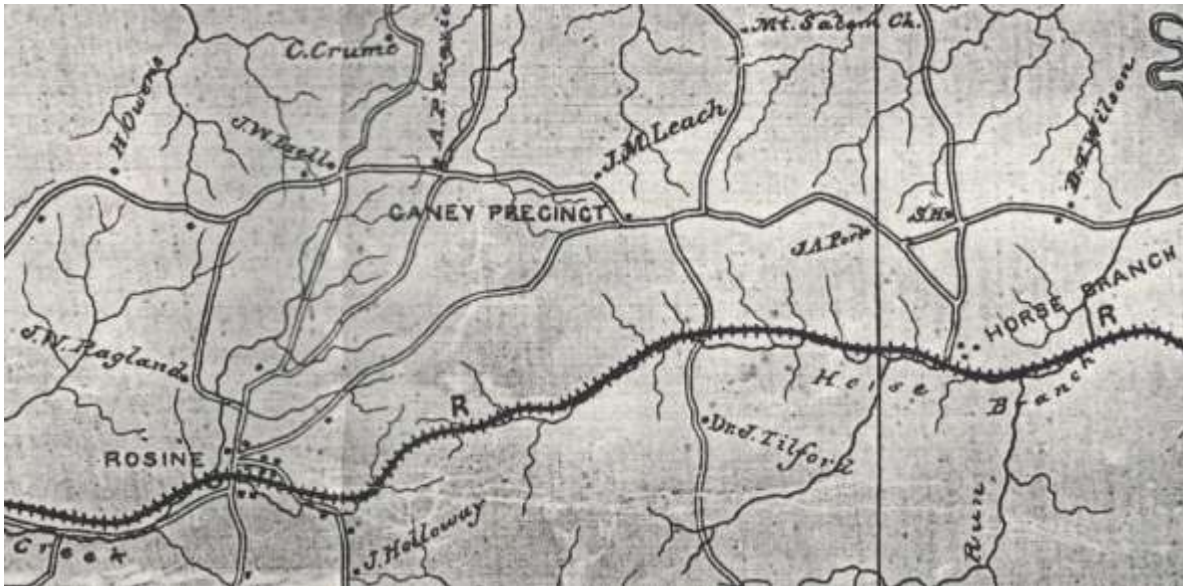
1880 Kentucky map



Map of Ohio County, Kentucky, Surveyed and Drawn by J. F. McAdoo, C.E. & J. J. McHenry, As't; Jno. J. McHenry, publisher, Hartford, KY, 1886:



Section of 1886 map showing Hartford neighborhood (Fair Grounds, Hayti & Poor House are shown)



Rosine – Horse Branch neighborhood

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 14 April 1886, p.3:

The map of Ohio county is in course of preparation. The survey of the county was completed by J. F. McAdoo, of Frankfort, assisted by John J. McHenry, of Ohio county, C. M. Duke of Louisville, and Jas. L. Corbet, of Frankfort.

The nature of the work done by these gentlemen consisted in locating all county roads, school houses, churches, cemeteries, private dwellings, rivers, creeks and branches.

The geologist will be here in the summer to take the geological strata, unless the Legislature in the meantime, concludes to abolish the office of State Geologist.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 16 June 1886, p.3:

The geological Map of Ohio County.

The county map now in the possession of Mr. John J. McHenry, presents some interesting facts, among which we mention the following items of interest :

The air line distance from Rochester, Butler county, to Panther creek church is 36 miles; from Livermore to the corner of Grayson and Butler counties in the Ohio county line is 29 ½ miles; from South Carrollton to the corner of Breckenridge and Hancock counties in the Ohio county line is 35 ¼ miles. The air line distance to Beaver Dam is 3 ¾ miles.

Rochester is nearly due south from Hartford; Rosine, due east; Point Pleasant, west; Fordsville, N. E.; Buford and Beda, N. W.; Livermore, a little north of west; Rockport, S.W.; Cromwell, S. E.; Beaver Dam is a little east of south; McHenry, a little west of south.

According to the geological survey the county contains 591 ½ square miles, or 378,560 square acres; this differs somewhat from Collins' history which gives the urea of the county as 3315,490 square acres.

The map shows also, that there are twenty-seven post-offices in the county. It shows every creek and branch, and every county road, many of the private residences, every village, and many of the school houses. Each magisterial district is given in separate colors. All the mines in the

county are given, and many more items of interest are given. The map should be in the hands of every house-keeper in the county.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 18 August 1886, p.3:

The County Maps.

The maps of Ohio Comity, which will soon be for sale, will show all the county roads, the principal churches, school houses, over 600 residences, all the post-offices, magisterial districts, all the streams mid their tributaries, a tabulated statement of the area, population, and statistics of the county for the year 1885, the distances in miles and tenths, from Hartford to other towns and points in the county, and, in fact, it will show everything of importance that can be placed on a map. The maps will be in 8 different colors, will have cloth on the back, tape at sides anil rollers at the top and bottom. The pocket maps will be of two colors only, and will be on thin tough paper. Thu lithographing of the maps has been unavoidably delayed, but they will be ready for sale at least by October. He sure and purchase one from the agent when he comes around.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 1 December 1886, p.3:

The Ohio County Map.

The map was shown us by Mr. J. J. McHenry, last Tuesday, and we have no hesitation in pronouncing it a master-work of art. Mr. McHenry received the proof sheet from the lithographers, mid it was found to be correct in the most minute particulars. The proof sheet was returned, with directions to proceed with the publication.

One thousand copies of the first edition will be in the hands of agents within three weeks from date. No farmer, merchant, doctor, lawyer, laboring man, school trustee, or teacher – nobody should fail to buy one. The Ministerial districts arc in six different colors, every road in the county is plainly laid down, many of the dwelling houses, churches and cemeteries are marked upon the map, in fact there is everything on it to make it a very desirable purchase.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 5 January 1887, p.1:

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COUNTY MAPS
THE NEW MAPS OF THE COUNTY
Surpass Anything of the Kind Heretofore
GOTTEN UP, AND THEY
Show and Comprise Everything of Importance that can be Placed upon a Map!

They are Also Remarkable for Their Cheapness!

Selling as they do for a price barely sufficient to cover the cost of lithographing and delivery. Maps of other counties have been sold for over ten dollars, while the comparative low price of this Map delivered by the Agents is as follows, viz:

Map Full mounted, Eight colors.....	\$2.50
Map on Heavy paper “ “	2.00
Pocket Map thin paper, two “	2.00
“ “ tissue paper, in black only	1.00

The following is a partial list of the agents who are authorized to sell them :

- A. T. Nall, Hartford and Cromwell Magisterial District.
- Jno. B. Wilson and D. J. Coleman, Rockport District.
- L. C. Leach, S. T. Butler and E. T. Meeman, Sulphur Springs District.
- O. T. Burdett and Alva Jones, Fordsville District.
- B. W. Taylor and A. V. Rowan, Buford District.

EVERYONE
Should Purchase a Map
 AND KEEP IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.
JOHN J. McHENRY,
 PUBLISHER, HARTFORD, KY.
 Maps have been received and are now in the hands of the Agents.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 2 February 1887, p.2:

THE MAP OF OHIO COUNTY.

Having very considerable personal knowledge of nearly every road, dwelling house, school house, church and water course of the county, we submitted the map to a very critical scrutiny, and find that it is accurate to even the most minute particular, 'flic meandering of the river and creeks are correctly given; the boundaries of the magisterial districts are equally correct; the county roads, the neighborhood roads, the dwelling houses, school and cemeteries arc all correctly given. The statistics on the map, including the distances from Hartford to the several prominent places in the county, arc worth the price asked for it.

No family in Ohio county should be without a copy of the map. We doubt if any family can afford to be without it. Its elegance appeals to the taste of the purchaser; the boys and girls of the family can learn a lesson in local geography from it which can not be learned from any other source, and at so little cost.

The Most Complete Map Ever Seen.

John J. McHenry, Esq., of Hartford, Ky., will please accept the Plaindealer's thanks for a copy of his map of Ohio county. We would pay you more for the map Mr. Mc., but thanks are all that we have. It is the most complete map we have ever seen. Everything in Ohio county worthy of a name is on his map in big letters. If Mr. McHenry would make a map of this county he would not get any subscribers but he would find among the hills and hollows of Hancock county many curious things which are of interest to Illinois geological nature. – Hawesville Plaindealer.

Ohio County, Kentucky in the Olden Days, Harrison D. Taylor, Louisville, KY, 1926, pp.68 & 120:

[MAP OF] OHIO COUNTY, 1886

[page 68]: Reduced from a copy, thirty by thirty-six inches, entitled "Map of Ohio County, Kentucky, Surveyed and Drawn by J. F. McAdoo, C. E., and J. J. McHenry, Assistant. Scale: One mile to one inch. 1886. Jno. J. McHenry, Publisher, Hartford, Kentucky." In the lower righthand corner is a table giving "Statistics of Ohio County, 1885," and "Distances from Hartford." The six precincts are shown in colors. The original presents many details. The chief purpose of this miniature is to serve as a memorandum of the existence of the original. See footnote, page 120.

[page 120]: The following is printed on the margin of John J. McHenry's Map of Ohio County (1886): "Statistics of Ohio County for 1885: Total assessed value of property, \$2,681,964. Number of legal voters, 4,613; children between six and twenty years, 6,658; pounds of tobacco, 4,633,132; tons of hay, 4,875; bushels of corn, 561,295; bushels of wheat, 36,506. Area of Ohio County, 378,560 acres or 591.5 square miles. Distances from Hartford: To Beda, 4.8 miles; Beaver Dam, 5.1; Borah's Ferry, 14.5; Bell's Run Church, 11.3; Buford, 9.2; Ceralvo, 10; Centertown, 7.1; Cromwell, 13; Fordsville, 20; Horton, 7.7; Hines' Mills, 12.7; McHenry, 6.2; Paradise, 14.6; Pleasant Ridge, 12; Point Pleasant, 12; Rockport, 11.2; Rochester, 19.2; Rosine, via Leitchfield Road, 11.4; South Carrollton, 18; Sulphur Springs, 11; Sutton, 11.4; and Select, via Cromwell, 17 miles."

It may be well to add that a map of the greater part of Ohio County is embraced in six of the Topographical Sheets recently issued by the Kentucky Geological Survey in co-operation with the United States Geological Survey. These sheets are designated Central City, Dunmor, Hartford, Spring Lick, Southerland, and Whitesville Quadrangles. With the Map of Northeastern Ohio County, published by the Kentucky Geological Survey, they form a complete recent map of the county.



Ohio County Times-News, Hartford, KY, 17 September 1998, p.5A:

Rough River Ripples
By Dorothy Gentry

Back several years ago while working at The Ohio County News, we were cleaning some cabinets in the rear shop and found an old map of Ohio County as surveyed and drawn by J.F. McAdoo, C.E. and J. J. McHenry, in 1886.

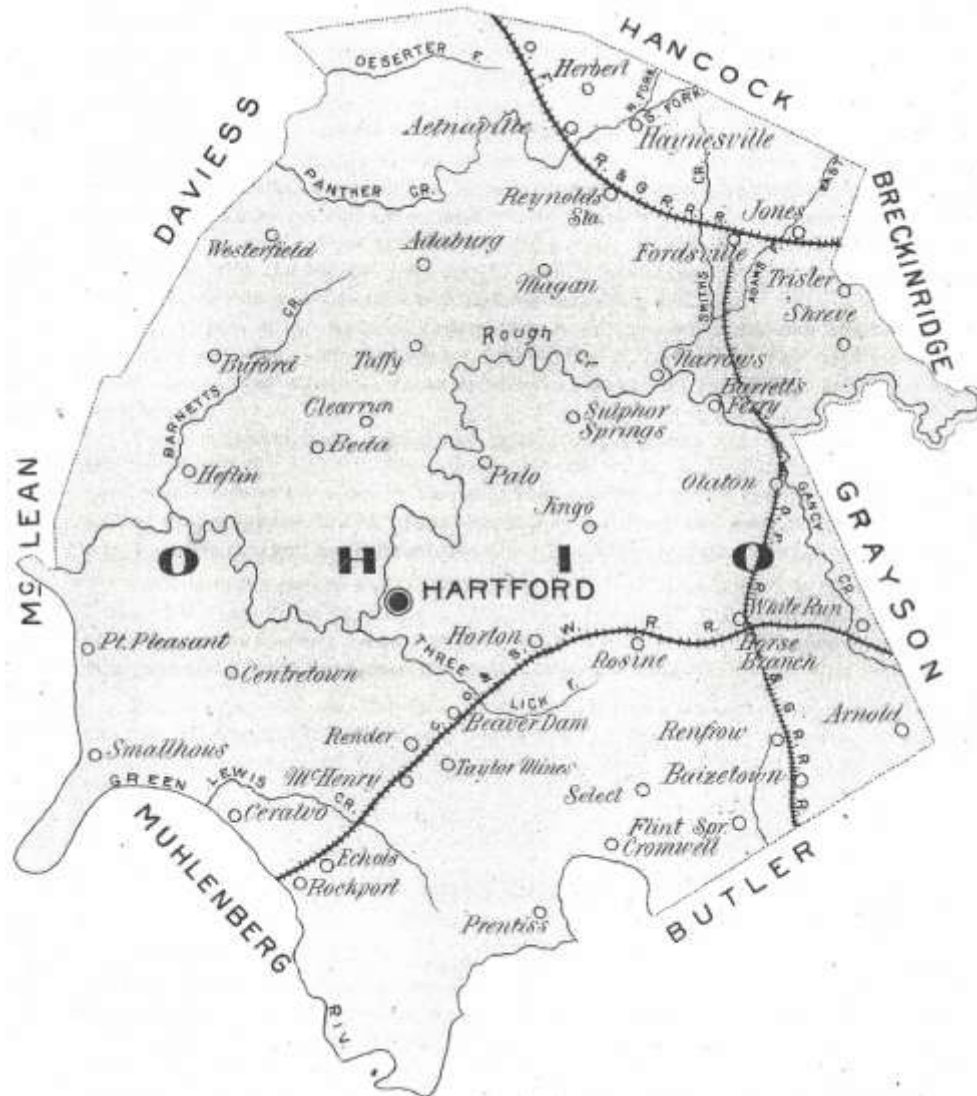
The names of property-owners in the county dot the map all over the rural areas and among the communities, not frequently referred to at present are Emporia, Hamilton, Wailer, Pinchico, and Sutton. Centertown was then Centerville.

Statistics of Ohio County for 1885 from the map show a total assessed value of property, \$2,681,964; number of legal voters, 4,613; number of children between 6 and 20 years, 6,658; number of pounds of tobacco, 4,633,132; number of tons of hay, 4,875; number of bushels of corn, 561,295; number of bushels of wheat, 36,506. The area of the county, 378,560 acres or 591 ½ square miles.

The Ohio County Historical Society had the map reproduced and copies are available at the Museum. It was reduced in size, but the original is framed and hanging on one of the walls.



Twelfth Biennial Report of the Bureau of Agriculture,
Geo. G. Fetter Printing Co., Louisville, KY, 1897, pp.126A, 27 & 28:



OHIO COUNTY.

Ohio County was formed in 1798 out of part of Hardin county, and was named after the beautiful river which forms the northern boundary of the State. Out of its territory have since been formed the entire county of Daviess, and parts of Butler, Grayson, Hancock and McLean. The county is in the western portion of the State, and is bounded on the north by Hancock and Daviess, on the east by Breckinridge and Grayson, on the west by Muhlenberg and McLean, on the south by Butler and Muhlenberg. Besides Green and Rough rivers, the streams are Panther, Muddy, Barnett's and Casey creeks. Green river is navigable for its entire course on the border of the county, and for quite a distance above. Rough river lies almost entirely within the county, extending for a distance of seventy miles through the center.

The United States government has expended \$105,500 for the improvement of Rough River, and it is now navigable as far as Hartford, thirty miles distant from Livermore, where it empties into Green river. Our shipping facilities are thus unsurpassed anywhere in Kentucky, for we have 140 miles of river front, and 54.92 miles of railroad. The Illinois Central railroad has twenty-five miles of road in the large territory between Rough and Green rivers, and has a branch road from Horse Branch to Owensboro, of which 24.22 miles are in the rich coal fields in the northeastern part of the county. The Irvington branch of the Louisville; St. Louis & Texas railroad has 5.7 miles of its track in Ohio county, and connects with the I. C. railroad, at Fordsville, thus making 54.92 miles within our border. Ohio county contains the noted resort, White Sulphur Springs. The vein of water at this place is the strongest in the United States, and there are other mineral waters in the same section. The resort is situated in a fine farming region, the inhabitants of which are pleasant, hospitable, progressive and intelligent.

Hartford, the county seat, is a town of about 1,000 inhabitants. It is pleasantly situated on the banks of Rough river, and is 110 miles from Louisville, and 160 miles from Frankfort. It was incorporated in 1808 and has a history of much interest. In the early days it was the scene of daring act and bloody strife. Hartford has been the home of many noted men.

Hartford College and Business Institute ranks second to none in Kentucky. It is located at Hartford, and is attended by pupils from all over the Green river country. The pupil children of the town are given a course in the higher branches at the public expense. The graduates of this institution are to be found in positions of trust, and eminent in professional life, all over the United States. Beaver Dam and Fordsville maintain schools of more than ordinary merit. The school fund in these towns is supplemented by local taxation under the graded school law. The schools in other portions of the county are of a splendid order.

Ohio county has four banks of deposit and' discount, and all are entirely reliable. Hartford has two county newspapers and Beaver Dam and Fordsville each has one. The entire county has convenient access to schools, churches, and mills.

The fiscal court lately appropriated a sufficient sum to build a windmill to supply water to the court house and jail. The health of the county is good. The physicians of the different sections are well informed and experienced.

The county has 200 square miles of the richest alluvial lowlands, very little of which is as yet under cultivation. These lands since receiving drainage are as healthful as the highlands.

The cultivated lands of the county produce from fifty to seventy-five bushels of corn, twenty to thirty bushels of wheat, thirty to forty bushels of oats, from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of tobacco, and from one to two tons of hay per acre.

Much of our land is covered with its virgin forest, which consists of elm, ash, white oak, black oak, hickory, maple, gum, chestnut, beech and walnut. The coal fields of our county almost cover the entire territory. The Centertown region contains a vein of the finest coal, eight and one-

half feet thick, near enough to the surface to be mined without sinking a shaft. Beginning a short distance below Hartford, and running on a line southeast to a point near Cromwell on Green river, are no less than twelve beds of coal with an aggregate thickness of thirty or more feet. Coal beds as fine as any in the State lie close to Green and Rough rivers.



Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, Friday, 23 November 1928, p.7:

**OHIO COUNTY
MAPS**

We have ordered another consignment of the new maps of Ohio County showing geological structures, oil and gas production, etc., which were issued a few days ago by Dr. W. R. Jillson, State Geologist.

Our first shipment was sold out in three days. Get yours at once.

Only \$1 Each

We also have the new Butler county maps at the same price.

If ordering by mail add 10c for postage and wrapping.

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Phone 59. - - HARTFORD, KY.

Map issued on 5 April 1927

