

# Daviess County Judge Executives



By Jerry Long

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		Born	Died
1851-1854	Thomas Worthington Watkins	(20 May 1818	- 29 Jul 1855)
1854-1858	George Helm Yeaman	( 1 Nov 1829	- 23 Feb 1908)
1858-1866	Albert Gallatin Botts	( ca 1810	- 1871)
1866-1878	George Washington Triplett	(18 Feb 1809	- 25 Jun 1884)
1878-1883	Henry Weaver Scott	( 2 Jul 1814	- 12 Aug 1883)
1883-1890	John Dorsey Atchison	(31 Dec 1852	- 22 Mar 1911)
1890-1898	Jasper Bristow Karn	( 7 Mar 1848	- 14 Mar 1931)
1898-1902	Edwin Pendleton Taylor	(18 Feb 1850	- 26 Nov 1934)
1902-1904	Horace Maynard Haskins	(22 Apr 1834	- 18 Jul 1904)
1904-1906	George Vest Triplett	(30 Jan 1856	- 1 Mar 1931)
1906-1914	William Wall Owen	(29 Oct 1859	- 6 Dec 1940)
1914-1918	Robert Lee Lancaster	(26 Apr 1862	- 22 Jan 1942)
1918-1922	Clarence William Wells	(22 Jun 1864	- 6 Oct 1936)
1922-1930	Roy Leighton McFarland	(24 Feb 1884	- 11 Sep 1961)

1930-1942	James Russell Wilson	( 8 Jan 1885 - 26 Jan 1965)
1942-1949	Joseph Everett Long	(20 Jun 1899 - 26 Dec 1949)
1949-1954	Richard Benedict Thompson	( 4 Sep 1917 - 26 Dec 1981)
1954-1958	Norris Brooks Vincent	( 8 May 1915 - 1 Aug 1989)
1958-1966	Thomas Butler Birkhead	(11 Dec 1904 - 16 Jan 1971)
1966-1978	Thomas Patrick Tanner	(17 Oct 1917 - 3 May 1996)
1978-1990	William Joseph Froehlich	(14 Dec 1930 - 24 Dec 2019)
1990-1999	Wilbur McDonald Norris	( 8 May 1933 - 2 May 2016)
1999-2011	Louis Reid Haire	(18 Mar 1948 - )
2011-2023	Alfred Stone Mattingly	(23 May 1947 - )
2023-	Charles Arthur Castlen	(11 Nov 1961 - )

## County Judges of Daviess County, Kentucky

From To

9 Jun 1851 - 21 Aug 1854

**Thomas W. Watkins**



elected: Monday, 12 May 1851  
 Daviess County Order Book E, p383  
 took office: Monday, 9 Jun 1851  
 Daviess County Order Book E, p386

21 Aug 1854 - 12 Aug 1858

**George H. Yeaman**



elected: Monday, 7 Aug 1854  
 Daviess County Order Book F, pp132 & 151  
 took office: Monday, 21 Aug 1854  
 Daviess County Order Book F, p151

12 Aug 1858 - 1 Sep 1862

**Albert G. Botts**

Name: A. G. Botts  
Residence Date: Abt. 1871  
Residence Place: Daviess County, KY  
Will Probate Date: 14 October 1871  
Probate Place: Daviess County, KY

elected: Monday, 2 Aug 1858  
Daviess County Order Book F, pp484 & 492  
took office: Thursday, 12 Aug 1858  
Daviess County Order Book F, p492

1 Sep 1862 - 3 Sep 1866

**Albert G. Botts**

Name: A. G. Botts  
Residence Date: Abt. 1871  
Residence Place: Daviess County, KY  
Will Probate Date: 14 October 1871  
Probate Place: Daviess County, KY

elected: Monday, 4 Aug 1862  
History of Daviess County, Kentucky, c1883, p102  
took office: Monday, 1 Sep 1862  
Daviess County Order Book G p439

3 Sep 1866 - 2 Sep 1870

**George W. Triplett**



elected: Monday, 6 Aug 1866  
History of Daviess County, Kentucky, c1883, p102  
Owensboro Monitor, Wednesday, 8 Aug 1866, p3  
took office: Monday, 3 Sep 1866  
Daviess County Order Book H p277

2 Sep 1870 - 7 Sep 1874

**George W. Triplett**



elected: Monday, 1 Aug 1870  
History of Daviess County, KY, c1883, p103 & 520  
took office: Monday, 2 Sep 1870  
Daviess County Order Book I p214  
At time took office on first Monday in September

7 Sep 1874 - 2 Sep 1878

**George W. Triplett**



elected: Monday, 3 Aug 1874  
Owensboro Monitor, Wednesday, 5 Aug 1874,  
took office: Monday, 7 Sep 1874  
Daviess County Order Book J p52  
At time took office on first Monday in September

2 Sep 1878 - 30 Aug 1882

**Henry W. Scott**



elected: Monday, 5 Aug 1878  
Owensboro Examiner, Friday, 9 Aug 1878, p4  
took office: Monday, 2 Sep 1878  
Daviess County Order Book K p314

30 Aug 1882 - 12 Aug 1883

**Henry W. Scott**



elected: Monday, 7 Aug 1882  
History of Daviess County, Kentucky, 1883, p104;  
Semi-Weekly Messenger, Tuesday, 8 Aug 1882, p4  
took office: Wednesday, 30 Aug 1882  
Daviess County Order Book M p73  
died in office: Sunday, 12 Aug 1883  
Semi-Weekly Messenger, Tuesday, 14 Aug 1883, p4

31 Aug 1883 - 30 Aug 1884

**John D. Atchison**



elected: Friday, 24 Aug 1883  
[elected by Daviess County magistrates]  
Daviess County Order Book M, p344;

Semi-Weekly Messenger, Tuesday, 28 Aug 1883, p4  
took office: Friday, 31 Aug 1883  
Daviness County Order Book M p346

30 Aug 1884 - 23 Aug 1886

**John D. Atchison**



elected: Monday, 4 Aug 1884  
[elected to fill final 2 years of Judge Scott's term]  
Semi-Weekly Messenger, Tuesday, 5 Aug 1884, p4  
took office: Saturday, 30 Aug 1884  
Daviness County Order Book N p44

23 Aug 1886 - 1 Sep 1890

**John D. Atchison**



elected: Monday, 2 Aug 1886  
At time election on first Monday in August  
took office: Monday, 23 Aug 1886  
Daviness County Order Book N p549

1 Sep 1890 - 7 Jan 1895

**Jasper B. Karn**



elected: Monday, 4 Aug 1890  
Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 5 Aug 1890, p1  
took office: Monday, 1 Sep 1890  
Daviness County Order Book P p294  
[during term election changed to first Tuesday of  
November & term to begin first Monday of January]

7 Jan 1895 - 3 Jan 1898

**Jasper B. Karn**



elected: Tuesday, 6 Nov 1894  
Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 7 Nov 1894, p1  
took office: Monday, 7 Jan 1895  
Daviss County Order Book Q p474

3 Jan 1898 - 6 Jan 1902

**Edwin P. Taylor**



elected: Tuesday, 2 Nov 1897  
Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 3 Nov 1897, p1A  
took office: Monday, 3 Jan 1898  
Daviss County Order Book R p347

6 Jan 1902 - 18 Jul 1904

**Horace M. Haskins**



elected: Tuesday, 5 Nov 1901  
Owensboro Inquirer, Thursday, 7 Nov 1901, p1A  
took office: Monday, 6 Jan 1902  
Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 5 Jan 1902, p9A  
died in office: Monday, 18 Jul 1904  
Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 19 Jul 1904, p1A

23 Jul 1904 - 1 Jan 1906

**George V. Triplett**



appointed: Thursday, 21 Jul 1904  
 Owensboro Messenger, Friday, 22 Jul 1904, p1A  
 took office: Saturday, 23 Jul 1904  
 Daviess County Order Book T p212 & 309  
 (recommissioned by Governor & sworn in on  
 Tuesday, 6 Dec 1904)

1 Jan 1906 - 3 Jan 1910

**William W. Owen**



elected: Tuesday, 7 Nov 1905  
 Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 8 Nov 1905, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 1 Jan 1906  
 Daviess County Order Book T p556

3 Jan 1910 - 5 Jan 1914

**William W. Owen**



elected: Tuesday, 2 Nov 1909  
 Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 3 Nov 1909, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 3 Jan 1910  
 At time took office on first Monday in January

5 Jan 1914 - 7 Jan 1918

**Robert L. Lancaster**



elected: Tuesday, 4 Nov 1913  
Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 5 Nov 1913, p1A  
took office: Monday, 5 Jan 1914  
Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 4 Jan 1914, p1B

7 Jan 1918 - 2 Jan 1922

**Clarence W. Wells**



elected: Tuesday, 6 Nov 1917  
Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 7 Nov 1917, p1A  
took office: Monday, 7 Jan 1918  
Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 8 Jan 1918, p1A

2 Jan 1922 - 4 Jan 1926

**Roy L. McFarland**



elected: Tuesday, 8 Nov 1921  
Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 9 Nov 1921, p1A  
took office: Monday, 2 Jan 1922  
Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 1 Jan 1922, p1A

4 Jan 1926 - 6 Jan 1930

**Roy L. McFarland**





elected: Tuesday, 3 Nov 1925  
Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 4 Nov 1925, p1A  
took office: Monday, 4 Jan 1926  
Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 3 Jan 1926, p1A

6 Jan 1930 - 1 Jan 1934

**James R. Wilson**



elected: Tuesday, 5 Nov 1929  
Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 6 Nov 1929, p1A  
took office: Monday, 6 Jan 1930  
Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 5 Jan 1926, p1A

1 Jan 1934 - 3 Jan 1938

**James R. Wilson**



elected: Tuesday, 7 Nov 1933  
Owensboro Messenger, Friday, 10 Nov 1933, p1A  
took office: Monday, 1 Jan 1934  
Daviness County Order Book 31, p619

3 Jan 1938 - 5 Jan 1942

**James R. Wilson**



elected: Tuesday, 2 Nov 1937  
 Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 3 Nov 1937, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 3 Jan 1938  
 Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 2 Jan 1938, p4A

5 Jan 1942 - 7 Jan 1946

**Everett Long**



elected: Tuesday, 4 Nov 1941  
 Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 5 Nov 1941, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 5 Jan 1942  
 Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 6 Jan 1942, p8A

7 Jan 1946 - 26 Dec 1949

**Everett Long**



elected: Tuesday, 6 Nov 1945  
 Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 7 Nov 1945, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 7 Jan 1946  
 Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 8 Jan 1946, p2A

**Everett Long**



elected: Tuesday, 8 Nov 1949  
 Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 9 Nov 1949, p1A  
 died in office: Monday, 26 Dec 1949  
 Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 27 Dec 1949, p1A  
 (died one week before beginning his third term)

2 Jan 1950 - 11 Dec 1950

**Richard Thompson**



appointed: Thursday, 29 Dec 1949  
 Owensboro Messenger, Friday, 30 Dec 1949, p1A  
 (appointment effective until November election)  
 took office: Monday, 2 Jan 1950  
 Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 1 Jan 1950, p1A

11 Dec 1950 - 4 Jan 1954

**Richard Thompson**



elected: Tuesday, 7 Nov 1950  
 Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 8 Nov 1950, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 11 Dec 1950  
 Owensboro Messenger, Thursday, 14 Dec 1950, p8A;  
 Daviess County Order Book 38, p286

4 Jan 1954 - 6 Jan 1958

**Norris B. Vincent**



elected: Tuesday, 3 Nov 1953  
 Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 4 Nov 1953, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 4 Jan 1954  
 Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 5 Jan 1954, p1A;  
 Daviess County Judge Bond Book, p18

6 Jan 1958 - 1 Jan 1962

**T. B. Birkhead**



elected: Tuesday, 5 Nov 1957  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 6 Nov 1957, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 6 Jan 1958  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Tuesday, 7 Jan 1958, p4A;  
 Daviess County Judge Bond Book, p19

1 Jan 1962 - 3 Jan 1966

**T. B. Birkhead**



elected: Tuesday, 7 Nov 1961  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 8 Nov 1961, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 1 Jan 1962  
 Daviess County Judge Bond Book, p19

3 Jan 1966 - 5 Jan 1970

**Patrick (Pat) Tanner**



elected: Tuesday, 2 Nov 1965  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 3 Nov 1965, p6A  
 took office: Monday, 3 Jan 1966  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Monday, 3 Jan 1966, p1A

5 Jan 1970 - 7 Jan 1974

**Patrick (Pat) Tanner**



elected: Tuesday, 4 Nov 1969  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 5 Nov 1969, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 5 Jan 1970  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Sunday, 4 Jan 1966, p1B

7 Jan 1974 - 2 Jan 1978

**Patrick (Pat) Tanner**



elected: Tuesday, 6 Nov 1973  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 7 Nov 1973, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 7 Jan 1974  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Tuesday, 8 Jan 1974, p8B

2 Jan 1978 - 4 Jan 1982

**William (Bill) Froehlich**



elected: Tuesday, 8 Nov 1977  
Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 9 Nov 1977, p1A  
took office: Monday, 2 Jan 1978  
Messenger-Inquirer, Monday, 2 Jan 1978, p1A

4 Jan 1982 - 4 Jan 1986

**William (Bill) Froehlich**



elected: Tuesday, 3 Nov 1981  
Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 4 Nov 1981, p1A  
took office: Monday, 4 Jan 1982  
At time took office on first Monday in January

4 Jan 1986 - 1 Jan 1990

**William (Bill) Froehlich**



elected: Tuesday, 5 Nov 1985  
Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 6 Nov 1985, p1A  
took office: Saturday, 4 Jan 1986  
Messenger-Inquirer, Thursday, 2 Jan 1986, p1C

1 Jan 1990 - 3 Jan 1994

**Wilbur (Buzz) Norris**



elected: Tuesday, 7 Nov 1989  
Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 8 Nov 1989, p1A  
took office: Monday, 1 Jan 1990  
Messenger-Inquirer, Tuesday, 2 Jan 1990, p1A

3 Jan 1994 - 2 Jan 1999

**Wilbur (Buzz) Norris**



elected: Tuesday, 2 Nov 1993  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 3 Nov 1993, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 3 Jan 1994  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Tuesday, 4 Jan 1994, p1B

2 Jan 1999 - 6 Jan 2003

**Reid Haire**



elected: Tuesday, 3 Nov 1998  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 4 Nov 1998, p1A  
 took office: Saturday, 2 Jan 1999  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Sunday, 3 Jan 1999, p1C

6 Jan 2003 - 1 Jan 2007

**Reid Haire**



elected: Tuesday, 5 Nov 2002  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 6 Nov 2002, p1C  
 took office: Monday, 6 Jan 2003  
 At time took office on first Monday in January

1 Jan 2007 - 3 Jan 2011

**Reid Haire**



elected: Tuesday, 7 Nov 2006  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 8 Nov 2006, p4A  
 took office: Monday, 1 Jan 2007  
 At time took office on first Monday in January

3 Jan 2011 - 5 Jan 2015

**Al Mattingly**



elected: Tuesday, 2 Nov 2010  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 3 Nov 2010, p1A  
 took office: Monday, 3 Jan 2011  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Saturday, 29 Dec 2010, p1A

5 Jan 2015 - 7 Jan 2019

**Al Mattingly**



elected: Tuesday, 4 Nov 2014  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 5 Nov 2014,  
 took office: Monday, 5 Jan 2015  
 At time took office on first Monday in January

7 Jan 2019 - 2 Jan 2023

**Al Mattingly**



elected: Tuesday, 6 Nov 2018  
 Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 11 Nov 2018, p1F



took office: Monday, 7 Jan 2019  
At time took office on first Monday in January

2 Jan 2023 -

**Charlie Castlen**



elected: Tuesday, 8 Nov 2022  
Messenger-Inquirer, Wednesday, 9 Nov 2022, p1A  
took office: Monday, 2 Jan 2023  
At time took office on first Monday in January