HISTORY:
First surveyed by Christopher Gist, a pioneer, in 1751, Kenton County was named after another famous Kentucky pioneer, Simon Kenton, and incorporated in 1840. Covington, named after General Leonard Covington of Maryland, a gallant and distinguished cavalry officer of the War of 1812, was incorporated in 1815. General George Rogers Clark, Daniel Boone and other famous pioneers camped here on occasion.

The Suspension Bridge, opened in 1867, gave great impetus to the growth of Kenton County, which has continued to develop steadily through the years to its present population of 95,000. Dan Beard's boyhood home; the birthplace of Frank Duveneck, famous artist; the Baker Hunt Foundation, Williams Natural History collection, together with the Elmwood Hall, built in 1818 and the Octagon House may be seen in Covington and Ludlow.

LOCATION:
Kenton County is located on the South Bank of the Ohio River and West Bank of the Licking River which joins the Ohio River at Covington. Directly across the Ohio River and connected by four highway bridges and three railroad bridges is Cincinnati, Ohio. Because of the great quantities of goods entering the South here, this area, appropriately enough is referred to as the Gateway to the South.

Within 400 miles of Kenton County lies 40% of the population of the U. S.

TRANSPORTATION:
The Greater Cincinnati Airport, a class IV airport, one of the most modern and spacious in the United States, is located three and one-half miles northwest of Erlanger in Boone County. Passenger flights are currently scheduled at the rate of 124 a day. Limousines and buses provide fast service to downtown Covington and Cincinnati.

Three railroads, the Southern, L & N, and C & O pass through Covington and the Northern part of the county. City and suburban rail service in the area is operated by the C. N. & C. Railway Company and the Dixie Traction Company. Schedules are fast and frequent. Numerous barge lines operate fleets between the Greater Cincinnati area and all points on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers systems. Ocean going freight service is anticipated for this area in the near future.

UTILITIES:
Kenton County is served by the Union Light, Heat & Power Company, a subsidiary of the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company, which furnishes natural gas and electricity for the area. Progressive management in these companies are planning for future needs of the area and aiding in the present expansion program of the county.

Water is furnished by the municipality of Covington and the Kenton County Commission, serving to suburban areas. Some industrial plants in the area get their water supply by pumping from their own wells. Other potential sources of water are the Ohio and Licking Rivers.

Electrical generating capacity is presently 470,000 Kilowatts, however, the company's expansion program when completed will provide a total generating capacity of 630,000 kilowatts. The Company has major interconnections with five other adjacent utilities.

Natural gas with a heating value of approximately 1,040 B.T.U. per cubic foot comes from West Virginia, Ohio, and Texas. The Company has a gas manufacturing plant and also storage facilities for gas and propane.

Rates for both gas and electricity are among the lowest in the country.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:
Covington and Kenton County have a total of 106 diversified industries, whose nationally famous products range from advertising displays to X-ray equipment.

Among the more important are steel and iron products, machine tools, paper products, flat glass, electric machinery, machine tools, packing plants, paper products, bags, lathes, grinders, and art products, asphalt and macadam, sashes and doors, lumber products, fruit packing, and numerous other items used in the trade and commerce of the nation.

One of the nation's leading X-Ray and electronic apparatus manufacturers is located in Covington.

The Census of Manufacturers. Covington and Kenton County are a part of one of the fifty-three major industrial areas in the U. S. This area has one of the best geographical locations in the country. It is closest to the largest population than any other large industrial area and 40% of the nation's population is within 400 miles of it. There is an excellent market for all kinds of products within the city itself and the proximity to such a large percentage of the nation's population provides almost unlimited markets.

The population of Covington and Kenton County provides an excellent supply of employees. Also, there are many desirable industrial sites available, so Covington and Kenton County should continue to enjoy industrial prosperity.

CHURCHES:
Kenton County, Kentucky, is known as a church-going community. Eighty-three churches are located in the county covering all denominations both Protestant and Catholic.

St. Mary's Cathedral, seat of the Bishop of Covington, is one of the finest examples of ecclesiastical Gothic architecture in the Middle West.

Modeled after the famous Notre Dame of Paris and Abbeville, St. Denis, France, it contains one of the largest stained glass windows in the world, and murals and sculptured groups by Duveneck and Barnhorn, nationally known artists and both Covingtonians.

SCHOOLS:
Ample opportunities of superior character for all grades of education from kindergarden through college are provided in this area.


School children of the rural areas of Kenton County are provided for in an excellent way by the Public and Parochial schools of the County. Covington's school system includes eleven modern elementary schools, an elementary and high school for colored children, two junior high schools and Holmes Senior High School which is situated on a twenty-acre campus in the central portion of the city.

The Kenton County Board of Education exercises control over nine rural schools. The two county high schools maintain complete programs of academic courses, industrial arts, and agriculture.

Villa Madonna College, offering a full four-year course for men and women, the University of Kentucky Northern Extension Center, offering the freshman and sophomore years of college work, and the Northern Kentucky Vocational School all are located in Covington. These institutions have a wide range of department and schedule classes in industrial, vocational, and college subjects of interest to adult students.

In Cincinnati are located the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University. Both offer full and part-time courses. The University of Cincinnati is the largest municipally owned university in the United States and was the originator of the Co-operative System of Education (whereby students divide their time between class-room work and work in an allied field in business).
PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ENTERTAINMENT:
- Eight parks and playgrounds, largest of which is Devou Park. 550 acres of rolling wooded hills overlooking the Ohio River.
- Public and private golf courses.
- Fishing lakes, trap shooting, flying clubs, swimming pools, drive-in theatres.
- Summer cruises to New Orleans and intermediate points.
- Close to Coney Island, a noted amusement park—"the Summer Opera"—the Zoo, and Crosley Field (home of the Reds).
- Visitor and resident alike may enjoy the choicest cuisine and entertainment on Kenton County's Nationally Famous Dixie Highway (U. S. 25 - 42).

URBAN DEVELOPMENT:
- Park Hills, Lookout Heights, Fort Wright, South Hills, Fort Mitchell, South Fort Mitchell, Kenton Hills, Edgewood, Lakeside Park and Winston Park all offer the acre of good living in the area immediately adjacent to Covington. To the visitor we'll have to say "take your choice." Kentucky hospitality will be found in any and all of these incorporated urban communities on the attractive heights surrounding Covington and just a few minutes from the retail center of Covington.
- Independence, sharing with Covington the functions of the County Seat, lies 17 miles south of Covington on U. S. 17. This community of 250 population is the center of the rural activity of the County.

LUDLOW-BROMLEY:
- Ludlow and Bromley, adjacent to Covington, on the banks of the broad Ohio, are two important communities in Kenton County. Ludlow developed to a large extent by the activities of the Southern Railroad shops, is growing steadily and holds the number two population position in the county.
- Ludlow has several spots of historic interest for visitors, including the Elmwood Hall, built in 1818, and sold to Israel Ludow in 1830 after whom the present city is named. Plans for a new park to build a model city around the home as laid out by the architect to the King of Wurttemberg. Restored, by the present owners, to much of its original grandeur, it is open to the public for inspection. The Octagon House at Ludlow is also interesting for its eight-sided construction.

ERLANGER-ELSMERE AND FLORENCE:
- These fast-growing communities led the country in new building permits in 1948. Located on the Dixie Highway (U. S. 25 and 42) eight miles from Covington, Erlanger, and Elsmere, with Florence (Boone County) adjoining, are communities enjoying a steady growth which outstrips all others in the county. A shopping area makes it easy for suburbanites to secure their needs. Amusements in theatres, night clubs, and country clubs are close by. Fast transportation to Covington and Cincinnati is available and the Greater Cincinnati Airport is located just three and one-half miles distant.

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- Organized for the development of the Industrial, Commercial, Civic and Agricultural interests of the Community and County.
- Headquarters of 400 members of the C. of C. who want to serve you in true Kentucky style.
- Three Service Clubs—The Covington Rotary, Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs meet in the C. of C. Club Room weekly.

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Optimist—12 Noon—Thursday

- An Information and Service Bureau for resident and visitor.
- Look for the C. of C. sign at 7 West Pike Street or take the elevator to the second floor at 629 Madison Street.
- Telephones: HE 0334 and HE 0335.
- Office Hours: 9 to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 to 12 noon.

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And for good eating—Kentucky's Dixie Highway (U. S. 25) is nationally known for its night clubs, dining rooms and restaurants, outdoor theatres and other amusements where visitor and resident alike may enjoy the choicest of cuisine and entertainment.

You will find Kenton County a delightful area in which to live, or to visit. The Chamber of Commerce will be happy to welcome you and serve you. Just write or call

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Covington and Kenton County have all the advantages of the large city at its front door with the beauty of its rolling countryside and the prosperity of its urban development surrounding it. Many of its highways and by-ways pass through a picturesqueeland of unsurpassed beauty.

Kenton County is growing in population and wealth. New modern urban communities ring Covington, served by utilities who are thinking of and planning for their future. Its transportation lines—whether bus, rail or air—rank with the foremost and provide quick, easy access to all parts of the county and the nation. Its 106 industries are diversified, while the products of Kenton County cover the United States and reach many foreign countries.