

OWEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

They arrived in the late 1800's dressed in vibrant colors, unlike the muted tones of clothing worn by most people of that time. Their costumes bragged of brilliant shades of reds, blues and yellows; and their spirited horses and wagons were decked out with colorful ribbons and tassels.

They camped on local farms or wherever it suited them, stayed a few days, then left the area. During their stay they traded for goods and engaged in fortune telling and palm reading.

Gypsies (who called themselves Romani) appeared in Constantinople as early as the twelfth century where they were bear keepers, snake charmers, fortune tellers and sellers of magic amulets to ward off evil. A noted Greek physician warned his nation to avoid them for they were "ventriloquists and wizards and in league with the Devil."

Gypsies appeared in Kentucky in the 1800's and one Kentuckian in Laurel County claimed her great-great- grandmother was a gypsy who told fortunes out of her home to supplement the family farm income. "People would come to her for advice and charms also (many in secret)."

Every year as Owen County Court Day approached, gypsies made their way onto farms lying on the outskirts of Owenton and made themselves at home.

Court Day gave these mysterious roving bands of outsiders opportunities to tell fortunes, swap horses, and help themselves to produce and an occasional chicken that happened to wander near their campsites.

In her book "That Was The Way It Was," available at the Owen County



BONNIE STRASSELL

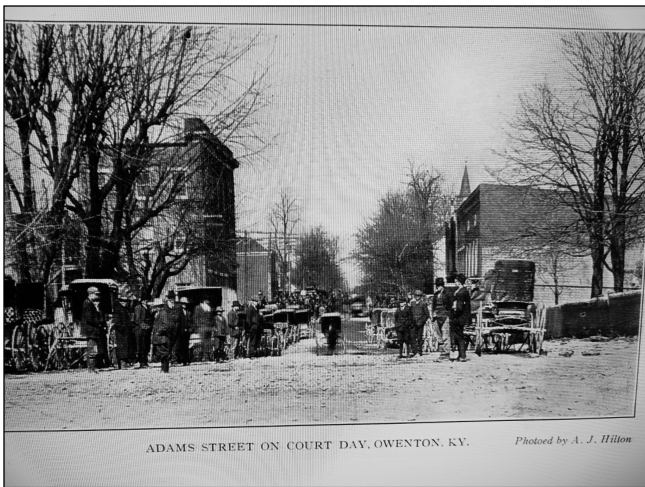


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Owen County Court Day as seen in the late 1800s.

Historical Society Museum for \$12, Charlotte Kemper Atchison of Buck's Run described one particular occasion when gypsies arrived on her family farm creating an evening of worry for her mother and a unforgettable night for her father as he danced with the gypsies.

" We were coming home from Worthville one Saturday night. We had been to the free show in front of the Clover Farm Store. I was sitting in the back seat of the old Chevy, but I could still see the lights from the campfire.

" As we were turning in the lane that led to the farm, we saw that the gypsies had camped out at the end of our road. They made themselves at home. Strings were tied from tree to tree holding lots of colorful garb. I loved it. These were real live gypsies; music, campfire, garb and all."

However, Charlotte's mother did not share her daughter's enthusiasm; and she was convinced the unsavory and unwanted company would help themselves to a Kemper chicken or two.

Mrs. Kemper insisted Charlotte's father should confront the gypsies and tell them to leave.

" Daddy was gone into the wee hours of the night; actually it was probably no later than 10:30 but it seemed like he had been gone for hours."

Mrs. Kemper spent the time pacing the floor and

bewailing the fact that her husband had surely had his throat cut and most likely was thrown into the well.

Charlotte, however, was thrilled with the prospect of these dark-skinned colorfully dressed wanderers spending a few days on their farm; and she waited patiently for the return of her father anticipating the stories he would tell.

"I'm not sure, but I think Momma cried a little harder over Daddy than she did her chickens! "Daddy came home late smelling like smoke, but he had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. He had not only talked to them, he had danced by their fire and they promised him that they would leave early the next morning.

" We never missed a chicken, but I felt like I had missed a lot by not watching my Father dance with the gypsies."

Edwin Finch, artist for the Louisville Courier-Journal wrote an article in the 1960's about a group of Turks, who like the bands of gypsies, camped in Owen County.

" The outskirts of Owenton were a camping ground for gypsies in the 1880's, and also for a group of Turks about the same time. The Turks earned their living by exhibiting trained bears and collecting a few coins tossed to them.

"Gayle Ford, manager of the Exchange Hotel was a practical joker and when the Turks came into town, Gayle collected a small purse which he promised to give a Turk if he would have one of his bears climb a locust tree across from the hotel.

"After hunting all over town the entire day, Gayle finally located a large firecracker and when the Turk and his bear arrived the next morning they were greeted by Gayle and several of his friends, who were in on the prank.

"The Turk got his bear about halfway up the tree when Gayle lit the firework and tossed it above the bear where it exploded two feet above its nose.

"The bear scrambled down the tree, bringing the fork of the tree with him, and shot past the spectators. With a shout (in a language no one understood) the Turk raced after his bear and neither was ever heard from again."

For years County Court Day, held on the fourth Monday of every month, offered Owen Countians a day of horse trading, knife swapping, fortune telling and a venue for entertainment from a variety of performers.

For weeks afterwards, the sights, sounds and stories of that special Owen County day lingered; and today memories of those earlier times in our history continue to create an enduring legacy of Owen County that is destined to leave an imprint upon the future.

Join the Historical Society tomorrow, Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. as we celebrate Armed Forces Day at the Historical Society Museum.

Tour the Museum as we honor Owen County's brave Service men and women throughout the years. Enjoy our display of Veterans' pictures, uniforms, flags and stories, and join us in the kitchen for cake and punch.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 24-CI-0003

ADS TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC

VS.

PHYLLIS WEBSTER, ETAL.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 22nd day of April, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2025, the following described property:
Property Address: 2180 Cull Road, Owenton, KY 40359
Map No.: 048-00-00-007.00
Three parcels containing 159 acres, (less 0.78 acre exception) lying on Cull Road and conveyed and fully described in Deed Book 135, page 280 in the Owen County Clerk's Office.

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$8,120.53 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum, from April 22, 2025 until paid, plus post judgment costs and attorney's fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute a bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

When the purchase price is paid in full, title will be conveyed to the purchaser by commissioner's deed.

The aforesaid real property shall be sold free and clear of any and all liens and claims except the following:
a. All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property for 2025 and thereafter;
b. Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;
c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
d. Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Judgment, Order and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Owen County.

s/ Mark R. Cobb
MARK R. COBB
MASTER COMMISSIONER
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 19-CI-00063

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP

VS.

DARIAN CARTER, ETAL.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 22nd day of April, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025, the following described property:

A parcel of real property lying in the City of Owenton, Owen County, Kentucky, being the west half of Lot 84 in said city and conveyed and fully described in Deed Book 185, page 347 in the Owen County Clerk's Office.

Property Address: 214 W. Seminary St. Owenton, KY
Map No.: 061-20-00-035.00

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$6,578.88 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum, from March 1, 2025, until paid.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute a bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

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OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 24-CI-00073

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

VS.

MATTHEW EDMONDS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 22nd day of April, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025, the following described property:

Lot 22, Unit 1, Section A in Riverlake Subdivision, as shown on the plat of said subdivision of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 16 in the Owen County Clerk's Office, and conveyed and fully described in Deed Book 257, page 213 in said Clerk's Office.

Property Address: 1565 Inverness Road, Perry Park, KY
Parcel No.: 011-20-16-022.00

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$153,758.40 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.75% per annum, from October 1, 2023, until paid, plus court costs and attorneys fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute a bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 4.75% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

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