

INTRODUCTORY.

Herewith is presented the seventh edition of R L Polk & So's Lexington City Directory.

In addition to the alphabetical list of the people and their organizations, it contains a classified list of all trades, professions and pursuits, making a special Trade Directory of each business and profession. It contains also an improved Street and Avenue Guide and Directory of Householders, giving the names of householders and business houses, arranged by street and number; a Miscellaneous Directory of State, City and County Officials, Academies, Colleges, Schools, Churches, Asylums, Homes, Hospitals, Banks, Secret and Miscellaneous Societies, Labor Organizations, Parks, Public Halls and Buildings, Railways, Newspapers and Periodicals, Post-office Statistics, Etc., covering almost every phase of human activity.

LEXINGTON.

Lexington was settled in 1776.

Is the county seat of Fayette county, which has more than 350 miles of macadamized roads within its boundaries.

Is the center of the Blue Grass section and also of the Kentucky hemp industry.

Has 5 steam railroads and is connected with five Blue Grass county seats by electric interurban railways.

The railroad shops of the Lexington & Eastern Railway, the division repair shops of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and the division terminal yards and shops of the Louisville & Nashville and Southern Railways are located here.

Within a radius of 30 miles of Lexington there is a population of more than 300,000 people.

Lexington homes and business houses are supplied with natural gas at a cost of 30 cents per thousand cubic feet.

Lexington gets her water supply from artificial lakes, the water shed covering some 1500 acres. The supply is adequate and the water pure and wholesome.

Has a splendid public school system, with an enrollment of over 6000 pupils. There are 6 buildings for white children and 3 for colored children.

Has ten banks and trust companies with a combined capital and surplus of more than \$4,500,000.

Lexington has cheap fuel. Kentucky has 16,100 square miles of workable coal area, most of it practically untouched, and Lexington is the gateway city to these vast resources.