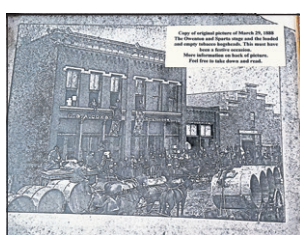


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suddenly screams for help were heard from an island in the middle of the ford. Running to the creek some men from Sparta discovered sudden flood waters descending upon the coach. The stage itself was whirling around and the frightened horses, unable to pull the coach, were struggling to free themselves from the vehicle.”

A Sparta resident, Johnnie Bond, had a gentle horse that was a famous swimmer and not at all intimidated by high water. With no time to arouse Bond, one of the men ran to his barn, bridled the old gray and plunged into the roaring creek. The rescuer was able to retrieve a man, his young daughter, and the driver from certain drowning, but the stage



Courtesy of the Owen County Historical Society
Pictured is a copy of an 1883 picture of the Owenton and Sparta stage. The stage is sitting alongside the wagon loaded with hogsheads.

and horses were swept away by the churning creek waters.

The grateful passenger handed a \$10 bill to the man and asked him to give it to the owner of “the horse that had saved his life.”

During the final years of stage runs, Sidney Gano gave a vivid description of a stagecoach’s arrival at the train depot in Sparta, saying, “There was still the old stagecoach, a relic even then, coming in every

evening from Owenton. As he came through the covered bridge across Eagle Creek, the driver reined the horses heads high, and as he came out on to the crossing, he cracked his whip, and the four horses dashed up to the side of the depot with a great flourish.

“While the horses were being changed, children gathered about the coach, sometimes venturing inside to sit on the red velvet seats to pretend they were traveling.”

The advent of railroads rang the death keel for stagecoaches, and the last stage in Kentucky ran from Burnside to Montcello in 1915.

For many years, stagecoaches were a necessary and vital part of American history, but steam and steel paved the way for faster, cheaper, and more

efficient means of travel. Owners of stage lines were bitter opponents of the railroad, foreseeing their businesses ruined by this new enterprise.

As out-of-work stagecoach drivers wandered aimlessly around empty stage barns, one fellow, referring to the railroads, emphatically declared, “Twenty miles an hour it goes. I say no good will come of people shooting around the country like skyrockets — give me horses.”

As the New Year begins, the Owen County Historical Society is making plans to offer a wide variety of programs throughout the year. A list of these events will be included in upcoming articles.

Our thanks to all of you whose support is critical to our society, and if you are not a member,

we invite you to join us in our mission. Annual membership is \$20 for a single membership or \$30 for a family. Please

send a check or money order to the Owen County Historical Society, 206 North Main St., Owenton, Kentucky, 40359.



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION #24-CI-00053

SERV BANK, SB PLAINTIFF
VS. JODIE MAE PLYMESSER, ETAL. DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 19th day of November, 2024, 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, January 11, 2025, the following described property:

Three adjoining small lots and improvements thereon lying on Beck Street in Owenton, Owen County, Kentucky and conveyed and fully described in Deed Book 239, page 589 in the Owen County Clerk’s Office.

Property address: 219 Beck Street, Owenton, KY 40359
Parcel ID #: 061-20-00-076.32

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$172,308.21 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.25% per annum, from October 7, 2024, 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 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:

- All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property for 2025 and thereafter;
- Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- 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
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OWEN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS**

THE LISTING PERIOD FOR ALL PROPERTY AS STATED IN THE KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTE 132.220 BEGAN JANUARY 1, 2025.

REAL PROPERTY

The listing period for real property is January 1 to March 1. Listings include ADDITIONS to the property since January 1, 2024 that could affect the value of the property. Examples would include *Purchases* of land, *Construction*, of new structures, *Installation* of manufactured homes or *Additions to or Remodeling* of existing structures.

OR

Any Deletions to the property since January 1, 2024 that could affect the value of the property. Examples would include *Sales* of land or manufactured homes or *Destruction or Removal* of any structures or manufactured homes.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

The listing period for tangible personal property is January 1 to May 15.

Listings include all taxable tangible items. Items would include business equipment, fixtures, furniture, tools, inventories, etc.

Tangible Personal Property forms are available online at: <http://revenue.ky.gov/forms/>

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Permanent Residents of Owen County own and live in their home are eligible for the Homestead Exemption if:

They are 65 years of age or older or they will become 65 during 2025 OR they are classified as **TOTALLY DISABLED** and have received TOTAL disability payments by and program administered by the United States government or have received Total disability payments from any private retirement system before January 1, 2024.

CONTACT THE OWEN COUNTY PROPERTY VALUATION OFFICE AT 502-484-5172 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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