

Daniel Morford, Sr.

Private Daniel Morford, Sr. was the second great-grandson of John Morford/Mofford, who was born in 1623. He was recorded as the first Morford/Mofford immigrant to America.

Daniel was born in 1741. He married Rachel Dye on May 7, 1764 in New Jersey. Daniel was age 36 when he enlisted in the American Revolutionary War army in Washington County, Maryland on November 4, 1776 as a militia soldier. His service was in the Middlesex County Militia as a Private in New Jersey 1st Regiment. The term “Jersey Blues” was coined to describe the uniforms these soldiers wore.

He described himself as being engaged in fighting and disarming the Tories. He served as mounted guard at Woodbridge, Amboy, and Brunswick at Bargoin Point and Trenton. He later marched to New York and was placed at Long Island. He was on guard duty at New York when the British set fire to that city.

After Long Island, Daniel marched to Fort Washington, where he

fell into the hands of the British. As a prisoner of war, he was held captive for four days with nothing to eat. He made his escape to the American army with the aid of General Putnam. Daniel continued serving until the close of the year 1778

It is believed that Daniel and Rachel had 9 children. His son, John D. Morford, is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery. They moved to Kentucky in the area that is now Mason & Bracken County, Kentucky. The family donated land for the Germantown Christian Church in 1826. Daniel stated in his pension application of 1833 that he lived in Bracken County, Kentucky about forty years before moving to Brown County, Ohio in 1827.

He died on July 1, 1833 at age 92 in Brown County, Ohio. Neither the DAR nor the State of Ohio has record of his burial place. It could be that his body was brought back to Kentucky and interred in a family cemetery near Locust Creek in Bracken County, Kentucky. That cemetery has since been destroyed.

New Year’s Resolutions: Super Success Strategies

Submitted by Bryan Golden, the author of “Dare to Live Without Limits”

Almost 90% of Americans will make at least one New Year’s resolution. Less than 20% will succeed in accomplishing even one.

The beginning of the year is a great time for life improving resolutions. Common resolutions include losing weight, giving up smoking, maintaining a budget, saving money, finding a better job, getting healthier, becoming more organized, and spending more time with family.

Whatever your resolutions, here are some specific strategies to help you succeed. First and foremost is to take the first step, which is to start. Without action, there will be no success. Action creates results. Intention alone will not work.

Have written goals stating what you want to accomplish. If you want to lose weight, how much and by when? If you want to live within a budget, what is the amount? If you want to continue your education, what school will you go to and which classes will you take?

Take small but consistent steps. Habits are formed by frequent repetition over time. Change

occurs by the same process. A resolution is not all or nothing. Partial change is okay. Any progress in the desired direction, regardless of how small, is a success. Accomplishing a resolution is a process, not a one-time effort.

Positive goals are more effective than negative ones. Rather than saying you will eat less, resolve to have a healthier diet. Instead of spending less time at work you can endeavor to spend more time at home. Bad habits can’t just be eliminated; they have to be replaced by good ones.

Identify potential obstacles so they don’t surprise you. If you experience a setback, don’t give up. Don’t blame yourself if you stumble. Failure only occurs when you stop trying. Difficulties are an opportunity to learn. If you slide backwards, get back on track, get back in gear, and resume your progress.

Don’t keep your plans a secret. Develop a support system utilizing friends and family. Visualize how great you will feel as you succeed. Take credit for all accomplishments. It doesn’t matter if your progress is slower than you would like.

Don’t try to change too many things at once or you risk becoming overwhelmed and dis-

couraged. You can have a long list of resolutions so long as you realize all of the items don’t have to be addressed simultaneously. Each accomplishment can be followed by another. Change can begin at any time, not just on January 1.

Believe in yourself and your ability to change. Change can feel difficult, uncomfortable, or painful, but you can do it. Become determined to succeed. Don’t procrastinate. Although doing nothing is often an appealing alternative, it leads to frustration.

Each day is a new opportunity to work on

your resolutions. If you were successful yesterday, fantastic, keep going. If yesterday was a disappointment, today is a new chance to make progress. Replace the word “try” with “will.” Do whatever it takes to get the results you want.

Announcements

Bracken County Democratic Party will meet Tues., Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bracken County Public Library

Bracken County Public Library Renovation Project

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Bracken County Public Library Board of Trustees is requesting Lump Sum bids for their Renovation Project located at 310 W. Miami St. in Brooksville, Kentucky. **Bids are due at the Bracken County Public Library in the Community Room located at 310 W. Miami St. in Brooksville, Kentucky on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 2:00 PM EST.** Bids will be opened in the Community Room and read aloud. Note that this project is Tax Exempt and Bidders **ARE NOT** to include taxes in their Bids. Scope of Work consists of, but is not limited to the following:

- Selective Demolition
 - Wood Studs & Drywall
 - Acoustical Ceilings
 - Aluminum Storefront Systems
 - Knock-Down Hollow Metal Door Frames & Solid Core Wood Doors
 - Finish Upgrades
 - HVAC/Plumbing/Electrical Renovations
 - This is a Direct Purchase Order Project
- Bidding Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be purchased from: Lynn Imaging
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If documents are to be mailed, a non-refundable mailing charge is required, made payable directly to Printing Company at the time of the order.

Plans and Specifications are also available for review at the following locations:

- Office of the Owner:**
310 Miami St., Brooksville, KY 41004
(606.735.3620)
- Office of the Architect:**
527 Main Street, Shelbyville, KY 40065
(502.719.0845)
- Office of Builder’s Exchange:**
2300 Meadow Dr. – Ste. 100, Louisville, KY 40218 (502.459.9800)
170 Prosperous Place, - Ste. 110, Lexington, KY 40509 (859.288.0011)
- McGraw Hill / Dodge Construction:** On-Line @ www.dodgeproject.construction.com

Sealed Bids submitted as specified, received by the correct time and date shall be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids must be submitted only on the forms provided in the Project Manual. The proposal envelope must have the Project Name, Contractors Name and date on the outside.

Bracken County Public Library Board of Trustees wishes to give notice to all prospective bidders that participation by minority business entities is encouraged.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the site located at 310 W. Miami St. in Brooksville, Kentucky on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 2:00 PM EST. A review of the Contract Documents will take place at this meeting and an opportunity to examine the existing facility will follow the meeting.

Bid bonds in the amount of 5% of the total bid are required. Performance and payment bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract amount are required of each successful bidder upon execution of their contract.

All contractors and subcontractors employed on this project shall be in compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky requirements for Worker’s Compensation Insurance (according to KRS 342) and Unemployment Insurance (according to KRS Chapter 341).

Bracken County Public Library Board of Trustees intends to award contracts based upon the best evaluated bid. Bracken County Public Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed by it to be in its best interest, not necessarily the least expensive bid; the right to disqualify bids from bidders not deemed to be qualified; the right to disqualify bids deemed to be defective; the right to waive defects on bids where such defects are not deemed significant; and the right to waive any and all formalities and the right to reject any and all bids. Bidders are encouraged to carefully read the entire set of Contract Documents and visit the site.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days there from.

All questions regarding project information, or clarifications, should be addressed by email to chris@5253designgroup.com.

Senator Funke Frommeyer Encourages Citizen Engagement Ahead of Legislative Session

As the Constitution of Kentucky calls for convening the 2026 Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 6, in Frankfort, Sen. Funke Frommeyer, R-Alexandria, of the 24th Senate District, urges constituents to stay informed and engaged in the legislative process. The 2026 Legislative Session is a constitutionally required 60-day budget session, in which lawmakers will be required to implement a new two-year state spending and road plan.

Frommeyer encourages constituents to sign up for legislative updates from her office. By staying informed, constituents can actively shape legislative outcomes that directly impact the communities of Bracken, Campbell and Pendleton Counties and part of Kenton County. To receive timely updates from Frommeyer’s office, residents can email Shelley.FunkeFrommeyer@kylegislature.gov and request to be added to her email list. To receive updates from the Senate Majority Caucus, please visit KY-SenateGOP.com and add your email to the landing page.

Residents can also use the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) legislative message line at 800-372-7181. This platform allows constituents to leave messages for their respective state representatives and senators to express their support or opposition to specific legislation. Residents can also find their delegation members using the 'Find Your Legislator' tool on the LRC website. Click the map to get the legislator and district information for that location. If you use the address search, click beside the location icon to get legislator information once your address is found.

Constituents can also utilize specialized lines for specific inquiries, including:

- Bill Status Line: 866-840-2835
- Meeting Information Line: 800-633-9650
- Hearing and Speech Impairment Message Line: Kentucky Relay Service 711

Follow legislative activity and access bill status information, meeting details, and legislator profiles at Legislature.ky.gov. Live coverage of legislative proceedings can also be found at KET.org/Legislature or via the LRC YouTube Channel (youtube.com/@KYL-RCCCommitteeMeetings/

streams). Archived footage is available on both platforms at KET.org/legislature/archives and youtube.com/@KYL-RCCCommitteeMeetings/ videos.

Additionally, constituents can follow Frommeyer on Facebook at Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer and on X (formerly Twitter) at [@funkefrommeyer](https://twitter.com/funkefrommeyer). For broader legislative updates, follow the Senate Majority Caucus at [@KYSenateGOP](https://twitter.com/KYSenateGOP) on X, [@kysenate.gop](https://twitter.com/kysenate.gop) on Instagram, or Facebook at [Facebook.com/Ky-SenateRepublicans](https://facebook.com/Ky-SenateRepublicans).

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