

HISTORY OF THE JACK THOMAS HOUSE

Jack Thomas built the Jack Thomas House around 1815. Jack Thomas was appointed Grayson County Circuit Clerk when Grayson County was formed in 1810 and served as Circuit Court Clerk and County Clerk until 1851. His son followed him in this office, serving until 1878. Between father and son they held this office for 67 years.

Jack Thomas and his wife, the former Jane C. Hundley, raised their family of ten children here. Jack and Jane were originally from Hardin County. They both lived in the house until their deaths, his in 1865 and hers in 1872. Jack and his wife are buried in the Thomas Cemetery located just a block from the Jack Thomas House on Clinton Street. The Thomas Cemetery is one of Leitchfield's oldest cemeteries and is maintained by the Grayson County Historical Society.

The original house was comprised of the back two rooms on the ground floor and a loft overhead. Around 1825 the additions of two rooms downstairs and upstairs with a wide entry hall were added to the house. The house was changed from front facing onto Water Street (which is now Clinton Street) to front facing onto East Main Street.

The Jack Thomas House in its entirety is considered a museum and is furnished with items that belonged to the families of Grayson County. The parlor, dining

room, and a bedroom are furnished with period pieces and other small items. A formal museum is located upstairs displaying items of interest from Grayson County's past. The research library is located on the first floor and is open to the public without fee. A meeting room and furnished kitchen on the first floor are available for reservation.

The Grayson County Historical Society provides tours of the Jack Thomas House as well as the Buchanan Log Cabin. The Buchanan Log Cabin was constructed in 1835 by Simeon Buchanan and was located near Falls of Rough, Kentucky. Now the Buchanan Log Cabin is located on the Jack Thomas House grounds.

The Jack Thomas House and the grounds are available to be rented for special occasions. Please contact a member of the Grayson County Historical Society at (270) 230-8989 for more information on reserving this historical site for your special occasion.

The Grayson County Historical Society now owns The Jack Thomas House and three other properties located in Grayson County: the Buchanan Log Cabin and two one room schools - The Walnut Grove School located near Caneyville and the Edwards School located near Short Creek. The Walnut Grove School still contains period specific furnishings including old wooden desks and a pot-bellied stove.

PUBLICATIONS FOR PURCHASE (ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE)

The First Grayson County, Kentucky Court Record Book.....\$35

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Historical Sketches & Family Histories of Grayson County\$50

Grayson County Cemeteries Books

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1903 Special Edition Grayson County Gazette.....\$15

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1937 Grayson County Map.....\$15

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Prints of Historic Grayson County Buildings – Sketches in Ink.....\$10

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DIRECTIONS TO THE JACK THOMAS HOUSE:

From the Western Kentucky Parkway take exit number 107 to state highway 259. Proceed north on 259 (South Main Street) to the Grayson County courthouse. At the courthouse take the first right onto East Main Street. The Jack Thomas house is on the right, at the corner of East Main Street and Clinton Street.

JACK THOMAS HOUSE HOURS:

The Jack Thomas House and Buchanan Log Cabin are open to the public for tours and research:

Tuesday - Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm

The Jack Thomas House is closed Thanksgiving weekend and through the Christmas – New Year's holiday.

TOURS AND RESERVATIONS:

Guided Tour of House - \$4.00

Guided Tour of House & Log Cabin - \$5.00

**Free for School Trips, Civic Groups, & Children Under 10 w/ Paid Adult*

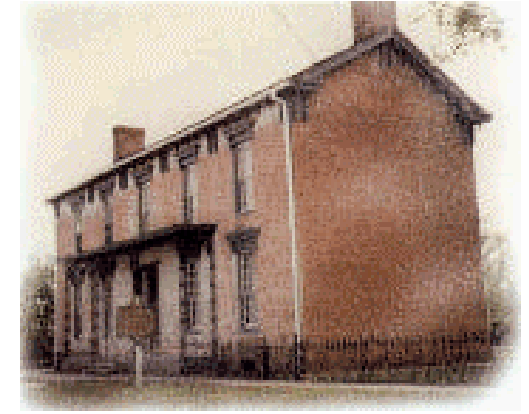
Group Tours (15 or more) - \$15.00

Meeting Room Rental - \$25.00/ hr

Wedding Inside & Out - \$150.00

Wedding Inside OR Out - \$100.00

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THE HISTORIC JACK THOMAS HOUSE

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The Jack Thomas House is the oldest brick house in Grayson County and is on the National Historic Register. It is owned and operated by the Grayson County Historical Society.

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