

# Georgetown & Scott County Museum

## RIDING THE BLUEGRASS RAILS

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Queen & Crescent  
Holloware  
Used from 1909 until 1979

### "The Dinky"

Scott County residents long referred to the Frankfort and Cincinnati's passenger service between Frankfort and Paris as "The Dinky." The F&C referred to it as the "Cardinal." This motorcar transported many Scott County residents to work every day in Frankfort - including many who worked in the state office building located just a few feet from the F&C Railroad in downtown Frankfort.

There is a long history of railroad lines and trains running through Georgetown and Scott County. In 1830, the Lexington & Ohio Railroad passed through Scott County in the rail line between Lexington and Frankfort. After the Civil War, Georgetown was connected to the Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington Railroad which became the Louisville & Nashville (L&N) Railroad. The branch of the rail line that ran between Frankfort and Georgetown was known as "The Bourbon Road."

"The Bourbon Road" was part of the Frankfort & Cincinnati Railroad due to the fact that it connected rail service to three different distilleries between the two towns. The "Interurban" electric railway known as the Kentucky Terminal & Traction Company and The Georgetown Street Railway connected Georgetown with Lexington, Nicholasville, Versailles, and Frankfort. Today trains run through Georgetown on the R.J. Corman Railroad based in Lexington.

### Dinner in the Diner

Amenities on passenger trains were included with the creation of the Pullman Car, which allowed passengers private quarters to sleep and relax. With an increase in service and focus on passengers, the dining car came next. Each railroad had specific dining car china "patterns" featuring the logos and colors of the railroads.



## Railroads in Scott County

Since the concept of the railroad first reached the United States, Scott County has been served continuously by one. The very first railroad built in Kentucky - the Lexington and Ohio (later the Lexington and Frankfort) - was built in the early 1840s and served the Paynes Depot area of Scott County. This railroad later came under the ownership of the L&N Railroad, which became part of CSX Transportation. In 2003, the line was leased to Nicholasville, KY based R.J. Corman Railroad which operates it to this day.

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Georgetown and Scott  
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