



**KENTUCKY
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FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE

VTS POWERPOINT GUIDE





Kentucky Academic Standards For Social Studies

Kindergarten

K.H.KH.1 Compare life in the past to life today in communities.

K.G.KGE.1 Identify physical and environmental characteristics of communities.

First Grade

1.G.HI.1 Describe how culture and experience influence the cultural landscape of places and regions within their community and state.

1.H.KH.1 Compare life in Kentucky in the past to life in Kentucky today.

Third Grade

3.G.HE.1 Explain how the culture of places and regions influences how people modify and adapt to their environments.

3.G.KGE.1 Describe the impact of cultural diffusion and blending on Kentucky in the past and today.

3.I.CC.1 Construct an explanation, using relevant information, to address a local, regional, or global problem.

Fourth Grade

4.E.IC.1 Describe and evaluate the relationship between resource availability, opportunity costs, migration, and settlement.

4.I.U.3 Develop claims with evidence to answer compelling and supporting questions.

Fifth Grade

5.G.MM.1 Analyze how cultural, economic and environmental factors encouraged and restricted the movement of people, ideas and goods to and within the United States.

5.G.HE.1 Explain how cultural and environmental changes impact population distribution and influence how people modify and adapt to their environments. **5.I.CC.3** Explain different approaches people can take to address local, regional and global problems, using examples from U.S. history.

High School

HS.G.KGE.1 Explain how Kentuckians view sense of place differently based on cultural and environmental characteristics of varying regions of the state.

HS.G.HI.2 Analyze how cultural and economic decisions influence the characteristics of various places.



Brief Historical Overview of the Frontier Nursing Service

The Frontier Nursing Service was established by Mary Breckenridge in 1939 to support mothers and children in Eastern Kentucky. It operated as a graduate school of midwifery with nurses providing care in remote areas on horseback. This particular collection of photographs was taken by Ethel B. Miller (1911-1990) a nurse who worked with the service. Although the Frontier Nursing Service no longer uses horseback for transportation, it continues to operate today, maintaining six rural healthcare clinics in Eastern Kentucky.

What's in the picture? Photograph Analysis

Photograph #1: Ethel B. Miller on the back of her horse, Pinafore, in the middle of the Cutshin River.



Photograph #2: Cutshin Clinic on the Cutshin River about 7 miles back in the mountains from Hyden. This was noted to be the most elaborate clinic they had.



Photograph #3: A group of men carrying a patient on a stretcher. Two Frontier Nursing Service nurses, two horses, and a dog are in the foreground.



Photograph #4: A stretcher in the back of an ambulance, which was a station wagon. The back seats were removed to accommodate a cot. When not used as an ambulance, it was used to transport patients to the hospital, to the dentist, etc.



Photograph #5: A group of men and a nurse transfer a patient on a stretcher.



Photograph #6: Ethel B. Miller holding a baby in the clinic nursery.



Photograph #7: A woman in a Frontier Nursing Service uniform on horseback.



Photograph #8: Four women are pictured in Frontier Nursing Service uniforms posing on the steps of a building after graduating the midwifery class in 1941. The women are identified as Ethel Gonzales of Louisville, KY, Ethel Broughall of Milton, Massachusetts, Eva Gilbert the Instructress, and Rose Avery of North Carolina.



Photograph #9: A nurse and a group of men load a patient on a stretcher into an ambulance.



Photograph #10: A nurse, a maid, and the patient's husband stand near a patient's stretcher as it arrives at the hospital.



Photograph #11: A woman lying in a hospital bed on the "Midwifery Porch".



Photograph #12: Rear view of the station wagon ambulance on a dirt road.



Photograph #13: A doll named Chessie in a Frontier Nursing Service uniform under a Christmas tree.



Photograph #14: A woman in a Frontier Nursing Service uniform outside a cabin with a woman and a child holding a doll. It is noted on the photograph that this was a typical mountain home.



Photograph #15: Five pregnant women wearing dressing gowns in a hospital ward.



Photograph #16: Mary Breckinridge on a horse looking down at two dogs.



Photograph #17: Nursing center at Confluence on Possum Bend.



Photograph #18: Dallie Roberts and her nine children pose in their yard. Ethel noted on this photograph that she had helped deliver the baby 2 months before taking this photograph.



Photograph #19: A courier looks over one of the Frontier Nursing Service horses that is lame.



Photograph #20: Mary Breckinridge speaking to a crowd at a rally at Beechfork.



Photograph #21: A wooden building noted as a typical poor cabin.

