



Kentucky
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Dr. Thomas
Wendell Family
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Guide**





Kentucky Academic Standards For Social Studies

First Grade:

1.E.ST.2 Investigate how people can benefit themselves and others by developing special skills, strengths and goods.

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

Third Grade:

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

3.H.KH.1 Explain how world events impact Kentucky, both in the past and today.

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.C.KGO.1 Explain the roles and responsibilities of a Kentucky citizen.

High School:

HS.C.KGO.3 Describe how active citizens can affect change in their communities and Kentucky.

HS.C.CV.3 Analyze the impact of the efforts of individuals and reform movements on the expansion of civil rights and liberties locally, nationally and internationally.

HS.UH.CH.1 Examine the ways diverse groups viewed themselves and contributed to the identity of the United States in the world from 1877-present.

HS.UH.CE.5 Evaluate the ways in which groups facing discrimination worked to achieve expansion of rights and liberties from 1877-present.

HS.UH.KH.1 Examine how Kentuckians influence and are influenced by major national developments in U.S. history from 1877-present.



Brief Historical Overview of Dr. Thomas T. Wendell

Dr. Thomas T. Wendell (1877-1953) was a prominent African American physician in Lexington, Kentucky. He earned pharmaceutical and medical degrees at the turn of the 20th century. In 1928, Governor Sampson appointed Dr. Wendell to the physician staff at Eastern State Hospital, where he served until his retirement in 1952. He and his wife, Mary Alice, raised four children in the Lexington area while maintaining strong leadership roles within the civic, educational, and religious organizations of Kentucky's African American Community.

What's in the picture?

Photograph Analysis

Photograph #1: Sam, Nora, Alice and Tom: Possibly Mary Alice and Thomas Wendell. Inscription from T.T. Wendell to Jenny L Murphy.



Photograph #2: Thomas T. Wendell wearing Kentucky Brigade uniform. Identified on verso as "Supreme Representative".



Photograph #3: Thomas Wendell with three men: Men may be the brothers of Thomas Wendell. Alfred, Frank and John are the brothers of Thomas Wendell.



Photograph #4: Mary Alice Wendell: Wife of Thomas Wendell. Wearing a large hat with feathers.



Photograph #5: Mary Alice Wendell and baby.



Photograph #6: Wendell family portrait: Thomas Wendell, John Wendell, Clara Wendell, Laura Wendell, and Mary Alice Wendell



Photograph #7: Group sitting on car: Mary Alice Wendell is sitting on the bumper; Thomas Wendell is in the foreground. An enlistment sign is in the window of the car



Photograph #8: Just Pals: The Wages of Sin Group of men: [name illegible], T.T. Wendell. Chas. E Hall, [name illegible], A. Oliver Thornton, Jas. A Parrish [names not necessarily listed in order pictured].



Photograph #9: Office of Dr. Thomas T. Wendell: Lexington, KY medical office of Dr. T.T. Wendell, who is shown with his son John Wendell.



Photograph #10: Jennie V. Wendell and Dan Hunter playing doctor: From Yvonne Giles and Thomas Tolliver: Children are Jennie V. Wendell, left, and Dan Hunter. From a Lexington Herald Leader article, February 16, 1913: Photograph was taken as part of an advertisement for the People's Pharmacy, 118 North Broadway, Lexington, KY. Dan Hunter is the son of Dr. J.E. Hunter. Jennie V. Wendell is the daughter of Dr. Thomas Wendell. Dan Hunter carries a physician's case. Jennie V. Wendell holds a doll. There are two bottles of medicine on the table. The tagline from the advertisement is "Madame, have that prescription filled at the People's Pharmacy."



Photograph #11: Community gathering at the home of Thomas Wendell: Thomas Wendell is kneeling in the front, second from the left. Dated 12 September, 1914.



Photograph #12: Members of the 1915 Commission of the Kentucky Negro Exposition and Half-Century Anniversary of Freedom: Thomas Wendell is pictured in the third row, seventh from left. From Anne Butler: In the second row, fourth from left is Green Pinckney Russell, who served as President of Kentucky State University. In the third row, fifth from left is Dr. Edward E. Underwood, from Frankfort, KY.



Photograph #13: Thomas Wendell 1920-1930.



Photograph #14: Thomas Wendell in his office 1920 and 1940: You can see "Dr Wendell" on the window.



Photograph #15: Group of men seated around a table: Pictured from left: E. T. Belsaw, Unidentified man, Unidentified man, Unidentified man, Judge William C. Hueston, Thomas Wendell, Dr. William J. Thompkins, and Finley Wilson. James Finley Wilson of Nashville, Tennessee (1881-1952) From 1922 to 1948, Wilson served consecutive terms as Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World (I.B.P.O.E. of W.), one of the largest African American fraternal organizations in the nation. Wilson's accomplishments as "Grand" established him as a revered leader among his fraternal brothers and sisters and a national figure in the African American culture. Thompkins was the Chairman of the Health Commission in Washington D. C. Judge Hueston was the Commissioner of Education. E. T. Belsaw was the executive secretary of the Health Commission in Mobile, Ala.



Photograph #16: Two men in uniform: The man on the left is John Wendell. They appear to be on an Army base..



Photograph #17: Thomas Wendell and Mary Alice Wendell 1940-1960.



Photograph #18: Wendell family portrait 1940-1960: Thomas Wendell and Mary Alice Wendell are seated in the center of the gathering. Jennie V. Williams is seated on the grass in front.

