

# Bluegrass Renaissance: The History And Culture Of Central Kentucky, 1792-1852

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Originally established in 1775 the town of Lexington, Kentucky grew quickly into a national cultural center amongst the rolling green hills of the Bluegrass Region. Nicknamed the "Athens of the West," Lexington and the surrounding area became a leader in higher education, visual arts, architecture, and music, and the center of the horse breeding and racing industries. The national impact of the Bluegrass was further confirmed by prominent Kentucky figures such as Henry Clay and John C. Breckinridge. The Idea of the Athens of the West: Central Kentucky in American Culture, 1792-1852, chronicles Lexington's development as one of the most important educational and cultural centers in America during the first half of the nineteenth century. Editors Daniel Rowland and James C. Klotter gather leading scholars to examine the successes and failures of Central Kentuckians from statehood to the death of Henry Clay, in an investigation of the area's cultural and economic development and national influence. The Idea of the Athens of the West is an interdisciplinary study of the evolution of Lexington's status as antebellum Kentucky's cultural metropolis. Publisher: The University Press of Kentucky Illustration: Y Language: ENG Title: Bluegrass Renaissance: The History and Culture of Central Kentucky, 1792-1852 Pages: 00400 (Encrypted EPUB) / 00400 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2012-08-16 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780813136073 Lib Category: Lexington (Ky.) - Social life and customs Lib Category: Lexington Region (Ky.) - Category: History : United States - State & Local - South Category: History : United States - State & Local - General

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