

Migration to Douglass Park from Surrounding Cities and Black Fayette County School Playgrounds

Douglass Park served more than Lexington's black communities. Because Douglass Park was the largest black park in the Bluegrass Region, many black communities from surrounding cities visited the park for important social functions and holidays. During segregation, these communities would charter buses if needed to attend the 4th of July festivities or participate in regional sports tournaments. Similarly, the county playground programs that spanned Fayette county would migrate to Douglass Park for organized recreational events and county fairs.

School Playground	Acreage
Cadentown	.25
Coletown	1
Douglass High	4
Fort Springs	.15
Maddoxtown	1
Pricetown	1
Uttingertown	.25



This map was created from Kentucky Department of Transportation and U.S.G.S. geographic coverages, and 1990 US Census data. I manipulated the coverages and data in ESRI's ARC/INFO and created the new coverage, *Black County Schools in Fayette County*. The source of these school locations are from a 1943 Fayette County Map prepared by Cecil C. Harp Engineer for Mrs. Meriwether, whose intent was to map "county colored playgrounds". The Lexington City Archives has the original map. Roads that did not appear on the 1943 map of Fayette County were removed; roads in surrounding counties approximate a 1943 configuration. The black population derives from 1990 statistics, and represents only a frame of reference. I exported the map into Adobe Illustrator for final layout and publishing.

Figure 6.
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