

Bio of Frenchie Sweatt

I grew up in the West End of Louisville, KY. For the first 55 years of my life I lived, attended public school, and worked within a five mile radius. I have been fortunate to do some traveling in and out of the states, but definitely not as extensively as I would like. In 2008 I moved to Oldham County, KY anticipating a more rural life, but with conveniences within a short drive. I enjoy where I live but am disappointed that the country feel is being overshadowed with the development of more and more subdivisions and businesses.

In 2016 I retired after working 31 years in the Alcoholic Beverage Industry, primarily bourbon. So, I have witnessed the bourbon industry at very, very low points and was able to see it rise to the top as it had never been before. In retirement part of my plan has been to enjoy my home and spend more time with my mother who is 90 years old and still does Tai Chi!

I enjoy reading, working in my yard, and spending as much time as possible with family. I enjoy decorating and will help friends with home projects. I recently helped my son renovate an older home he purchased. The project, still ongoing, was quite challenging at times but the end results have been worth all the challenges.

I serve as Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Oldham County History Center. I am active in my church. I serve as Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, a member of the Senior Usher Board, and a Coordinator for our Youth and Young Adult Girl Usher.

All history is so important. Since adulthood I have learned that unfortunately history is not always taught in the public school systems the way it really happened and we, including myself, do not involve ourselves in research to learn more. I am hopeful that this series will open eyes to many truths of yesterday and hopefully give us insight to where we are today and where we need to in the future.