

## **Russ Hatter Introduction**

Russ Hatter was a radio announcer for 40 years, 37 of those years were in Frankfort, Kentucky. He quit the radio business in November 2001 to begin a new career as Assistant Curator of Historic Sites for the Parks and Recreation Department in Frankfort, Kentucky. He retired from this position on December 31, 2013. He now works part-time at the Capital City Museum in the research department three days a week. He is known as the “Story Keeper of Frankfort”.

He was born in Cincinnati and educated at Kentucky Christian College in Grayson and Kentucky State University in Frankfort. He combined his love for theatre and history in creating the Downtown Frankfort Walking Tours and the October Murder and Mayhem Tours. He is also involved in Civil War re-enactments. He has participated in the publication of several books on historic Frankfort and Franklin County Kentucky. Besides 40 years in radio, he has had local television experience, written a local bi-weekly history column in the Frankfort State Journal for several years, directed and acted in numerous local theatre productions, narrated historical short films, documentaries and acted in television commercials and one film, *The Dangers of Dreaming*.

He and his wife Karen Kimmel Hatter have resided on East Fourth Street in South Frankfort since 1987, and they have 11 grandchildren.