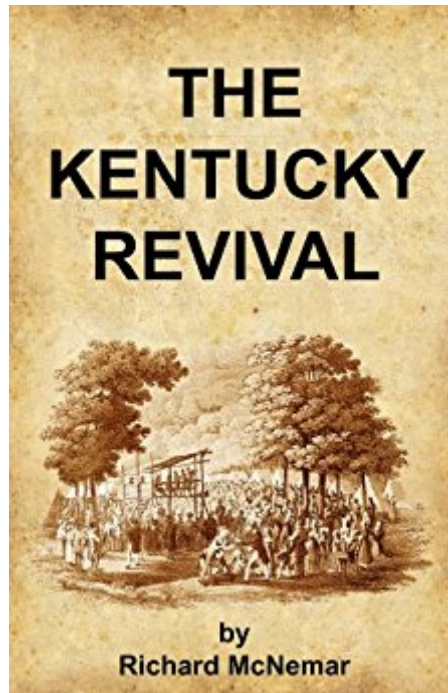




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The Kentucky Revival



Synopsis

An eyewitness to the Kentucky revival of the early 1800s describes how it started and how it progressed and what the people believed and the strange manifestations that were present in their services. It was the beginning of the Second Great Awakening. Preface to the Modern Edition I have edited this book to update it to modern English; I changed the spelling of words like *œpow* to *œpowers* and changed a few words we no longer use, to the modern equivalent, while other words I have given the meaning in brackets [**]. I have also improved the punctuation slightly, but I have done NO rewriting; only editing. The original page numbers, corresponding to the page numbers on the 1808 edition at the top of each page, are included in brackets, such as [1]. The information in this book is very enlightening because history books tell us the Second Great Awakening started about 1820 with camp-meetings in the Northeast, but this book shows that great revival camp-meetings started in 1799 and went on continuously up to and including the period given for the Second Great Awakening, so it actually started sooner and lasted longer than you may be aware of. One of the reasons these early camp-meetings have not received the attention they deserve is because unusual manifestations of the Spirit were seen throughout, not just in a few places, or for a few years. And it was opposition to these manifestations that ultimately brought the Second Great Awakening to a close, as seen in other books. This book was written in 1807 and printed in 1808. Read, and be amazed, Michael D. Fortner

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Customer Reviews

The Kentucky Revival by Richard McNeal is an interesting account of a true move of God which occurred largely in Kentucky, as well as parts of Tennessee, Ohio, and other surround states in the early 1800's, from 1800-1807. It is amazing to think of the things that took place in an area which was largely frontier at the time, with hundreds, if not thousands gathering in the wilderness to worship God, preach, give prophetic words, and allow God to change lives. Truly an amazing account. The book also discusses how this move of God caused religious persecution of these believers and how the group known as Shakers began. Lastly, an account of how American Indians found God was an interesting addition to this neat little book of history.

It was an interesting read but, in my opinion, it needed the background history in order to appreciate it. It would have been better of the editor had provided some historical information. I was surprised to read that Barton Stone was against it as I falsely thought it was part of the revival in which he was involved. The last chapter regarding an account with a revival among an Indian tribe we very interesting.

This book provides a detailed account of the revival in Kentucky around the 1803-1807 era. Because it has been updated into our more modern language, it is an easy read, however the update has not taken away the style of the author nor diminished the account. I have read other books about the revival in this time but found this one the easiest to read and one that keeps one's interest without going into long details about various opinions, etc. Especially interesting is the account of revival among the Indians which is found at the end of the book.

I enjoyed this book because it gives a window into early American religious history. Supernatural events took place during the early 1800's in Ohio, Kentucky, and eastern Virginia which had a powerful effect in the culture of those areas. Students of revival will see similar events in this book to

revivals in Wales and the Hebridean islands of Scotland. Coarse men sometimes were very suddenly brought to their knees under conviction of sin and cried out to God for mercy.

I stopped reading about half way through. It was not as expected having just read about the Welsh revival. I was more interested in learning how the revival began and the people involved. The author expounded on his theology, some of which I agreed with, but was not what I was looking for.

I am a student of history both in the church and world history. I am also a student of revival. This book is a must to have.

This book details a piece of history much of the church denies ever existed. It is an eye witness account. It gave me real hope for what prayer can do. I am now praying daily for God to visit us like he visited Kentucky in the early 1800's.

Insider's look at the trials and hardships of the spreading Shaker Revival of Kentucky (and elsewhere) in the early 1800's. The author is very frank about what he witness, experienced, and thought.

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