

KENTUCKY REPLICA LIBERTY BELL

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Following World War II, the United States began promoting democracy across the globe to build "common defenses against aggression." The theme for the 1950 national Savings Bonds drive was "Save for Your Independence." With the Cold War looming, funds from the drive would support the United States military – and the development of militaries and resources of other democratic countries – to "invest in the cause of peace."

The United States Department of the Treasury commissioned 55 Liberty Bell replicas to promote the Independence Savings Bonds Campaign. Each of the 48 states received one. Between May and July of 1950, this full-sized replica toured 1,800 miles across Kentucky mounted on a specially designed Ford Series F-5 truck.

After the tour, the Kentucky Liberty Bell was given to the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) where it was placed on display at the Old State Capitol. The bell then went on loan to the Kentucky National Guard in 1975 where it once again toured the Commonwealth. In the early 2000s the bell returned to KHS and was displayed in the Cralle-Day Garden until 2023 when it was sent off for conservation. After a long journey, the Kentucky Liberty Bell returned home in July 2024.

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Liberty Bell
IN KENTUCKY ON MAY 20TH AND 21ST

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1950 TOUR OF KENTUCKY'S LIBERTY BELL

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Bowling Green	Elkton	Madisonville	Prestonsburg
Cadiz	Falmouth	Marion	Princeton
Carrville	Glasgow	Mayfield	Richmond
Carrollton	Hazard	Maysville	Russellville
Central City	Henderson	Morganfield	Somerset
Clinton	Hopkinsville	Mt. Sterling	Wickliffe
Corbin	Lexington	Murray	Winchester
Covington	London	Owensboro	
Cynthiana	Louisia	Paducah	



The Kentucky Replica Liberty Bell, number 36, is located in Frankfort, KY. It sits in a corner of the lobby of Commonwealth Hall Museum run by the Kentucky Historical Society at 100 W Broadway St, Frankfort, KY 40601.

We were traveling and didn't want to take time to go through the museum, but they let us take photos of the bell and visit their gift shop. We did leave a donation in appreciation.