

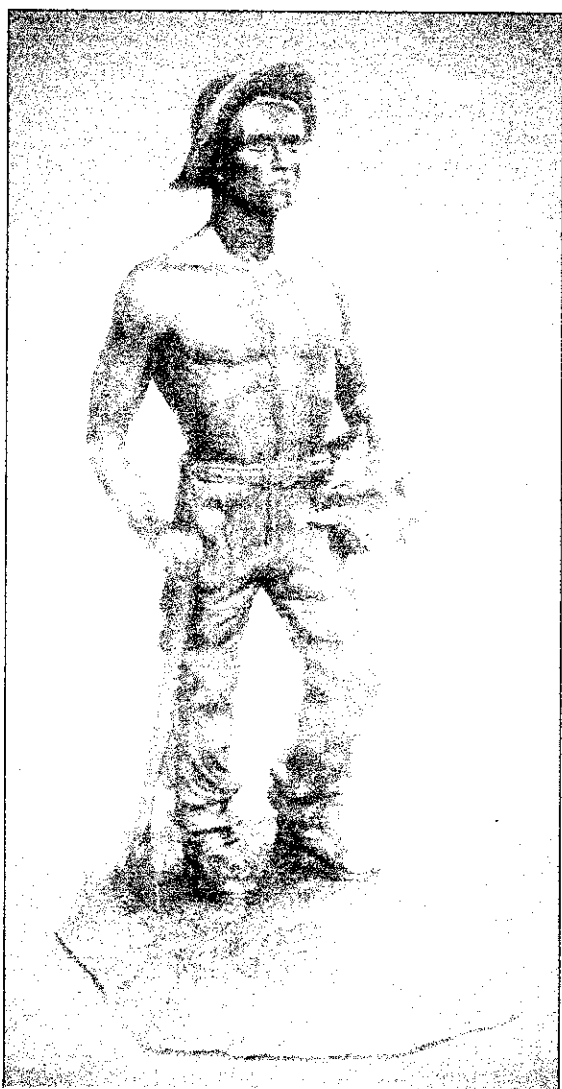
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## Honoring the Civilian Conservation Corp, Builders of John James Audubon State Park



In the time period known as the "Roaring Twenties," life was good and our economy was prosperous until the stock market crash of 1929 changed everything and sent us into "The Great Depression." Resulting in many people out of work and our economy in shambles, our nation's government established the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) and Works Progress Administration (WPA), which put men back to work during the 1930s. Across the nation, CCC workers planted trees, fought fires, constructed roads and built parks including Audubon State Park built by the CCC camp named Camp Cromwell. While the WPA workers constructed our 2 stone buildings at Audubon Park (the museum and main office building), the CCC built the rest of Audubon State Park, which consisted of the construction of our two lakes, trails, picnic shelters, etc.

To commemorate the spirit and honor the work of CCC workers, a 6-foot bronze statue, "The CCC Volunteer," has been placed at CCC work sites across the United States. While a handful of states have statues in place, there are none in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

A CCC statue at Audubon State Park would honor the work put forth by our own Camp Cromwell and all of the nation's CCC veterans. Camp Cromwell veterans have been holding an annual reunion at Audubon Park until this past year due to the passing of many members.

Spearheading this project, Camp Cromwell veteran, Clyde "Tubby" Littrell, approached Friends of Audubon to help obtain a statue. In result, Friends of Audubon is beginning the call for a notice of the raising of funds for "The CCC Volunteer" statue at John James Audubon State Park. Twenty thousand dollars is needed to fund the project, and our goal is to dedicate the statue on Labor Day 2005. Friends of Audubon hopes to raise funds from area labor organizations, friends and family of former CCC workers, friends of the park, businesses and the general public. To make a tax-deductible gift, send to Elyon Davis, Trust Department, OV Bank. 140 N. Main Henderson. KY 42420-0005.