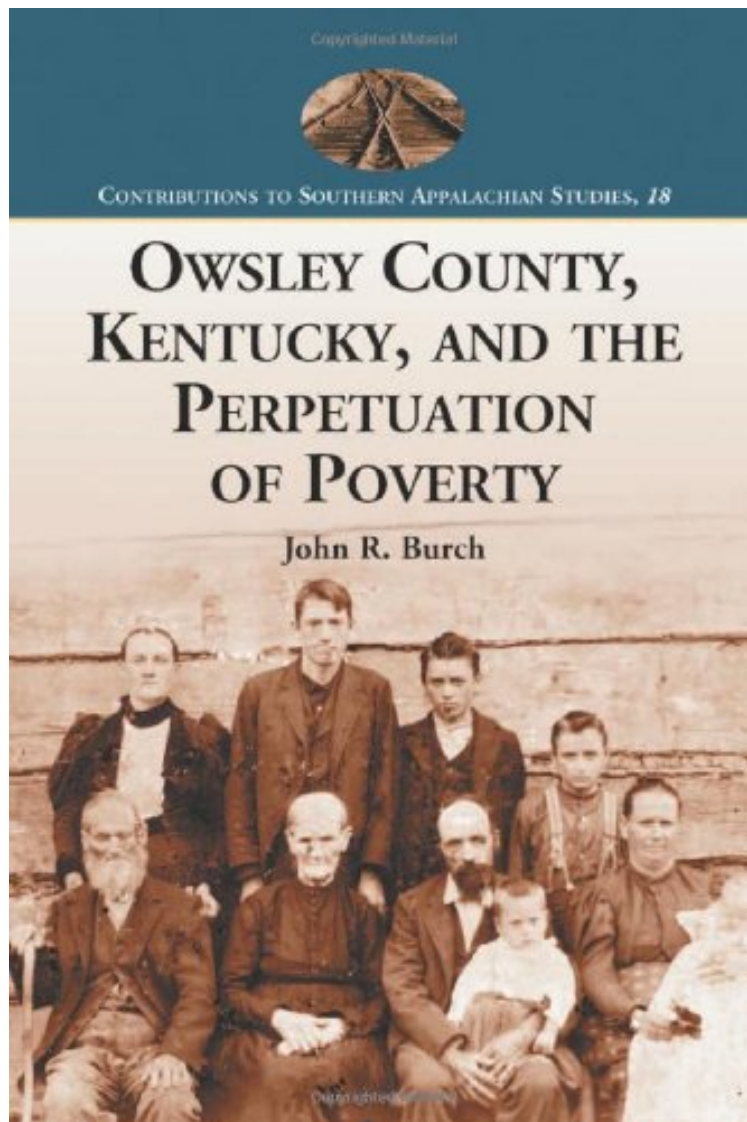


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Martha With a maternal heritage rooted in Owsley County, Kentucky, I did not so much read Burch's scholarly work as I did consume it. Relating how geography and economics, the availability of resources-both natural and financial,-and the not to be forgotten influence or power of politics, Mr. Burch has put together a very readable study of how Owsley County, a small rural county in Kentucky ,has come to be known as one of America's poorest counties. Personally, I recognized places and names and even came across a statement by an uncle. Such familiarity with a text often makes for pleasant reading. More important, however, I would recommend OWSLEY COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AND THE PERPETUATION OF POVERTY to anyone who wants a good read on how some of this country got this "way," for those involved in regional planning, and certainly for those involved with the development of "third" world countries. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Book By James E. Botner Good school project but not a great read. Contains a lot of food for thought while not constructed for easy consumption.

Owsley County, Kentucky, is well known by journalists, academics, and local historians as a quintessential example of rural poverty in Appalachia. This study identifies several reasons behind Owsley County's ongoing struggle with poverty, including the county's lack of natural resources, a poor transportation system, and a centralized socio-political power structure controlled by the entrenched elite. The author asserts that Owsley County's economic hardships are far from unique, but rather are representative of a significant number of Appalachian counties and towns. Several tables and appendices provide useful demographic, legislative, and agricultural data.

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