

Bingham Family

The Bingham family, for most of the 1900's, were Louisville's most influential leaders. This family owned the primary media outlets: Courier-Journal newspaper; Louisville Times newspaper; WHAS Radio; WHAS television; and, Standard Gravure printing. The patriarch, Robert Worth Bingham, purchased the Courier-Journal newspaper in 1918 after the death of his second wife, Mary Lily Flager, who was heiress to the Flager fortune. His son, Barry Bingham, Sr., continued the family media ownership. On May 19, 1986, the media empire came to an end with the sale of the Courier-Journal to Gannett News Corp. The Bingham family has been compared to the Kennedy family of Massachusetts due to their wealth, prominence, and personal tragedies. Their legacy continues through funding of numerous cultural organizations, the Crusade for Children, and other notable worthwhile charitable efforts.

