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2004 Kentucky Archives Week Celebrated Statewide

Exhibits, lectures, open houses, proclamations recognize third annual event across the Commonwealth

The past is prologue, as the inscription says at the National Archives, and during the week of October 10-16, 2004, communities and institutions across Kentucky took time to celebrate the state's historical records and those who preserve them and make them available for research. A gubernatorial proclamation from Governor Ernie Fletcher signaled the importance of this annual event, and it was echoed in proclamations issued by the Mayors of Louisville, Lexington and Owensboro and the Fiscal Courts of Allen, Hancock, Jessamine, Madison, Mason, McCracken, Scott, and Washington Counties. Institutions across the state encouraged the public to become more familiar with their holdings through open houses, special exhibits, links to their web sites, tours, and lectures. A few of those hosting events or spotlighting special collections or overall holdings this year include the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, Morehead State University, Western Kentucky University, Jefferson County Public Schools Archives and Records Center, KDLA, Lexington Public Library, and Boyd County Public Library. Please visit the 2004 Kentucky Archives Week web site, <http://archivesweek.ky.gov/> for a list of events, proclamations, and Archives Week awards. Many exhibits are running beyond the dates of Archives Week.

Thanks and congratulations to all those institutions and individuals who took part this year, and to the Archives Week Coordinating Committee for its fine work in making it happen. Please participate next year, either as a visitor or as a host institution. It's not too soon to begin thinking about the 2005 event, so watch this newsletter for updates on planning and opportunities for next year!

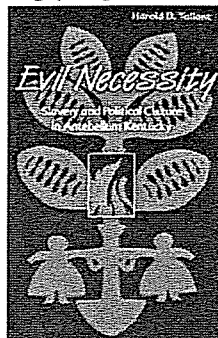
Shaker Village to be Site of Friends Annual Meeting, Archives Symposium

The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., will hold its annual meeting and sixteenth annual Public Archives Symposium on Friday, November 19, 2004, at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. Featured speaker for the Symposium will be Professor Harold Tallant, Georgetown College, who will discuss his recently published book, **Evil Necessity: Slavery and Political Culture in Antebellum Kentucky**. Please see insert on Page 3 for registration information, and plan to join us for a delicious Shaker Village lunch and interesting program!



Archives Week Proclamation presented

Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia G. Fox presents Governor Ernie Fletcher's "Kentucky Archives Week" proclamation to State Librarian James A. Nelson, left, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), and State Archivist Richard Belding, right, in Frankfort. Almost 300 archival and manuscript repositories in Kentucky hold original records and special collections documenting Kentucky history and life. For more information, visit <http://archivesweek.ky.gov/>.



**Archives Research Room
Hours and Closings**

KDLA's Archives Research Room is located at 300 Coffee Tree Road, off State Highway 676 in Frankfort. The Archives Research Room is open to the public from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is closed on Saturday and Sunday, all official state holidays, and special events.

Free parking is provided outside the KDLA building.

Please mark your calendars!

- November 2 (Tuesday) Election Day
- November 11 (Thursday) Veterans Day
- November 19 – close at noon (Friday) Archives Symposium
- November 25 & 26 (Thursday & Friday) Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 24 & 27 (Friday & Monday) Christmas
- December 31 & January 3 (Friday & Monday) New Years Holiday

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Newly Available at the State Archives

Land Grant Records

When the first hunters and explorers returned from their journeys into Kentucky, they brought back tales of a rich and fertile land. The citizens of the eastern colonies took heed and were soon moving into the new territory in ever-increasing numbers. Since this was open and uncharted territory, ownership of real property could be gained through a land grant. A recent accession of land records will help researchers to understand the land grant process in pre-statehood Kentucky.

The first step in the process involved obtaining a warrant, which authorized a survey to be performed. The new accession includes a number of these records, most of which are treasury warrants. This type of warrant could be purchased, unlike military warrants, which were given as payment or incentive for military service. The treasury warrants in our holdings accession are dated 1779-1785. One warrant, dated 1781, directs the "Surveyor of any County within the Commonwealth of Virginia" to perform a survey of one thousand acres for Israel Boone in consideration of the sum of sixteen hundred pounds paid into the state treasury.

The new accession also includes several actual surveys, including five completed and signed by Daniel Boone in 1784 and 1785. One of Boone's surveys is for "Bengamon Bibbs," and describes a tract of 1150 acres, about four miles from the mouth of the Red River. The bounds of the tract are from a walnut tree, to a white oak, to a locust, to another white oak, and back to the walnut, with specific measurements given for the distances between each tree. This type of description was very common in surveys, but gave rise to serious boundary disputes when these natural markers were removed or mistakenly identified. Surveys often overlapped or were incorrectly filed, and Kentucky's judicial system was inundated for many years with court cases involving the ownership of land. In fact, Daniel Boone lost much of the land he had claimed for himself over the years as the result of legal disputes.

The land grant was the final step in the process. The grant served as a formal declaration of ownership given by the governor to the grantee, and generally included the survey description, name of grantee, and the governor's signature. The new accession contains two pre-statehood Kentucky grants signed by Thomas Jefferson, as Governor of Virginia, as well as two signed by Patrick Henry when he later served in that capacity. One of the Jefferson documents, dated 1780, describes a tract of one thousand acres on the Kentucky River, granted to James Robinson in consideration of his military service during the French and Indian War nearly twenty years earlier.

The records in the new accession will probably not help a researcher interested in following a particular land record throughout the whole grant process, but will provide a valuable insight into the process itself. In addition, many of the individual documents are unique and historically significant.

Friends Honor Dr. Richard P. Hedlund

At its September 9th meeting, the Board of Directors of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. passed a Resolution of Appreciation in honor of their friend and colleague, the late Dr. Richard P. Hedlund, a Board member of the organization, noted diplomatic historian, long time professor of history at Ashland Community College, and recipient of a Great Teacher Award from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Hedlund passed away on August 4, 2004, in Lexington.

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The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.

invites you to its

Sixteenth Annual Public Archives Symposium
and Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon

Friday, November 19, 2004

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky
3501 Lexington Road
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

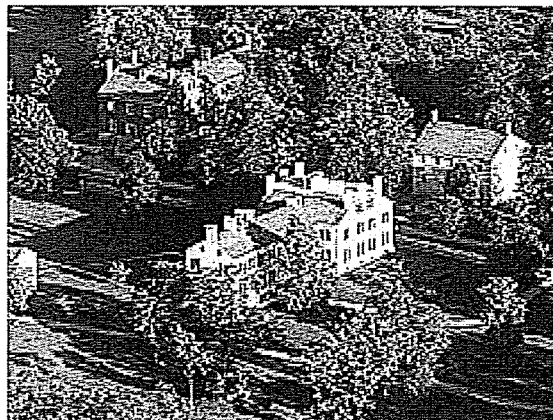
Annual Meeting

10:00 Friends Annual Business Meeting
West Lot Dwelling

11:30 Luncheon
Trustees' Office

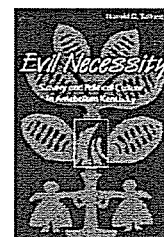
Public Archives Symposium

1:00 Symposium Address
West Lot Dwelling



The Friends are pleased to present Dr. Harold D. Tallant as the featured speaker at the sixteenth annual Public Archives Symposium on Friday, November 19, 2004. Tallant, a professor of history at Georgetown College, will discuss his recently published study, **Evil Necessity: Slavery and Political Culture in Antebellum Kentucky.**

*The Symposium is free and open to the public.
There is a \$22.00 charge for the luncheon.*



Evil Necessity
by Harold D. Tallant

The registration fee for the luncheon is \$22.00 per person. (Fees are not refundable.) I am enclosing a check made payable to the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., for \$ _____ to register the following persons: _____

Mail checks in the enclosed envelope.
Deadline is Monday, November 15, 2004.

Yes, I would like to renew my membership in/become a member of the **Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.** My check for _____ made payable to the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., is enclosed. Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, invitations to workshops, special events, the Kentucky Archives Institute, the Public Archives Symposium, and the annual meeting. Gifts to the Friends beyond the basic membership are tax deductible.

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Address: _____

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Membership levels:

- _____ \$15 Individual or Family
- _____ \$25 Libraries, Genealogical and Historical Societies
- _____ \$50 Sustaining
- _____ \$250 Life
- _____ \$1,000 Corporate



A Holiday Reminder:



Gifts to the Friends are tax deductible, and a Friends membership makes a wonderful holiday gift. Services at the State Archives are feeling the impact of the state's acute revenue shortfall, and your support of Friends programs can help bridge that gap in funding. Whether you choose to support the Thomas D. Clark internship through a Friends' life membership, honor a friend or family member with a gift to the Friends in their name, or give an unrestricted gift to the Friends, your help can really make a difference. Please consider a directed gift to the Friends today. Thank you very much.



Tracee de Hahn, Executive Director, Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation, Lexington, spoke on using archival records in architectural research during KDLA's Archives Week speakers' series.

Speakers' Series Marks 2004 KY Archives Week At State Archives

At the State Archives, the 2004 Kentucky Archives Week was celebrated with an interesting group of noontime presentations, where speakers focused on the research potential of different kinds of records and on the ways these records are used by others to meet research needs. Tracee de Hahn, Executive Director, Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation, discussed how a structure conveys information to a researcher and in effect, is its own "archive" of information, which can be complemented by documentary resources in often surprising ways. She focused on two Lexington properties, the Pope Villa and the Oldham House, to illustrate her points. KDLA's Archives Research Room supervisor Jim Prichard spoke about the growth and evolution of mental health laws, institutions and services in Kentucky and the records which were created as part of that process. He directed special attention to that portion of these records which are in the public domain and are available for research use. KDLA's Lisa Thompson talked about primary source materials available for the Kentucky Schools for the Deaf and Blind and of those who were served by these institutions.

You Can Help!

Help Us Find, Purchase Two Scarce Publications!

We're looking for two volumes from Kentucky's Collected Legislative Documents series. The series, published between 1833 and 1942, brought together annual and special reports requested by and submitted to the General Assembly. This series allows researchers the chance to study a wide variety of public policy issues and initiatives over a long time period, using the public record. We need your help to complete this important series. Please go "on the look-out" for the following publications which we need to add or replace:

Collected Legislative Documents 1882, Vol. 1

Part of a three-volume set, chronicling activities of state government following the Civil War during the period known as Reconstruction.

Collected Legislative Documents 1906-07, Vol. 1

This volume details work in education, the humanities, social services, industry, and labor as Kentucky moved into the 20th century.

Thanks for your help!!

The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., is a not for profit membership organization of private citizens concerned with helping the Public Records Division of Kentucky's Department for Libraries and Archives fulfill its role as a vital information link between people and government. The Friends' organization supports the management, preservation, and use of Kentucky's historic public records and serves as an advocate for the Kentucky State Archives, which the division manages. For further information, contact the Friends at P.O. Box 4224, Frankfort, KY 40604.



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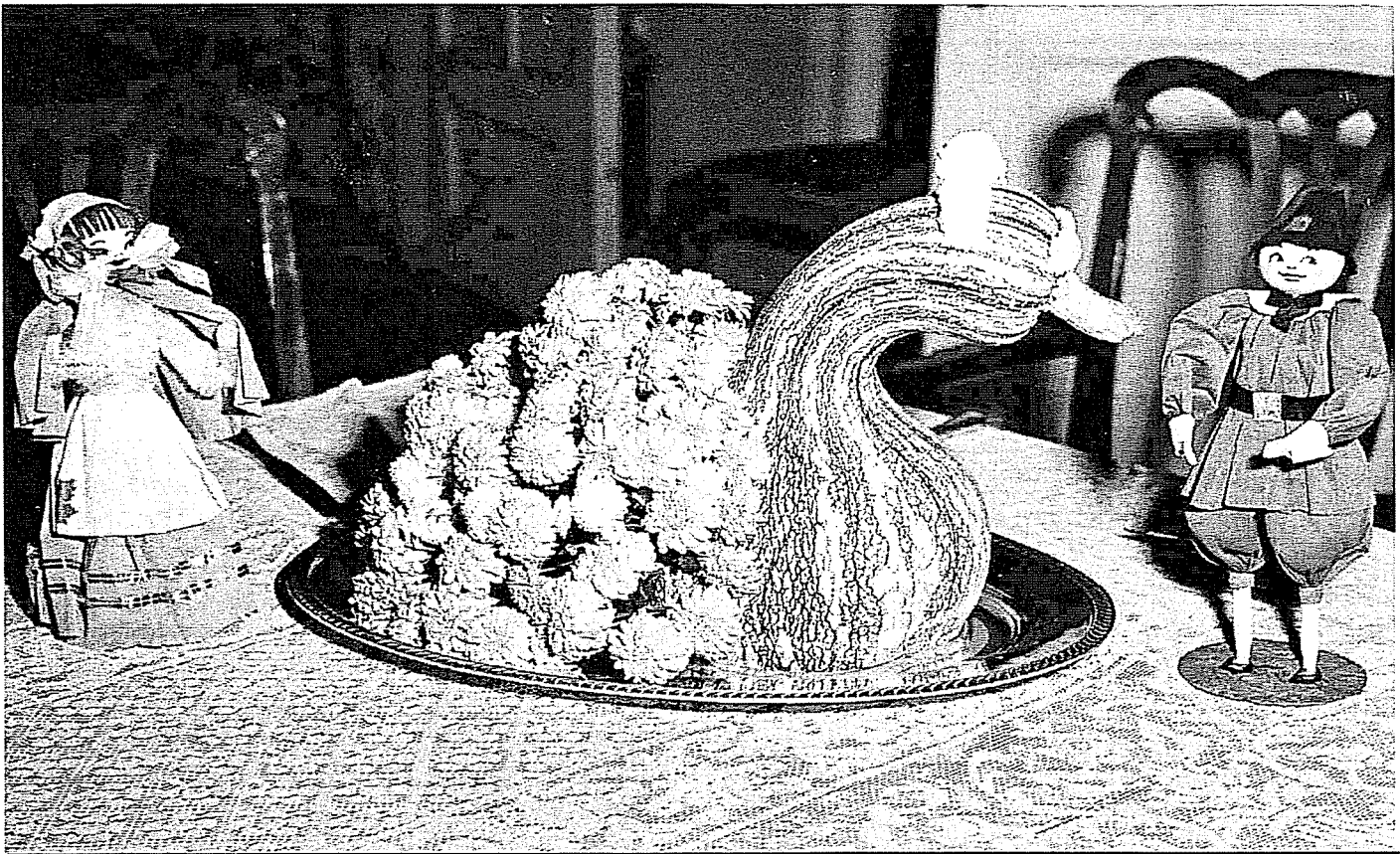
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A centerpiece for Thanksgiving, 1956 at the Governor's Mansion, during the term of Governor A.B. "Happy" Chandler. (This photograph is from the Department of Public Information Collection of the State Archives holdings, in the Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives).

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