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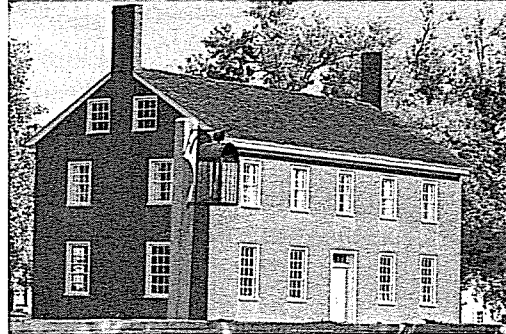
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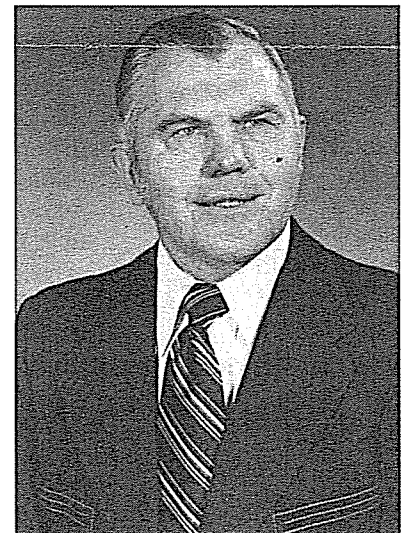
KDLA Mourns Loss of Former State Archivist

We are very sad to note the passing of Howard Goodpaster, who many readers may remember from his long years of service at the State Archives and on the Board of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. Mr. Goodpaster died on August 16, 2010 at age 93.

A native Kentuckian who had a special appreciation for the history and people of the Commonwealth, Howard Goodpaster served as State Archivist and Records Administrator from 1971-1980. During his administration, plans were made for the construction of the building which today houses the State Archives. Mr. Goodpaster established an Archives Branch in the Public Records Division, as well as a micrographics laboratory and a documents preservation section. He was an early proponent and prime mover in initiating the Kentucky Guide Project, the ongoing survey of Kentucky's manuscript and archival repositories.

Mr. Goodpaster was a Life Member of the

Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., and served terms on the Board of Directors and as President of the organization. He was also State Archivist at the time when the State Historical Records Advisory Board was formed by federal law and served as the state's first State Historical Records Coordinator. After retiring, Mr. Goodpaster served on the State Archives and Records Commission from 1981-97.



Howard Goodpaster's dedication to the preservation of the public records of Kentucky and his efforts to establish a first-rate archival facility and professional staff are much appreciated and will long be remembered.

"The keeping of the public record of a civilized people is a continuing responsibility where properly the task is never completed. The vigilance necessary to preserve the record is synonymous with that of preserving the freedom of an open and democratic society." Dr. Thomas D. Clark, former Historian Laureate of Kentucky

Archives Research Room Hours and Closings

The Archives Research Room is open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Free parking is provided outside the KDLA building.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming closures.

April 22	Friday (at noon)	Good Friday
May 27	Friday	Furlough Day - a Budget Balancing Measure
May 30	Monday	Memorial Day

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Research Opportunities at the State Archives: Court of Appeals Case Files

The Court of Appeals was created in 1792, shortly after Kentucky became a state. Its functions changed several times until 1799 when the second constitution specifically established the Court of Appeals as the one supreme court of appellate jurisdiction. The Court of Appeals remained the highest court in Kentucky until the judicial reforms of the mid-1970s.

Most actions brought before the Court of Appeals resulted in the creation of a case file. Unfortunately, a fire in 1864 destroyed all of these records up to that time. With a few exceptions, the State Archives has the Court of Appeals case files from 1864 through the mid-1970s, either in the original paper format or on microfilm. Indexes to the case files for the years 1864-1952 are available in the Archives, and indexes to later cases can be accessed directly through the Court of Appeals.

The Court heard appeals of both civil and criminal actions from lower courts. The resulting case files can contain a wide range of documentation, including trial transcripts or other records of the lower court case, briefs from appellants and appellees containing their respective legal arguments, and the final decision.

In addition to providing detailed information on specific actions brought before the Court, the case files can reflect the historical context of the times. For example, there are a number of case files from the late 19th Century involving railroads, and the L&N in particular, during a period of extensive anti-trust activity. Other cases have a political background, as with an 1893 libel suit against the Louisville Courier-Journal, which generally supported Democratic candidates, by Burton Vance, a prominent Louisville Republican who was running for local office. As the highest court in the state, the Court of Appeals also heard cases that set legal precedent. In 1897, three Jefferson County seminaries of different denominations banded together to argue that they were tax exempt under the recently passed constitution. All of these cases had been tried in the local Circuit Courts, and then appealed for the final decision of the high court.

The Court of Appeals case files are an excellent resource for legal research, and can be very helpful in documenting the social and political history of Kentucky since the Civil War.

Kentucky Archives Month Awards Presented

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives annually designates October as Kentucky Archives Month, in conjunction with American Archives Month. The Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) presented three Certificates of Merit to commemorate Kentucky Archives Month. Barbara Teague, State Historical Records Coordinator and State Archivist and Records Administrator, presented the awards on behalf of the SHRAB in separate ceremonies in Frankfort and Morehead.

Certificates were awarded to:

Kandie Adkinson, Office of the Secretary of State, Land Office Branch, for Notable Service to and Advocacy of Archives in Kentucky by a public official;

Dr. Thomas J. Kiffmeyer, associate professor of history at Morehead State University, for Writing or Other Production for his book, *Reformers to Radicals: The Appalachian Volunteers and the War on Poverty*; and

Clara Potter, retired librarian from Morehead State University, for Notable Service to and Advocacy of Archives in Kentucky by a public official. (Pictures on Page 4)

Archives Institute a Success

The 26th Annual Kentucky Archives Institute, sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., was held at KDLA on July 9. Participants enjoyed a full program of informative presentations by Lisa Thompson and Walter Bowman of KDLA, Kandie Adkinson of the Secretary of State's Land Office, and featured speaker Mel Arnold, who spoke on the uses of DNA in genealogical research. Many thanks to all of the speakers and to the staff of KDLA who helped to make this year's Institute a success.

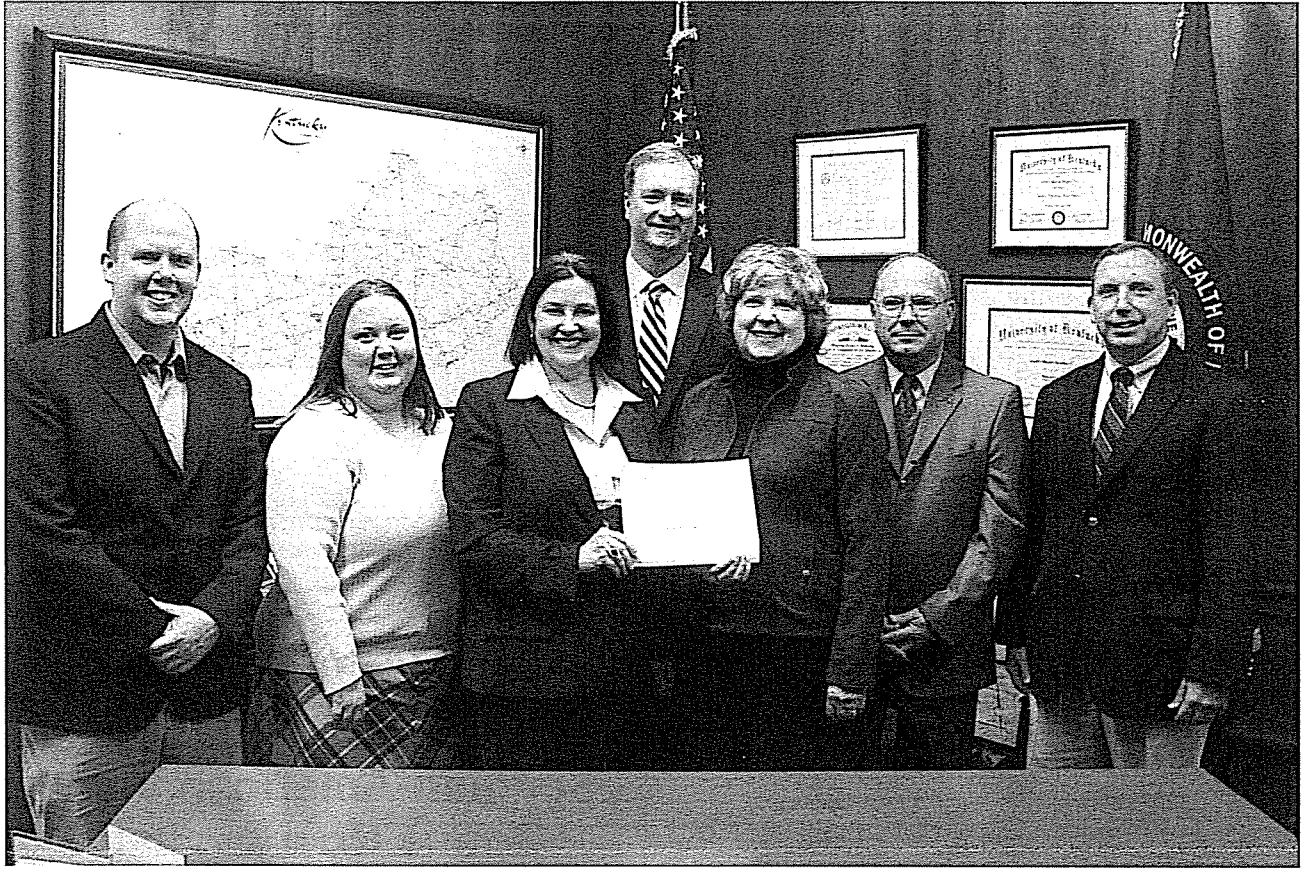
Public Archives Symposium Held at Shaker Village

The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. held its annual meeting and the 22nd annual Public Archives Symposium on Thursday, October 21st at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. The Friends met in the morning for the annual business meeting and received reports from President Robin Rader and State Archivist and Records Administrator Barbara Teague. After lunch at the Trustees' Office, participants attended the afternoon Symposium. Dr. George C. Herring, alumni professor of history emeritus at the University of Kentucky, was the featured speaker. Dr. Herring discussed his book, *From Colony to Superpower: U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1776*. The book, published by the Oxford University Press, is part of the prestigious history of the United States series. Dr. Herring's presentation was very informative and everyone enjoyed the question and answer session as well.

Spanish-American Veteran's Bonus Now Available in Research Room

In 1959, the Federal government created the Veteran's Bonus which provided a one-time payment to military veterans who served in conflicts from 1898 to 1954. The Veteran's Bonus Claims collection contains service information on nearly 500,000 Kentucky veterans. Unfortunately, these records have always been extremely difficult to access because they were inadequately indexed. The Public Records Division staff are in the process of compiling an index database. The Spanish-American War portion of the database has been completed and is currently available in the Archives Research Room. This new database will allow information for thousands of veterans to be accessed by simply entering the name of the veteran. The information provided in this database includes the name of each claim applicant, branch of service, and conflict and will serve as an index and shelf location to the original record. This new index will be a useful tool for military researchers interested in military history of the 20th Century.

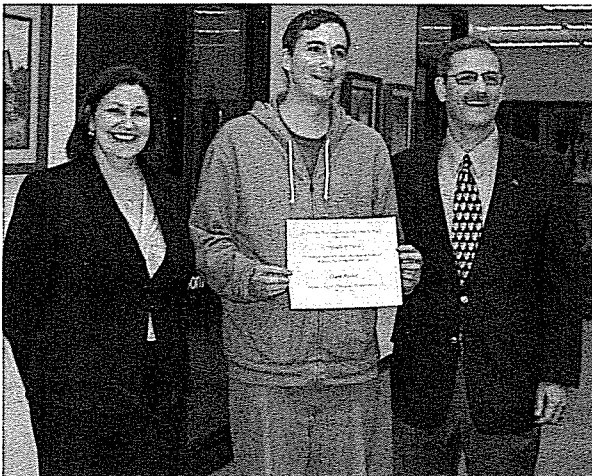
Kentucky Archives Month Award Recipients



Above: 1st Row L to R: Tony Curtis, Kentucky Historical Society; Valerie Edgeworth, Kentucky Dept. for Libraries and Archives; Teague; Adkinson; Don Rightmeyer, Kentucky Historical Society; and Kent Whitworth, Kentucky Historical Society. 2nd Row: The Honorable Trey Grayson, Kentucky Secretary of State.

Bottom Left: L to R: Teague; John Keyes accepting on behalf of his mother, Clara Potter; and Dr. Wayne Andrews, President, Morehead State University.

Bottom Right: L to R: Teague; Kiffmeyer; and Dr. Wayne Andrews, President, Morehead State University.



Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives Celebrates Kentucky Archives Month

Kentucky Archives Month was held during October 2010. The theme for this year was *Horses* in honor of Kentucky's rich equestrian heritage. Kentucky Archives Month also coincided with the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, an international competition for horse and rider, which was held in Kentucky September 25th - October 10th.

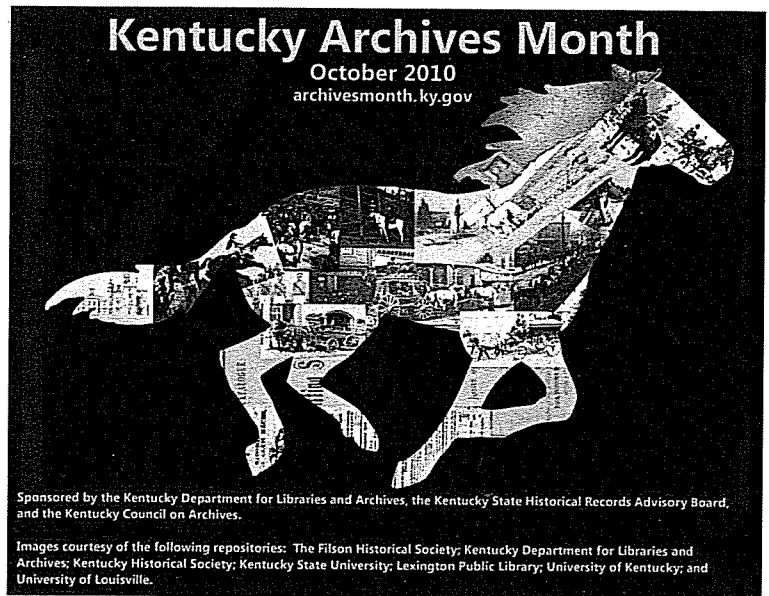
There are almost 300 archival and manuscript repositories in Kentucky that hold archival records, such as personal papers, photographs, diaries, letters, and government records documenting the state's history and leisure activities. Many of these institutions hosted open houses, exhibits, special programs and speakers to highlight historical materials available for research in Kentucky.

In honor of Kentucky Archives Month, the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives hosted "Lunch and Learn" talks given by members of the staff:

October 19th - KDLA's Aerial Photographs – More than a Bird's-Eye View of Kentucky, Lisa Thompson, Librarian & Special Format Archivist;

October 26th - The First World War and the Mexican Border Campaign: Resources Available for Genealogical and Historical Research, Walter Bowman, Supervisor, Archives Research Room

Both talks were very interesting and informative, and well-received by all those in attendance.



Kentucky Archives Month is sponsored by the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Kentucky Council on Archives, and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. For a complete listing of events throughout the state, see <http://archivesmonth.ky.gov>.



Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.

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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My check for _____ made payable to the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., is enclosed. Membership benefits include a biannual newsletter, a membership pin, and 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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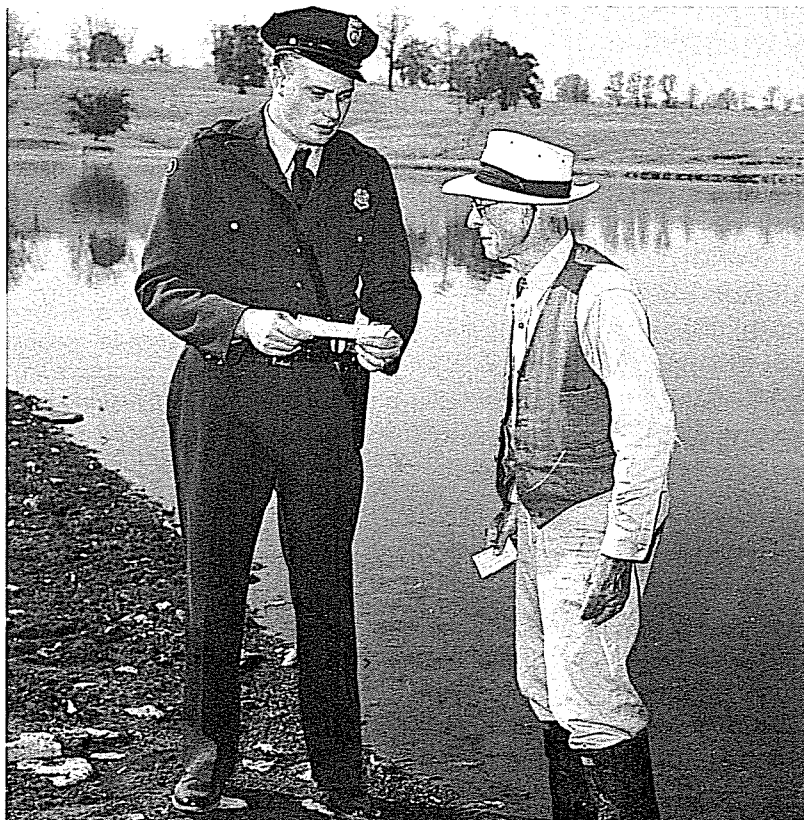
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Conservation officer Merle Toms found this gentleman's papers in perfect order, allowing him full run of the Commonwealth's fishing waters, 1953 - 1954. Source: Public Information Photo Collection, Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.