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Archives Institute Plans Under Way for July 12th

The 18th annual Kentucky Archives Institute, jointly sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), will be held at the department's main building in Frankfort on July 12th. The popular program will include sessions on

- Kentucky state, local and judicial records.
- Militia and State Guard records.
- The 1930 U.S. Census for Kentucky
- Secretary of State land records.

Duane Murner from the Kentucky Humanities Council, a Kentucky Chautauqua speaker, will portray Governor and General Simon B. Buckner as part of the afternoon program.

Look forward to an enjoyable learning experience and plan to be with us! Please complete and return the enclosed registration form soon, as seating will be limited.



Participants from a past Institute enjoyed talking with Jim Prichard, supervisor of the Archives Research Room.



Many Thanks to the Kentucky Genealogical Society!

President Jim Carrigan and Roberta Padgett, on behalf of the Kentucky Genealogical Society, recently presented the Friends with a generous donation of more than \$2,000. Paul Coates, President of the Friends, accepted the donation which will be used to purchase the 1930 U.S. Census for Kentucky records, as well as city directories for Ashland, Covington, Frankfort, Hopkinsville, Lexington, Louisville, Owensboro, and Paducah. The city directories will help researchers find specific locations (in some instances street addresses and house numbers) for persons living in these Kentucky cities in the year 1930. The directories purchase is a microfilm reproduction of city directories created in the year 1930, and includes directories for some years before and after that date.

Thanks are also due to Mary Doyle Johnson, who recently donated some much needed books. These gifts are greatly appreciated and the materials purchased will benefit the many researchers who visit KDLA.

*Mark your calendar!
July 12, 2002
Kentucky Archives
Institute
KY Department for
Libraries and Archives
Frankfort
Registration
Deadline July 5th*

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, Sunday and on official state holidays.

Ample free parking is provided outside the KDLA building.

Special closings, June through September 2002 –
Please mark your calendars!

- July 4 (Thursday) for Independence Day
- July 12 (Friday) for the Annual Kentucky Archives Institute
- September 2 (Monday) for Labor Day

Meeting the Challenge of Managing Electronic Records

The task of managing government records has become more challenging with the increased use of electronic records. The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives has joined with several other agencies to form a work group to study electronic records issues. The Electronic Records Working Group will make recommendations to the State Archives and Records Commission, as well as to the Office of the Chief Information Officer and the Governor's Office for Technology. These recommendations will be designed to assist Kentucky agencies in the creation, management, accessibility, retention and preservation of public records in electronic formats. The work group has recently reviewed a new General Schedule for Electronic and Related Records and has begun to develop draft recommendations for managing e-mail and the use of electronic signatures.

Newly Available at the State Archives

An act passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1880 provided that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund also serve as **Directors of the State Penitentiary**. KDLA recently accessioned two volumes of **minutes documenting the activities of the Directors for the years 1880-1898**. This was an important period in the history of the penitentiary, as the system of contracting out prison labor was instituted. For a period of over ten years the penitentiary was a source of plentiful and inexpensive unskilled labor for railroad construction and other labor-intensive projects throughout the state. The minute books record many of the contracts for employing prisoners. In 1880, for example, one contractor agrees to hire out 300 convicts for two years, and to pay the state \$50 per convict, per year. The contractor undertakes to "properly feed, clothe and securely guard said convicts... and to treat them humanely... and to provide for them as comfortably as may be consistent with good discipline." The system proved to be very difficult to regulate, however, and many prisoners escaped and many others fell ill and even died from poor treatment. The minute books also contain detailed inventories and appraisements of the contents of the penitentiary, and proposals for repairs and new construction. Reports from the warden are recorded, as are lists of proposed rules and regulations for staff and inmates. One lengthy entry from 1887 records the testimony of

various guards and prisoners concerning the cause of a serious fire in the prison. The **minutes of the Directors of the State Penitentiary** are an invaluable resource for research into the late 19th Century correctional system.

Whether they agree or disagree with the actions of their public officials, citizens have always been curious as to how much those officials are paid. A **newly accessioned series of "Salary Ledgers"** can answer some of those questions, at least for the 1860-1916 era. These ledgers list salary payments made to public officials from the state treasury. Entries are usually listed on a monthly basis, and include salaries paid to the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, and other constitutional officers, as well as to Commonwealth's Attorneys, Court of Appeals and Circuit Court judges, and others. An interested researcher can determine that Governor James McCreary received \$416.67 per month (\$5000 per year) during his first term in office, 1875-1879. When he was elected again in 1911, the salary had increased to \$541.67 per month (\$6500 per year). The Salary Ledgers provide an interesting study of the financial compensation received by public officials over a fifty-year period.

The **minutes of the Directors of the State Penitentiary** and the **"Salary Ledgers"** are now available in the Auditor of Public Accounts collection maintained by the Public Records Division, KDLA.

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July 12, 2002
Activity Room, Second Floor
Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

Using Kentucky Public Records

8:30-9:00	Registration/Pastries – Activity Room, Second Floor
9:00-9:15	Welcome
9:15-10:00	Kentucky's Local Records -Jim Cundy, KDLA
10:15-10:45	Kentucky's State and Judicial Records -Jim Prichard, KDLA
10:45-11:30	Kentucky Militia and State Guard Records, 1792-1918 -Brandon Slone, Military Records and Research Library
11:30-12:15	Lunch
12:15-1:00	Simon B. Buckner, General and Governor - <i>Portrayed By:</i> Duane Murner Kentucky Humanities Council, Kentucky Chautauqua
1:00-1:30	The 1930 U.S. Census for Kentucky -Lisa Thompson, KDLA Genealogical Consultant
1:45-3:30	Kentucky's Secretary of State Land Records -Kandie Adkinson, Land Office, Secretary of State's Office
3:30-3:45	Conclusion

Registration for the Kentucky Archives Institute

Mail registration form with payment to: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.
Kentucky Archives Institute
P.O. Box 4224
Frankfort, KY 40604

Registration fees: \$45 fee covers the cost of all Institute materials and lunch.
\$50 fee covers Institute materials, lunch and Friends membership for July-Dec., 2002.
Check here to reserve a vegetarian lunch. _____

Make checks payable to: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. (Fees are non-refundable.)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ I would like more information about the Friends. _____

Please submit your registration by July 5. Space is limited to 50 attendees.

Enhancing Research at the State Archives – Opportunities for All!

The Archives Research Room at the State Archives always has equipment or supplemental resource needs for which state funds are not available. Private donations have long played an important role in permitting the State Archives to fill these important gaps. Many donors like to know exactly how their contribution will help, and in response to such requests, we're glad to make available the list at the right. Won't you be a Friend and contribute funds toward the purchase of one or more items? Gifts to the Friends are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., and mail it to the address on the Friends' membership form, below. Thanks for your help!

The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. is asking for donations toward the purchase of a microfilm reader-printer for use by customers in the Archives Research Room. Many of KDLA's customers make copies of microfilmed records, a service very necessary to KDLA customers doing research. The machines used to make these prints are in varying stages of age or disrepair, and must be replaced. A low-end reader printer will cost about \$12,000. With the state's budget in a crunch, KDLA will only be able to purchase a new reader-printer with financial assistance from the Friends. Please consider making a donation, large or small, to the Friends, for the purchase of this new reader-printer. Any amount - five, ten, or twenty dollars - will help make a difference in KDLA's ability to purchase a microfilm reader-printer. Your donations to the Friends are always tax deductible.

The Census Book, by William Dollarhide, HeritageQuest, 1999. \$24.95

1910 Miracode Census Index CDs (2 CDs in set), Ancestry.com – item #2329, 2002. \$44.95

Kentucky 1860 Slave Schedules [Index], compiled by Ronald Vern Jackson, 1990, hardbound. \$155.80 (includes S&H)

Report of the Adjutant General of Kentucky, Civil War, Indexed. Volume I: Federal, 1075 pp., hardbound. \$137.00 (includes S&H)

Report of the Adjutant General of Kentucky, Civil War, Indexed. Volume II. Federal, 1350 pp., hardbound. \$154.00 (includes S&H)

Kentucky Ancestry : A Guide to Genealogical and Historical Research by Roseann Reinemuth Hogan, Ancestry Publishing, 1997. \$27.95 (includes S&H)

A Guide to Kentucky Place Names (Rev. Ed.), by Thomas P. Field, Kentucky Geological Survey, 1991. \$20.00 (includes S&H)

Kentucky County Maps, by C. J. Puetz, 1997. \$20.33 (includes S&H)

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.



Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.

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, 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.

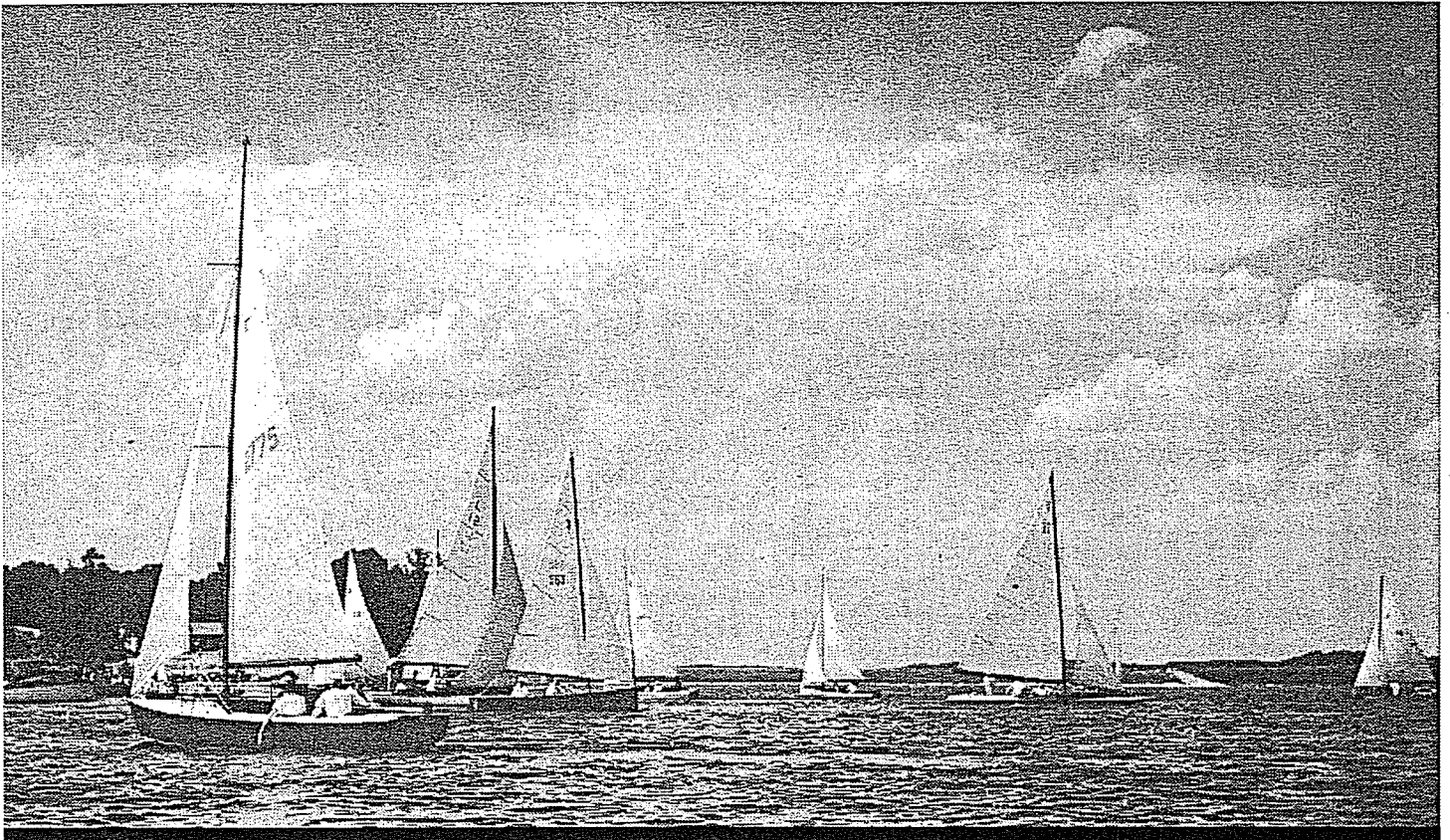
Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Membership levels: _____ \$15 Individual / Family _____ \$25 Libraries, Genealogical and Historical Societies _____ \$250 Life
 _____ \$50 Sustaining _____ \$1,000 Corporate

Please clip and mail to: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., P.O. Box 4224, Frankfort, Kentucky 40604 • We appreciate your support.



Sailboating is a popular sport in Kentucky, which has more navigable streams than any other state, as well as lakes which rank among the world's largest man-made. *(This photograph is from the Department of Public Relations collection, in the State Archives holdings of the Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.)*

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