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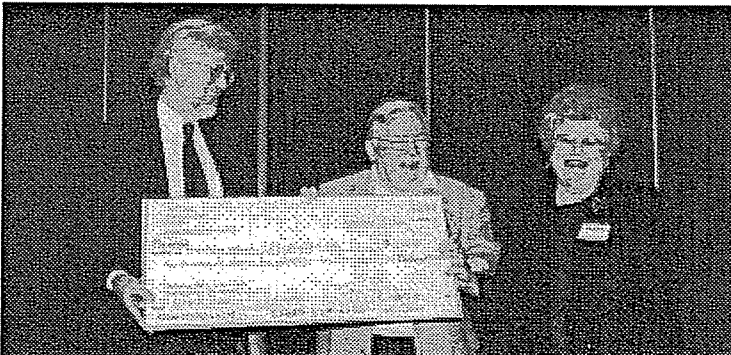
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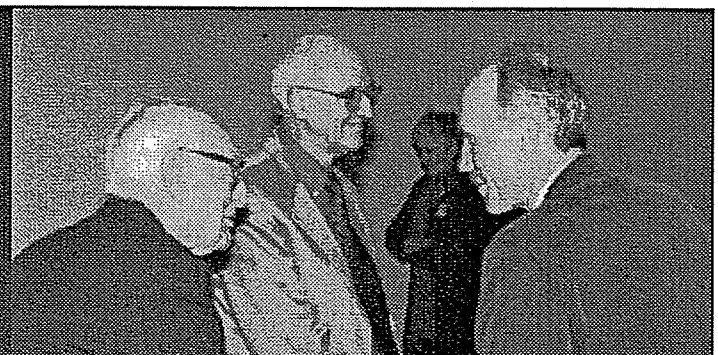
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Colonel Al Alfaro, center, president of the Kentucky Genealogical Society (KGS), and KGS and Friends board member Peggy Galloway, right, formally present a check for \$2,100 to the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., for purchase of needed research tools for the State Archives' Archives Research Room. Receiving the check on behalf of the Friends is State Archivist Richard Belding, left.



Historian Laureate of Kentucky and former Friends' President Dr. Thomas D. Clark exchanges greetings with Dr. Henry E. "Hank" Everman, Professor of History at EKU, and Dr. William J. Morison, Friends' board member and University Archivist, University of Louisville, at the Friends' annual business meeting.

EKU is Site of Friends' Annual Meeting, Public Archives Symposium

Chilly weather greeted attendees at the 2000 annual meeting of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., held on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) in Richmond on November 17, 2000. But the weather did not dim the enthusiasm of those in attendance, who enjoyed a delicious lunch following the morning business meeting and attended the annual Public Archives Symposium in the afternoon. This year's Symposium, co-sponsored with the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at EKU and with a Public History theme, was held in the Carl D. Perkins Building on the university's campus.

At the Friends' annual business meeting, new officers and board members were elected. Newly-

elected officers were Paul Coates, Louisville, president; James C. Powers, Ashland, vice-president; W. Grady Walter III, Lexington, treasurer; and Jane-Rives Williams, Bardstown, secretary. Joining the board of directors, for a term expiring in 2001, was Robin Rader, Lexington. Elected to terms expiring in 2003 were George Street Boone, Elkton; Shirley J. Botkins, Louisville; John Irvin, Lexington; James C. Powers, Ashland; Dr. James Ramage, Highland Heights; Anne Rodick, Bloomington, Indiana; and Dr. Richard C. Smoot III, Lexington. President Lindsey Apple reviewed the year's events for the organization and expressed his special appreciation to his officers and board members for their support during his terms as president.

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Capital Planning Progress

KDLA has hired a consultant to examine issues related to our capacity to meet archival management services required by agencies over the coming decades. Dr. Greg Hunter has been employed under a personal services contract which is part of two capital appropriations received in the 2000 General Assembly session. During January and February, Dr. Hunter is shuttling back and forth between New York and Kentucky to carry out this work, while teaching in the graduate program of Long Island University. He is meeting with selected state and local officials individually and in small groups.

Among the issues being examined are possible facility expansion and enhanced capacity to bring agency electronic records

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2000 Public Archives Symposium speaker Dr. Thomas J. Appleton, Jr., Professor of History and Associate Director, Center for Kentucky History and Politics, EKU, was well received by the afternoon crowd.

Archives Research Room Hours and Closings for 2001

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., Tuesday through Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays, on Saturdays preceding Monday holidays or following Friday holidays, and on official state holidays.

Ample free parking is provided outside the KDLA building.

Special closings, January through April 2001 – Please mark your calendars!

- January 13th (Saturday), for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- April 13th (Friday - close at noon), for Good Friday
- April 14th (Saturday), for Easter

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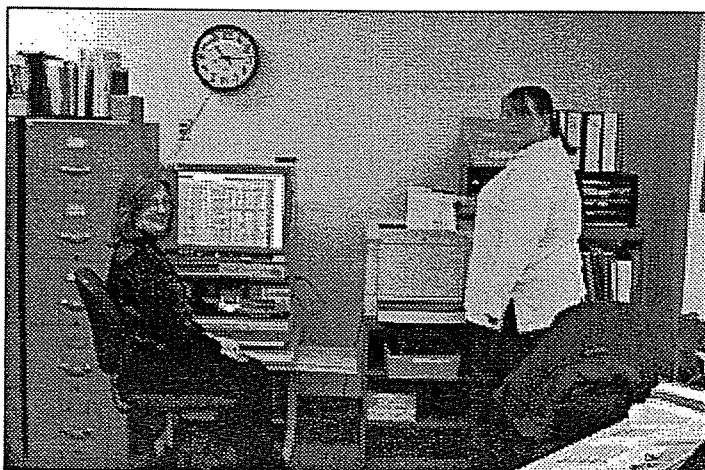
State Archivist Richard Belding provided an update on developments at the Public Records Division and thanked Dr. Apple for his many efforts and commitment to the work of the Friends over the past several years. Prior to the Symposium, special recognition was made of new Life Members of the Friends and of major donors during calendar 2000, as well as of the 2000 winners of the Friends' Award of Merit for outstanding contributions to the management and preservation of public records in Kentucky (see article on page 4, this issue).

Dr. Thomas J. Appleton, Jr., EKU Professor of History and Associate Director, Center for Kentucky History and Politics at EKU, gave an entertaining and informative presentation at the Symposium, reflecting on the range of his experience as an historian with his talk "Now It Can Be Told: My Life as a Public Historian."

KY Colonel's Gift meets Critical Need

KDLA Intern Lisa Thompson and Thomas D. Clark Intern Erica McClung, below, examine the new digital microfilm reader printer recently installed in the Archives Research Room. The unit, made possible by a generous grant to the Friends by the Honorable Order of Kentucky

Colonels, Inc. from the calendar year 2000 funding cycle, is much appreciated by division staff and researchers. It will help replace an aging equipment stock. With more than 50,000 rolls of microfilm available for use in the Archives Research Room, these machines are very heavily used.



Newly Available at the State Archives

Thanks to the hard work and determination of volunteers from the Genealogical Society of Utah, another important collection of judicial records has been reprocessed and is now again available to researchers, in a much-improved condition. This collection consists of case files from the Mason County Circuit Court, dated 1803-1874. When originally accessioned in 1984, the case files were tri-folded and arranged roughly by term of court. No index to the collection was available. The volunteers unfolded the documents and placed them in acid-free folders, thereby enhancing the long-term preservation of the records. The volunteers also created a new and accurate index, which can currently be searched in electronic form and will soon be available on microfilm. The Circuit Court case files contain both civil and criminal actions. In addition to providing documentation of legal proceedings, the case files can sometimes give us a personal glimpse of the people involved, and a better understanding of the times in which they lived. For example, in 1810 "Priscilla, a slave," sued to gain her freedom. Priscilla, being of "very fair" complexion, seems to have claimed that she was not actually the child of a slave mother, and therefore not legally a slave herself. The jury found "for the plaintiff (her freedom) and one cent in damages." Another case, dated 1857, records the efforts of a merchant to obtain compensation from the owners of a steamboat who allegedly lost his goods while in transit. The record includes a list of the goods and their value. The court found in favor of the merchant, and ordered the steamboat owners to pay the judgment. If they failed to do so, the court further ordered the Sheriff of Mason County to seize and sell "the said boat, her engines and functions" in order to satisfy the judgment. This collection provides over seventy years of historic documentation for one of Kentucky's oldest counties. The arrangement, preservation and indexing of these judicial records will allow researchers to make better use of this important collection for many years to come.

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under the same archival management guidelines as other agency records. Other issues include the need for long term accessibility to records in electronic formats, and policy and procedural issues related to improved agency management of electronic records, consistent with the requirements of the state's public records management laws.

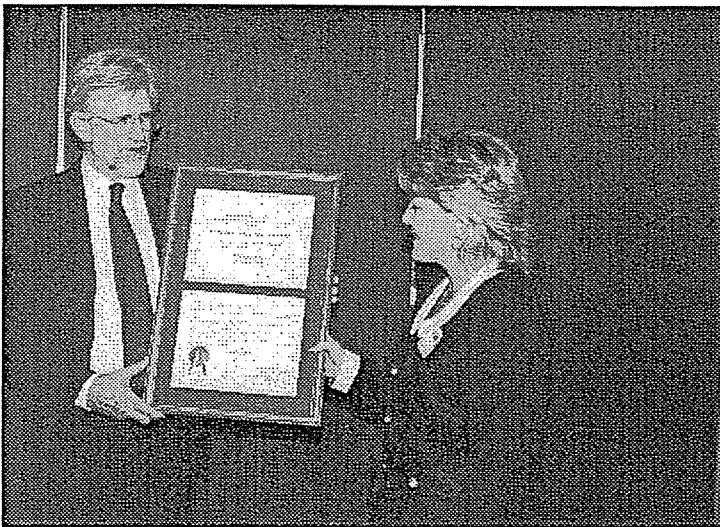
Projecting recordkeeping needs over the next three decades, the report will include a determination of the nature and extent of the physical space which might be needed as an archival addition to KDLA's Frankfort facility to

accommodate current and anticipated paper and electronic records. The report will also detail the technical systems required for electronic records storage and for large-scale document-to-image conversion. Through the project's assessment and strategies that will be developed from it, KDLA is preparing to advance the state's capacity to achieve electronic recordkeeping and to lay the groundwork for effective archival management of electronic records.

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*Annual Meeting, Symposium Draws
Enthusiastic Crowd to Richmond....*





Allen County Clerk Beverly Calvert was honored with an Award of Merit of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., before the Annual Symposium in Richmond.



Madison County Clerk Mary Jane Ginter was honored with an Award of Merit of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., before the Annual Symposium.

Award of Merit Recipients Ginter, Calvert Join Select Group of Officials

Madison County Clerk Mary Jane Ginter and Allen County Clerk Beverly Calvert, 2000 recipients of the Friends' Award of Merit, are the latest officials to be recognized by the Friends for outstanding contributions to the management and preservation of public records in Kentucky. Previous recipients and the year of their awards include:

2000 Mary Jane Ginter, Madison County Clerk; Beverly Calvert, Allen County Clerk

1999 Randy Otey, McCracken County Clerk; Judy Long Witt, Montgomery County Clerk

1998 Joyce Rodgers, Adair County Clerk; Marketta Brock, Carroll County Clerk

1997 Ralph Copping, Harrison County Clerk; Toni Watson, Caldwell County Clerk

1996 Jerry Dean, Jackson County Clerk; Judith Foster, Bracken County Clerk

1995 Frances Cotterill, Mason County Clerk; Gaylan Spurlin, Muhlenberg County Clerk

1994 John Nichols, Boyle County Clerk; Martha Davis, Oldham County Clerk

1993 Shirley Botkins, Coordinator, Archives and Records Retention Center, Jefferson County Schools; Linda Leigh, City Clerk, City of Bowling Green; Hugh McDavid, Carter County Clerk

1992 Bill Aylor, Kenton County Clerk; Lynn Lane, Ballard County Clerk

1991 Carol Sue Mills, Martin County Clerk; Willard Hansford, Pulaski County Clerk; James Jones, Livingston County Clerk

1990 Bonnye Moody, Simpson County Clerk; Dora Henry, Estill County Clerk; Robert Magan, Ohio County Clerk

1989 Yvonne Guy, Warren County Clerk; David Logsdon, Hardin County Clerk; Randall Phillips, Taylor County Clerk; Gallie Isaacs, Jr., Lawrence County Clerk

Kentucky Genealogical Society Makes Major Gift to Friends; New Life Members Announced

A surprise highlight of the recent annual meeting of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. was the announcement of a generous \$2,100 gift to the Friends by the Kentucky Genealogical Society (KGS). The presentation was jointly made by KGS President Colonel Al Alfaro and Friends' board member Peggy Galloway, who also sits on the KGS Board. The funds will be used to purchase for the Archives Research Room a second set of the heavily used bound indexes to the U. S. Census records covering Kentucky, for the period 1810-1830, 1850-1870, and the slave census schedules for 1850. A generous gift from former Friends President Howard T. Goodpaster, received earlier this fall, permitted purchase of the 1840 index. These indexes are in heavy demand, and a second set will be a big asset to researchers at the State Archives. Outgoing Friends' President Dr. Lindsey Apple expressed his deep gratitude for this gift and for the good efforts of Ms. Galloway in bringing this need to the attention of the KGS.

He also recognized several new Life Members of the Friends, including the Kentucky and Scott County Genealogical Societies, William Morison, John and Roberta Padgett, and James Powers, and thanked them for their support. Life Memberships in the Friends become part of the Thomas D. Clark Endowment Fund for Archival Internships at the State Archives.

How You Can *Still* Help!

The Archives Research Room at the State Archives always has equipment or supplemental resource needs for which state funds are not available, and 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 this updated list below available. 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 direct your support to the address on the Friends' membership form, below. Thanks for your help!

Books

1890 Kentucky Veterans Census Index. \$33.00

Compendium of the Confederate Armies: Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, by Stewart Sifakis. \$27.50

Early Louisville, Kentucky Newspaper Abstracts 1806-1828 Crowder. \$28.00

Virgil White, *Index to War of 1812 Pension Files.* 2 vol. \$225.00

Virgil White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Rev. War. Pension Files* 4 vol. \$565.00

Virgil White, *Index to US Military Pension.* Applications of Remarried Widows 1812-1911. 1 vol. \$120.00

Virgil White, *Index to Old Wars Pension Files 1815-1926.* 1 vol. \$85.00

CD ROM

1850 Kentucky Census Index. \$49.95

The Kentucky State Archives is also in the process of rebinding many of the early statehood legislative documents and state publications. These include the Acts and Journals of the Kentucky House and Senate. The average cost to rebind one volume using acid free materials is \$50. Donations of any amount toward this project would be much appreciated. Contributions should be made to the Friends and designated for "Book Rebinding." Thanks for helping!

Microfilm

Freedmen's Bureau Records for Kentucky. Records of the Office of the Comptroller of Currency: Registers of Signatures of Depositions in Branches (Lexington & Louisville) of the Freedmen's Savings & Trust Banks. 1 roll, \$34.00.

Freedmen's Bureau Records for Kentucky American Freedmen's Inquiry Commission. 3 rolls, \$102.



Research Room visitors make good use of new research tools and equipment.



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.

Become a Friends' Life Member!

Won't you consider a Life Membership? Proceeds from Friends' Life Membership dues provide special support to the archival internship program funded through the Thomas D. Clark Endowment Fund. The fee, \$250 for a life membership, can be paid as a single payment or through five payments of \$50 each, over a two-year period. This program welcomes your support. For further information, please use the membership renewal form in the newsletter and contact the Friends through the listed address. Thanks for your help!

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.

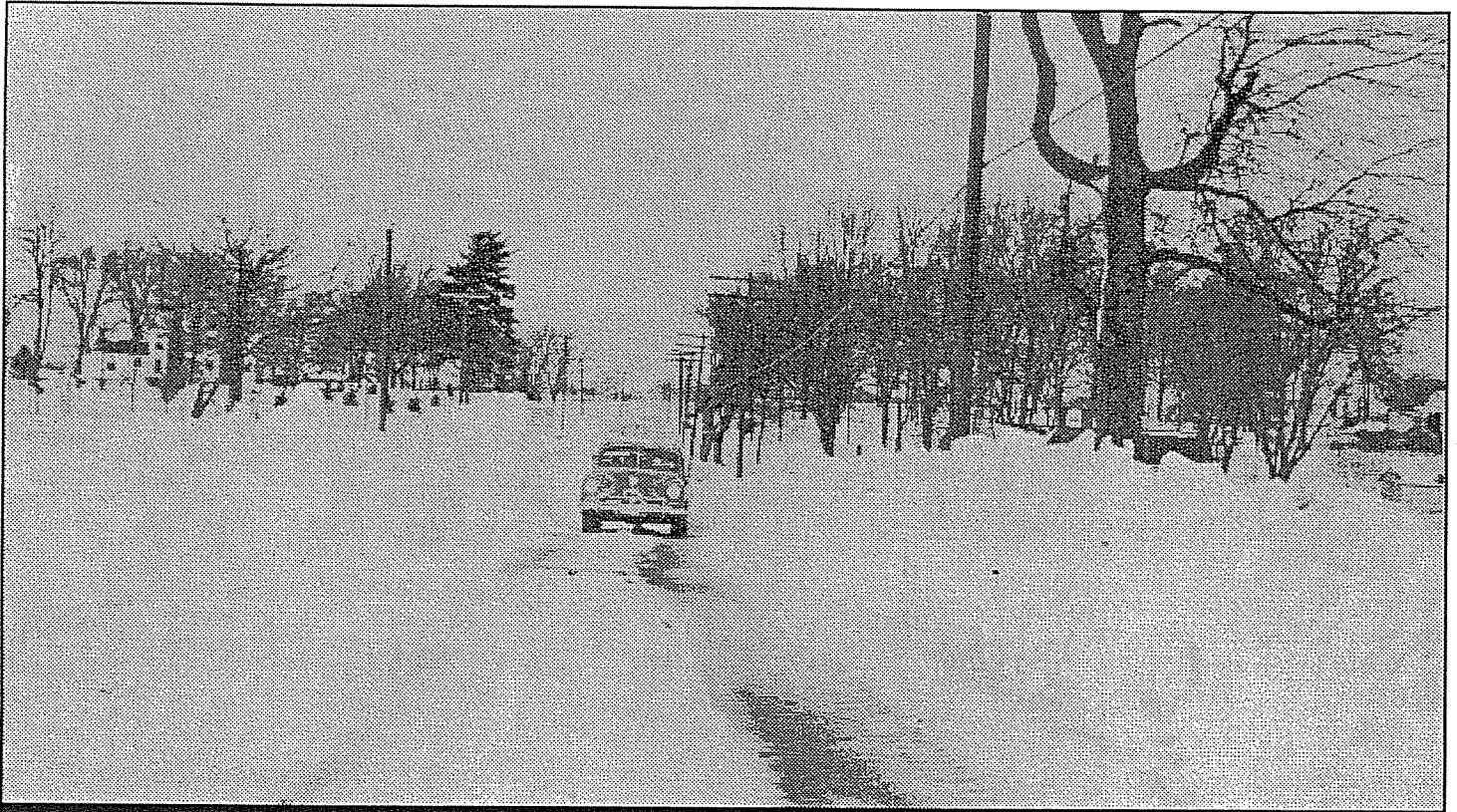
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Address: _____ City: _____

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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.



Snowfall (ca 1949-1950)

Although snowfall accumulations are usually light in Kentucky, the state occasionally experiences the effects of a major winter storm, as evidenced by this scene on US Highway 421. (This photograph is from the Kentucky Department of Public Information Collection, in the State Archives holdings of the Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.)

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