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## Local Records Program Making a Difference



Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives' Local Records Program staff, from left to right, Trace Kirkwood, Local Records Branch Manager; Pam Howarah, North Central Kentucky Regional Administrator; Dawn Whitsell, Western Kentucky Regional Administrator; Larry Barnett, South Central Kentucky Regional Administrator; and Jackie Arnold, Eastern Kentucky Regional Administrator.

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives' (KDLA) Local Records Program continues to make a difference in the preservation of historical and valuable records at the local level. For fiscal year 2017, the Local Records Program awarded 38 grants to local government agencies for a total of \$586,017.

Grant projects include security microfilming, digitization, preservation, and the purchase of much needed equipment. Security microfilming will ensure that thousands of permanent records, such as deeds, wills, and marriages from county clerk's offices will be archived into a secure and environmentally controlled vault at the Kentucky State Archives. Preservation projects will restore dozens of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century volumes for future generations to use. The original records will be de-acidified, cleaned, and placed into acid-free sleeves and bound into durable binders. Preservation lets researchers see and use the original documents without harming them. Digitization allows the public to access records electronically, and reduces handling of the original records. Digitization enables the Local Records Program to archive the record by converting the electronic image to microfilm. This process lowers the cost of microfilming and allows for a clearer image.

The Local Records Grant Program has distributed a total of \$24,360,968 since its inception in 1985. The Program provides financial assistance to counties, cities, and school systems.

*"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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Free parking is provided outside the KDLA building.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming closures.

October 28	Friday	Archives Symposium
November 8	Tuesday	Presidential Election
November 11	Friday	Veterans Day
November 24-25	Thursday-Friday	Thanksgiving
December 23 and 26	Friday and Monday	Christmas
December 30 and January 2	Friday and Monday	New Year's

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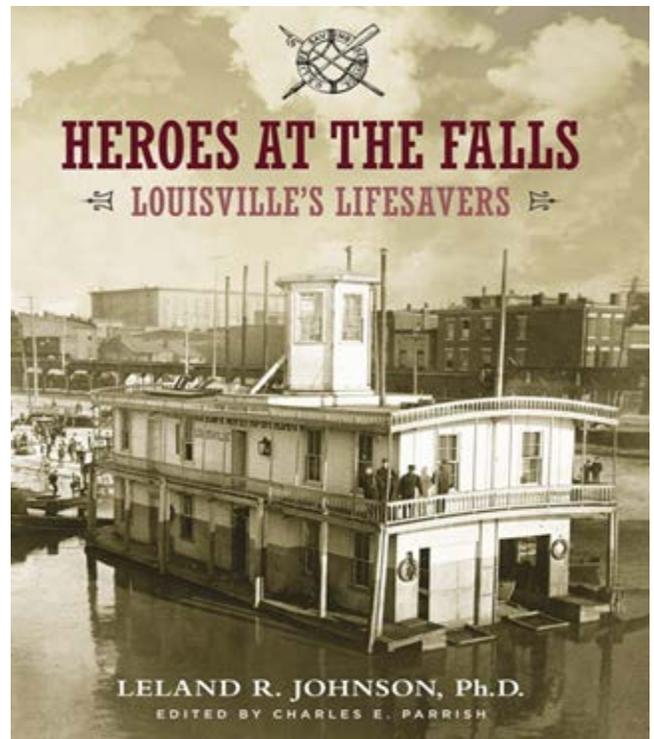
## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Archives Symposium is set for October 28

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Public Archives Symposium is scheduled for Friday, October 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, 300 Coffee Tree Road, Frankfort.

The Symposium, a yearly event sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., in cooperation with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), Archives and Records Management Division (ARM), increases the public's awareness of the wide range of historical records available for research in Kentucky's repositories and provides information for scholars, researchers, and genealogists in archival research.

Featured speaker for the Symposium will be Charles "Chuck" Parrish, retired historian with the Louisville District, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and past consultant to the Rivers Institute at Hanover College. As editor of *Heroes at the Falls: Louisville's Lifesavers*, he will discuss the history of the United States Lifesaving Service and the individuals who risked their lives to save others, as well as countless boats and cargoes.

The Symposium is free and open to the public, and no registration is required. For further information, contact Renita Van at [renita.van@ky.gov](mailto:renita.van@ky.gov) or call 502.564.1722. Please visit our website: <http://kdla.ky.gov/researchers/Pages/2016PublicArchivesSymposium.aspx>.



The **Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.** is a not for profit membership organization of private citizens concerned with helping the Archives and Records Management 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.

## **Thank you!**

The staff of the Kentucky State Archives would like to express our gratitude to the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. for their assistance with the repair of the microfilm duplicator in our Micrographics and Imaging Branch. This equipment duplicates thousands of rolls of microfilm each year, and allows archiving to security microfilm for long-term preservation. Again, thank you Friends for your continuing and very generous support.

## **Kentucky Archives Institute a Success**

The thirty-second annual Kentucky Archives Institute, held on June 17, 2016 at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), featured guest speaker J. Mark Lowe, a professional genealogist, who provided an informative presentation on *Early Kentucky Courts*.

Larry Weese and Hope Bryant of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services discussed *Historical Institutions in State Government*. In addition, two KDLA staff members presented. Walter Bowman spoke about the *Kentucky Council of Defense*, primarily as it related to World War I, and Local Records Branch Manager, Trace Kirkwood talked about how to use archives in local research in his presentation *Every Hedgerow Has a History: Using Archives to Discover Local Heritage*.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's Kentucky Archives Institute a success.

## **Tim Tingle and Mark Stone Retire**

After thirty years at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Tim Tingle retired on July 31, 2016. As Manager of the Archival Services Branch, Tim oversaw accessioning, appraisal, and preservation of the Kentucky State Archives' permanent and historically valuable collection. Prior to being appointed in 2008 as Manager of the Archival Services Branch, Tim worked in the Archives Research Room and in Arrangement and Description. Throughout his career, Tim served as an active member of many professional organizations.

Mark Stone began his career at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in the Archives Center where he assisted citizens of the Commonwealth and local and state agencies with archival research and accessioning of archival records. In 2006, Mark was chosen as Manager of the Micrographics and Imaging Branch, which provides microfilming and digitization services for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. He served on a number of KDLA committees during his 28 years with the Kentucky State Archives. Mark retired on July 31, 2016.

Tim and Mark's friends and colleagues at KDLA and throughout the state are grateful for their many years of service, and wish both of them the very best.

# KENTUCKY ARCHIVES MONTH

**OCTOBER 2016**

**archivesmonth.ky.gov**

**TRANSPORTATION AND INDUSTRY**

Kentucky Archives Month is sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission



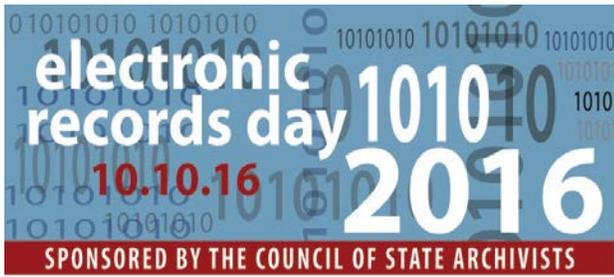
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## Kentucky Archives Month Observed October 2016

Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories throughout the state will observe October 2016 as Kentucky Archives Month, in conjunction with American Archives Month. This year's theme is *Transportation and Industry in Kentucky*.

Nearly 300 archival and manuscript repositories in Kentucky preserve archival and manuscript records that provide a rich and varied picture of the history of Kentucky. Their collections include personal papers, photographs, bibles, diaries, and government records, such as marriage certificates and wills. Many institutions host special programs, open houses, exhibits, and speakers during the month, to highlight historical materials available for research. A list of these events is on the Kentucky Archives Month website <http://archivesmonth.ky.gov>.

Kentucky Archives Month is sponsored by the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. We would like to thank the Friends for their generous support of Kentucky Archives Month. For further information, call 502.564.1720.



## Celebrate Electronic Records Day

Please join KDLA in celebrating Electronic Records Day on October 10, 2016. Now in its fifth year, Electronic Records Day was created by the State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI), a program of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA), as an opportunity to share information about managing digital resources and to enlist support in preserving electronic records.

This day is designed to raise awareness among state government agencies, the general public, professional organizations, and other stakeholders about the crucial role electronic records play in their world.

Please join CoSA and others to help spread the word as well! Suggested activities include sharing information on your blog, social media outlet, website, or making a presentation highlighting e-records and what your archives is doing to preserve them. Additional information about Electronic Records Day activities and resources is available on the CoSA website:

<https://www.statearchivists.org/programs/state-electronic-records-initiative/electronic-records-day>

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