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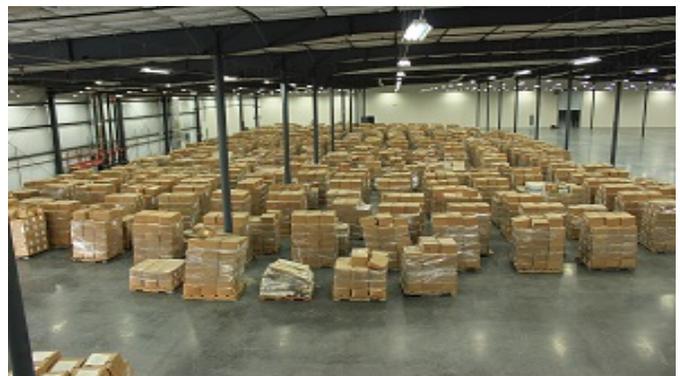
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From the State Archivist: Moving to the New State Records Center



In September 2012, the Kentucky General Assembly approved construction of a 100,000 square foot consolidated State Records Center for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), Public Records Division (PRD), to be purpose-built as rental property for KDLA. My predecessor, Richard Belding, first requested a new State Records Center facility in 1986, and we persisted in our efforts over the ensuing years as our needs continued to grow. In 2014, twenty-eight years after our first request, it's extremely gratifying to finally walk into our new State Records Center.

Currently, Kentucky's State Records Center holdings, from about 100 agencies, are housed at two rented facilities in Frankfort. Staff will first vacate the warehouse space at the Buffalo Trace Distillery. After the nearly 130,000 boxes of records stored at Buffalo Trace are moved to the new facility, staff will then move over 60,000 boxes of records from the Main Street location.

PRD has rented part of the Main Street building since 1963.

The builder turned the mostly finished new Records Center building over to KDLA on April 23. (Some minor work and outdoor landscaping and clean-up remain.) Steve Shackelford, Records Center Supervisor, began putting into action the moving plan we have been working on for years. In the first fifteen days of the move, about half of the records at Buffalo Trace had

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

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming closures.

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| May 26 | Monday | Memorial Day |
| June 20 | Friday | Archives Institute |
| July 4 | Friday | Independence Day |
| September 1 | Monday | Labor Day |

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2014 Kentucky Archives Institute Scheduled for June 20

The thirtieth annual Kentucky Archives Institute, sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., will be held on Friday, June 20 in the Activity Room of the Clark-Cooper Building at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA). The Institute will feature four speakers who will cover a variety of topics of interest to historians, genealogists, librarians, and the general public. Kari May of the Archives Research Room staff will discuss the Kentucky e-Archives, which is a popular feature of the KDLA website. Tony Curtis of the Kentucky Historical Society will describe the ongoing "Civil War Governors of Kentucky Digital Documentary Edition" project. Trace Kirkwood, one of the Local Records Regional Administrators for the Public Records Division, KDLA, will provide helpful information about the records that can be found in county courthouses, and strategies for accessing those records. Jim Holmberg of The Filson Historical Society will give an overview of his organization, which is currently starting a major expansion project. As always, an excellent box lunch is included in the registration fee, and an optional tour of the State Archives Center will be offered at the end of the day. Please join us for what promises to be an interesting and productive session!

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been moved to the new State Records Center, almost doubling our predicted rate of moving. A vendor is relocating the existing shelving, with that crew closely coordinating with the KDLA box moving crew.

The new Records Center has a much better climate control system, and includes dedicated space for storage of archival records. The Records Center will also have taller shelving, which allows greater opportunity for expansion. The building capacity provides for an eventual 50% increase in the current amount of Records Center holdings. PRD will also be selecting and installing a more effective records tracking system than the one currently in place. The move to the new facility will be complete by December, 2014. Archival records housed at KDLA's Clark-Cooper building are not included in this move and will remain at the KDLA main building.

Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.
The Thirtieth Annual Kentucky Archives Institute

Sponsored by: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., and
Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
June 20, 2014

Activity Room, Second Floor, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration/Pastries
- 9:00 – 10:15 Welcome
- 9:15 – 10:15 Kentucky e-Archives: The Basics
 -Kari May, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 Meet the Governors and Discover Civil War Era Kentucky: An
 Introduction to the *Civil War Governors of Kentucky Digital Documentary*
 Edition
 -Tony Curtis, Kentucky Historical Society
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:30 Researching Records in Kentucky's Courthouses
 -Trace Kirkwood, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
- 1:30 – 1:45 Break
- 1:45 – 2:45 The Filson Historical Society: Past, Present, Future
 -Jim Holmberg, The Filson Historical Society
- 2:45 – 3:00 Conclusion
- 3:00 – 3:30 Tour of the KY State Archives (*Optional*)

Please clip and mail the form below, along with registration fee(s), by June 13.
Space is limited to 50 attendees.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Tingle at 502.564.8300 ext. 251 or tim.tingle@ky.gov

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., 2014.
Check here to reserve a vegetarian lunch. _____
Check here if you plan to tour the archives. _____

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Kentucky Archives Month

Archival and manuscript repositories throughout the state observed October 2013 as Kentucky Archives Month, in conjunction with American Archives Month. The theme was *Folklore and Superstitions*, in commemoration of Kentucky's folk traditions and rich cultural heritage.

The Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) presented two Certificates of Merit to commemorate Kentucky Archives Month 2013. Margaret Merrick, recently retired records manager for the Presbyterian Church (USA), received a Certificate of Merit for Significant Service as an Archivist, for her thirty-three year career in several Kentucky archival repositories, including the University of Louisville and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Dr. Samuel Thomas, Louisville historian and author, received a posthumous honor, a Certificate of Merit for Writing or Other Production for his book, *The Architectural History of Louisville 1778-1900*.

Planning for this year's celebration of Archives Month is well underway. The Archives Month Coordinating Committee, under the direction of the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, met in January to begin preparations for this year's celebration, which will again be held in October. The theme for this year is *Agriculture* in honor of Kentucky's notable agrarian heritage.

The Archives Month Committee has applied to the Kentucky Council on Archives (KCA) for funding for the 2014 poster, through KCA's new process for providing financial support for external projects. A response from KCA is expected by the end of May.

The Kentucky Archives Month web address is <http://archivesmonth.ky.gov>. Please check the website for events that will be held throughout the state in celebration of Kentucky Archives, or use the site to submit your own event. The site also has a Planning Guide to assist in planning Archives Month activities. We encourage all Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories to commemorate Archives Month in some way, with an open house, a workshop, a featured speaker, an exhibit, a tour, or any other type of event.

Kentucky State Archives Releases New Search Tool for Historic Government Websites

Do you know the best way to search for photographs, speeches, audio and video clips, and other records that appeared on Kentucky state government websites in the last fifteen years? Do you wonder what the earliest state government websites looked like and how they have evolved? These and other historical inquiries can be answered via the new Kentucky Website Archives, part of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) e-Archives at the Kentucky State Archives.

The Kentucky State Archives began copying the Governor's Office website in 2003, along with those from the Lieutenant Governor's and First Lady's Offices. As websites grew more complex, staff began to evaluate other ways to undertake website preservation and access. KDLA recently joined Archive-It, a subscription service of the Internet Archive <https://www.archive-it.org/>. Tools used by Archive-It provide a more methodical and controlled way to harvest websites of Kentucky state government, and to provide access to those websites for historical research.

The Kentucky Website Archives provides access to websites of the Governor's Office, all other constitutional officers, and the Legislative and Judicial Branches, dating back to 2000. The Kentucky Website Archives facilitates both browsing and searching by date, organizational hierarchy, keyword, and website type (social media and traditional website). For access to the Kentucky Website Archives, see:

<http://kdla.ky.gov/records/e-archives/Pages/KyWebArchive.aspx>.



Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) 2013 Report

The State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) had an active year in 2013. The Board met twice, once in January and again in August. Board members reviewed two grant applications from Kentucky repositories to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC); and completely revised the SHRAB's Strategic Plan, updating it through 2018. The Board also sponsored one NISO Webinar, "Metadata for Preservation: A Digital Object's Best Friend" and two face-to-face continuing education workshops from the Society of American Archivists, "Appraisal of Electronic Records" and "Digital Forensics for Archivists I and II." Also in 2013, the SHRAB hired its first Intern, Maggie Salisbury, who will be supported with NHPRC grant funds. The intern is working on updating contact information for Kentucky's archival and manuscript repositories. The SHRAB's Archives Month Coordinating Committee planned and held Archives Month 2013. For more information, please see the Archives Month Report elsewhere in this newsletter.

In other SHRAB-related news, the NHPRC recently asked for input on newly-revised grant announcements. The NHPRC will be meeting in May to consider these revisions, after the input period. For more information on these proposed changes, please see NHPRC's website (<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/>).



Historic Kentucky Recipes Highlight 2013 Public Archives Symposium

The twenty-fifth annual Public Archives Symposium was hosted by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Public Records Division and held at KDLA's Clark-Cooper Building on October 29, 2013. The featured speaker was Deirdre Scaggs, Associate Dean, University of Kentucky Special Collections. Ms. Scaggs is co-author of The Historic Kentucky Kitchen: Traditional Recipes for Today's Cook recently published by the University Press of Kentucky. She discussed the sources she used in compiling the more than 100 recipes contained in the book, and added some fascinating insights on how 19th and early 20th century cooks prepared and served these dishes. To the considerable delight of the attendees, Ms. Scaggs brought along some delicious samples of baked goods that she made especially for the occasion. Our special thanks to Ms. Scaggs and to the Friends and PRD staff for helping to make the 2013 Public Archives Symposium such a resounding success.

*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.*

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 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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_____ \$50 Sustaining _____ \$1,000 Corporate _____ Gift to the Clark Endowment

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Resting after setting up two tents are (from left) Carolyn Anderson, Mrs. Norma Bowman and son Donnie, Mrs. Bertha Finley, Gary Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson. Mrs. Bowman and son are from Kankakee, IL, and other family members are from Enfield, IL. September, 1962.

Source: Public Information Photo Collection, Public Records Division – Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.