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State Archivist and Records Administrator Barbara Teague retired on August 31, after thirty-two years of service at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA).

When Teague began her career in 1983, the State Archives and State Records Centers had combined holdings of nearly 130,000 cubic feet, 6,500 customers visited for archival research, and the staff shared three computers. Now, not only have the number of computers increased, but the holdings of the Archives and the Records Center combine for nearly 325,000 cubic feet, the electronic records archives contains four terabytes of government data, and the number of research requests and web customers exceeds 6,500 per month.

As State Archivist and Records Administrator, Teague was responsible for a comprehensive archives and records management program for state and local government, with services for approximately 2,200 government agencies. She managed records appraisal. analysis. scheduling for state and local government agencies; reformatting services for government records; an electronic records management and digital preservation program; a grant program for local governments; archival description, public services, and outreach; and storage and collection management services in the State Archives and State Records Centers.

Over the course of Teague's career, KDLA continued its development into a nationally recognized leader in government archives and



records management, especially in the field of electronic records and digital preservation.

"It has been very gratifying to serve the Commonwealth of Kentucky as State Archivist, and help ensure that important government records are permanently preserved for historical and legal research," said Teague. "The Kentucky State Archives is a leader in the state archives community, and it has been a privilege to work with our staff and contribute to the success of this program."

In her role as State Archivist, Teague served as coordinator of the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) providing leadership to archival and manuscript repositories around the state.

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"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 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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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# **Kentucky Archives Month Observed October 2015**

Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories throughout the state have designated October 2015 as Kentucky Archives Month. The theme is *Voting and Civil Rights*, in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

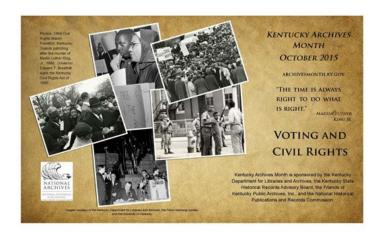
Many institutions host special programs, open houses, exhibits, and speakers during the month, to highlight historical materials available for research. A list of events is available on the Kentucky Archives Month website: <a href="http://archivesmonth.ky.gov">http://archivesmonth.ky.gov</a>.

To commemorate Kentucky Archives Month, the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) will present four Certificates of Merit and the Thomas D. Clark Kentucky Archives Month Award.

Amanda Jo Runyon, Assistant Professor of English at the University of Pikeville (UPIKE), will be awarded with a Certificate of Merit for Teaching. Ms. Runyon has implemented the use of primary source materials into the curriculum of her Appalachian Literature and Developmental Writing course by having students identify and describe various images from the Special Collections and Archives at the Frank M. Allara Library at UPIKE.

The Kentucky African American Encyclopedia project will receive a Certificate of Merit for Writing or Other Production. A large part of the research for the Encyclopedia was accessed from archival resources found in Kentucky repositories. John A. Hardin, Karen C. McDaniel, and Gerald L. Smith, editors of the publication, are Kentucky scholars who recognize the importance of preservation and dissemination of history.

Michael A. Kem, Christian County Clerk, along with Deputy County Clerks Jodie Oglesby and Betty Stites will be awarded a Certificate of Merit for Notable Service to and Advocacy for Archives in Kentucky by a Public Official. Kem, Oglesby, and Stites have worked diligently to preserve and provide access to valuable Christian County public records by rehousing and reshelving a large portion of their early 19<sup>th</sup> century collection, ensuring that these records will be available for future generations.



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.

David Williams, journalist, editor, activist, novelist, artist, community historian, and collector will be awarded a Certificate of Merit for Notable Service to and Advocacy for Archives in Kentucky by a Private Citizen. Williams began gathering archival material related to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals, institutions, and movements in the early 1970s. In 2001, Williams donated his massive collection of books, papers, periodicals, photographs, and ephemera to the University of Louisville, establishing the Williams-Nichols Collection. It's the first institutional archives designated to support LGBTQ research and study in Kentucky.

The Thomas D. Clark Archives Month Award will be presented to retired Kentucky State Archivist Barbara Teague. Teague's career with the KDLA began in 1983, and her contributions continued in various capacities for over thirtytwo years. She served as State Archivist and Records Administrator and Director of the Archives and Records Management Division from February 2008 until her retirement in August 2015. Teague provided regional and national archives and records management leadership as an active member of the Southeastern Archives and Records Conference, the Council of State Archivists, the Society of American Archivists, and the National Association of Government Archives Records Administrators. Her experience and expertise greatly influenced the work of KDLA, and its goals and mission, and she fulfilled her and duties with responsibilities consummate skill and professionalism.

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#### Public Archives Symposium Set for October 21



Please plan on joining us for the twenty-seventh annual Public Archives Symposium, which will be held in the Activity Room at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. This year's speakers will be Dr. Melissa McEuen of Transylvania University and Dr. Tom Appleton of Eastern Kentucky University, co-editors of Kentucky Women: Their Lives and Times.

The Public Archives Symposium will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Tim Tingle at 502-564-8348 or <a href="mailto:tim.tingle@ky.gov">tim.tingle@ky.gov</a> if you would like to attend, so that we can plan for adequate seating.

Kentucky Women: Their Lives and Times introduces a history as dynamic and diverse as Kentucky itself. Covering the Appalachian region in the east to the Pennyroyal in the west, the essays highlight women whose aspirations, innovations, activism, and creativity illustrate Kentucky's role in political and social reform, education, health care, the arts, and cultural development. The collection features women with well-known names as well as those whose lives and work deserve greater attention.

During her term as coordinator or deputy coordinator, Kentucky historical records repositories received support for 18 projects, for a total of almost \$900,000 in grants from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, with the assistance of the SHRAB.

"Barbara Teague has made significant lasting contributions to records management practices nationwide and to Kentucky's archives," noted Wayne Onkst, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. "The Commonwealth and its residents are the beneficiaries of her dedicated service."

Teague is active in national and regional archival organizations, and serves on several committees for the Society of American Archivists (SAA), the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA), and the Council of State Archivists (CoSA), including SAA's Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy, and the CoSA-NAGARA-SAA Joint Working Group on Advocacy and Awareness. She is a past president and board member of CoSA, and testified on CoSA's behalf in 2010, before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in support of the Historical Publications and Records Commission. She is a member and past chair of the Kentucky Council on Archives, and a member of the Southeastern Archives and Records Conference.

At a retirement reception held at KDLA on August 25, Mike Watson and Anne Rodick, representing the Board of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., presented Teague with a life membership in recognition of her many contributions to the organization throughout her career.

Teague will continue to work as an archivist and records manager, and after retirement will be relocating to Richmond, Virginia, where she has accepted the position of Government Records Services division director at the Library of Virginia. Originally from Harlan, Teague holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Virginia and a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Kentucky, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

#### **KDLA Local Records Program**

Jerry Carlton has retired, after 34 years with the Archives and Records Management Division. Jerry began his career at KDLA in 1977, and after a short stint with the New York State Archives in the 1990s he returned to Kentucky and served as the Manager of the Local Records Branch from September 2000 until his retirement in June 2015. Jerry's knowledge, experience, and dedication to the local records program made him an outstanding representative for KDLA and an inspiration to his colleagues.

We are very pleased to announce that Trace Kirkwood has been selected as the new Manager of the Local Records Branch. Trace has been the Local Records Regional Administrator for western Kentucky for the past 13 years, and his extensive experience working with local officials to manage their records and his commitment to KDLA make him an excellent choice to lead the program. Trace is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a BA and MA in history, and has also worked with The Filson Historical Society and Cultural Resources Analysts Inc.



#### **Archives Institute a Success**

The thirty-first annual Kentucky Archives Institute was held on June 19, and proved to be a great success. Kari May, Walter Bowman, and Lance Hale of the KDLA staff offered excellent presentations, and Kandie Adkinson from the Secretary of State Land Office discussed "Using Land Patents to Plot History" to round out an outstanding program. Many participants stayed for a tour of the State Archives at the end of the day. All of the evaluations from the participants were very positive. Special thanks to the staff of the Archives and Records Management Division, who hosted the event with their usual efficiency and hospitality.

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# Celebrate Electronic Records Day

Please join KDLA in celebrating Electronic Records Day on October 10, 2015. Now in its fourth 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:

http://www.statearchivists.org/seri/ElectronicRecordsDay.htm

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.

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State Archivist (Retired)
Barbara Teague and Dr.
Thomas D. Clark of the
University of Kentucky
share a lighthearted
moment during the
celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup>
birthday which was held
at KDLA. Dr. Clark was
the state's Historian
Laureate for several
years and played an
instrumental role in the
creation of the Kentucky
State Archives.

(Source: Archives and Records Management Division Photo Collection, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, 2003.)