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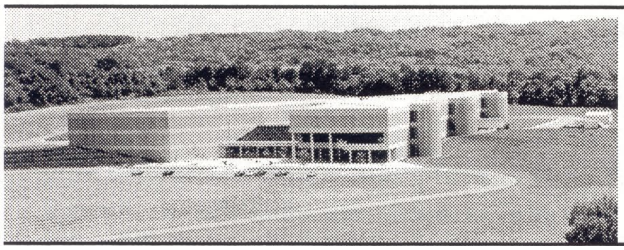

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Devoted to Kentucky's State Archives and the Historical Record

Spring/Summer 2026

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Remembering Tim Tingle

Tim Tingle, former Arrangement and Description Supervisor and Archival Services Branch Manager, passed away on March 14th. Tim was dedicated to the work of the Friends and joined the Board upon his retirement in 2016.

Tim started work at the Kentucky State Archives in 1986 as a recent graduate from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in history. Tim learned the archives from the ground up, starting as an entry level clerk and retiring thirty years later as the manager of Archival Services. Tim eventually worked on all three floors of our building, mastering every function within the archives: preserving and caring for one of the largest state archival collections in the country; working directly with the public and assisting researchers; and managing complex programs and mentoring staff. He spent many years as the Arrangement and Description Supervisor, during which time he and his staff appraised, arranged, described, indexed, and accessioned thousands of permanent, historical public records. Tim spent the last eight years of his career as the Archival Services Branch Manager, overseeing the Kentucky State Archives collection as well as the Archives Research Room. He even filled in as acting State Archivist for a time. He was an expert on the Governor's papers, the records of the Auditor, and a little bit of everything else.

Tim met every challenge with a trademark blend of efficiency, patience, and kindness. Whether he was assisting a frantic researcher, responding to a last-minute call from the Governor's Office instead of heading out the door as he had prepared to do, or guiding a first-time genealogist through a maze of scant information, he remained unflappable.

Tim leaves behind a legacy of devoted public service and a generation of younger archivists whom he mentored and shaped. Beyond his professional achievements, he was a dearly cherished friend and loving family member.

"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 Holidays

The Archives Research Room is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
Free parking is provided outside the KDLA building.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming closures.

June 19	Thursday	Juneteenth
July 3	Friday	Independence Day
September 7	Monday	Labor Day

Appointments are encouraged.

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Local Government Agencies Receive Emergency Grants to Preserve Records

These agencies have been awarded emergency grants for preservation and restoration of important records. To date in Fiscal Year 2026 the Local Records Program has awarded $626,126.79 to assist local agencies.

Anderson County Clerk	$32,347.33
Bowling Green, City of (Warren Co.)	$22,444.88
Calloway County Clerk	$36,776.00
Christian County Clerk	$36,888.00
Estill County Clerk	$37,182.00
Frankfort Independent Schools (Franklin Co.)	$40,473.43
Grayson County Clerk	$28,756.00
Jefferson County Clerk	$56,700.00
LaRue County Clerk	$34,147.00
Lincoln County Clerk	$32,694.00
Russellville, City of (Logan Co.)	$10,050.00
Bourbon County Clerk	$40,037.50
Carlisle County Clerk	$35,409.00
Greenup County Clerk	$38,985.50
Johnson County Schools	$16,273.96
Lafayette High School (Fayette Co.)	$29,568.75
Lawrence County Clerk	$19,621.00
Letcher County Clerk	$44,767.44
McLean County Clerk	$17,505.00
Sadieville, City of (Scott Co.)	$7,700.00
Seneca Gardens, City of (Jefferson Co.)	$7,800.00

*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.*

The Fortieth Annual Kentucky Archives Institute

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Archives and Records Management Division
Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

July 17, 2026

Second Floor, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome Dave Schroeder, President, Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.
9:45 – 10:45	"*Locating Kentucky Court Records"* Jessica Herrington, KDLA
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	*"From Frankfort's Files: Civil War Kentucky through the Papers of its Wartime Governors"* Chuck Welsko, Kentucky Historical Society
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15	*"The Harpe Brothers: A Case Study in Separating Fact and Fiction"* Gail Miller, professional genealogist and speaker
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:30	*"Into the Fiery Furnace: Kentucky's Anti-Slavery Prisoners"* Jim Prichard, Author
3:30 – 3:45	Closing Remarks/Questions/Program Evaluations

Please clip and mail the form below, along with registration fee(s), by July 8.
Space is limited to 50 attendees.
If you have any questions, please contact Dillon Ellzey at 502.564.9364 or Dillon.Ellzey@ky.gov.

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

Or register online here: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/kentucky-archives-institute--2026

Registration fee: $50 fee covers Institute materials and lunch.
Check here to reserve a vegetarian lunch. _____
Check here to reserve a gluten-free lunch. _____
Other Dietary Restrictions: _____

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

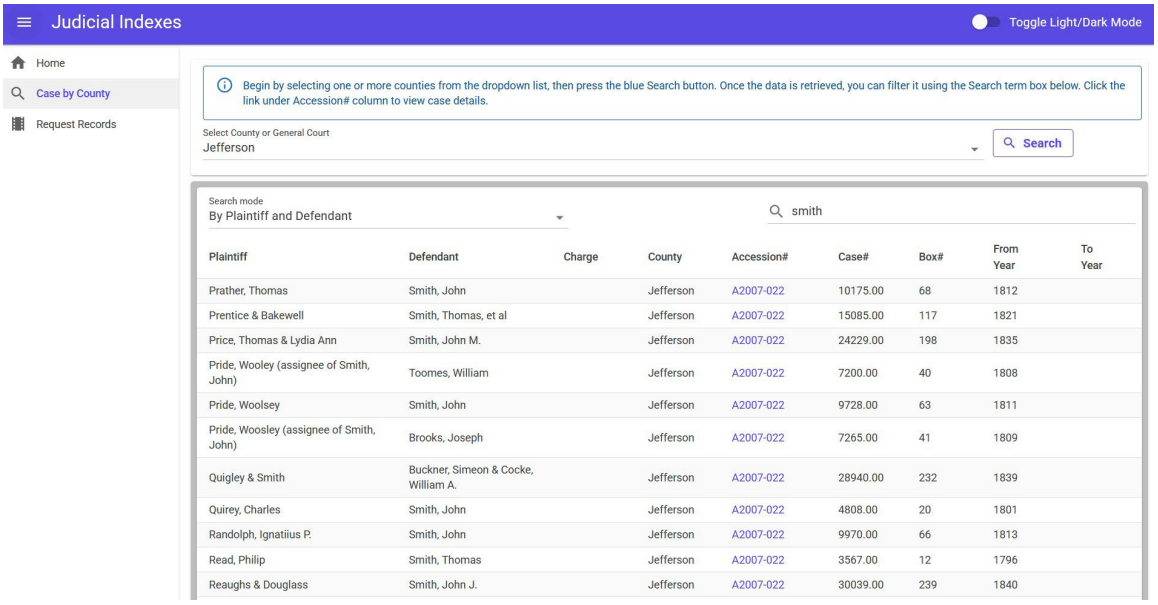
State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Kentucky Circuit Court Indexing Available Online

The Kentucky State Archives is excited to announce the launch of a new database that allows users to search Kentucky Court Cases. The database has over 500,000 entries to be discovered with more being added regularly as staff continue to process and index materials from across Kentucky's 120 Circuit Courts. Criminal and Civil cases are both included and range in date from 1785 through 1991. Cases can be accessed in-person in the Research Room at KDLA or by submitting a research request through the KDLA website. These are an invaluable record of Kentucky's past and include judgements, warrants, bonds, and often depositions. They offer unique perspective into the lives of the Commonwealth's past occupants. Check out the database for yourself today!

https://judicialindexes.ky.gov/



Plaintiff	Defendant	Charge	County	Accession#	Case#	Box#	From Year	To Year
Prather, Thomas	Smith, John		Jefferson	A2007-022	10175.00	68	1812	
Prentice & Bakewell	Smith, Thomas, et al		Jefferson	A2007-022	15085.00	117	1821	
Price, Thomas & Lydia Ann	Smith, John M.		Jefferson	A2007-022	24229.00	198	1835	
Pride, Wooley (assignee of Smith, John)	Toomes, William		Jefferson	A2007-022	7200.00	40	1808	
Pride, Woolsey	Smith, John		Jefferson	A2007-022	9728.00	63	1811	
Pride, Woosley (assignee of Smith, John)	Brooks, Joseph		Jefferson	A2007-022	7265.00	41	1809	
Quigley & Smith	Buckner, Simeon & Cocke, William A.		Jefferson	A2007-022	28940.00	232	1839	
Quirey, Charles	Smith, John		Jefferson	A2007-022	4808.00	20	1801	
Randolph, Ignatiius P.	Smith, John		Jefferson	A2007-022	9970.00	66	1813	
Read, Philip	Smith, Thomas		Jefferson	A2007-022	3567.00	12	1796	
Reaughs & Douglass	Smith, John J.		Jefferson	A2007-022	30039.00	239	1840	

Archives Month Volunteers Needed

KDLA and Kentucky's State Historical Records Advisory Board are seeking volunteers to help with Archives Month planning and designing this year's Archives Month poster. As always, October is Archives Month, so please help us celebrate! If you are interested, please email Cathrine at Cathrine.Giles@ky.gov.

New KDLA Electronic Records Archivist

KDLA welcomed new Electronic Records Archivist Wesley Miller to the agency on February 16. With an MA is History, Wesley brings experience in collections processing and metadata creation for a variety of archival formats. Previously at the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, Wesley inventoried and organized over 1,100 collections. At KDLA, he is processing born digital and digitized collections, accessioning new records as they come in, creating descriptive metadata, and ingesting items into our Preservation software. He also works directly with state agencies by facilitating record transfers and offering preservation guidance.

Emergency Records Storage

In 2021 and 2022, KDLA offered temporary free emergency records storage to public agencies affected by the tornadoes and flooding that occurred in Western and Eastern Kentucky.

KDLA again offers to waive the fee associated with storage at the State Records Center for public agencies affected by the recent floods. We hope that this temporary storage will enable agencies to safely and securely store records while they focus on other needs. Any public agency may contact Cathrine.Giles@ky.gov with questions about this.

KDLA by the Numbers

Here are some statistics for KDLA services from 2025:

- 10,310 files ingested into our digital preservation system (Preservica)
- Over 58 GB of records received
- 122 Local Records retention schedule updates
- 44 Local Records management trainings given to 1,378 attendees
- 13,266 cubic feet of records added to the State Records Center
- 14 state agency retention schedules updated
- 1,509 legal and genealogical research requests completed using the Archives collection
- 857 on-site researchers

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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