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## **Cancellation of the Kentucky Archives Institute**

### A Message from the President

Early summer is typically the time we hold our annual Archives Institute. I know many of you look forward to this fun day of learning about genealogy and history resources from across the Commonwealth. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 outbreak will not allow us to gather this year. This is a disappointment for all of us. Personally, I look forward to the Institute each year, not only to learn new things, but also to see so many familiar and new faces. Our research community is a close one, and we really do like to share with each other. I will miss that interaction this year.

We do not know what the COVID-19 Pandemic means for state government, but I am sure it will mean additional cuts to budgets. This means that the work the Friends of the Kentucky Public Archives is more important than ever. Please remember to pay your dues, and if you can, add a little extra!

During the past few years, the Friends have been able to buy the display cases in the Capitol that feature archive materials for visitors to appreciate, buy new equipment for the Kentucky State Archives and replace broken or outdated technology. The Archives budget is tight, so anything we can do to help is very important for preserving our history for future generations.

The Friends Board did not make this decision lightly. It is important during this time that we stay close to home and continue to social distance. The Institute would simply not work this year.

Thanks to all of you for your continued and future support. A special thanks to all of our Kentucky State Archives staff for all they do for us during the year. You are appreciated.

Dave Schroeder, President  
Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.

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

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming closures.

July 3	Friday	Independence Day
September 7	Monday	Labor Day

**\*Due to COVID-19, closed to in-person services.**

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## KDLA Staff Attend SARC

Four staff members of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), Archives and Records Management (ARM) Division attended the 2019 Southeastern Archives and Records Conference (SARC) held in Morrow, Georgia on October 27-29. The conference featured session tracks on archival administration, records management initiatives, electronic records and oversight of digital repositories, state and local government records, processing and management of archival collections, conservation and preservation, online collections and reference services, and restricted records.

SARC is an opportunity to meet with other state archives colleagues from the Southeastern region to exchange ideas, experiences, and expertise. All sessions were educational and provided staff in attendance with new concepts and techniques that will assist KDLA in future training efforts.

Nicole Bryan, Manager, Local Records Branch; Derek Clark, Manager, Electronic Records Branch; Bronwyn Schell, Librarian, Archival Services Branch; and Jennifer Patterson, Manager, Archival Services Branch attended the SARC Conference.

The 2020 Southeastern Archives and Records Conference is TBD.

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## **Twenty-Five Local Government Agencies Receive Grants to Preserve Local Records**

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) within the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet has awarded 25 recipients more than \$575,000 of the Local Records Grant Program funds to preserve and manage local government records.

The Local Records Program helps to preserve, protect, and make available records with continuing archival value and assists local agencies with records management through direct services, training, and grant support.

“The Commonwealth of Kentucky has a rich past and hope for a vibrant future. This Local Records Program ensures our Kentucky history is passed on to our children and grandchildren,” said Governor Andy Beshear.

KDLA has awarded 25 grants statewide totaling \$574,695 of fiscal year 2020 Local Records Grant Program funds. Funds are made available through fees enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly to preserve and retain local public records. Any local government agency may apply for this grant.

“There is a continual need to preserve and provide access to the public documents that record the history of our Commonwealth,” KDLA Commissioner Terry Manuel said. “This program allows local officials to maintain records that otherwise might be lost, benefiting current and future generations of Kentuckians.”

The second round of 2020 Local Records Grant Program funds have been awarded to the following recipients: Allen County Clerk, Boyle County Clerk, Bracken County Clerk, Butler County Fiscal Court, Carroll County Clerk, Christian County Clerk, Covington City Clerk, Fayette County Clerk, Grant County Clerk, Graves County Clerk, Hancock County Clerk, City of Hickory Hill, Hopkins County Clerk, Hopkins County Fiscal Court, Jefferson County Clerk, Knott County Clerk, Lyon County Clerk, Oldham County Water District, Perry County Clerk, Rolling Hills City Clerk, Ryland Heights City Clerk, Taylor County Clerk, Todd County Clerk, Trigg County Clerk, and Webster County Clerk.

With four regional administrators working with local officials, KDLA ensures professional archival and records management assistance in county and city offices, school districts, and health departments. Local Records Grant Program funds have supported work in microfilming, preservation, equipment, automated indexing, digital imaging systems, and codification of ordinances.

KDLA provides equitable access to quality library and information resources and services, as well as helps public agencies ensure that legislatively mandated documentation of government programs is created, efficiently maintained, and made accessible.

For more information on resources, programs, and services visit the [Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives website](#) or call 502-564-8300.

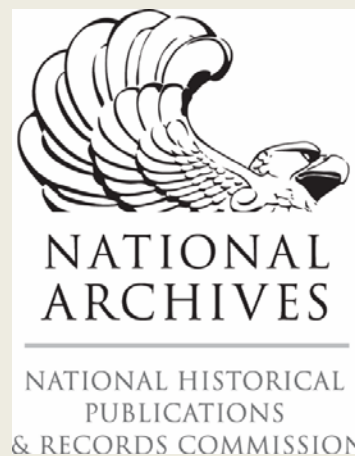
## Archives and Records Management (ARM) Division Welcomes New Staff

Taylor Metzging began her service in government when she was hired on as the new Records Analyst at KDLA on February 17, 2020. She helps facilitate the development of records retention schedules and records management programs for over half of Kentucky's state government agencies across seven cabinets. Prior to this, Taylor worked for the Online Partnership Management Company, Learning House, a Wiley Brand, in Louisville. For over four years, she served as an Online Advisor to hundreds of online students and eventually became a Retention Team Lead. Taylor earned her BS in Arts Management at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, New Hampshire and completed her MA in Museum Studies with Marist College, during a year-long study abroad in Florence, Italy. Although originally from upstate New York's mid-Hudson Valley, Taylor settled down in Kentucky in 2015 where she currently resides in Anderson County.

Brandon Saylor is the new Electronic Records Analyst for the KDLA Electronic Records Branch. He was hired on October 16, 2019, following the promotion of Derek Clark to Branch Manager for this branch. Brandon has worked for the Commonwealth of Kentucky with the Division of Abandoned Mine Lands since 2017. While working with the Division of Abandoned Mine Lands, Brandon assisted with records management and investigations of old mine sites. For KDLA, he serves as liaison between state and local government records officers and technology staff by assisting in the description and analysis of electronic records to determine recordkeeping systems through the system description process and records retention scheduling. Brandon has a BA in English Literature from Eastern Kentucky University. He is from Manchester, Kentucky, and has lived in Frankfort for the last four years.

Robert (Bob) Belen is the Eastern Kentucky Regional Administrator for the Local Records Branch. He began this assignment on January 16, 2020 after serving as the Administrative Section Supervisor at the State Records Center since September 2017. Prior to that, Bob worked in the Offender Information Services Branch of the Kentucky Department of Corrections. He is also a 10-year veteran having served both in the US Navy, and then the US Army. Bob has a BA in pastoral ministry from Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and intends on pursuing a master's degree in the fall. Originally from Michigan, Bob has lived in Kentucky since 1988.

### NHPRC Grant Update



The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) received a two-year Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects grant to facilitate access to early legal records through the digitization, preservation, and online dissemination of existing volumes, loose papers, and microfilm of Kentucky General Court and Kentucky naturalization records. Though the COVID-19 situation has affected our work on this grant, we are excited to report that over 1,900 pages of the General Court records have been digitized to date. The naturalization records will be digitized soon. Temporary staff are being trained to prepare the raw files into PDF's that will then have descriptive metadata added either in house or by the public through a crowdsourcing project. KDLA is currently evaluating crowdsourcing applications.

# 30<sup>th</sup> Public Archives Symposium

The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives sponsored another successful Public Archives Symposium on November 7, 2019 at the Paul Sawyer Public Library in Frankfort.

David Kirkpatrick, Genealogy and Reference Librarian at the Mercer County Public Library, discussed his new book, **The War of 1812 in the West: From Fort Detroit to New Orleans**. Kirkpatrick provided a very informative overview of the war and spoke about the research that was performed while writing his book.

The Symposium, a yearly event, 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.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the 30<sup>th</sup> Public Archives Symposium a success.

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Taylor Provost became the new Administrative Specialist for the Archival Services Branch on March 2, 2020. She will assist the public in the Archives Research Room and provide support to the Kentucky State Archives by registering incoming records requests, processing expungement orders, and supporting other projects. Taylor has a BA in History and Religious Studies from Grand Valley State University in Michigan, and an MA in History from George Washington University in Washington, DC, where she lived for almost four years before moving to Kentucky to join KDLA.

Melissa Coulston is the Librarian in KDLA's Archives Research Room. She will assist customers from around the country with records requests and research, and work on special projects within KDLA's archival collections. Melissa comes to the Kentucky State Archives from the Jessamine County Public Library. She holds a BA in Classics and a MA in Art History from the University of Kentucky, as well as an MLIS from the University of South Carolina. Originally, from Northern Kentucky, she currently lives in Lexington.

Ellen Dukes is the new Reference Librarian for the Archives and Records Management Division. She will provide research services for archival customers, and answer reference questions for state government employees and public library staff. Ellen previously worked at the Lexington Public Library. She received her BA in English from Centre College and her MLS from the University of Kentucky.

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