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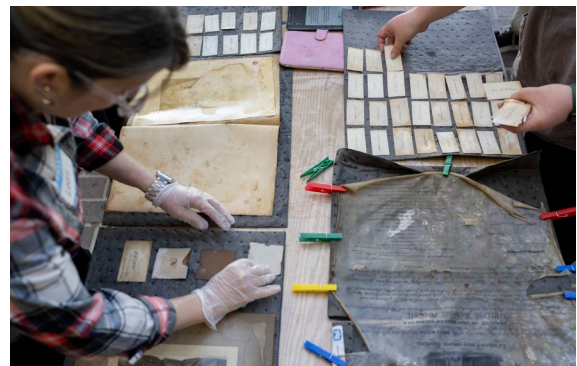
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Recap of the 2024 Archives Institute

Originally scheduled for July 2024, the thirty-eighth annual Archives Institute had to be postponed to October 2025, which was fitting since October is recognized as Archives Month. The theme was disaster preparedness and recovery. Speakers included Sara Holmes, a conservationist who provided an informative talk as well as a hands-on disaster recovery activity; Nancy Richey, a professor from Western Kentucky University who discussed at-home records preservation; and Derek Clark, the Electronic Records Branch Manager from KDLA who spoke about digital preservation.



"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 4	Friday	Independence Day
September 1	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 2025, the Local Records Program has awarded \$1,213,302.10 to assist local agencies.

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The Thirty-Ninth Annual Kentucky Archives Institute

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July 25, 2025

Second Floor, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome
Dave Schroeder, President, Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. |
| 9:15 – 10:15 | <i>“Retracing the Trace: The Emergence of Patrick Jordan”</i>
Richard Quire, Sons of the American Revolution |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Break |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | <i>“Following Founders: Research in Kentucky Before 1850”</i>
David Kirkpatrick, Mercer County Public Library |
| 11:30 – 1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | <i>“Pulling Up Roots: Moving to Kentucky in the Midst of War”</i>
Nancy O’Malley, University of Kentucky |
| 2:00 – 2:15 | Break |
| 2:15 – 3:15 | <i>“76 for 250”</i>
Ashley Spenneberg-Perkins, Kentucky Historical Society |
| 3:15 – 3:30 | Closing Remarks/Questions/Program Evaluations |

Please clip and mail the form below, along with registration fee(s), by July 16.
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
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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: _____

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

KDLA Personnel Update

Jessica Herrington was promoted to Research Room Supervisor on October 26, 2024. Jessica began her career at KDLA as a Librarian I in the Research Room in August 2021. She is very knowledgeable about KDLA's records and can be seen at various conferences and other events, providing presentations about our collections. We are glad to see her in her new role.

Paige Marshall joined the Research Room as an Archivist I in January 2025. In her current role, she assists patrons with genealogical research and she has a strong passion for helping others connect with the past through historical records. Prior to this, Paige worked as an Archivist I at the Kentucky Land Office, where she also supported genealogical research and helped cities across the Commonwealth process annexations. She has a Bachelor's degree in Public History from Morehead State University and a Master's degree in Library Science with a focus on archival studies from Kent State University. She is excited to be part of the KDLA team and contribute to the important work being done here. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, exploring local history, and trying new foods.

Kay Horn also joined the Research Room as an Archivist I in April 2025. Kay is very excited to be at KDLA, saying that "This position in the Archives will give me the opportunity to continue developing skills relative to my career. I have experience with cataloging, book repair, reference, circulation, marketing, and genealogy. I am an alumna of Berea College '20 and the University of Kentucky '22 with degrees in English Literature and Library Science. I am always striving to learn something new. I currently have two cats (Peaches and Midnight) and a snake (Aura). I am a lover of graphic novels/manga, animals, cooking, and going to live music concerts. Some of my favorite artists are Sleep Token, Linkin Park, Glass Animals, and Nothing More."

State-Issued Naturalization Records Now Available in the KSDA!

The Electronic Records Branch have digitized our Naturalization records as part of a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and they are now available in the [Kentucky State Digital Archives](#). Prior to becoming a federal process, immigrants could submit petitions to Kentucky courts to initiate the process. We now have these materials for 30 counties available, and they include indexing, Petitions for Naturalization, Declarations of Intention, and more digitized from the originals and micrographic copies held at KDLA.

Electronic Records Branch Staff Attend New Event

Derek Clark and Elainé Gollihue from KDLA's Electronic Records Branch attended the Digital Preservation Coalition's Members Forum and Networking Event at Vanderbilt University. This was the group's first event in the U.S., and the program contained sessions on topics ranging from web archiving to assessment models.



The Interns are Coming!

KDLA's Archival Services Branch is excited to announce that two interns have joined them for the summer. One is a senior in the Morehead State history program and the other is a Master's student at Murray State. These students will spend two days per week assisting patrons in the Research Room, getting practical experience with staff and patrons doing archival research. The rest of their time will be spent processing records within the State Archives collection. Archival Services is excited to help these students gain practical experience and get them started on careers as future archivists. We are also very excited to get some much-needed processing work done, as it is a never-ending need within any archival collection. We are very grateful to the Friends for their sponsorship of these internship opportunities. Be looking for reports from both interns in the fall newsletter.

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 Hosts Visitors from the National Genealogical Society

On Friday, May 23rd, KDLA hosted approximately 50 visitors from the National Genealogical Society, whose annual meeting took place in Louisville over the Memorial Day weekend. These visitors split their day between KDLA and the Kentucky Historical Society, taking tours of each facility and having an opportunity to do some research within each agency's collections. At KDLA, they toured the State Archives Center and the Electronic Records Branch, as well as touring and then using resources in the Archives Research Room.



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