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## Shields Receives Emerging Leader Award

Beth Shields, electronic records analyst at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), is the 2014 recipient of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) Emerging Leader Award.

Created in 2011, SAA's Emerging Leader Award recognizes early career archivists who have completed archival work of broad merit, demonstrated significant promise for leadership, and performed commendable service to the archival profession.

SAA honored the accomplishments and innovations of Shields and 24 other award recipients at the joint annual meeting of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA), the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA), and SAA in Washington, D.C., August 10–16, 2014.

In her position at KDLA, Shields works to improve Kentucky's electronic records management policies and procedures. Her contributions help to ensure that Kentucky government records are properly managed and preserved, regardless of format. As the co-chair of CoSA's State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI), Shields provides insight and

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### Expanded Hours in the Archives Research Room

Several years ago, the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) reduced public hours in the Archives Research Room because of budget cuts that decreased funding for a security guard. More funding is now available, so the new hours of the Archives Research Room are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will increase access to the state's public records from 30 hours to 35 hours each week. The new schedule took effect on July 1, 2014 and the response from our customers has been very positive.

*"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.

November 11	Tuesday	Veterans Day
November 27-28	Thursday-Friday	Thanksgiving
December 25-26	Thursday-Friday	Christmas
January 1-2, 2015	Thursday-Friday	New Year's

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## State Records Center Update

Construction of the new State Records Center on Leestown Road is complete. On April 23, 2014, the Records Center staff, with assistance of workers from Kentucky Correctional Industries, began moving 130,000 cubic feet of records stored in the Buffalo Trace Distillery warehouse to the new facility. The move needed to be done very quickly and efficiently. The State Records Center staff worked extremely hard and the move was completed on June 16, in less than 40 working days. It will take some time to shelve all of these boxes at the Leestown Road building, but the staff has already made excellent progress. Moving over 60,000 cubic feet of records out of the old East Main location into the new facility will be the next step, and should be done by or before the end of the calendar year. Please see the KDLA website for continuing updates:


<http://kdla.ky.gov/records/recmgmtservices/Pages/StateRecordsCenter.aspx>.




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# Kentucky Archives Month Observed October 2014



A woman operating a tractor in a field, 1965, courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Archives




Blue ribbon winner in 4-H Holstein cow class, ca. 1946, Public Information Photo Collection, Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

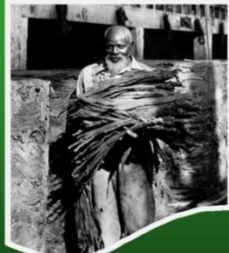
## Kentucky Archives Month — October 2014

**Agriculture in the Commonwealth**  
[archivesmonth.ky.gov](http://archivesmonth.ky.gov)


Kentucky Archives Month is sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.



Boys harvesting beans, Caulfield & Shook Collection, University of Louisville Archives & Special Collections



Man holding sheaves of tobacco, Caulfield & Shook Collection, University of Louisville Archives & Special Collections



Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories throughout the state will observe October 2014 as Kentucky Archives Month, in conjunction with American Archives Month. The theme is *Agriculture*, in honor of Kentucky's notable agrarian heritage.

Nearly 300 archival and manuscript repositories in Kentucky preserve archival and manuscript records that provide a rich and varied picture of the history of Kentucky. Their collections include personal papers, photographs, bibles, diaries, and government records, such as marriage certificates and wills. Many institutions host special programs, open houses, exhibits, and speakers during the month, to highlight historical materials available for research. A list of these events is on the Kentucky Archives Month website: <http://archivesmonth.ky.gov>.

To commemorate Kentucky Archives Month, the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) will present three Certificates of Merit; two for Significant Services as a Public Official and one for Significant Service by a Private Citizen.

James Russell Harris, recently retired senior associate editor for the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, will receive a Certificate of Merit for Significant Service as a Public Official. Over his thirty-seven year career, Mr. Harris has worked diligently to nurture and advance historical scholarship in the state and throughout the South. He has also developed an exemplary and comprehensive knowledge of archival collections across Kentucky.

Charlene E. Davis, former Director for the State Library Services Division and Acting Director for the Field Services Division at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), will posthumously be awarded the other Certificate of Merit for Significant Service as a Public Official. Throughout her thirty-seven year career, Ms. Davis worked to ensure equal and open access to information and to collections, and provided advice and assistance to the Kentucky State Archives. She was instrumental in the development of the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL), and was a strong advocate for the use of developing technologies in Kentucky's public libraries and other repositories. Ms. Davis was highly respected by her peers and co-workers, and her many achievements are a testament to her dedication to access to information in Kentucky's libraries and archives.

Jack Fox, volunteer coordinator of the WHAS Radio Oral History Project at the University of Louisville Oral History Center, will receive a Certificate of Merit for Significant Service by a Private Citizen. For the past three years, Mr. Fox has worked on this project to document the history of the WHAS radio station in Louisville, Kentucky. This project is particularly significant because the history of broadcasting is an under-represented area in the historical record.

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. Thanks to the Friends for their generous support of Kentucky Archives Month. For further information, call 502.564.8300, ext. 246.



## Celebrate Electronic Records Day

Please join KDLA in celebrating Electronic Records Day on October 10, 2014. Now in its third 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, related 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>

### *Mark your Calendars!*

#### **Midwest Archives Conference, May 6 – 9, 2015**

For the latest news and announcements, please see: <http://www.midwestarchives.org/>

The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives are co-sponsors of this event.

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coordination for this large and important collaborative project that has far-reaching implications for electronic records and digital preservation in all state and territorial archives. The SAA Awards Committee noted that Shields brings “a unique combination of vision and in-depth knowledge of the archival enterprise, along with a collaborative spirit that clearly marks her as an emerging leader in (the archives) profession.”

Shields held a two-year internship at KDLA while she attended the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science before her graduation in 2004. She worked in reference at the Library of Virginia and in reference and oral history at the Kentucky Historical Society before returning to KDLA in a permanent staff position in 2009 to work with state and local government agencies on electronic records management. She has been involved with CoSA’s State Electronic Records Initiative since its inception in July 2011, and received the CoSA President’s Award in 2013 in recognition of her valuable contributions to the SERI initiative.

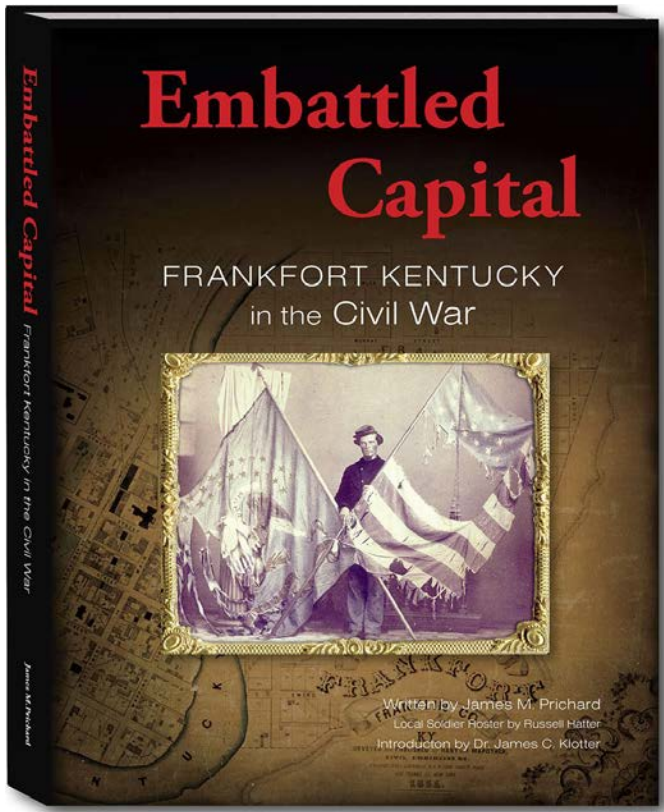


# Public Archives Symposium Set for October 23

Please plan on joining us for the twenty-sixth annual Public Archives Symposium, which will be held in the Activity Room at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. This year's speaker will be Jim Prichard, who many will remember as the supervisor of the Archives Research Room for over 20 years until his retirement in 2008. Jim has authored a new book which will come out in early October, Embattled Capital: Frankfort Kentucky in the Civil War. He made extensive use of the resources of the Kentucky State Archives in his research for the book. Jim is always an entertaining and informative speaker, and we invite everyone to join us for what promises to be a lively discussion of his book. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

The Public Archives Symposium will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be provided. We do ask that you call Tim Tingle at 502-564-8300, ext. 251 or email [tim.tingle@ky.gov](mailto:tim.tingle@ky.gov) if you would like to attend, so that we can plan for adequate seating.

*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.*



## Archives Institute Held

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) hosted the thirtieth annual Kentucky Archives Institute on Friday, June 20, 2014. Jim Holmberg of The Filson Historical Society, Tony Curtis of the Kentucky Historical Society, and Trace Kirkwood and Kari May of the Public Records Division offered four interesting and informative presentations. Over forty participants enjoyed the day-long event, which also included a delicious box lunch and a tour of the State Archives. Evaluations submitted by the participants were overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to our speakers and to the Public Records Division staff for making this year's Institute a resounding success.

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The children's room in the Governor's Mansion during Governor Albert B. "Happy" Chandler's first term as Governor of Kentucky. "Happy" and Mildred Chandler lived in the Governor's Mansion from 1935 – 1939 with their four young children, Marcella, Mildred "Mimi", Albert Jr., and Joseph Daniel.

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