

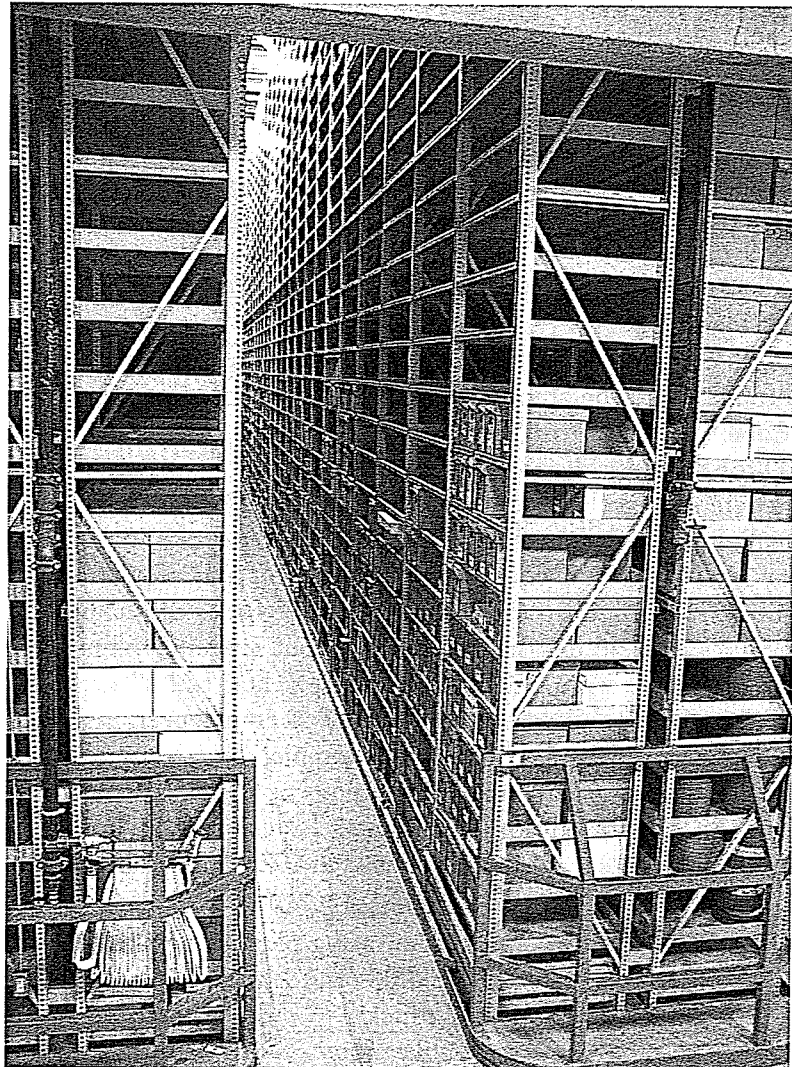
# for the Record

Devoted to Kentucky's State Archives and the Historical Record

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High elevation, high volume storage characterizes the new archival vault addition at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (PANB), Canada, shown below. The PANB has comparable responsibilities to KDLA's Public Records Division and chose this economical design to maximize storage capacity in limited ground space. In use at more than 40 universities across the United States, this functional design is favored for KDLA's own archival facility expansion.



## *Archives in Major Space Crunch; Building Addition Sought*

KDLA's State Archives facilities are currently at capacity and no longer meet the continuing records storage needs of state and local agencies. During the last ten years, KDLA has requested construction of additional storage space for public records of permanent value in every biennial budget, but no funds have been appropriated to date.

In the past five years, external consultants have assessed KDLA's archival storage situation, verified projected growth in its storage requirements, validated KDLA's need for additional archival storage capacity, and recommended approaches to meet these needs.

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*Make your plans now: register, attend the Friends' Summer Archives Institute!*

*The Past in Public Records* is the theme of the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Kentucky Archives Institute. The annual event, which local and family historians eagerly look forward to each year, is co-sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA). Each year, the Institute features a different theme, and interesting speakers explore the research potential of different kinds of Kentucky public records. Plan to attend this year's event by completing the registration form on page 3 of this newsletter.

*"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, Historian Laureate of Kentucky*

## Archives Research Room Hours and Closings

KDLA's Archives Research Room is located at 300 Coffee Tree Road, off State Highway 676 in Frankfort. The Archives Research Room is open to the public from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is closed on Saturday and Sunday, all official state holidays, and special events.

Free parking is provided outside the KDLA building.

Please mark your calendars!

- May 30 – (Monday) – Memorial Day
- July 4 – (Monday) – Independence Day
- July 8 – (Friday) – Summer Institute

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# Research Opportunities at the State Archives

Kentucky is known all over the world for its thoroughbred racing meets. Every spring the horses take to the track, first at Keeneland and then at Churchill Downs, culminating every year in the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May. Racing continues through the summer and fall at tracks throughout the state. Several series of records from the **Kentucky Racing Commission** in the State Archives can help to document the history of horse racing in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in Kentucky.

The Racing Commission was created in 1906 and regulates the horse racing industry in the state. The "Minutes of the Racing Commission" are available for 1956-1998. The minutes reflect discussions of licensing questions, the issuance of dates for race meets, and the oversight of wagering. Occasionally the minutes will also cover hearings on decisions of track stewards, including the suspension of jockeys or trainers.

The "Supervisor Books," which date from 1914-1958, contain records of meets held at tracks around Kentucky. The volume for 1914, for example, includes information on the meets held at Keeneland, Churchill Downs, Douglas Park and Latonia. Every race held at each of the tracks is recorded. The entries list each horse by name and the amount wagered on it, the order of finish, and payouts on a two dollar bet for win, place and show. In the sixth race at Churchill Downs on May 9, 1914, "Old Rosebud" was the winner in a field of seven, and paid \$3.70, \$3.00 and \$2.80. A total of \$80,248 was wagered on this race, which was the 40<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby. Other records of interest include "Old Hands Ledgers" and various financial journals. These volumes contain entries for licenses issued to jockeys, apprentices, and trainers and the amount of fees paid for those licenses. John McCabe, the jockey on "Old Rosebud" in the 1914 Derby, paid \$5.00 for his jockey license that year.

There are excellent sources on the Racing Commission in the State Publications collection. The "Biennial Reports" cover the years 1906-2001, and contain information on and regulations of the horse racing industry in Kentucky. The "Rules of Racing" are sometimes listed in the Biennial Reports, but separate volumes are also available for 1933, 1938 and 1945. The "Rules" are well-defined and cover all aspects of racing, sometimes even including the payment of jockeys. In 1933, for example, the rules state that a jockey be paid \$15 for riding a winning mount, \$10 for second place, and \$7 for all other mounts. Occasionally the rules changed. The use of spurs was allowed in 1933 but had been

prohibited by 1938.

Horse racing plays an important part in the history and culture of Kentucky. The records and publications of the Racing Commission provide a significant source of information for researchers interested in learning more about this traditional Kentucky industry.

### *Late Breaking News*

Arizona Governor signs bill funding new \$30 million state archives building.

New Jersey awards more than \$25 million in grants to the state's 21 counties and 12 largest municipalities for strategic improvements in public archives and records management.

# *Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.*

## **The Twenty-First Annual Kentucky Archives Institute**

Sponsored by: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., and  
Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

July 8, 2005

Activity Room, Second Floor, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

### **“The Past in Public Records”**

- 8:30–9:00           **Registration/Pastries – Activity Room, Second Floor**
- 9:00–9:15           **Welcome**
- 9:15–10:00         **Community Values and the Courts: Profanity, Indecency, and  
                                  Other Scandalous Behavior in Old Kentucky**  
                                  -Jim Prichard, KDLA
- 10:15–10:45       **Courthouse Treasures: Kentucky’s Local Records**  
                                  -Jerry Carlton, KDLA
- 10:45–11:30       **Homeland Security: Kentucky State Troops in the Civil War**  
                                  -Brandon Slone, Military Records and Research Library
- 11:30–12:30       **Lunch**
- 12:30–1:15         **Social Life in the Antebellum South**  
                                  -Ron Bryant, Historian, Department of Parks
- 1:15–2:00          **Quacks, Pill Peddlers, and Noble Healers: Tracking the Medical  
                                  Professions**  
                                  -Lisa Thompson, KDLA
- 2:15–3:30          **Kentucky’s Secretary of State Land Records**  
                                  -Kandie Adkinson, Land Office, Secretary of State’s Office
- 3:30–3:45          **Conclusion**

**Please clip and mail the form below, along with registration fee(s), by July 1st.  
Space is limited to 50 attendees.**

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Mail registration form with payment to: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.  
Kentucky Archives Institute  
P.O. Box 4224  
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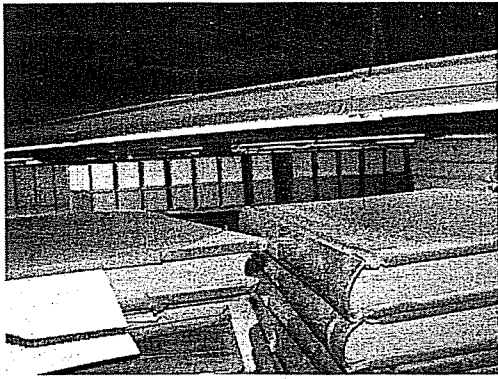
Registration fees: \$45 fee covers the cost of all Institute materials and lunch.  
\$50 fee covers Institute materials, lunch, and Friends membership for July-Dec., 2005.  
*Check here to reserve a vegetarian lunch.* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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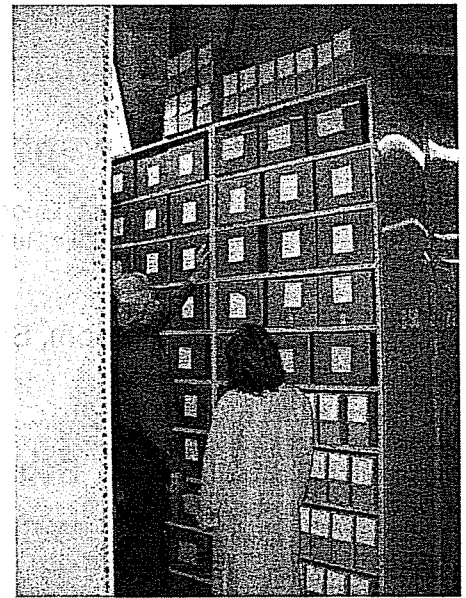
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*Left: Ledger volumes and archival storage boxes compete for space directly under lighting fixtures, as State Archives struggles to find room for incoming collections.*

*Right: State Archivist Richard Belding and Document Preservation Supervisor Melissa Shields discuss severe space constraints in State Archives; records are even housed on top of shelving, just below ceiling level.*



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During the state's 2005 Capital Planning cycle, KDLA is again seeking support for a building expansion. The projected design features high elevation shelving and high storage capacity, within a limited footprint. It is a necessary complement to the Archives' digital initiatives and its developing electronic records archives program, is modular in design, and could be expanded in the future, should demand warrant.

Every day, new records of permanent value are created. These records

- protect the legal, financial, and other rights of the government and its citizens,
- ensure continuity and consistency in administration,
- assist agency officials and their successors in making informed policy and program judgments,
- provide information required by the General Assembly and others to oversee the agency's activities, and
- document the agency's organization, structure, and achievements.

Records are essential to the security and continuity of government and to safeguarding the rights of Kentuckians. Action needs to be initiated now to secure a recommendation for funding authorization in the 2006 session of the General Assembly. At a time of heightened anxiety in Kentucky about national security issues and concern over the state's vulnerability to attack or dislocation, it's critically important to remember that the State Archives is a central element of the state's information infrastructure, on which all citizens depend, and to provide it with secure, well designed facilities which protect and assure access to these vital resources.

If an expanded facility is not built, government operations and the rights of citizens are placed at risk. Continuity in government operations relies on information, in the form of records, showing what business agencies have done (accountability) and how they have carried out their responsibilities (transparency), both of which are key factors in establishing and maintaining the confidence and trust of those who have a stake in those operations. These records must be protected and accessible, and an expanded facility can ensure that the needs of state and local government agencies are well met.

## *Technology Developments*

KDLA regularly receives questions about the impact of electronic technology on archives and records management. This feature shares both questions and answers with *For the Record* (FTR) readers.

- *If you had the storage capacity, would you try to capture the whole universe of electronic records? How do you decide what to keep and what not to keep?*

Up to 95% of all records, regardless of format, are non-permanent and do not merit long term retention. Among records deemed permanent, a small percentage is valuable enough to warrant the expensive storage and continued reformatting necessary to keep them in an electronic format permanently. Permanent records that traditionally have a high retrieval rate and data types that are best saved in electronic format rather than microfilm (e.g., GIS systems, databases, and web sites) are the best candidates for long term retention in electronic format. These also provide the greatest technical and economic challenges.

*Help ensure a future for our past!*

## You Can Help!

The Archives Research Room at the State Archives always has equipment or supplemental resource needs for which state funds are not available. Private donations have long played an important role in permitting the State Archives to fill these gaps. One item that would be very helpful is the fifth edition of the popular **Genealogist's Address Book** which is now available in both paperback and CD-ROM. The Genealogist's Address Book provides names, addresses, phone numbers, hours, and publications for genealogical organizations in five broad areas. The section on national addresses includes the National Archives and its regional centers, government departments and agencies, libraries, and genealogical and historical societies. State-by-state listings are provided for vital records offices, county and regional archives, libraries, and genealogical and historical societies. Ethnic archives, libraries, and societies are grouped with religious organizations and archives. A section on special resources includes lineage and hereditary societies, surname registers, adoption information, immigration research centers, computer-interest organizations, and other topics. Finally, complete bibliographic information is given for genealogical periodicals and newsletters.

The publisher's prices are \$49.99 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling for the paperback and \$19.99 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling for the CD-ROM. Please consider making a donation, large or small, to the Friends, for the purchase of this Address Book. Any amount - five, ten, or twenty dollars - will help make a difference. Your donations to the Friends are always tax deductible.

Please make your checks payable to: **Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.**, and mail it to the address on the Friends' membership form below.

*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.*

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 quarterly 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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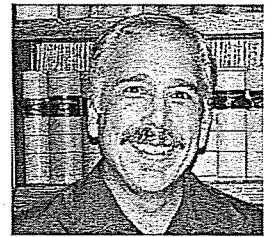
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## Prichard Is Author of *Kentucky* *Humanities* Article



KDLA's Archives Research Room Supervisor Jim Prichard is the author of an article in the April 2005 issue of *Kentucky Humanities*, a publication of the Kentucky Humanities Council. His contribution, *Blood Trail: Mass Murder on the Kentucky Frontier*, follows the exploits of the Harpe Brothers during a late 18<sup>th</sup> century reign of terror in frontier Kentucky. Prichard drew extensively on public record sources for his article, as well as on other published resources.

### Mark your Calendars!

The **Kentucky Genealogical Society** will present its 32nd Annual Seminar **Researching Virginia's Records from your Home**. The seminar will be held Saturday, August 6, 2005 at the Kentucky History Center, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601. For more information, visit [www.kygs.org/meetings/sem2005.htm](http://www.kygs.org/meetings/sem2005.htm) or call 502-695-4792.

The **Indiana Genealogical Society** will present the 2005 **Family History and Genealogy Conference** on August 19-20, 2005 in Indianapolis. Kandie Adkinson with the Kentucky Secretary of State's Land Office will be a featured speaker. For more information, visit [www.indgensoc.org](http://www.indgensoc.org) or call 317-232-1882.



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**Strawberries ready for market** (ca. 1937-1938) Although not a large crop in Kentucky, strawberries are regularly produced in the western part of the state. A Work Projects Administration photographer captured this strawberry crop packed for market in 30 pound crates, each comprised of over 24 quarts. (This photograph is from the Work Projects Administration Collection of the State Archives holdings, in the Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives)

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