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A capacity crowd was present November 19th at Shaker Village's West Lot Dwelling to hear Dr. Harold Tallent, Professor of History at Georgetown College and featured speaker at the 2004 Public Archives Symposium.

Shaker Village Welcomes Attendees at Friends' Annual Meeting, Symposium

A little rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of those who gathered in November for the Annual Meeting of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives and Symposium.



Recognized at this year's meeting was Harold F. Barker, an Administrative Specialist with the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) for more than 30 years.

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Tallent spoke about the slavery debate in Kentucky and the research for his book, **Evil Necessity**. Many white Kentuckians maintained that because of racial prejudice, public safety, and property rights, slavery was necessary but undeniably evil. Tallent's book shows how this view represented a real ambivalence about the desirability of continuing slavery in Kentucky and permitted an active abolitionist movement in the state to exist alongside contented slaveholders. Tallent noted that although many Kentuckians were increasingly willing to defend slavery against northern opposition, they did not always see this defense as their first political priority. This disparity between Kentuckians' ideals and their actions helped make Kentucky a quintessential border state, a point that Tallent returned to repeatedly in his discussion. The Symposium is an annual event, sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., in cooperation with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

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!

- March 25 Closed at Noon – Good Friday
- May 30 – (Monday) – Memorial Day

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World War I Draft Registration Cards

The United States entered the First World War on April 6, 1917. Nearly 100,000 men from Kentucky served in the Armed Forces during the war. Three sources of information concerning Kentuckians and the First World War are now available on microfilm in the Archives Research Room.

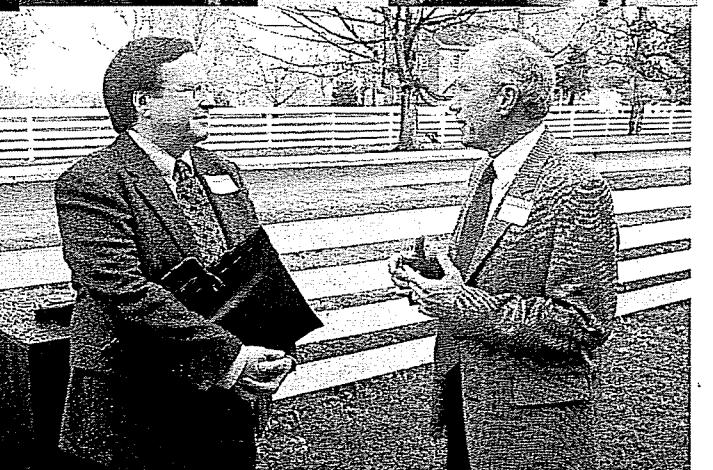
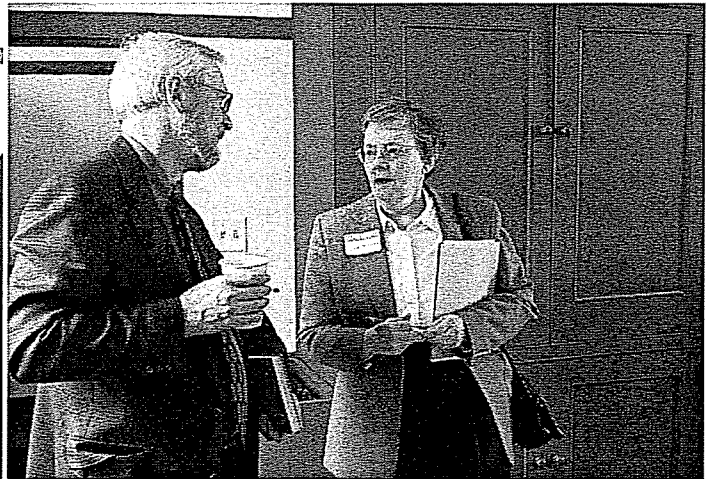
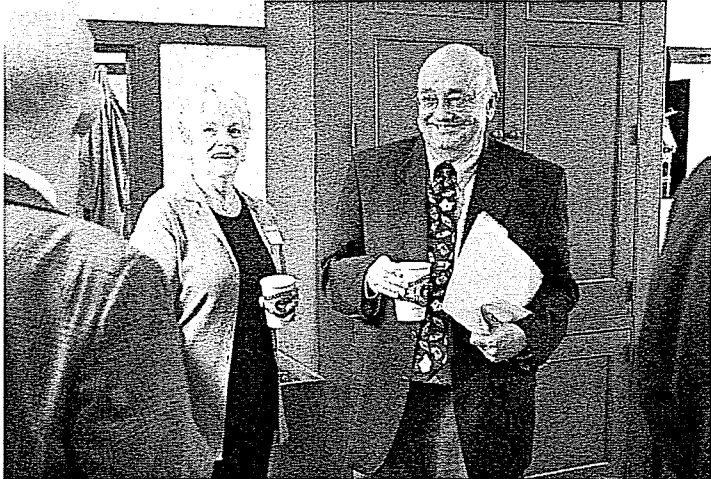
The **World War I Draft Registration Cards** cover all three registrations held by the Selective Service during the war, and thus contain information on men born between 1873 and 1900 (ages 18 thru 45 at the time of the last registration). These registration cards are arranged by county of residence, and then alphabetically within each county. Although the contents may vary somewhat, each card generally lists the name of the registrant, address, date and place of birth, marital status, race, occupation and employer, and a physical description. Since these cards were completed as a part of the draft registration process, no information on military service is included; many registrants were never drafted at all. And since some men entered the service prior to the conscription law, they will not be included among the registrants. However, the cards do serve as a valuable resource for information on most draft-age men from this period.

Another series of records now available in the Research Room contains more information on the actual military service of individual Kentuckians during the First World War. These **Records of Service Cards** are arranged by branch of service (Army, Navy, Marines) and then alphabetically. Each card records the name of the serviceman, his service number, when and where he entered the service and his age at that time, and home address. The card then lists the various stations to which the serviceman was posted, the duration of each posting, and any changes in his rank or grade. The final entry on each card records date and place of discharge.

The last of the new collections consists of **World War I Casualties**. These are cards containing the name of the casualty, whether died or wounded, and name of next of kin. Although these records do not contain a wide range of information, they do provide supporting documentation to the other two sources described above.

Our holdings do not include the actual military service files of World War I veterans. However, the three new sources are a valuable addition and should be helpful to genealogists as well as to researchers interested in Kentucky military history.

Friends members, guests enjoy annual meeting, luncheon, and Public Archives Symposium at Shaker Village



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He has played a prominent, sometimes single handed role in the archives and records management program of the LFUCG and has seen the government through its new comprehensive records retention schedule and initial planning for a new archives and records services facility, scheduled for construction in 2005. At the business meeting, President Jim Powers provided a year in review report, State Archivist Richard Belding discussed major issues facing the Public Records Division, and a local government official was recognized for exceptional contributions to the management and preservation of public records in his care.

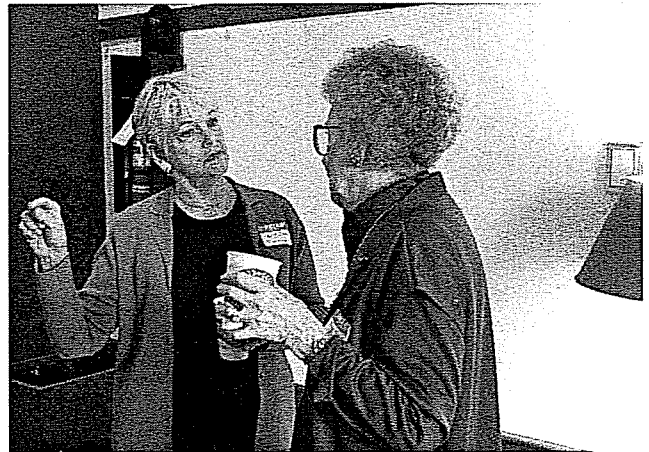
Elected to lead the Friends in 2005 were Jim Powers, president; Robin Rader, vice-president; Jane-Rives Williams, secretary; and Bill Ellis, treasurer. Elected to the board were Mary Doyle Johnson, Dr. Bill Morison, Robin Rader, Dr. William M. Talley, Dr. Glen Taul, and Mike Watson.

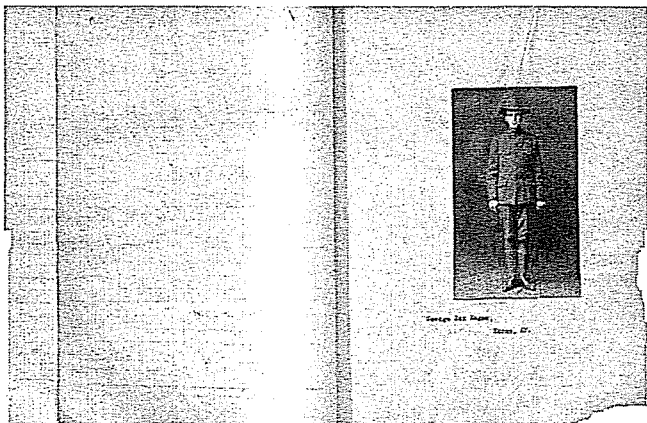
Technology Developments

KDLA regularly receives questions about the impact of electronic technology on archives and records management. This new feature will share both questions and answers with FTR readers.

- *As more and more state records are being "born digital," are you accepting electronic records into the Archives?*

Yes, KDLA is selectively accessioning "born digital" records with permanent retention, either in their original electronic format or converted to microfilm. KDLA is currently participating in a Federally-funded Persistent Archives Testbed Project (see <http://www.sdsc.edu/PAT/>) to determine the best methods for preserving records created originally in electronic format. Using selected web and other Kentucky public records, KDLA will work with a select group of archivists and technical experts from around the country to examine emerging techniques for storing a high volume of electronic records over time.





George Street Boone, right, discusses politics with historian Dr. Tracy Campbell, left, Archives Symposium speaker in 1998.

You Can Help!

In 1917, Kentucky created a Council of Defense for the period of the First World War. In 1922, the Council published 29 books of material collected during the course of the war years. These include several volumes dealing with all the counties in the state, which list service members and casualties by county as well as members of fund raising and relief organizations in the county, such as Liberty Bond sales and Red Cross efforts. The other books in the collection have a wealth of information, such as newspaper clippings and articles concerning units, camps, decorated service members and other information dealing with state and federal wartime agencies. There is, in fact, one volume that lists only draft evaders.

These 29 volumes contain approximately 500 pages in each volume, for a total of about 15,000 images. These volumes could be filmed and scanned at a projected \$3,500 cost for filming and a total of \$5,000 for both filming and scanning. These volumes will be a valuable complement to the State Archives' Archives Research Room. Won't you send a gift to the Friends' to help make this a reality? Many thanks for your help!

Remembering George Street Boone

Longtime Friends' Board member George Street Boone, a constitutional scholar and member of two groups devoted to state constitutional revision, former legislator and attorney, passed away in Elkton, KY, on November 21, 2004, following a long illness. He was 87. Mr. Boone was a devoted member of the Friends and a longtime supporter of the State Archives and of library programs at the state and local level.

He became counsel for the new Legislative Board of Ethics, created by the 1972 General Assembly, initially taking the job without pay. He was also a member of the Legislative Research Commission in the 1970s.

Boone served in the Navy during World War II.

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.



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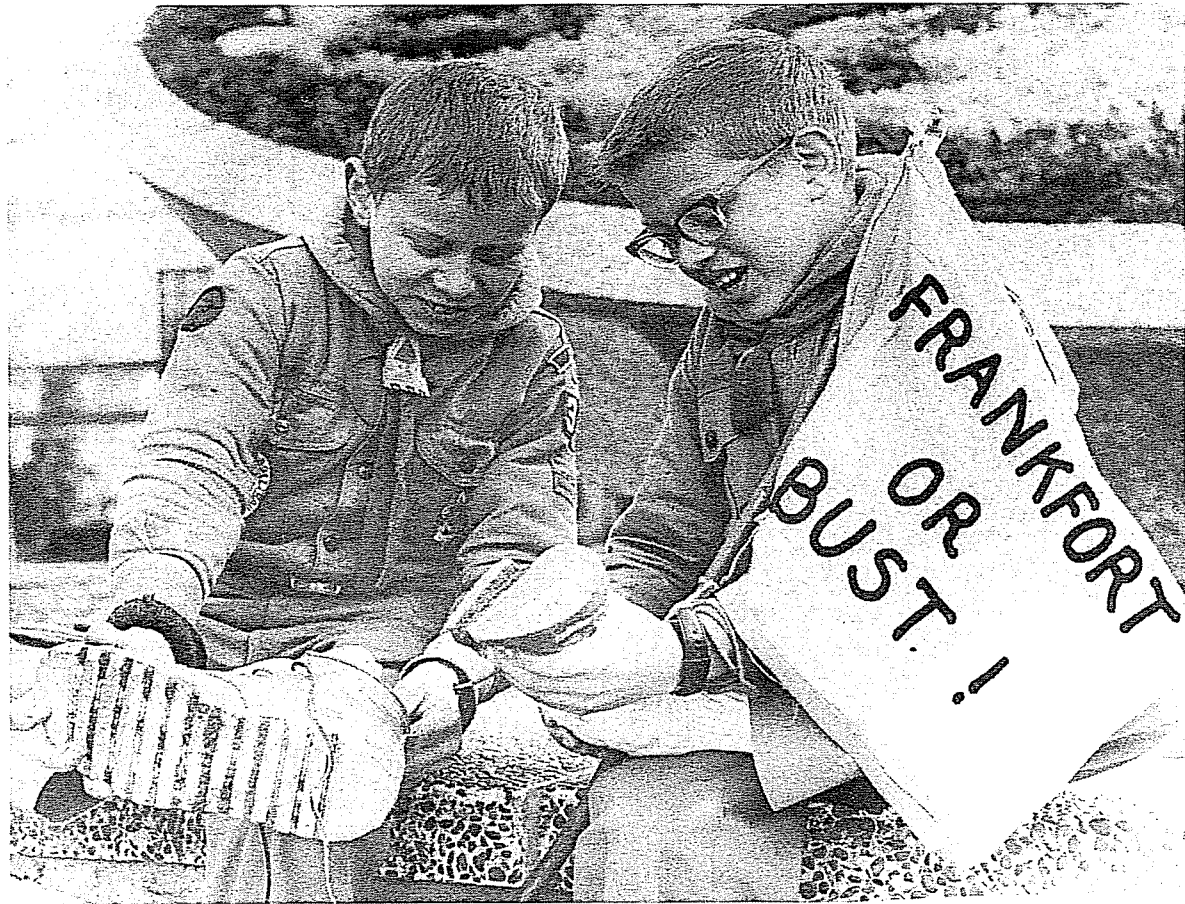
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Blister check is taken by two Scouts from St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, Lyndon in March 1963 after a 24 hour, 50 mile hike from the school to the Floral Clock on the State Capitol grounds. Here brothers Pete and Charles Jenne gleefully pull off their shoes to comment: "Wow! It's over." (This photograph is from the Department of Public Information Collection of the State Archives holdings, in the Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives).

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