Presentation Overview

- Steps to begin Genealogy Research
- Research Tips
- Common Genealogy Records
- Research Repositories in Kentucky
- Online Resources

* This is a lot of information to absorb. I will provide reference sheets with detailed information about specific records.
Reasons Patrons Research their Family Histories

- It’s fun!
- To find out about themselves and their families
- Their friends and family are interested in genealogy
- Family medical history
- Religious beliefs

**The reasons for research will affect the ways in which researcher approaches genealogy and the types of information they are seeking.**
Tips for Beginners

- Be patient; genealogy takes time
- Be open to what you find out about your family
- Document all of your research
- Handwriting differs over time
- Check for spelling variations
Getting Started

- Pedigree Charts
- Talk with family members to gather family information and stories
- Search records family members may have: bibles, photographs, letters
Location, Location

- Location is important: Most records are arranged by county—the county they were created/filed in.
- County boundaries changed over time
- Many county courthouses have been through a disaster (fire, flood, water leak) resulting in record loss.
Record Types

• Public Records (Primary Sources)
  – Birth, Marriage, Death Records
  – Deeds, Wills, Tax Assessments, Census Records

• Private Records (Secondary Sources)
  – Family Histories
  – Biographies
  – County Histories
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### Public Records - Death

**Certificate of Death**

**Name:** Callie Wilson Hill Crowley

**Date of Birth:** March 6, 1863

**Place of Birth:** Lee Co., Ky.

**Sex:** Female

**Race:** White

**Marital Status:** Widowed

**Place of Death:** Lexington, Ky.

**Place of Residence:** 462 East Maxwell St.

**Residence:**

#### Personal and Statistical Particulars

- **Address:** 462 East Maxwell St.
- **Ward:** 3
- **Residence Number:** 462
- **Ward:** 3
- **Race:** White
- **Marital Status:** Widowed

#### Medical Certificate of Death

- **Date of Death:** December 24, 1922
- **Place of Death:** Lexington, Ky.

**Cause of Death:** Chronic Interstitial Nephritis

**Contributory Causes of Importance not Related to Principal Cause:**

- **Operation:**
  - Name of operation:
  - Date of operation:
  - What test confirmed diagnosis?
  - Was there an autopsy?

- **External Causes:**
  - If death was due to external cause (violence) fill in the following:
  - Accident, suicide, or homicide?
  - Date of injury:
  - Where did injury occur?
  - Whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

**Manner of Injury:**

**Nature of Injury:**

**Diseases or Injuries:**

- **Injury or disease in any way related to occupation of deceased:**
- **If so, specify:**

**Address:** Lexington, Ky.

**Signature:** M.D.
MARRIAGE BOND.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.
MASON COUNTY COURT.

Be it Known, That we, Polkli Rutliff,

as principal, and

Amy Lee McDaniel

as surety, are jointly and severally bound to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the sum of

One hundred dollars.

The Condition of this Bond is as follows:

That, whereas, Marriage is intended to be solemnized between the above bound

Polkli Rutliff

and

Amy Lee McDaniel

Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, this bond shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated at Mayfield, Mason County, Kentucky,

this 9 day of Oct., 1901.

C. E. Lester

Attest:

E. Wood

Clerk.
Mason County Court.

By Mrs. Lindsley
D. C.
Private Records – Family Bible

Alexander Andrez was born the 2nd Day of June 1763.
Ann Livingston was born the 25th of December 1787.
William Smith Andrez was born the 13th of December 1780 and died the 22nd of the same month.

Elizabeth Rachel Andrez was born the 9th of March 1789 and died the 25th of July following.

Elizabeth P. Andrez was born the 15th of May 1790.
William Smith Andrez was born the 31st of December 1791 and died the 22nd of June 1792.

Samuel Alexander Andrez was born the 17th of February 1793 and died the 23rd of the same month.

Nancy Livingston Andrez was born the 25th of February 1794 and died the 4th of May 1798.

Sarah Livingston Andrez was born the 8th of May 1795.

Andrew Andrez was born the 8th of April 1797.

Mary Todd Andrez was born the 31st of March 1798.

Alexander J. Andrez was born the 5th of May 1802.

Sarah Ann Foster was born November 14th 1819.

Ethere Foster was born December 14th 1820.

Peter was born 15th of February 1814.
Private Records – Family Histories

THE SALYER FAMILY
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OF THEIR
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SOCIETY
SALYERSVILLE, KENTUCKY
Other Records

- Land Records/Deeds
- Military Records
- Cemetery Records
- Court Case Files & Order Books
- Newspapers
- Tax Records
- Family records - bibles, photographs
- Oral history interviews
Challenges in Family History Research
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Spelling Variations

George Washington Smith

George Washington Smith  Washington Smith
George W. Smith    Wash Smith
George Smith    G. Smith
G.W. Smith    W. Smith
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- Catalogs- Library Catalogs, Digital Collections
- Ancestry
- FamilySearch
- Heritage Quest
- Internet
- Vital Statistics Indexes
- Obituary Index
- Sanborn Maps
- National Parks Service - Soldiers and Sailors
Kentucky Websites

- Ky. Dept. for Libraries & Archives
- Ky. Historical Society
- Ky. Land Office
- Office of Vital Statistics
- Ky. GenWeb Project
- Various Public Libraries
Print Resources

- We will send handouts that cover a lot of the information we discussed today
Places to Research

- Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
- Kentucky Historical Society
- Courthouses
- Local Libraries
- Local Historical & Genealogical Societies
- Office of Vital Statistics
- Ky. Land Office
- Online
Any Questions?

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