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July 20, 2018

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

8:00 – 8:30 Registration
8:30 – 8:45 Welcome
   David Schroeder, President, Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.
8:45 – 9:45 FamilySearch: Online Resources and Kentucky Records
   Greg Nelson, FamilySearch
9:45 – 10:00 Break
10:00 – 10:30 Kentucky State Digital Archives and KDLA Online Catalog
   Kari May and Cathy Crum, KDLA
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – 11:45 Ancestry.com: Online Resources and Kentucky Records
   Nicka Smith, Ancestry
11:45 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 Collections and Research Opportunities at Public Universities in Kentucky
   Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University
2:30 – 3:30 Tours of the Archives Research Room and Archives Center

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 Renita Van at 502.564-1722 or Renita.Van@ky.gov.

Mail registration form with payment to: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.
   Kentucky Archives Institute
   P.O. Box 4224
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"One of the hazards of drivin[ing] over Kentucky mountain roads. Near Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky. September 1940. Source: Work Projects Administration, Archives and Records Management Division – Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives."