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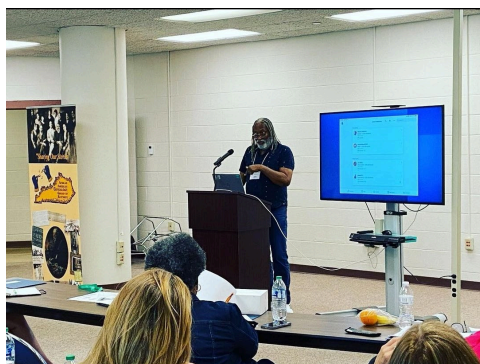
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Friends Sponsor the 37th annual Kentucky Archives Institute



The thirty-seventh annual Kentucky Archives Institute, sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., was held at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) on July 14, 2023. Participants enjoyed a program of interesting and informative presentations focusing on African American genealogy research. Hillary Delaney from the Boone County Public Library began the day with *"African American & Underground Railroad Research in Antebellum Kentucky Records (and beyond)."* Daniele Celano with the Kentucky Historical Society presented on *"Return Not Executed: Court Documents and the Paper Trail of Freedom-Seekers."* The afternoon featured sessions from Sharyn Mitchell, Co-Founder of the African American Genealogy Group of Kentucky (AAGGKY), who spoke on *"Black History: It's Around Here Somewhere – History of the African American Genealogy Group of KY and Challenges Faced When Researching Black History"*, and Jerry Bedford, Jr., AAGGKY President, presented on *"DNA: Surprise, Surprise!!!"*

As always, we received positive feedback and excellent suggestions for next year's event.

Thanks to our speakers, the Friends, and the Archives and Records Management Division staff for helping to make the 2023 Kentucky Archives Institute a successful and informative event.

"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 Holidays

The Archives Research Room is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Free parking is provided outside the KDLA building.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming closures.

November 10	Friday	Veterans Day
November 23-24	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving
December 12	Tuesday	Inauguration Day
December 25-26	Monday & Tuesday	Christmas
December 29 & January 1	Friday & Monday	New Year's

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Kentucky Archives Month

Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories throughout the state have designated October 2023 as Kentucky Archives Month. The theme is Festivals. This year, the State Historical Records Advisory Board's Archives Month Committee designed four posters that highlight a Kentucky festival! The posters are available for download on the Kentucky Archives Month website: archivesmonth.ky.gov.

On October 25, the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) will host a free presentation about the Lower Town Arts & Music Festival at 300 Coffee Tree Road, Frankfort, KY. More information and registration will be shared on <https://tinyurl.com/KAMEVENTS> soon!

Kentucky Archives Month activities are supported by funds from the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

A gubernatorial proclamation from Governor Andy Beshear signaled the importance of this annual event.



Thank You, Roger Hamperian

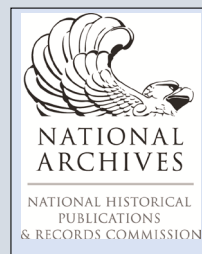
At the recent meeting in September, of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., Board of Directors, Roger Hamperian announced his retirement from the Kentucky Housing Corporation and is also stepping down as a member of the Friends Board. President Dave Schroeder remarked, "Roger has been a long-time member of the Friends Board. He brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the group. This expertise has been very beneficial in decision making and planning. We all wish Roger a wonderful retirement and thank him for his many years of service to the Friends organization. His commitment to the preservation of the Commonwealth's past is truly inspiring and he will be missed."

With Roger leaving, there is a vacancy on the Board. If you are interested, please reach out to President Dave Schroeder at dave.schroeder@kentonlibrary.org or Jennifer Patterson at jennifer.patterson@ky.gov.



KDLA Wraps Up NHPRC Grant

The Archives and Records Management (ARM) Division is finishing up its work on the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant-funded project "Early Court Cases and State-Granted Naturalizations." All digitization of the Kentucky General Court cases (1799-1850) and state-issued Naturalizations (1820-1945) has been completed, and those scans are currently being ingested into the Kentucky State Digital Archives (KSDA). These collections will be available to the public in the KSDA soon.



KDLA Archives Research Room Supervisor Reunion

There was an unplanned reunion of former and current supervisors of the KDLA Archives Research Room at this year's Kentucky History and Genealogy Conference in Harrodsburg, KY on August 25. Jim Prichard, who retired in 2008, Walter Bowman accepted a position with the KY Dept. of Military Affairs in 2020, and our current supervisor Rusty Heckaman all presented at the conference.

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