



# for the Record

Devoted to Kentucky's State Archives and the Historical Record

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## Keep up with the latest news from KDLA through Social Media

Want to hear about the most recent great find in the Archives Research Room? Or what records have been moved to the Archives Center and are now available for research? How about the latest information concerning microfilm that is available for purchase? Or the latest decisions made by the State Archives and Records Commission (SARC) concerning the retention of Kentucky's public records? The Public Records Division at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) has been using Facebook ([www.facebook.com/kdla.prd](http://www.facebook.com/kdla.prd)) since February 2011 to highlight information

about research opportunities, collections, and archives and records management services. We are pleased to announce that the Kentucky State Archivist and Records Administrator, Barbara Teague, will launch her official Kentucky State Archives Twitter account during Archives Month, October 2012. Barbara's twitter feed can be followed here: @KYStateArchives.

We are always looking for new ways to let our customers know the latest information from KDLA. Twitter is another method of communication that we can use to keep you informed of the latest news and events happening in the Public Records Division. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity and follow the Kentucky State Archives on Twitter.

### We're Going Digital!

Beginning with the next issue, "For the Record" will be distributed electronically. Printing and postage costs have risen dramatically over the past few years. Providing the newsletter in a digital format will be much more cost-effective, and many readers actually prefer an electronic version.

Please send your email address to Renita Van at [renita.van@ky.gov](mailto:renita.van@ky.gov) or call 502-564-8300, ext. 252 so that we can compile a current and correct email list. We will then notify you by email when the next issue of "For the Record" is available.

We will print a very limited number of paper copies, so if you would prefer to continue to receive the newsletter by regular mail, please let us know. Many issues of "For the Record" from 1985-2012 have been scanned and will soon be available in the Friends section of the KDLA website (<http://kdla.ky.gov/researchers/Pages/friends.aspx>).

We won't be able to contact individual readers or send out reminders, so don't miss out, send us your email information today!



Safe! A scene from a baseball game at the Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange. 1950s.

Source: Kentucky Department of Corrections Photo Collection, Public Records Division – Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

*"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 Closings

The Archives Research Room is open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Free parking is provided outside the KDLA building.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming closures.

November 6	Tuesday	Election Day
November 12	Monday	Veteran's Day
November 22-23	Thursday-Friday	Thanksgiving
December 24-25	Monday-Tuesday	Christmas
December 31- January 1	Monday-Tuesday	New Year's

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## Federal Census Provides Wealth of Information to Researchers

April 2, 2012 proved to be a red-letter day for historians and genealogists, as the 1940 Federal Census was released to the public upon expiration of the seventy-two year privacy requirement. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) website received millions of visitors in just the first few days, as researchers logged on to view the census records of those Americans who have been called the "Greatest Generation." For the first time, the entire census was available online and at no cost. Other research sites also purchased copies of the census and have since made it available.

In addition to the usual inquiries concerning name, family relationship, age, and education, the 1940 Census contains questions not included on earlier census forms, many of which were meant to gauge the nation's economic situation after the turbulent years of the Great Depression. For example, the federal census had for years asked for the respondent's occupation, but the 1940 version is more detailed and asks how many weeks the respondent had worked during the previous year, and at what salary, and whether the respondent was enrolled in one of the federal projects like the Civilian Conservation Corps or the Works Progress Administration. Census enumerators were instructed to be as thorough as possible in their descriptions; instead of "engineer," more descriptive terms like "train engineer" or "electrical engineer" were used.

Unlike previous versions, the 1940 Census contains a supplemental section with additional questions at the bottom of each page. To obtain a representative random sampling, these questions were only asked to individuals on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> lines of that page of the census form. This section provides valuable information on nativity of parents, military service, and whether the respondent has a Social Security number.

In the few months since its release, the 1940 Census has been indexed and is now completely searchable. The Census is an exceptionally valuable resource for genealogists and researchers

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interested in modern American history and provides a vivid picture of an era that has played such a large part in shaping our society today.

The Archives Research Room at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives offers access to this Census to onsite customers, and can provide copies of specific entries to customers for a fee via the online request form <http://kdl.ky.gov/researchers/Pages/recordsrequestforms.aspx>.

## The Twenty-Eighth Annual Kentucky Archives Institute a Success

The Kentucky Archives Institute was held on June 22, 2012 at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA). The number of attendees (55) was the largest in several years. Everyone enjoyed a very impressive program headlined by J. Mark Lowe, a nationally-known genealogical expert who presented an excellent workshop on finding and using court records. David Kirkpatrick, Walter Bowman, and Mark Myers of the KDLA staff provided interesting and informative presentations on the 1940 Census, Kentucky Confederate Pension Applications, and the digitization of family records. Many of the attendees also participated in a tour of the Kentucky State Archives. Comments and evaluations at the end of the day were uniformly positive. We'd like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's successful Archives Institute!

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 biannual 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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Please clip and mail to: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., P.O. Box 4224, Frankfort, Kentucky 40604 \* We appreciate your support.

## Friends' Annual Meeting and Symposium to be held at Georgetown College

The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. will hold its annual meeting and sponsor the Public Archives Symposium on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the Thomas & King Leadership & Conference Center at Georgetown College. Featured speaker for the Symposium will be Dr. Lindsey Apple, retired professor and chair of history at Georgetown College, who will talk about his recent book, *The Family Legacy of Henry Clay: In the Shadow of a Kentucky Patriarch*.

The book explores the personal history of this famed American and examines the impact of his legacy on future generations of his family. Dr. Apple will discuss the sources and collections he used in the course of his extensive research on the Clay family. Please see page 3 for registration information, and plan to join us for lunch and an interesting program.



*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.*

# The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.

*invites you to its*

Twenty-Fourth Annual Public Archives Symposium  
and Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon

Thursday, October 25, 2012

Thomas & King Leadership & Conference Center  
100 Crawford Drive  
Georgetown, Kentucky 40324



## Annual Meeting

### 10:00 Friends' Annual Business Meeting

(Banquet Room 2)

### 11:30 Luncheon

(Banquet Room 1)

### 1:00 Public Archives Symposium

(Banquet Room 2)

## About the Speaker

**Dr. Lindsey Apple** will discuss his book *The Family Legacy of Henry Clay: In the Shadow of a Kentucky Patriarch*. Dr. Apple is retired professor and chair of history at Georgetown College.

This book will be available for purchase at the Symposium.

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## Reply Card - 2012 Friends' Annual Business Luncheon and Symposium

(Please include the names of all those who plan to attend.) Symposium seating is limited to 60.

### Lunch Registration Deadline is Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

(Please select your entrée option: vegetarian lasagna \_\_\_\_\_ baked Italian lasagna \_\_\_\_\_)

**I am enclosing a check made payable to the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. for \$30 per person to register the following persons:**

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For further information: contact Tim Tingle, 502.564.8300 x. 251.

Please clip and mail to: **Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., P. O. Box 4224, Frankfort, KY 40604.**

**Kentucky  
Archives Month  
October 2012**

**Sports in  
Archives**

[archivesmonth.ky.gov](http://archivesmonth.ky.gov)

Kentucky Archives Month is sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Kentucky Council on Archives, the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.



Basey brothers, James and Lindsey sparring on Clinton Street, Frankfort, KY, nd. James won the Golden Gloves Championship in 1939 and 1941.  
Kentucky Historical Society  
Kentucky Archives Month Card 1



Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Ellis A. Fuller playing baseball with students on the lawn, 1948.  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Archives  
Kentucky Archives Month Card 2



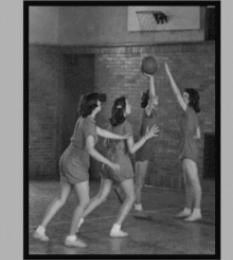
Rock Fish caught by Benny Proston on November 3, 1954 at Lake Cumberland, Kentucky.  
The Filson Historical Society  
Kentucky Archives Month Card 3



Westport High Diver, 1976. Westport High has since become Westport Middle School.  
Jefferson County Public Schools Archives and Records Center  
Kentucky Archives Month Card 4



Governor Paul Patton watches as the Olympic Torch runners transfer the flame during a ceremony at the Kentucky State Capitol, December 17, 2001.  
Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives  
Kentucky Archives Month Card 5



Highland Junior High Girls Basketball Team, 1949. Highland is now Highland Middle School.  
Jefferson County Public Schools Archives and Records Center  
Kentucky Archives Month Card 6



Push cart race held during the Little Kentucky Derby at the University of Kentucky, nd.  
University of Kentucky Archives  
Kentucky Archives Month Card 7



Kentucky State College Students, 1948.  
Kentucky State University Archives  
Kentucky Archives Month Card 8



Children participating in a soap box derby race down College Heights Hill, May 22, 1999.  
Western Kentucky University Archives  
Kentucky Archives Month Card 9

Explore Your Nearest Archives Today:

Attend a Kentucky Archives Month Event(s):

## Sports Take Center Field During Archives Month

Kentucky Archives Month is planned for October 2012, in conjunction with American Archives Month. The theme for this year is Sports in honor of Kentucky's rich tradition through its participation in diverse sporting events and the Summer Olympics which were held in London earlier this year. Many thanks to the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc. for funding distribution of this year's poster.

Almost 300 archival and manuscript repositories in Kentucky hold archival records that document the history of Kentucky. Their holdings include personal papers, photographs, Bibles, diaries, letters, and government records, such as marriage certificates and wills.

Many of these institutions are hosting special programs, open houses, exhibits, and speakers to highlight historical materials available for research in Kentucky and all are listed on the

Kentucky Archives Month website (<http://archivesmonth.ky.gov>). Be sure to join in the fun of Archives Month and plan an activity or event this year to celebrate Kentucky's rich archival heritage.

Please check the website for events that will be held throughout the state in celebration of Kentucky Archives Month. If you have any questions, please let me know via email at [valerie.edgeworth@ky.gov](mailto:valerie.edgeworth@ky.gov), or call me at 502.564.8300 x 246.

*Many thanks to those of you who have renewed your membership in the Friends for 2012. We deeply appreciate your support of Friends' activities and of the services and mission of the Kentucky State Archives.*

*If you are not yet a Friends' member, we urge you to become a member today by returning the membership strip in this newsletter. We need your help. The State Archives is working for all of us, and in this small way, we can help the Archives advance its programs and services.*