

## Crucial Time Periods

- Prior to 1852
- 1852 1910
- 1911- Present

# Príor to 1852



No state or local government entity kept birth or death records prior to 1852 in Kentucky

# In Lieu Of...

#### **Births**

#### Family Bibles

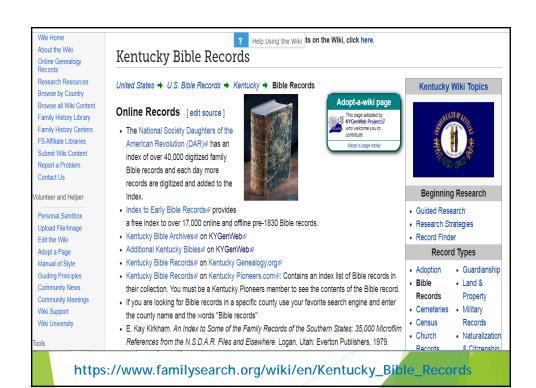
- Family Search.org wiki DAR, online Bible indexes, Kentucky Bible Archives https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Kentucky Bible Records
- Historical Societies Kentucky Historical Society, Filson Historical Society (Louisville), local county historical societies

#### Church Records

- Protestant churches Kentucky Historical Society, county historical societies
- Catholic churches Diocese Archives (Covington, Lexington, Louisville, Owensboro)
- Jewish synagogues American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati

#### U.S. Federal Census

1850 Census and subsequent Census years





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#### MARTIN F. SCHMIDT RESEARCH LIBRARY

#### RESEARCHING JUST GOT EASIER.

If you're digging for your family roots, researching your next book or class paper or just beginning to discover Kentucky history, the Martin F. Schmidt Research Library has resources to help.

Our holdings span all of Kentucky's 120 counties and include published works; archival records such as manuscripts, photographs, maps, atlases; oral history interviews; and microfilm.

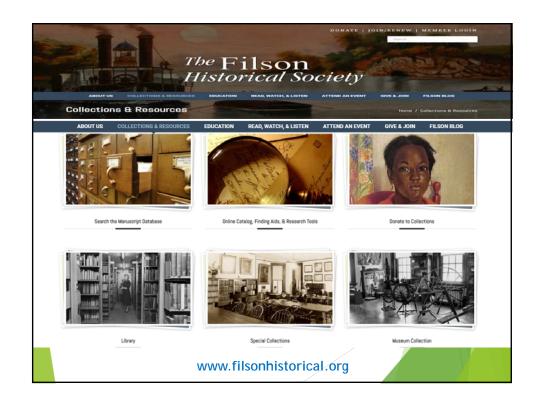
Visit us in person or search our collections online. If you can't get to Frankfort, contact us about our fee-based research services. Our professional staff can help you navigate our collections to find what you need.

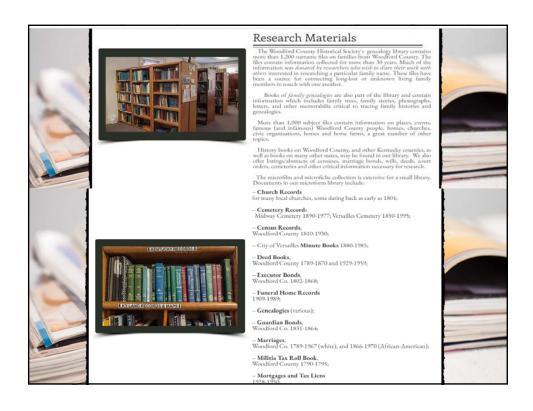
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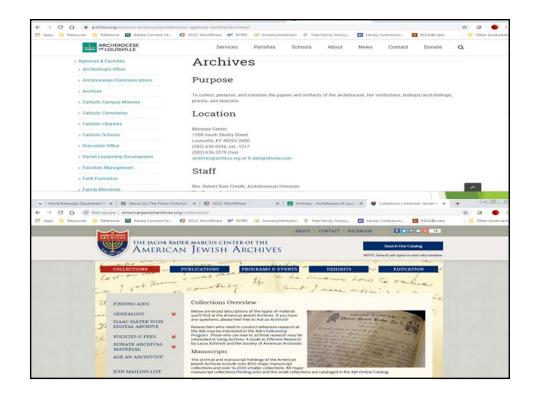
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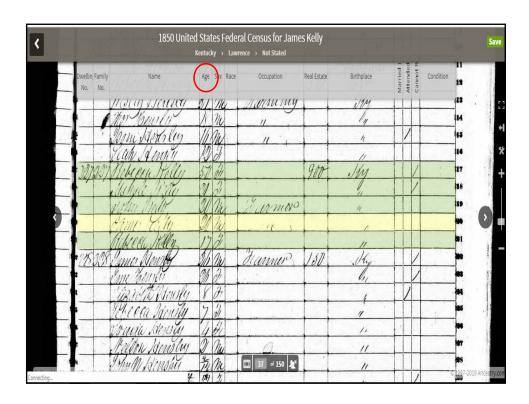
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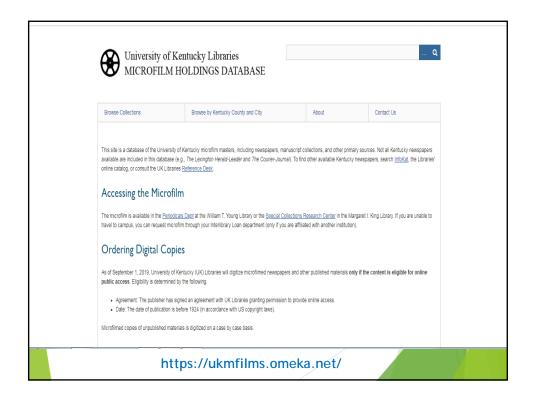






# In Lieu Of... Deaths

- Family Bibles
  - Family Search.org wiki, KHS, local historical societies
- Church Records
  - \* KHS, local historical societies, Archdiocese Archive records, etc.
- Cemetery and/or Funeral Home Records
  - KHS, findagrave.com, local historical societies, funeral homes
- Obituaries/Death Notices
  - University of Kentucky Microfilm, public libraries, Library of Congress
- Tax Lists to determine possible year of death
  - · FamilySearch.org, KDLA
- Wills/estate settlements/administrator and executor bonds
  - FamilySearch.org, KDLA, county clerk's office











1852-1910

### Early Kentucky Birth and Death Records

Kentucky was the first state west of the Alleghenies to require registration of births and deaths.

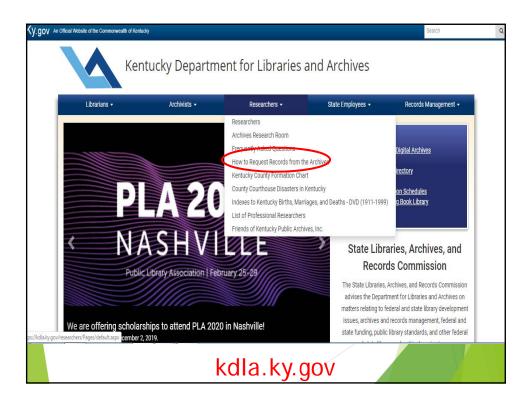
- 1852-1910 birth and death records were irregularly kept
- Sutton Law (Jan. 1852)
  - · Required tax assessors in the auditor's office to register all vital events
- Sutton Law Repealed (1862)
  - Pressure from the Civil War
- 1874 Second law passed requiring birth and death records be sent to the state auditor
  - · Repealed in 1878
- Scattered counties kept records from the 1890s to 1910
- Four Kentucky cities kept birth and death records separate from the county registers
  - . Covington, Lexington, Louisville, Newport

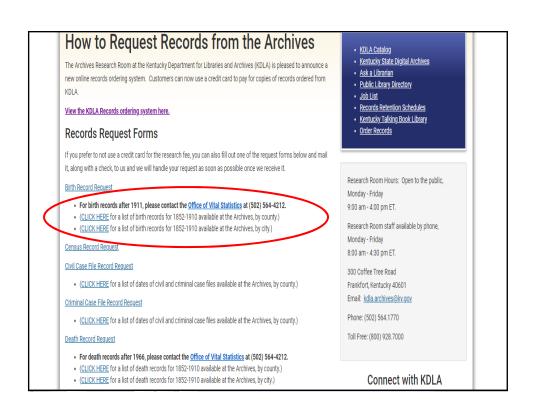
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#### Adair - Roll #994027

- Birth Records 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1876, 1878, 1893-1894, 1903-1904, 1906-1907, 1909-1910
- · Marriage Records 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1903-1904, 1906-1907
- Death Records 1852-1854, 1856-1859, 1861-1862, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1903-1904, 1906-1907, 1909-1910

#### Allen - Roll #994027

- Birth Records 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1875, 1878-1879, 1899-1901, 1903-1904, 1908-1910
- Marriage Records 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1875, 1878, 1899-1900, 1903-1904, 1908-1911, 1913-1914
- Death Records 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1875, 1878-1879, 1899-1900, 1903-1904, 1908-1911

#### Anderson - Roll #994027

- Birth Records 1852-1859, 1874-1876, 1878
- · Marriage Records 1852-1859, 1874-1876, 1878
- · Death Records 1852-1859, 1874-1876, 1878

#### Ballard - Roll #994027

#### Connect WITH KULA

KDLA Catalog

Job List
 Records Retention Schedules

Kentucky State Digital Archives
 Ask a Librarian
 Public Library Directory

Kentucky Talking Book Library

Connect with KDLA





#### City of Louisville

- Roll #7007135 Index to Births: Book 1 (1898-1899), Index to Births: Books 2-3 (1899-1903), Index to Births: Books 4-5 (1903-1904), Index to Births: Book 6 (1905-1907), Index to Births: Books 7-8 (1907-1910)
- Roll #7007136 Register of Births: Book 1 (1898-1900), Register of Births: Book 2 (1900-1901), Register of Births: Book 3 (1901-1903)
- Roll #7007137 Register of Births: Book 4 (1903-1904), Register of Births: Book 5 (1904-1906), Register of Births: Book 6 (1906-1907)
- Roll #7007138 Register of Births: Book 7 (1907-1909), Register of Births: Book 8 (1909-1910)
- Roll #7007132 Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Books 1-7 part 1 (1866-1891), Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Books 1-7 - part 2 (1866-1891), Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Book 8 (1891-1895)
- Roll #7007133 Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Book 9 (1895-1898), Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Book 10-11 - part A (1898-1899), Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Books 10-11 - part B (1899-1902), Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Book 12 (1903-1905), Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Book 13 (1905-1907)
- Roll #7007134 Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Book 14A (1907-1909), Register of Deaths Index to Deaths: Book 14B (1907-1910)
- Roll #7007126 Register of Deaths: Book 1 (1866-1868), Register of Deaths: Book 2 (1866-1868), Register of Deaths: Book 3 (1867-1873), Register of Deaths: Book 4 (1873-1879)
- Roll #7007127 Register of Deaths: Book 5 (1879-1883), Register of Deaths: Book 6 (1884-1887)
- Roll #7007128 Register of Deaths: Book 7 (1887-1891), Register of Deaths: Book 8 (1891-1894)

#### Jefferson County

- Roll #7007129 Register of Deaths: Book 9 (1895-1897), Register of Deaths: Book 10 (1898-1900), Register of Deaths: Book 11 (1900-1902)
- Roll #7007130 Register of Deaths: Book 12 (1902-1905), Register of Deaths: Book 13 (1905-1907)
- Roll #7007131 Register of Deaths: Book 14 (1907-1909), Register of Deaths: Book 15 (1909-1910)

#### **Fayette County**

Roll #7019181 - Death Certificates 1457 and 1519-2262 (1896-1897), Death Certificates 2263-2510 (1897-1898). Death Certificates 2410, 2603 (1898-1898). Death Certificates.

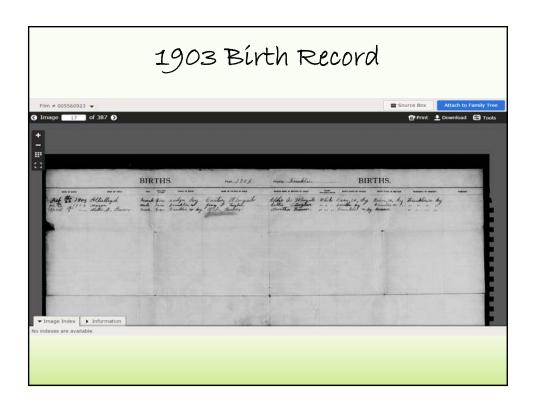
### 1853 Birth Record

- Date of Birth
- Name
- Sex
- Condition
- Place of Birth
- · Name of Father or Owner of Child
- · Maiden Name of Mother
- · Color of Child White, Black, Mulatto
- Residence of Parent
- Remarks



# 1903 Birth Record

- Date of Birth
- Name
- Sex
- · Born Alive or Dead
- Place of Birth
- Name of Father
- · Maiden Name of Mother
- Color of Child White, Black, Mulatto
- Birth Place of Father
- · Birth Place of Mother
- Residence
- Remarks



# Delayed Birth Certificate

- Issued by the Office of Vital Statistics
- Information such as affidavits, federal and school census records, family Bible entries used to support date of birth
- Birth year as early as 1850s
- Indexing available for all certificates issued call the Office of Vital Statistics or KDLA for assistance.

# 1852 Kentucky Death Record

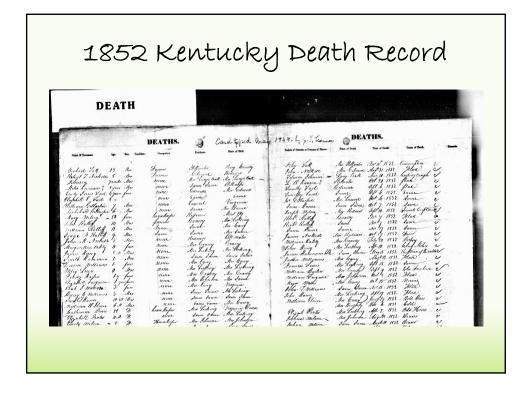
- Name of Deceased
   Name of Parents or
  - Owners of Slaves

Age

Place of Death

Sex

- Condition (single,
  Time of Death married, widowed) • Cause of Death
- Occupation
- Residence
- Place of Birth

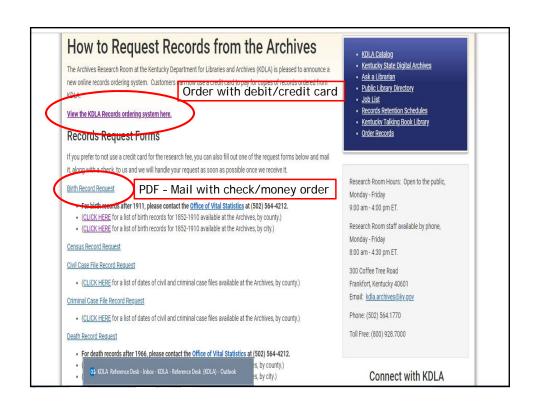


# 1874 Kentucky Death Record

- Name of Deceased Place of Birth
- Color
- Age
- Sex
- Condition (single, Birth place of married or widowed) Parents
- Occupation
- Date of Death
- Cause of Death

- Residence
- Place of Death
- Name of Parents





#### <u>Death Record Request</u>

- For death records after 1966, please contact the Office of Vital Statistics at (502) 564-4212.
- (CLICK HERE for a list of death records for 1852-1910 available at the Archives, by county.)
- (CLICK HERE for a list of death records for 1852-1910 available at the Archives, by city.)

#### <u>Divorce Record Request</u>

• (CLICK HERE for a list of dates of civil and criminal case files available at the Archives, by county.)

#### Deed Record Request

Marriage Record Request

Military Record Request

Probate/Will Record Request

Tax Record Request

#### Fees

#### Billing (In-State Patrons)

In-state customers must submit a \$10.00 non-refundable search and copy fee with each genealogical reference request. A check or money order should be payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer. Do not send cash.

#### Billing (Out-of-State Patrons)

Out-of-state customers must submit a \$15.00 non-refundable research fee with each genealogical reference request. Staff will not undertake any research unless this fee is pre-paid. Check or money order should be payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer. Do not send cash.

Toll Free: (800) 928.7000

#### Connect with KDLA

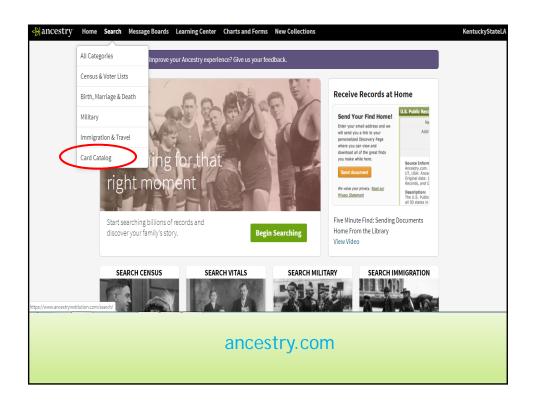


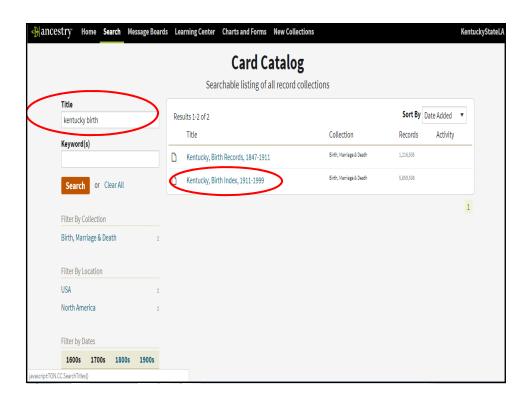




1911 - Present

- Kentucky's Vital Statistics Law, enacted by the General Assembly in 1910, provides for and legalizes the registration of births and deaths
- Current law began in 1911
- 100 year waiting period for births
- 50 year waiting period for deaths
- Birth records 1911-present only available at the KY Office of Vital Statistics - \$10.00
- Death records 1967-present only available at the KY Office of Vital Statistics \$6.00

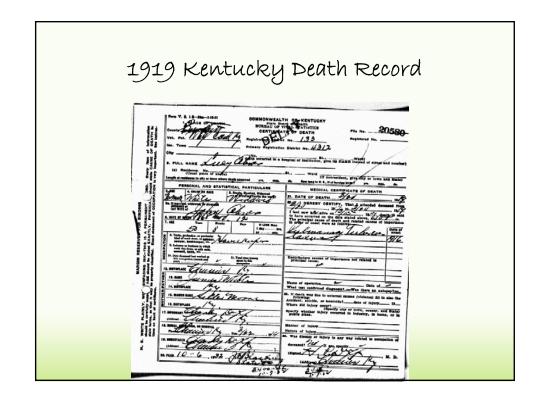


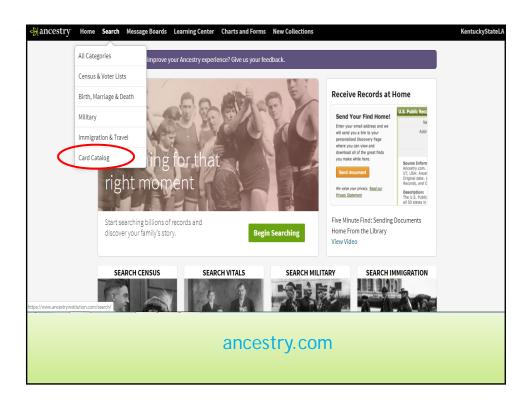


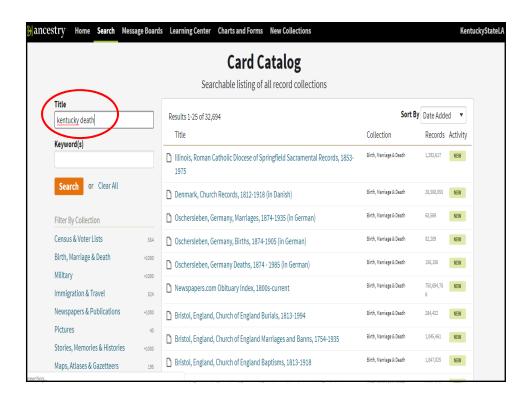
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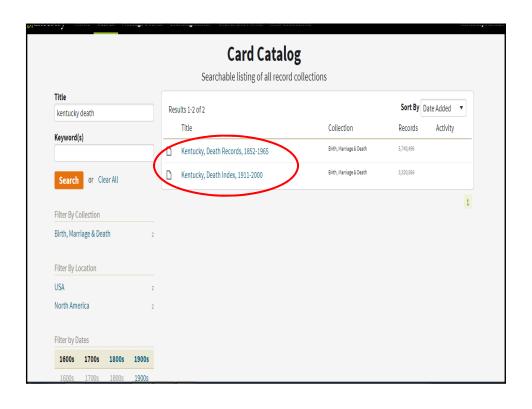
- Name of Deceased
- Color
- Age
- Sex
- Condition (single, married, Funeral Home Information or widowed)
- Occupation
- Date of Death
- Cause of Death
- · Place of Birth
- Residence

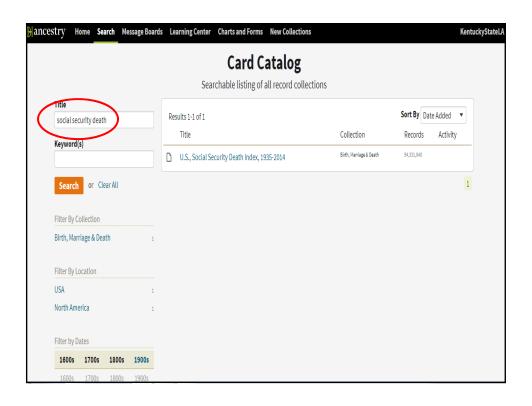
- · Place of Death
- · Name of Parents
- Birth place of Parents
- Undertaker
- Burial/Internment
- Informant
- Injury

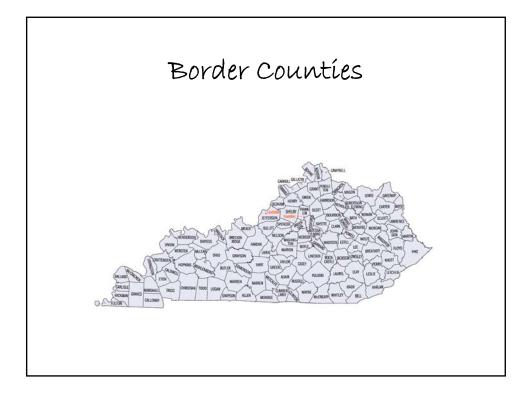












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### The Office of Vital Statistics

#### Who We Are

The Office of Vital Statistics collects, preserves and protects certificates for all <u>births</u>, <u>deaths</u>, <u>marriages</u>, <u>divorce</u> and <u>stillbirths</u> and issues certified copies.

The branch records and provides for each person born in Kentucky a means of establishing legal identity, age, parentage and nationality. It also makes available a legal document of the date, place and cause of every death occurring in the state and provides a central repository for records of certain other vital events.

Finally, the branch augments and supports the planning, management and evaluation of human resources programs and other agencies through the collection and analysis of vital statistics data.

The branch includes the Registration and Amendment Section, Certification Section, Administrative and Quality Assurance Section and Data Surveillance Section.

