GENEALOGY BASICS

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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 they 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

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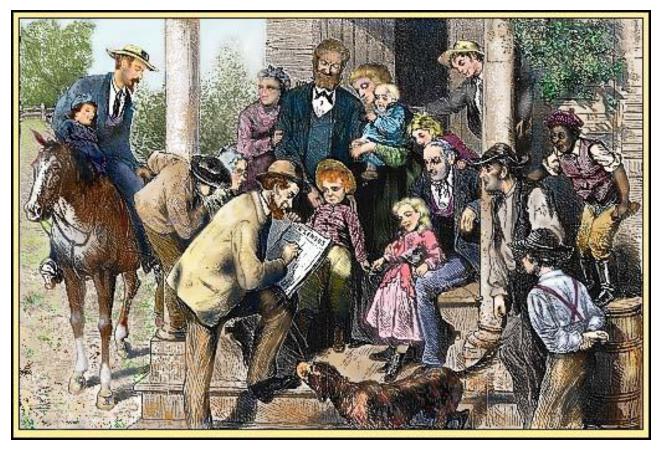
- Location is important: Most records are arranged by county —the county they were created/filed in.
- County boundaries changed over time
- Many county courthouses have been through a disaster (fire, flood, water leak) resulting in record loss.

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

Public Records - Census



Harper's Weekly 19 November 1870

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Public Records - Marriage

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Private Records – Family Bible

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Private Records – Family Histories



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

What's in a name?

<u>Silent H</u> AYRE, HEYR or CRISP, CHRISP

<u>Silent Letters</u> MARK, MARKE

<u>Different Vowels</u> INGALLS, ENGELS Add or Remove an Ending "S" OWENS, OWEN

Watch for Letter Transposition CRISP, CRIPS

<u>Typing Errors</u> FULLER, FULER JAPP, KAPP

Spelling Variations

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George Washington Smith

George W. Smith

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Spelling Variations

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Online Research

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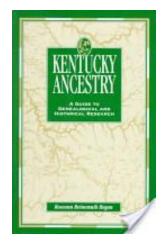
- Catalogs- Library Catalogs, Digital Collections
- Ancestry
- FamilySearch
- Heritage Quest
- Internet
- Vital Statistics Indexes
- Obituary Index
- Sanborn Maps
- National Parks Service Soldiers and Sailors

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
- Kentucky ancestry : a guide to genealogical and historical research / by Roseann
 Reinemuth Hogan. 1992.
 ISBN 0916489493



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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