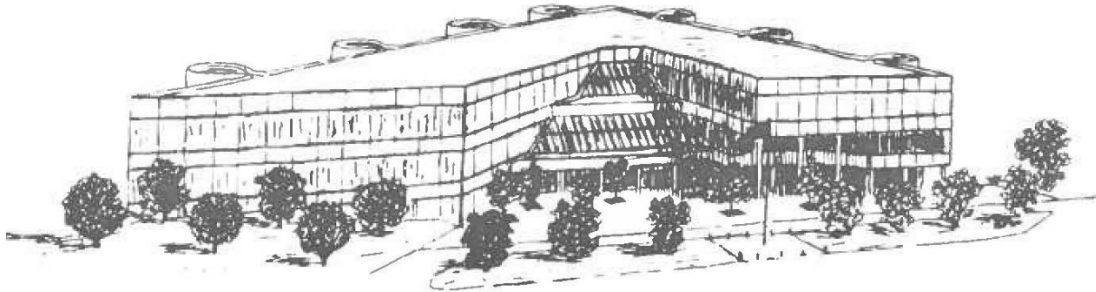


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Kentucky State Archives



The Kentucky State Archives is the home of Kentucky's historic government records, with over 120,000 cubic feet of state, judicial, and local records dating as far back as pre-statehood. Records vary in format including, microform, photographic prints and negatives, film, audiotapes, videotapes, digital, and paper. Access to the records is available in the Research Room of KDLA as well as through remote requests. Material from the state archives serves the needs of historians, genealogists, students, academic researchers, journalists, corporate researchers, and government workers.

Collections

Local Records:

Local records may include any or all the following types. Availability varies by county.

- **Marriage Records:** Marriage Books, Registers, Bonds, Certificates, Licenses
- **Probate Records:** Inventory, Appraisal, and Sale Bill Books; Settlement Books; Administrators, Executors, Guardians, and Committees Books,
- **Tax Records:** Tax Assessment Books or lists, Commissioner's Tax Book
- **Voter Registration Records:** Poll Books, Voter Registration Books, Voter Registration Cards
- **Legal Instruments – Real Property:** Wills, Deeds, Sherriff's Deed Book, Sheriff's Land Sold for Taxes Books, Power of Attorney Books, Mineral Lease Books, Mortgage Books
- **Legal Instruments – Corporation Records:** Articles of Incorporation Books, Register of Partnerships
- **Other:** County Court Order Books, Medical Register, Veteran's Discharge Books, Returns of Births and Deaths, Soldier's Application for Pension, School Census and

Enumeration, Indenture of Apprenticeship Books, Naturalizations, Record of Manumission

State Records

State Records are those records created by the various agencies or departments of Kentucky's state government. These can include such things as case files, correspondence, fiscal records, minutes, original plans and drawings, and photographs. Some of the most frequently used state agency records include:

- **Governor's Records:** correspondence, executive journals, enrolled bills, pardons, and more are preserved from each Governor's terms serving to illustrate the accomplishments and work undertaken during their service.
- **Secretary of State Records:** the Secretary of State's office holds land records from pre-statehood, incorporation papers for Kentucky businesses, election records and returns that all act as important hallmarks to Kentucky's past.
- **Legislative Research Commission:** the LRC is home to material from Kentucky's General Assembly, included passed bills, minutes, and research produced to inform the legislative body about proposed bills. Together this information demonstrates the actions taken by Kentucky's legislative body.
- **Military Affairs:** with records of service from the Civil War, and bonus application information up to more modern conflicts, the Military Affairs records are an important source for anyone looking into the history of Kentucky's service or those who served on her behalf.

Judicial Records

Judicial records may include any state or county-level court in Kentucky. Of largest interest are the Circuit Court and appellate courts. Circuit Courts have historically had jurisdiction over civil and criminal cases. The Courts documented their actions with Order Books as well as in case files.

- **Order Books:** The proceedings of the court are documented in order books illustrating the actions taken in a particular case and allowing the researcher to follow the case from its beginning to end.
- **Case Files:** Case files can be an invaluable resource for their unique insight into the parties involved in the case. The files can include complaints and answers, summons, depositions, evidence, case histories, judgments, indictments, pleadings, motions, orders, transcripts, verdicts, etc...