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Fall Meeting, etc.

From the Chair

Dear KCA Colleagues,
According to my calendar, it's now autumn, although with the temperatures being lately, that's somewhat difficult to believe! But surely enough, the days are shorter, football fans all over the nation are finding new things to grumble about, and naturally our fall KCA meeting is approaching! I hope you'll all be able to join us on October 21st this year at Northern Kentucky University. I'm excited about our program this fall. We have three great speakers to touch on the history and culture of northern Kentucky, and we'll conclude our visit with a tour of the fabulous Behringer-Crawford Museum of history and culture following the program. Many thanks to Chuck Hill and especially Jennifer Gregory at NKU for tireless devotion to the program arrangements!

The months since our last meeting have included some somber moments. First of course was the passing of the first Fellow of the Kentucky Council on Archives, Dr. Thomas Clark, in June of this year. It is impossible to overestimate the impact that Dr. Clark had on the development of archives in this Commonwealth, both in his work

and by his example. His loss has been and will continue to be deeply felt by all of us. [*Please see below.*]

Second was the devastation unleashed upon our friends and colleagues in Florida and the Gulf Coast by Hurricane Katrina. Like many of you, I was in New Orleans for the SAA Conference just over a week before Katrina made landfall, and to see a city that I'd just spent hours wandering through so thoroughly laid waste was then and is still an utter shock to me. I know that we have all been following the relief efforts for those persons displaced by the wrath of the storm and, in particular, the plight of our professional colleagues and their collections. I'm relieved to report that it appears from the SAA and the Society of Southwest Archivists' web sites that the damage to most of the larger repositories in the Gulf region was much less severe than one might have expected; however, the collections of many private individuals and smaller museums or repositories were completely destroyed by the storm or by subsequent attacks of mold after the loss of power and air conditioning in the humidity of August.

Each archivist understands implicitly his or her role as a custodian of the public trust. It is dismaying to be forcibly reminded

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Agenda

**The Fall Meeting of the
Kentucky Council on Archives**
Friday, October 21, 2005
Northern Kentucky University
Highland Heights, KY

- 9:15-9:45 Registration
- 9:45-10:00 Welcome and introduction
- 10:00-10:45 Wes Cowan, Owner, Cowan's Auctions, Inc.
 "The Adventures of a Real-Life History Detective"
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:45 Dr. Prince Brown, Northern Kentucky University
 "The 'Typical' Runaway Slave"
- 11:45-12:00 Break
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch and business meeting
- 1:00-1:45 Laurie Risch, Director, Behringer-Crawford Museum
 "Renovation of the Behringer-Crawford Museum"
- 1:45-2:00 Break
- 2:00-? Tour of Behringer-Crawford Museum

For meeting registration materials, please see page 3 of this newsletter.

For directions to and around Northern Kentucky University, please see page 4 of this newsletter.

**KCA Dues Notice
(January – December 2005)**

KCA dues are based on the calendar year and are \$10 per year. Please fill out this form as if it were a mailing label to you. If your membership is for an organization, please indicate on the name line the person who should receive the newsletter and correspondence. **PLEASE DO NOT USE PERSONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD NOT WANT ON THE KCA WEBSITE!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

For directory (optional)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

**KCA Meeting Registration
Spring 2005**

Please register by **October 14, 2005**. Registration is \$20 for members *or* \$25 for non-members

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

SEND DUES/REGISTRATION TO:

Mark Myers

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602-0537

Make checks payable to: Kentucky Council on Archives

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DIRECTIONS TO NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Traveling from Louisville, Kentucky or West

Take I-71 North
Take I 75/I-71 North
Take I-275 East
Traveling East on I-275
Take Exit 76, Three Mile Road/Northern Kentucky University (only on East 275)
Turn Right off of the Exit
Turn right at the second traffic light onto Nunn Drive

Traveling from Lexington, Kentucky or East

Take I 75 North
Take I-275 East
Traveling East on I-275
Take Exit 76, Three Mile Road/Northern Kentucky University (only on East 275)
Turn Right off of the Exit
Turn right at the second traffic light onto Nunn Drive

You can find a campus map at <http://library.nku.edu/map/campus.html>.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER.

Everyone will have to park in the visitor lot near Regent's Hall (at the bottom of the map). This isn't very far from the building. You will receive a parking permit when you register.

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DO YOU NEED A PLACE TO STAY ON THURSDAY NIGHT?

If so...

You can check on the Internet at <http://www.northern-kentucky.com/areaguide-northern-kentucky-hotels.htm>
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PLEASE NOTE

KCA HAS A NEW TREASURER

Anything you would have sent to Nancy DeMarcus (e.g., dues or meeting registration) should now go to
Mark Myers
Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
P.O. Box 537
Frankfort, KY 40602 - 0537

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED FOR THE KCA LISTSERV, SEE PAGE 18 OF THIS NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE, ITS WEB ADDRESS HAS CHANGED, SO PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEW URL.



KENTUCKY TO BECOME PART OF LARGEST REGIONAL ARCHIVES ORGANIZATION

Chicago, IL (May, 2005) – Kentucky’s historic treasures and those who preserve them have found new friends across the Midwest as the Commonwealth of Kentucky has been added to the membership states of the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC), the country’s largest regional professional organization of archivists. The alignment brings to archivists and allied professionals across the state of Kentucky a host of professional development opportunities and positions the state’s wealth of historic records in greater light within the profession. Previously, Kentucky was not part of any regional organization.

The Midwest Archives Conference was founded in 1972 by archivists in seven Midwestern states. Over time, the number grew to twelve. MAC publishes quarterly newsletters and a respected journal of archival theory and research and holds biannual conferences in different communities across the Midwest. At its recent spring meeting in Chicago, MAC members voted unanimously in favor of making Kentucky its thirteenth member state acknowledging the important contributions Kentucky archivists have made to MAC in the past, the state’s cultural and geographic connections with several MAC states, as well as its non-aligned status.

“Along with Steve McShane, our immediate past president, I am excited to welcome members of the Kentucky archival community to join MAC,” states MAC President Elisabeth Wittman. “We’re looking forward to working with Kentucky archivists in the years ahead and holding a first MAC meeting in the state in the near future.”

Chadwick Owen of the University of Louisville and Chuck Hill from Eastern Kentucky University brought the proposal to MAC’s governing council in the fall of 2004 on behalf of the Kentucky Council on Archives (KCA), a statewide professional organization. At their members’ meeting this past April 29th in Chicago, MAC members voted unanimously in favor of the proposal. Nancy DeMarcus of the University of Kentucky and Debbie Whalen of Eastern Kentucky University were on hand to accept the good news on behalf of the KCA. Also present were Hill, as well as Lisa Carter and Deirdre Scaggs, both of the University of Kentucky.

Archivists are specially-trained information professionals who take on the difficult challenge of preserving historic records for future generations while making them available to researchers today. Archivists are employed by colleges and universities, museums and historical societies, religious organizations and government agencies, as well as corporations and other private institutions. The Kentucky Council on Archives, formed in 1976, has over 100 members and will continue in its mission to aid in the preservation of Kentucky’s historic records while encouraging its members to join MAC for expanded professional development and networking opportunities.

From the Chair (cont'd)

that our commitment alone cannot protect that trust from all threats, whether manmade, natural, or even a combination thereof. However, most of us also recognize that another part of our profession is the ability to bring order out of chaos, and it is this tendency that I believe will inspire our colleagues to persevere. In the meantime, I encourage all of you who are interested to follow in the archival community's response to Katrina to visit the SAA's Katrina web page, <http://www.archivists.org/news/katrina.asp>, or that of the Society of Southwest Archivists, <http://www.ssacares.org>. [Please see below.]

In happier news, I hope that many of you will join me in a northward trek to Bloomington, Indiana, for the first meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference since Kentucky became "Lucky 13!" The meeting will be held September 29th through October 1st at the Memorial Union at Indiana University, and I understand from my colleagues on the Program Committee that not only did we have many more registrants than expected, but that MAC attendees had completely filled up the Memorial Union hotel and were slowly beginning to occupy the overflow hotel nearby! I'm told that rooms will still be rented at the conference rate for as long as "there's still room in the inn," so if you're on the fence about attending this fall's MAC meeting, I encourage you to attend! [Please see page 5 above for the MAC press release concerning Kentucky's admission.]

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the constant support of my fellow Board members, Jennifer Gregory, Beth Shields, Chuck Hill, and Nancy DeMarcus, as well as Larry LaFollette as ex officio, and of course our Treasurer Mark Myers and newsletter editor Jim Cundy. I count myself lucky to have such a great group of colleagues to lean upon and learn from.

I look forward to a fantastic meeting in Highland Heights, and I hope to see you all there in October!

Chad Owen
KCA Chair, 2005-2006

NEWS

State Mourns Passing of "Father of Kentucky Archives"

Members of the Kentucky Council on Archives join citizens of the Commonwealth in mourning the passing of our State Historian Laureate, Dr. Thomas Dionysius Clark

Kentucky lost its most determined and eloquent advocate for archives and history with the passing of Thomas D. Clark on June 28, 2005. Dr. Clark, who would have celebrated his 102nd birthday on July 14th, worked throughout his life to protect and preserve historical resources and encourage the creation and continuing support of archives and records programs. Dr. Clark lent his voice and his remarkable energy to a number of worthy causes, including library development and formation of the Department of Special Collections at the University of Kentucky (UK), creation of the new Kentucky History Center, development of the University Press of Kentucky, and creation and growth for the state archives at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Dr. Clark was the first Kentucky Council on Archives Fellow, as well as the inaugural recipient of the Thomas D. Clark Kentucky Archives Week Award in 2002. He also received the Society of American Archivists' J. Franklin Jameson Award for Archival Advocacy in 1993.

Whether Dr. Clark was speaking before both houses of the General Assembly, cajoling every Kentucky governor over a 70 year period, or meeting with a local historical society, he was always working to build understanding of the importance of our historical records and of the institutions and people who preserve them. He was our most indefatigable champion, and he told our story with eloquence and warmth, in a remarkably accessible way. The Kentucky Council on Archives and its members are thankful for his long and productive life, and for his positive impact on all Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories.

Kentucky archivists remain in his debt, as he remains in our hearts and minds.

Submitted by Barbara Teague

*GRANT FUNDS TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR
KATRINA RELIEF*

Dear Colleagues:

The Society of Southwest Archivists and the Society of American Archivists announce the creation of the SSA-SAA Emergency Disaster Assistance Grant Fund--a fund established to address the stabilization and recovery needs of archival repositories that have been directly affected by Hurricane Katrina. Any repository that holds archival records or special collections and that is located in Hurricane Katrina-affected areas of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, or Mississippi is eligible to apply for a grant. The repository need not be a member of SSA or SAA.

Grant monies may be used for the direct recovery of damaged or at-risk archival materials; such services as freeze drying, storage, transportation of materials, and rental facilities; supplies, including acid-free boxes and folders, storage cartons, cleaning materials, plastic milk crates, and protective gear; and to defray the costs for volunteers or other laborers who assist with the recovery.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST OUR
COLLEAGUES BY SUPPORTING THE FUND,
PLEASE VISIT

<http://www.archivists.org/katrina/contribute.asp>

TO MAKE YOUR DONATION. BOTH SAA
AND SSA HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$5,000 IN
"SEED" MONEY TO ESTABLISH THE FUND.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, SEE
BELOW FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDS.

How much funding is available? Initially grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded. Additional requests

may be considered if funds remain available. Approved grant payments may be made directly to a service provider, upon the grantee's request, if an itemized invoice is presented. Recipients will be asked to provide a financial accounting of expenditures made using the award within 6 months of receiving the funding.

How do I apply? A short application form is available on the SAA website at <http://www.archivists.org/katrina/apply.asp>.

Or, if you prefer, you may submit a letter containing the information listed below. Ideally, the letter should come from the head of your organization, but it may come from a primary contact. Please include contact information for both the head of the organization and the primary contact if these are different individuals. Send the letter to: SSA President Brenda Gunn, Assistant Director for Research and Collections, Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin, 1 University Station, D1100, Austin, TX 78712; 512-495-4385; 512-495-4542 (fax); [log in to unmask]. The letter of application should address the following:

- The mission of your repository;
- Brief description of archival collection(s);
- Description of damage to the affected collection(s) (which may include supporting photographs or digital images);
- How much funding you are requesting;
- Brief description of how the funds will be used;
- What other sources of funding are available to the repository?
- If selected, to whom should the check be made payable?

How will recipients be selected? A review panel comprising four SSA former presidents and the immediate past treasurer, along with one member of the SAA Council, will review applications and select the grant recipients. The committee will score proposals based on the application criteria.

The Society of American Archivists is responsible for financial administration of the fund.

Here's how you can help:

MAKE YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE
CONTRIBUTION NOW TO HELP SUPPORT
OUR COLLEAGUES AND THEIR
REPOSITORIES.

To donate online, visit

<http://www.archivists.org/katrina/contribute.asp>

Or send your contribution by fax (using a credit card) to 312-347-1452 or via mail to: Society of American Archivists, Attn: EDA Grant Fund, 527 South Wells Street, Fifth Floor, Chicago, IL 60607.

Thank you!

Brenda Gunn, President
Society of Southwest Archivists

Richard Pearce-Moses, President
Society of American Archivists

BILL RICHARDSON RETIRES

KDLA's State Publications Coordinator, Bill Richardson, retired on June 30, 2005, after seventeen years with the department. During his years with the Public Records Division, Bill brought a new level of intellectual control and accessibility to the department's extensive collection of state agency publications, dating from the early years of the 19th century down to the electronic publications and web sites that we deal with today. He regularly shared his knowledge of the "published archives" of state agencies with hundreds of researchers from all parts of the country, and many were amazed to discover the wealth of information that these sources contain. He was also an active member of KCA and of the Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) of the Kentucky Library Association.

As an archives intern at the department in 1983, Bill was the author of *An Administrative History of Kentucky Courts to 1850* (Frankfort:

KDLA, 1983), a valuable introduction to Kentucky's judicial system during its early years. Between 1990 and 1994, Bill also wrote a regular feature column, "Public Issues, Public Records", in KDLA's newsletter of that period, *Keynote*. This column tried to develop a broader public understanding of the way archival records and state publications provide valuable documentation of current public policy issues, including such topics as water resources, hazardous waste, the state's economy, public health, Kentucky's environmental record, and agriculture and tobacco, and disaster preparedness.

Bill's colleagues and friends will remember good times shared at professional meetings and will miss his broad professional knowledge, quick wit, and informed opinions on music and good restaurants. Best wishes to you in your retirement, Bill!

Submitted by Richard Belding

*NEH GRANT TO AID DEVELOPMENT OF UK'S
BERT T. COMBS APPALACHIAN COLLECTION*

The University of Kentucky Appalachian Center and the Libraries' Special Collections and Digital Programs have been awarded a \$200,503 two-year grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) Division of Preservation and Access.

The NEH grant will enable library staff to create detailed descriptions of more than 50 Appalachian-related collections, which will enhance accessibility to students, scholars, and researchers through the Kentuckiana Digital Library and on the Internet.

Special Collections and Digital Program's Archives contain collections of tremendous scope and depth representing donations from across the state. With an ever-growing amount of primary source material needing arrangement and description, and a strong interest in using some of these collections in Appalachian-focused research and curriculum, the Appalachian Center and Archives partnered to seek NEH funds to arrange

and describe some of the Appalachian portion of the collection.

“Since the 1940s, the UK collection has served as a magnet for gifts and is now the state’s most extensive collection of privately generated, primary source material. This enormous body of material exceeds 30,000 linear feet of manuscripts, archives, and audio-visual images and recordings,” said, Bill Marshall, curator of manuscripts and principal investigator for the grant. “The primary source material portion of the Appalachian Collection now consists of more than 100 record groups pertaining to Appalachia and its people.”

The Appalachian Collection was founded in 1977 as part of an NEH grant to support the formation of an Appalachian Center and Appalachian curriculum at UK. Existing Appalachian research resources were identified, funding was provided to hire an Appalachian librarian/archivist, and an active campaign to acquire new secondary and primary source materials was initiated.

“Responsibility for the growth of the Appalachian Collection can largely be laid at the feet of the first two Appalachian librarians at UK, Anne Campbell Ritchie and Kate Black,” Marshall said.

The NEH project will allow library staff to process 20 collections that have previously been unavailable to the public. Some of the collections that will become available through the NEH project include papers of coal companies and resource extraction industries in Eastern Kentucky. Other collections include the papers of prominent regional authors, such as Harriette Simpson Arnow and George Ella Lyon.

The papers of prominent Eastern Kentucky families and civic leaders -- such as the Means-Seaton family, who figured significantly in development of the iron industry in Ashland and Cora Wilson Stewart, who founded the Moonlight School in Morehead and gained national attention in her fight against illiteracy -- will receive upgraded finding aids .

“The availability of previously unprocessed collections, coupled with improved finding aids for those collections that are available, will have a

tremendous impact on use of the Appalachian Collection,” Marshall said.

The UK proposal has also been designated a “We the People American History” project by the NEH. This NEH program seeks to enhance the teaching and understanding of American history through grants to scholars, teachers, filmmakers, museums, libraries, individuals and institutions.

Kate Black, archivist, Jeff Spradling, assistant director of the Appalachian Center, and Eric Weig, head of Digital Programs, are co-principal investigators on the project.

For more information about the Appalachian Collection project, contact Spradling at (859) 257-8265 or jspra2@uky.edu.

Submitted by Lisa Carter

UK PROGRAMS COMBINE TO CREATE ONLINE ARCHIVE

The University of Kentucky’s University Archives and Records Program (UARP) has combined with UK’s Digital Programs unit to produce an online archive of the university’s Board of Trustees (BOT). Work on this project began when the BOT meeting minutes between 1862 and the present, including supporting data, were preserved by the University. The Reprographics/Preservation Reformatting Center and the University Archives and Records Program (UARP) units collaborated to provide microfilm copies of the BOT meeting minutes from 1878 - 2002. A card indexing system arranged alphabetically by person’s name was maintained through 1995. In 1997, a partial word searchable online model was created by person’s name, action performed and meeting date. This model encompassed 1990 – 2002 history of the BOT. The BOT meeting minutes and supporting data 2001 – present are mounted online by the President’s Office.

With the purchase of the Melk microfilm scanner, a comprehensive online, searchable Board of Trustees Archives became possible. The collaboration of Digital Programs and UARP which are both located in the Special Collections and

Digital Programs Division provides this improved patron access. UARP provides the early handwritten meeting minutes in electronic, microfilm, and, if necessary, hard copy formats. Digital Programs provides the equipment and technical expertise to digitize the materials. The following technical note explains this process.

This year, the BOT meeting minutes have been resurrected from the cold vault to find new life as 61,328 keyword searchable digital page image files that span 144 years of University history, 1862 – 2005. The digitization of 1,230 meetings, including their respective reports and appendices, took nine months to complete.

51,079 pages of the Board of Trustees meeting minutes have been digitized primarily by a microfilm-to-digital image capture methodology. Automation, using the lab's Melk M525 microfilm scanner, drastically increased production and significantly expedited the project's completion. Yet it produced varying degrees of text legibility which can affect the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) accuracy. This coupled with the myriad typewriters, word processors, and blue carbon copy transcriptions used to record the minutes over the years, including the original journal entries for 1878 and 1879, made the maintenance of consistent text a challenge. Every effort has been made to present clear, readable text throughout the project.

In addition to the microfilm-to-digital images, some 6,347 page images were gathered from source document user copies including an information rich 300 page bound volume of the University's earliest meeting minutes, 1862-1880. These text pages were captured using a Plustek OpticBook 3600 flat-bed scanner. As with the microfilmed pages, the text quality of the source documents varied and every effort was made to capture clear, readable text.

To make this resource complete, 3,904 meeting minute pages and their respective reports and attachments were appropriated from the official University of Kentucky Board of Trustees website using PDF2Images software. This program converts PDF documents to individual TIFF page images. The table of contents, sometimes identified online as "Agenda", and many PR1 reports were converted

from their web page format using Word and PDF2Image.

All preservation copies of the page image files are 400 dpi bitonal group 4 fax TIFF page image files.

For more information, see the URL:
<http://pax.uky.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ukbot&tpl=home.tpl>.

Submitted by Kopana Terry and Nancy DeMarcus

*KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT
FOR LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES
ELECTRONIC RECORDS ACTIVITIES*

The life of the Persistent Archives Testbed (PAT) Project has been extended through the end of 2006. Although information on this project is on the project's web site <http://www.sdsc.edu/PAT/> and has been the subject of presentations at numerous archival and records management conferences, the final report will not be released until the end of the grant.

KDLA's participation in the PAT project, which has focused primarily on the preservation of web records, provides the foundation for the development of its Electronic Records Archives (ERA). The ERA web site at <http://e-archives.ky.gov/> will be officially unveiled next month during Archives Week. The portion of the ERA that the Department is currently making available via the web is state agency publications and the minutes of state boards and commissions from 1996 through 2005.

With the retirement of the State Publications coordinator, Bill Richardson, the responsibilities for publications will be divided between the Public Records Division (PRD) and the State Library Services Division. PRD will still oversee acquisitions of state publications, both print and electronic, and will continue outreach and relations with state agency records officers and producers of publications and websites. State Library Services will catalog publications in the KDLA catalog and will also provide reference for the collection.

Until the cataloging is complete, KDLA has made available a database of its state publications

holdings 1792 through the middle of 2005. The database is searchable via the web by keyword in title, agency name, subject and date. A limited number of electronic publications are accessible through this database. The web link is <http://kdla.ky.gov/collections/stategov/database.htm>.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SPIRIT

As Western Kentucky University approaches its 100th anniversary, University Archives has been anticipating, researching and providing everything from raw data to copy-ready items of interest to our administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni. President Gary Ransdell created a university-wide committee of approximately 30 members on March 8, 2004.

After addressing the options of when should this celebration begin (the centennial of the charter, the centennial of the locating committee selecting Bowling Green, the centennial of H. H. Cherry being appointed President by the Board of Regents, or the centennial of the first day of class), the Centennial Committee, chaired by Potter College Dean David Lee, brainstormed numerous ideas of how best to celebrate.

As a result of our discussions, the most obvious change to Western is our mailing address. No longer do we receive mail at 1 Big Red Way; instead our local post office (and yahoo.com, we hope) recognizes 1906 College Heights Boulevard.

The official kickoff for the Century of Spirit centennial celebration at WKU is set for Nov. 19 as a part of Founders Week. Some of the activities that day will include the opening ceremony at the Guthrie Overlook at Van Meter Hall, dedication of the Centennial Plaza, unveiling of a Russ Faxon statue of Coach E.A. Diddle, and the introduction of the new university flag.

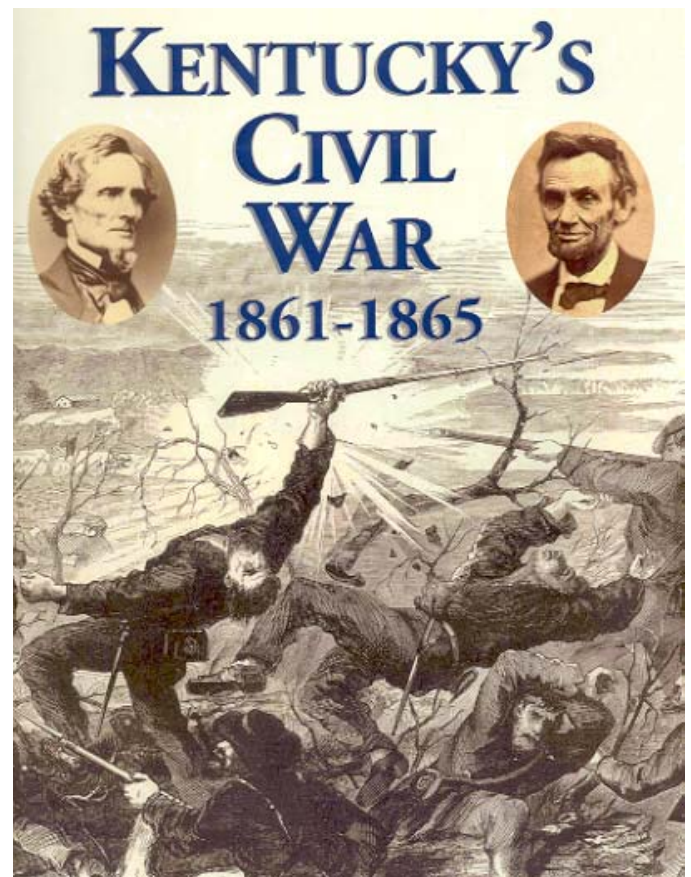
On Jan. 18, 2006, WKU will join Eastern Kentucky University for a series of events in Frankfort with the General Assembly and Gov. Ernie Fletcher. On the 22nd of January, the exhibit "Western 100: A Story of Student Life" will open in the Kentucky Library & Museum.

Additional activities are planned throughout 2006, including the dedication of a mosaic, mural and performances of specially commissioned music and a full-blown Homecoming celebration. A closing ceremony on Jan. 22, 2007 will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first class held as Western Kentucky State Normal School. To keep the centennial memories fresh, a special issue calendar and a centennial poster will be available to the public. Hoping to add a pictorial history of enduring value to our alumni, Nancy Disher Baird, Carol Crowe-Carraco and I have co-authored a pictorial history entitled *Western: The First 100 Years* which Harmony House is preparing for 2006 publication.

For more information about WKU's Centennial Celebration visit www.wku.edu/centennial.

Submitted by Sue Lynn McDaniel

CIVIL WAR BOOK SIGNING



Lovers of Civil War literature won't want to miss the book signing scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 23, 2-4pm at the Kentucky Library and Museum in Bowling Green. The book, a new release this Fall by the publishers of "Back Home in Kentucky," is titled KENTUCKY'S CIVIL WAR: 1861-1865, and is a compilation of articles written by about 30 distinguished scholars and writers that originally appeared in the magazine.

Among the authors expected for the book signing are Lowell Harrison, Michael Trapasso, Bryan Bush, Bill Matthews, and perhaps Charles Bogart and Joe Reinhart. Books can be purchased at the book signing; prices (which include sales tax) are **\$27.95** for soft cover, **\$37.95** for hard bound. Twenty percent of the proceeds from this book signing will benefit the Kentucky Library and Museum.

The publication has a wealth of information and is, according to the publisher, "a comprehensive representation of Kentucky's role in that tragic conflict, as interpreted by Kentucky's finest Civil War scholars and writers." In addition to the articles, there are many seldom-seen photos and drawings and an original four-color pull-out map which provides information about battles, skirmishes, historic sites, forts, cemeteries, railroads and Confederate defensive lines.

For more information about the Civil War book signing, contact Earlene Chelf at (270) 745-5263 or earlene.chelf@wku.edu or check the Website: www.wku.edu/Library/kylm

Submitted by Sue Lynn McDaniel

ARMA CHAPTER WINS AWARD

The Frankfort/Bluegrass Chapter of ARMA International won the Small Chapter of the Year Award for 2004-2005. ARMA International is the premier international organization for records managers. This is the third year in a row Frankfort/Bluegrass has won Small Chapter of the Year. ARMA International presented the award to the chapter at ARMA's 50th annual conference, held

September 17-21 in Chicago. Accepting the award was Lisa Wilson, Immediate Past President of the Chapter, who had guided it to another award-winning year. Also present were Samantha Lofton, chapter president preceding Lisa, and Jim Cundy, current chapter president.

The chapter is comprised of thirty-two members from both the public and private sectors, including KCA members Samantha Lofton, Mark Myers, and Jim Cundy. Regular activities include monthly meetings in Lexington that feature speakers addressing records-management related topics. The Chapter's next major projects will include a spring seminar held jointly with the Cincinnati chapter and getting KCA member Larry LaFollette to renew his membership and attend the monthly meetings.

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SAA Education Calendar

<http://www.archivists.org/>

Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)
Bloomington, IN
9/28/2005

Encoded Archival Description
Dallas, TX
10/10/2005–10/11/2005

Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)
College Station, TX
10/17/2005

MARC According to DACS: Archival Cataloging to the New Descriptive Standard (REVISED)
Houston-Clear Lake, TX
10/20/2005–10/21/2005

Basic PC Hardware and Software
(IT Training for Practicing Archivists)
Atlanta, GA

10/21/2005

Introduction to Databases
(IT Training for Practicing Archivists)
Atlanta, GA
10/21/2005

Describing Photographs in the Online Environment
(NEW)
New York, NY
11/7/2005

Delivering Databases via the Web: An Introduction
(IT Training for Practicing Archivists)
Atlanta, GA
10/22/2005

Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)
Los Angeles, CA
2/22/2006

Use of Markup Languages
(IT Training for Practicing Archivists)
Atlanta, GA
10/22/2005

MARC According to DACS: Archival Cataloging
to the New Descriptive Standard (REVISED)
Los Angeles, CA
2/23/2006–2/24/2006

Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)
Seattle, WA
10/28/2005

Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)
Minneapolis, MN
3/8/2006

Oral History: From Planning to Preservation
Tucson, AZ
10/28/2005

MARC According to DACS: Archival Cataloging
to the New Descriptive Standard (REVISED)
Minneapolis, MN
3/9/2006–3/10/2006

Business Archives...Establishing and Managing an
Archives
Atlanta, GA
11/2/2005–11/4/2005

Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)
Boston, MA
3/10/2006

Copyright: The Archivist and the Law
Columbia, MO
11/3/2005–11/4/2005

Understanding Web Technologies
(IT Training for Practicing Archivists)
Atlanta, GA
3/24/2006

Archival Perspectives in Digital Preservation
Richmond, VA
11/3/2005–11/4/2005

Networking and Telecommunications for Archivists
(IT Training for Practicing Archivists)
Atlanta, GA
3/25/2006

Understanding Photographs: Introduction to
Archival Principles and Practices
Washington, DC
11/3/2005–11/4/2005

Oral History: From Planning to Preservation
University Park, PA
3/27/2006

Understanding Archives: An Introduction to
Principles and Practices
Frankfort, KY
11/7/2005–11/8/2005

MARC According to DACS: Archival Cataloging
to the New Descriptive Standard (REVISED)
Indianapolis, IN
4/13/2006–4/14/2006

Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACs)
Albany, NY
4/24/2006

Archival Perspectives in Digital Preservation
University Park, PA
4/27/2006–4/28/2006

Digitization of Archival Materials
(IT Training for Practicing Archivists)
Atlanta, GA
5/19/2006

Digital Libraries and Digital Archives
(IT Training for Practicing Archivists)
Atlanta, GA
5/20/2006

*SAA TO HOLD WORKSHOP IN FRANKFORT
KENTUCKIANS CAN SAVE \$100*

SAA will hold the workshop “Understanding Archives: An Introduction to Principles and Practices” in Frankfort on Monday, November 7 and Tuesday November 8. This workshop will provide an overview of basic archival functions, including appraisal and accessioning, arrangement and description, preservation, and reference.

As a workshop participant, you will:

- Learn basic principles that guide archives work;
- Practice applying those principles to appraisal, arrangement, description, and preservation of historical records;
- Discuss participants’ questions about situations at their own archives;

Workshop participants who complete the two day program will earn 1.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Registration fees are as follows: **Early bird (on or before 10/8/2005):** SAA Member: \$285.00; Nonmember: \$365.00 **Regular (after 10/8/2005):** SAA Member: \$310.00; Nonmember: \$390.00

Through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the Kentucky SHRAB and the Society of American

Archivists will provide a \$130 subvention toward the registration fee of workshop attendees who meet the following criteria: if you are a member of the Kentucky Council on Archives, the Kentucky Library Association, or work in a Kentucky archives, library, historic site, or museum, you are eligible for a \$130 scholarship for partial payment of your registration for this workshop.

To register, go to the following web site and follow the registration instructions listed:

<http://www.archivists.org/prof-education/workshop-detail.asp?id=1590>

Submitted by Barbara Teague

SOLINET OPPORTUNITIES

SOLINET offers training that is often relevant to the work of archivists, such as those on micrographics or disaster planning. You can see what they have to offer by taking a look at the printable PDF of the Fall Class Schedule at <http://www.solinet.net/go/5,31,1-17IWT>.

You can also find classes on specific topics using the online searchable schedule at <http://www.solinet.net/go/5,37,1-17IWT>.

LOCAL RECORDS TRAINING SESSIONS

Branch Manager Jerry Carlton and his staff, along with KDLA’s Electronic Records Archivist and KCA member Mark Myers, will offer ELIA-approved records management training workshops for school administrators in the following locations before the end of 2005:

Lincoln County High School	October 11
Fleming County School District	October 25
Ky School Plant Management Association (Embassy Suites Lexington)	October 26
Christian County School District	November 17

Historic Information Management At Southeast Community College

Southeast Community College announces the introduction of The Historic Information Management Program. The program consists of separate certificate programs in each of three concentrations: **Archival Management**, **Museum Management**, and **Records Management**. The HIM program is developed to meet the needs of busy adults desiring to further their education while working from home or office.

All classes in the Historic Information Management Certificate Program are available on-line and designed to deliver a fundamental technical grounding in each profession. They are not intended to be a short cut or substitute for undergraduate or graduate professional education in any of these areas. Rather, the courses are designed to specifically aid those individuals who are:

1. Currently employed in one or more areas of Historical Information Management and may not have the resources to pursue undergraduate or graduate training, but still desire to grow in their profession and improve their job skills...
2. Anticipating a professional career in an area of Historic Information Management. These individual can learn about their chosen profession and gain the job skills to work part-time in that field while completing their undergraduate or graduate education...
3. Anticipating a career change or simply want to know more about the professions of archives management, museum management, or records management...

For further information regarding the Historic Information Program please visit <http://www.secc.kctcs.edu/AppalachianCenter/archives/HIM/index.htm> or contact:

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The Kentucky Archives Week Report



Kentucky Archives Week *A Sense of Place*

The **2005 Kentucky Archives Week** will be held October 9-15, 2005. The Archives Week Coordinating Committee and the State Historical Records Advisory Board set broad themes for the next several years for the Archives Week celebrations, to aid archivists in planning events. These are: "Sense of Place," 2005; "Family Heritage," 2006; "Leisure," 2007; "The 50th Anniversary of the Kentucky Public Records Act," 2008; and "Abraham Lincoln," 2009. Kentucky Archives Week will generally be held in Kentucky, during the second full week of October, unless there are national plans for Archives Week in the future. Further information will come from the Archives Week Coordinating Committee soon! The Archives Week Website (<http://archivesweek.ky.gov/>) has been updated to include available information for 2005.

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives will feature three lunch-time speakers during Archives Week: On Tuesday, October 11, Lisa Thompson will discuss early health care in Kentucky in "Quacks, Pill Peddlers, and Noble Healers: Tracking the Medical Professions." On Wednesday, October 12, Jim Prichard, KDLA's Research Room Supervisor, will address family values in a talk titled "Community Values and the Courts: Profanity, Indecency and Other Scandalous Behavior in Old Kentucky." On Thursday, October 13, Walter Bowman will give a talk on war: "Kentuckians in the Spanish American War and the Philippine Insurrection." Each of these talks will be followed by a tour of the State Archives for all in attendance. Please see the Archives Week website for a listing of other events to be held that week.

2005 Thomas D. Clark Award. The Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board will present the Thomas D. Clark Award during Kentucky's annual Archives Week. The award will go to Dr. James Klotter of Georgetown College, Kentucky's State Historian. Dr. Klotter received his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. His specializations are Kentucky history, Appalachian history, Southern history, and post-Civil War America. He has authored, co-authored, or edited numerous volumes on Kentucky history, including *Kentucky: Portrait in Paradox, 1900-1950*; *Kentucky Justice, Southern Honor, and American Manhood: Understanding the Life and Death of Richard Reid*; *William Goebel: The Politics of Wrath*; *The Breckinridges of Kentucky, 1760-1981*; *Our Kentucky: A Study of the Bluegrass State*; *Faces of Kentucky*; and, with Lowell Harrison, *A New History of Kentucky*. Dr. Klotter is being recognized for his scholarship and his leadership as head of the Kentucky Historical Society for many years.