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ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS and UPCOMING EVENTS:

We meet at the Boyle County Public Library on the **THIRD MONDAY** of each month at 6:30 p.m.,

NEXT MEETINGS OF THE BCGHS, Inc (Dates are relatively firm, speakers may be tentative):

Monday, September 21, 6:30 pm, Neil Kasiak, Eastern Kentucky University, on the role of newspapers in genealogical research, and the changing role of newspapers over time.

Monday, October 19, 6:30 pm, Resources at the Forkland Abraham Lincoln Museum

Monday, November 16, 6:30 pm, Grace Yoder, Methodist Archives at Asbury University

Monday, December 21, 6:30 pm, Christmas Meeting, Meet and Greet, Snacks, and Mementos of Times Past, bring something from your past that is important to you.

And for extremely long-term planning –

Monday, September 19, 2016, John Peters, on the McCormick Church, and the Quinton family.

PAST MEETINGS OF THE BCGHS, INC:

Monday, March 16, 2015, 6:30 pm, Carolyn Crabtree and Mike Denis on the mineral springs of Boyle County

Monday, April 20, 2015, 6:30 pm, Michael C. Watson, author of, *Kentucky Divorces 1792-1850, An Index to Divorces Granted or Authorized by the State Legislature 1792-1850 From the Statutes.* 2012.

Monday, May 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Kent Whitworth, Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Society, Kentucky's 1792 Constitution and the Constitution journals from 1788-1792.

Monday, June 15, 2015, 6:30 pm, Mary Ashby, Boyle County Public Library, on recent and new projects at BCPL.

Monday, July 18, 2015, 6:30 pm, "What happens to all my work?", suggestions on how to preserve those years of work after we're gone, Mike Denis

THE KENTUCKY TRIBUNE---EXTRA.
TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION!
DANVILLE IN RUINS!
ABOUT SEVENTY BUILDINGS DESTROYED!
LOSS \$300,000 TO \$400,000!!!

About 3 o'clock yesterday evening, a fire broke out in the large frame residence of Professor Matthews, on Fourth street, and the wind being from the South-west, the flames were speedily carried over the town.

We have no time for particulars. About half the town is in ruins—embracing the greater part of the North side of Main street, and the blocks immediately back in that direction; the buildings burned, number about 70, embracing the residence of Prof. Matthews, the Reform Church, the residence of Dr. G. T. Erwin, the Battered House, Court House, Episcopal Church, Bell & Cowan's office, W. M. Stout's Store-building, G. F. Cornelius' two grocery establishments, D. A. Russell's corner, occupied by Welsh & Co., the Tribune Printing Office, Hewey's Furniture Ware-rooms, A. S. McGroarty's Store-rooms, and the Store-rooms of L. Dimmitt, M. Levenson, Wm. Wollaston, S. P. Barbee, S. F. Maguire, H. Hamilton, A. W. Barker, J. B. Akin, G. R. Smith, John Hughes, H. Hommel, &c. &c., Grubbs' large Coach Factory, 2nd Presbyterian Church, Shindelbower's Confectionery, Webb's Gunsmith shop, and the residences of G. W. Doneghy, Mrs. Cowan, G. P. Newlin, John F. Zimmerman, J. F. Virden, S. F. Maguire, A. W. Barker, C. P. Ball, Mrs. Nancy Akin, and many other buildings, including residences, business houses and outbuildings. We cannot in the present state of excitement, give a full correct list of the losers either in building or stock. Many of the buildings belonged to other persons than those occupying them.

We will issue another extra as soon as possible. Most of the records of the two Clerk's offices, we hope are saved.

Our printing office is a total loss—nothing was saved. We hope, however, to make such an arrangement as will enable us to re-commence the issue of our paper in a few weeks.

The amount of insurance on the property burned, we cannot, of course, arrive at, as yet. Some of the losers are partly insured, but very many had no insurance whatever. Vast amounts of goods and furniture were burned.

DANVILLE, Thursday morning, Feb. 23, 1869.

Kentucky Historical Society

Monday, August 17, 2015, 6:30 pm, Dick Bauer, President, Harrodsburg Historical Society, on their organization, resources, library and museum.

OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST:

Wednesday – Saturday, September 16-19: The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) is holding their annual conference in Louisville from **September 16-19**. AASLH hasn't brought their conference to Kentucky in about thirty years. So, this is a great opportunity to learn about new innovations and best practices in the field. It's also another wonderful networking opportunity, because this conference should bring about 1,000 museum and local history professionals to Louisville. Please consider attending **or volunteering** during the conference. Volunteer opportunities abound, and it's a great way to take advantage of the conference. For information about the conference, see <http://about.aaslh.org/conference/>. **To volunteer**, see <http://history.ky.gov/portfolio/aaslh-2015-annual-meeting-volunteer-opportunities/> (Info courtesy of Stuart Sanders, KHS)

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AND TIPS – From www.genealogy.com, Articles:

Determining accuracy of information -- Remember that you can't believe everything that you read. It is important to evaluate the source and the possibilities for inaccuracies. Below are a few things to keep in mind.

1. When you find new information for your family tree, check for inconsistencies. One example is the case where two children in the same family were born on dates that were impossibly close together. (However, keep double dates in mind.) For an explanation of double dates.
2. When you suspect problems, try to verify the information using other documents. Most genealogical information can be found in more than one place, so take the time to check other documents out.
3. Think about when the record was created. Records that were made at the time of the event are more likely to be correct than sources that were made several years later. For example, birth dates are often listed on death certificates, but you are more likely to get the correct date if you find it on a birth certificate.

Name and Word Spellings -- As you read through older records, you'll often find words and names spelled in a variety of ways, even in the same document. Even in more recent records, you may come across typos and other inadvertent spelling errors. While misspellings of words may only be slightly bothersome, spelling problems related to names can make deciphering records and tracing families difficult for today's genealogists. For example, Roland Shumate, a Family Tree Maker user from Baltimore, Maryland, knows about name spelling changes firsthand. Roland's surname was thought to be German or Dutch, but it turned out to be French: Choamote. The name had been changed when his ancestors immigrated in 1700. Roland's great, great grandfather's name was Jean Dela Choamote. With the correct surname in hand, finding records pertaining to Mr. Shumate's ancestors is much easier.

Why Do Spelling Inconsistencies Exist? -- First, name spellings weren't standardized several generations ago, so many people spelled even their own name in a variety of ways. In addition, many people couldn't write, and those who wrote for them when the need arose sometimes had minimal spelling skills and just spelled phonetically, writing down what they heard. More drastic name changes often took place when a family immigrated to the United States. The family may have Americanized its name by dropping syllables or difficult letter combinations, translating their name to English, or changing it completely. In addition, immigration officers often made mistakes or had to guess at more difficult name spellings, doing their best to spell out what they heard. You can find similar problems in census records when the enumerator interviewed newly-arrived immigrants. Finally, spelling mistakes exist simply due to human error. Record-keepers and transcribers aren't any more perfect than the rest of us!

Problems with Pronunciation -- All kinds of records were prone to spelling mishaps, including vital records, church records, and of course the immigration and census records mentioned above. Throughout all of these documents, the following letters were often confused due to verbal miscommunication: B and P, D and T, F and P, F and V, G and K, J and Y, S and Z, V and B, V and W, and W and R, depending on the accent of the person who was saying the name and the person who was writing it. In addition, C and S could become CH and SH. Also, double letters, such as RR or LL, could turn into a single R or L, and vice-versa. Vowels were prone to change as well. I, IE, EY, and Y were often interchanged and the same happened with O and OE, A and AY, and other similar vowel combinations. E could be added to or dropped off of the end at will (and the same goes for S). Vowels could also be dropped out of the middle of a name, leaving several consonants in a row. These are all letter changes to keep in mind when you are looking for a family name in a record set. Let's take a look at an example.

Errors Caused by Handwriting -- Other types of ancestor-hiding "mistakes" to watch out for have to do with handwriting. Older styles can be difficult for us to read today, and there are some styles that were not even taught in schools, but by notaries or others to their helpers. The secretary hand, the court hand, the italic hand -- each had distinct letter forms and abbreviations. In some older handwriting styles, capital L and capital S often were written so similarly that it was difficult to tell the difference between the two. The same is true for capital I and capital J. In addition, rounded lower case letters such as A, O, and U could also appear identical, especially when the A or O was left slightly open at the top or the U was almost closed at the top. One final handwriting problem is the SS. This letter combination was often written as SF, and

even a single S was occasionally written as F. Remember, you can run into these types of errors not only when looking at handwritten documents, but also when you are looking at records that have been transcribed from older original documents. When reviewing a record with an unfamiliar handwriting style, it is important to record all the letters of the alphabet on a sheet of paper and list the variations that you come across. This self-training takes very little time and saves a lot of errors and forgetting.

Word spellings most often are just an inconvenience, but changes in name spellings are much more significant. It is important to keep different possible name spellings in mind when you are researching, so that you don't overlook records that might refer to your family.

Outdated Medical Terminology -- Over time, many disease names have changed. Below is a list of some of the old terms that you may come across and their current names.

Outdated Term	Current Term
apoplexy	stroke
bad blood	syphilis
blood poisoning	septicemia (overwhelming bacterial infection)
Bright's disease	glomerulonephritis (serious kidney disease)
consumption	tuberculosis, pulmonary
dropsy	congestive heart failure
fatty liver	cirrhosis
grippe	influenza (flu) killed lots of people in 1918
jail fever	typhus
lock jaw	tetanus
lung fever	pneumonia
lung sickness	tuberculosis
plague/black death	Bubonic plague
podagra	gout
quinsy	streptococcal tonsillitis
scrofula	tuberculosis of the neck lymph nodes
toxemia of pregnancy	eclampsia (high blood pressure & seizures)

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOCAL HISTORY CHECKOFF: Donate part of your 2015 Kentucky state income tax refund, help benefit local history. Thanks, STUART SANDERS, for this information...(Repeated from last issue)

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[A MAJOR IMPACT]

MAKE YOUR MARK FOR HISTORY!

When you check the box designating a portion of your state income tax refund to Kentucky's Local History Fund, you will make a permanent mark on history.

HOW?
That **donation**—it can be any amount you choose, even just \$1—will go a long way toward helping local historical organizations—**museums, cemetery preservation groups, educators, genealogical societies and more**—share their community's role in Kentucky's development and the lasting impact they have made on our state and nation.

Please help us spread the word.
Encourage your friends and neighbors to make their mark on history and check the box for the Local History Fund on their tax returns this year.

LOCAL HISTORY FUND FAQs

WHAT IS A TAX CHECK-OFF?
A voluntary contribution mechanism that allows anyone due a state income tax refund to donate a specific amount of it to a specific cause.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL HISTORY FUND GRANT?
Any local historical organization in Kentucky (museums, libraries, archives, historical and genealogical societies, etc.) actively enrolled in a field-based standards program—currently the American Association for State and Local History's Standards for Excellence Program for History Organizations (www.aaslh.org/steps), an affordable, accessible organization created specifically to assist small- to medium-sized organizations.

WHAT WILL BE THE TYPICAL AMOUNT AWARDED?
\$500 to \$1,500

WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES WILL THE GRANTS SUPPORT?
Anything to do with local history that meets the field-based standards of the AASLH and is designed to build organizational capacity or strengthen the organization. Such projects


include, but aren't limited to, local history education programs, collections care, cemetery preservation, publications on local history, documentaries, social media and websites.

HOW WILL GRANTS BE AWARDED?
Based on an organization's plan to advance in one or more areas represented in the standards. Grant recipients must contribute a dollar for dollar match (cash or in-kind).


WHO WILL OVERSEE THE LOCAL HISTORY FUND?
The Kentucky Historical Society. In return it will reserve 15 percent of the annual contribution to cover administration costs.

WHY THEM?
Since 1836, the state has mandated the Kentucky Historical Society to be the keeper of the commonwealth's legacy. KHS has broadened this commitment to include helping Kentuckians recognize history's value and role in the world today and then use that awareness to address contemporary challenges.

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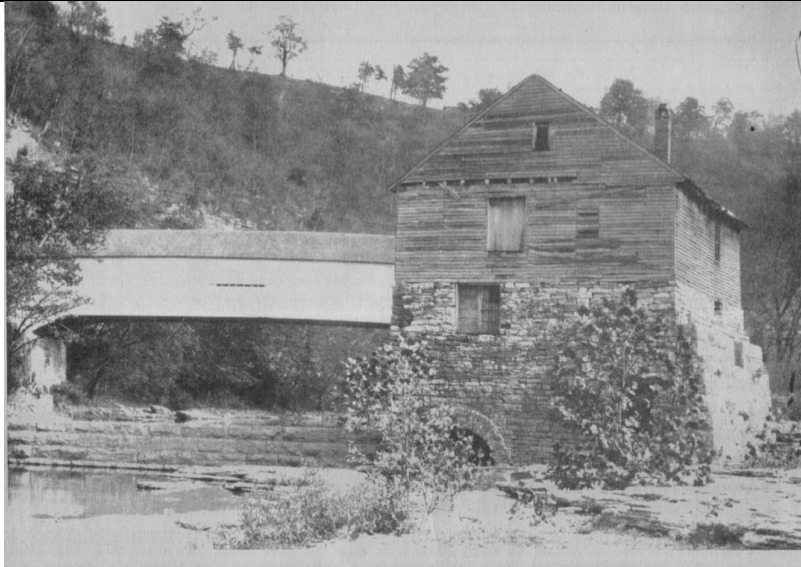
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GENEALOGY ON TELEVISION: Who Do You Think You Are, on TLC, 9:00 pm, Sunday nights. Finding Your Roots, PBS -- due to the flap over Ben Affleck's censoring of his slave-owning ancestors last year, the program WILL be on, but it will be delayed.



CAPTION: TIME AND WATER OVER THE DAM FOR OLD KING'S MILL, now submerged beneath the waters of the man-made Herrington lake formed in 1925. the windows are boarded up and the old mill has been set aside for grinding purposes in this picture which is not dated. In the busy years, Dix River was dammed and water from it furnished power for the undershot wheel in the mill to grind wheat, corn, barley, oats and other small grain for the farmers and settlers of surrounding counties. The weather must have been very dry; there is no water going over the dam; the trees and grass indicate it is summer time. The bridge however was probably still in use on the Danville, Lancaster and Nicholasville Turnpike Company's road from Danville to Lexington.

BCGHS, Inc. PUBLICATIONS:

Publication	Price	Price & Tax	Shipping
Corrections and Additions ONLY for the First Printing of <u>The Boyle County, Kentucky, Cemetery Records 1792-1992</u> , For those who already have the first printing of this book, the 10 pages of corrections and additions is available separately.	\$4.72	\$5.00	\$1.00
It's History: from Brenda's Notebook. The articles, covering a time period from the 1980s to 2012, tell personal family histories of people, schools, locations, buildings, churches and memories of the past in Boyle County and the surrounding counties. The book is indexed and contains photographs that were also used to accompany the articles. Contact the BCGA at (859) 236-1069 or e-mail ctree1492@ctreeacres.com , or Brenda Edwards at (859) 239-8990.		\$53.00	\$7.00
Early Days In Danville by Calvin Morgan Fackler. This hardback book was first published in 1941 and chronicles the history of Danville/Boyle County from its early beginnings in 1784 to the Civil War era. The book is indexed and mentions many early family names, along with stories of the families.	\$18.87	\$20.00	\$5.00

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