

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

Archives and Records Management Division

Archival Services Branch

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Historical and Genealogical Sources at the Kentucky State Archives

Archives Research Room hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00.

The Research Room is closed Saturday, Sunday, official state holidays, and for special events.

COUNTY RECORDS

Included are bonds, deeds, estate settlements, marriages, tax assessments, wills, and other records related to the function of local government. Arranged by county. Availability varies according to county.

CITY RECORDS

Included are city records, which may contain minutes, ordinances, resolutions, naturalizations, and pre-1911 city birth and death registers from Covington (Kenton County), Lexington (Fayette County), Louisville (Jefferson County), and Newport (Campbell County). Arranged by city. Availability varies according to city.

JUDICIAL RECORDS

Included are civil and criminal case files, naturalizations, minutes, order books, and other records from the circuit and appellate courts. Arranged by county and/or court. Availability varies.

STATE AGENCY RECORDS

Included are the accounting, administrative, programmatic, and regulatory records of state government agencies. Case files, correspondence, fiscal records, minutes, original plans and drawings, and photographs are among these records. State agency records commonly used in the Research Room include birth and death lists between 1852 and 1910 (Auditor's Office), death certificates 1911–1963 (Office of Vital Statistics), land records (Secretary of State's Office), and the public papers of Kentucky's Governors.

MILITARY RECORDS

Unless otherwise noted, records pertain to Kentucky veterans and citizens only.

Indian Wars (1784-1811)

Compiled Kentucky Service Records

War of 1812

Adjutant General's Report

Mexican War

Adjutant General's Report



Civil War (Union)

Compiled Union Service Records
Adjutant General's Report

Civil War (Confederate)

Compiled Confederate Service Records
Adjutant General's Report
Ex-Confederate Amnesty Papers
Confederate Pension Applications
Register of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, & Citizens
Who Died in Federal Prisons and Hospitals,
1861-1865
Louisville Military Prison Registers, 1862-1865

Spanish-American War

Kentucky State Guard in the Spanish-American War,
1898-1899 (2 vols.)
Adjutant General's Report
Kentucky Veterans Bonus Applications

World War I

Casualty List, 1914-1918
Record of Service Cards, 1914-1918
Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
Kentucky Veterans Bonus Applications

Vietnam Conflict

Casualty List

NOTE: Compiled service records and pension applications for veterans of all wars from 1776-1900 are located in the National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20408. Information for veterans who served in any conflict between World War I and the Vietnam era should contact the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138.

UNITED STATES DECENNIAL CENSUSES OF POPULATION

Indexes are available for Kentucky census records for 1810-1880 and 1900-1920. The 1890 census was destroyed by fire. Census schedules for Kentucky include the decennial population schedules for years 1810-1880 and 1900-1930.

SPECIAL CENSUS SCHEDULES

Slave

(Kentucky, Maryland,
North Carolina,
Tennessee, and Virginia)
1850-1860

Agriculture

(Kentucky)
1850-1880

Civil War Veterans and

Widows
(Kentucky)
1890

Manufacturing

(Kentucky)
1850-1880

Mortality

(Arizona, Colorado,
District of Columbia,
Georgia, Kentucky,
Louisiana, & Tennessee)
1850-1880

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