



Helping Kentucky's Records Tell More Family Stories

Kentucky Genealogical Society Records Digitization Program

The Kentucky Genealogical Society is now accepting nominations for specific Kentucky records that need to be digitized. If selected, these records will be professionally digitized by Advantage Archives, with all costs covered by the Society.

Who Can Nominate Records?

Nominations can be submitted by anyone - individuals or organizations. To be eligible:

- The records must be owned by a nonprofit organization, such as a library, archive, museum, or local historical society.
- The records must be accessible to the public for genealogical or historical research.
- The Society cannot fund the digitization of private or for-profit record collections.

What Kind of Records Are Eligible?

To qualify, records must be genealogically useful, not already digitized, and be accessible to the public after digitization. Examples include historic newspapers, church directories, yearbooks, cemetery or funeral home records, business ledgers, lodge or club reports, orphanage, hospital, or poorhouse files.

Records must be physically able to be shipped to Advantage Archives (shipping will be arranged by them).

Timeline

Submissions Open: July 1, 2026

Deadline: October 1, 2026 (End of Day)

Submit forms to: digitize@kygs.org

Quick Summary

As part of the process, owners of the records must provide written permission for digitization and agree to a review visit from a Society representative. The Society will retain a digital backup for preservation purposes but will not host a searchable online database.

Digitized collections will be made available through the Community History Archive hosted by Advantage Archives. Owners must permit digitization and public hosting and will receive a digital copy which can be shared on their own platforms.

We look forward to working with libraries, local societies, and individuals across the state to ensure these invaluable records are preserved for future generations.

Questions?

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