



## Helping Kentucky's Records Tell More Family Stories Kentucky Genealogical Society Records Digitization Program

The Kentucky Genealogical Society is excited to introduce a new approach to preserving the Commonwealth's genealogical and historical records. As part of this change, the Society is no longer offering direct grants for digitization. Instead, we are now accepting **nominations for specific records** that need to be digitized.

If selected, these records will be professionally digitized by **Advantage Archives**, with all costs covered by the Society.

This new structure keeps many familiar elements from the Society's past grant program while expanding opportunities for participation and simplifying the process for record holders.

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### Who Can Nominate Records?

Nominations can be submitted by anyone—individuals or organizations. However, 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.

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### Important Dates

- **Nomination forms available:** June 15, 2025
- **Submissions open:** August 1, 2025
- **Submission deadline:** November 1, 2025 (End of Day)
- **Submit forms to:** [digitize@kygs.org](mailto:digitize@kygs.org)

The organization that owns the records will receive a complete digital copy and is encouraged to make the materials available on their website or for onsite public access. The Society will retain a backup for preservation only and will not host a searchable archive.

Digitized collections will be made freely available through the **Community History Archive** hosted by Advantage Archives:

👉 <https://www.advantagearchives.com/community-history-archives/>

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## What Records Are Eligible?

To qualify, nominated records must:

- Be of genealogical or local historical value (examples: church directories, cemetery registers, funeral home records, newspapers, yearbooks, lodge reports, orphanage or hospital files, etc.)
  - Not already be digitized
  - Be physically able to be shipped to Advantage Archives (shipping will be arranged by them)
  - Have written permission from the owning organization for digitization and public access
  - Be approved for inclusion on the Community History Archive website
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## Quick Summary of Requirements

1. Records must relate to Kentucky genealogy or local history.
  2. Neither nominators nor record owners can be federal or state government agencies (Kentucky's public libraries are an exception and *are* eligible).
  3. Digitization will be performed by Advantage Archives and made publicly available online.
  4. Owners must permit digitization and public hosting.
  5. Owners receive a digital copy and may also share records on their own platforms.
  6. Records must be suitable for shipping and scanning.
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## Questions?

We welcome your interest! Please contact:

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