

[ANN: Kentucky Genealogical Society digitization grant recipients](#)

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Christopher Padgett, president of the Kentucky Genealogical Society (KYGS) announced this year's recipients of the KYGS Digitization Grants. Four out of fifteen applications submitted in November 2022 received funding:

- [Hickman County Historical Society](#) (Clinton, Ky) to digitize original copies of the *Hickman County Gazette*, dating from 1862;
- [Johnson County Historical and Genealogical Society](#) (Paintsville, Ky) to digitize the collection of local historian Val McKinsey, including pictures, journals, church records, military records, family bible genealogies and handwritten notebooks created as he worked on his collection covering 150 years of Johnson and Floyd counties;
- [Loretto Heritage Center](#) (Nerinx, Ky) to digitize school records as well as financial documentations involving African Americans from 180 years, covering Marion and Nelson counties; and,
- [Madison County Public Library](#) (Richmond, Ky) to digitize early county records from the early 1800s to the mid-1900s including guardianships and apprenticeships, commissioner deeds, affidavits of dissent and guardian settlements as well as records of enslaved people in the Madison County area.

KYGS has since 2019 awarded money grants to "repositories or other holders of genealogically significant Kentucky records" for digitization projects. Past recipients included:

- The Filson Historical Society to digitize Baptist orphan records and the Bullitt Family Papers,
- The Ballard-Carlisle Historical and Genealogy Society to digitize personal narratives, photos, maps and correspondence from the area,
- The Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library to digitize *The Log Cabin* Newspaper collection,
- The Todd County Public Library to digitize the handwritten and typed documents from the collection of late local historian Frances Fox that includes personal accounts and stories of Todd County families,
- The Carroll County Public Library to digitize historical county records, and
- The Green County Public Library to digitize printed record transcriptions, historic photographs and oral histories.

See more details at the KYGS website at <https://kygs.org/what-we-do/kentucky-grant-program/ky-digitization-grant-program-overview.html>

Watch the announcement by Padgett and Susan Court (chair of the grant program committee) on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdlUz6Lla14>.