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The famous Daniel Boone begins his a two year hunting expedition in Kentucky that would lead to his first run in with Shawnee Indians.

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A dream finally comes true

We often sit around and dream of things we would like to do. For some of us its going to a specific place, for others its accomplishing a certain task. No matter what, we all have a dream to do great things.

The Kentucky Historical Studies Foundation is the realization of our dream. Discussed and fleshed out over the embers of many dying camp fires, our love of history has driven us to this point.

As historians, we have a unfulfilled need to help people understand their past. Whether it is on the bloody fields of some conflict or trudging along solemnly behind a horse drawn plough, we must never forget who we are and where we came from.

And so, our mission is set before us. We have made it our life's work to understand history and now we must return those countless hours

We Want to Help

We at the Kentucky Historical Studies Foundation want to help you. Whether in your personal research or you have a topic you would like us to present to your group or organization. We are a group of historians dedicated to spreading the stories of Kentucky's past while connecting people to their

to others. Our mission is to use all the tools and techniques at our disposal to help the people of Kentucky and ultimately the nation connect with their past.



We have chosen to approach history from a different direction. Anyone can read something. We are using our personal experience in combination with technology and resources to deliver history in a way it is not only interesting but enjoyable.

So thank you for joining us on our journey. We value your patronage and opinions. We will endeavor to serve you and provide you with the best experience possible.

So come along,... its going to be a fun ride !

communities.

Some examples of services we can offer are; Home or traditional school presentations, Business Presentations, and Genealogical Services. We are an eclectic group and can help you with any of your historical needs.

Currently available at www.khsf.net

- Kentucky Union Civil War Look Up & Analysis
- Kentucky Civil War Battle or Activity Lookup & Analysis
- Site Preservation/Restoration
- Site Interpretation
- Battlefield Interpretation & Conflict Archeology
- More Coming Soon!

Free-Range Livestock—A Return to Appalachia's Past

When the first settlers began farming in Appalachia, livestock were allowed to freely roam and forage without being confined to cages or fenced in. This practice has now become known as “free-range” agriculture. Letting livestock roam in lands known as commons, was the normal practice in Appalachia throughout the 19th century, and since many farmers in Appalachia did not legally own the land they felt no need to spend the time building fences and pens to contain their livestock. The commons were simply areas of land that were recognized by residences and were to be freely used by anyone. This practice began to change around the early 20th century when these farmers began to legally acquire deeds to the lands that their families had already lived on for generations, and since they now had a legal claim to lands the commons began to be fenced in as deeds were issued that included sections of the former “public” land. This practice did not stop free-range livestock, but changed the way it was done. No longer did the livestock roam anywhere and everywhere, but they had limits to their



freedom. They still foraged for their own foods and were not confined to pens. This is basically what is considered free-range today, animals not medicated and allowed

to freely roam and eat food found in large fenced in areas.

With the resurgence of local food and organic movements today, farmers in modern Appalachia are returning to this form of agriculture. Like with many things in history, what was old is new again. The practices established by Kentucky's early settlers is proving to be a viable option for their descendants.

Genealogy Jamboree 2015—Cumberland Gap, TN

We are pleased to announce that we will be attending and participating in the 5th Annual Genealogy Jamboree in beautiful Cumberland Gap, TN. KHSF members will be giving presentations as well as setting up an information booth.

The Genealogy Jamboree will be held June 11-13 2015 and is open to the public. This event had over 4,000 attendees last year. The Jamboree consists of

speakers, surname tables, and living histories, all taking place throughout the event.

Cumberland Gap is a truly meaningful place in Kentucky's history as it is where the first explorers and settlers crossed the mountains from Virginia. The gap has always been considered the gateway to Kentucky and was greatly contested during the Civil War for its strategic importance.

The area around the modern day gap is ripe with activities for anyone interested in history. Close by attractions include; The Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, an iron furnace from the early 19th century, Historic Martin's Station, and The Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum.

For more information on the Genealogy Jamboree please visit www.genealogyjamboree.us

Hope to see you there!

10 July 1861

President Abraham Lincoln informs the militias of Kentucky that their neutrality in the war will be respected and Union troops will not enter the state.

6 August 1861

Union military camp is established in Lexington.

3 September 1861

Confederate forces enter Kentucky thus ending any hope of neutrality.

**Publications Available at
www.khsf.net**

Genealogy

-Understanding Civil War Muster Records

-A Primer on Civil War Military for Genealogists

Pre-Colonial & Revolutionary War

-Flintlock and Feathers The Struggle for Dominance Between Native Americans and Settlers

Civil War

-The Case of James Harvey Hensley and the Affidavit

Site Preservation

-Interpreting Military History Sites

Historical Site Spotlight—Camp Nelson

Camp Nelson, located in Jessamine County was established in 1863 and one of only three camps to train freed slaves and other African-Americans for Union service: it is the only one that was never developed after the war. The initial purpose for the camp was to act as a supply hub for incursions into Tennessee but was deemed to far from the front with inadequate rail lines to be truly effective towards the campaign. Despite this the camp remained the largest supply station and training camp west of the Appalachians.

Along with raising over ten thousands troops for the Union war effort, Camp Nelson also became a refuge camp for escaped slaves and is now recognized as part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, in addition to being a registered National Historic Place.

Today Camp Nelson consist of over 500 acres of the original property along with the Oliver Perry House and a modern



interpretive center. The Oliver Perry house is the last surviving structure from the original camp and served as officer's quarters. The site is open to the public and offers events throughout the year. For more information please visit www.campnelson.org.

Genealogist's Corner—The Agricultural Census

An often forgotten about resource when researching your family is the Agricultural Census. The Agricultural Census is taken at the same time the Population Census is and reports all production of livestock and crops by household. Although today most people do not farm and therefore do not participate in the Agricultural Census this was not the case even one hundred years ago. Most household outside of

Kentucky's major cities produced some form of livestock or crops and this would be reported along with their household make up. This can be a valuable resource for the Genealogist in determining more about the subject you are researching. Whether they were producing for subsistence or sale it will be reported. Although the Agricultural Census is a separate document it is

organized just like the population census and tied to the specific head of household.

Weather looking to better understand your families history or looking to develop a picture of the economy in which they lived, the Agricultural Census is a resource to take your research to the next level.

HEADQUARTERS CUMBERLAND GAP,

February 14, 1862.

SIR: I am convinced that the enemy will attack us at this place within a week. An attack tomorrow is probable. Their cavalry drove in our pickets to-day about 3 miles in advance of us. The force, seven regiments, are reported to be at Cumberland Ford [Modern day Pineville], 15 miles in front.

The force we have cannot hold the place, being insufficient to man the works. The strength of the position has been greatly exaggerated. On the Kentucky side it is naturally very weak and difficult to defend. It has been our policy to give currency to a different opinion of the place, and hence the error. It will require two regiments, in addition to the two now here, to resist the force menacing us.

The position should never be abandoned. Its strategic importance cannot be exaggerated. On the Tennessee side it is naturally almost impregnable and art can make it completely so. If abandoned, it cannot be easily retaken.

Can re-enforcements be sent us?

Respectfully,
JAMES E. RAINS,
Colonel, Commanding
Post.

Confederate Commander
reporting on the skirmish
at Cumberland Gap.

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Genealogy. The key to personalized History

History is the collection of events from our past. Some of us find these events interesting by themselves. Others have no real interest in the past because they do not see how the events have any relation to them. This is a grave misunderstanding.

Our families extend backward through time. The events that make up history were experienced by our ancestors. The blood in your veins holds the spirit of your grand parents, their parents, and their ancestors for generations back. By studying our genealogy we can come to better understand our families while discovering the ties we have with some of the most important events in Kentucky's history.

Your ancestors can fairly easily be traced back to 1860. Those names you see on that census, perhaps your Great or Great Great grandparents, are your family. Your DNA came from them. They are not just names on a piece of family. They are part of you and they experienced one of the most traumatic experiences our Commonwealth and this Nation has ever endured, The Civil War. The fears and joys that you experience today were also felt by



William Thomas Fielder. Sergeant, Company H, 8th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry (US) and Great Great Grandfather of Wayne Fielder, Vice President and Co-Founder of KHSF.

them. In fact, the fears and joys you feel today are BECAUSE they experienced them first.

History isn't just events and dates. History is about people. YOUR people. Your family made the events, endured them, and suffered the consequences. You may never read about them in History textbooks. They may have been villains AND heroes to those around them. Regardless of their station, they are responsible for the History we study.

Honor them by telling their story.

The Bookshelf—Book Review

Which Side Are You On? The Harlan County Coal Miners, 1931-39 by John W. Hevener is the quintessential publication on the coal industry in Harlan County, Kentucky. Much has been romanticized about the Union wars of the 1930's but unlike his predecessors, Hevener takes a fresh look at the historical events from a generally unbiased point of view. Published in 1971 this work still serves as the basis

for all academic research on the effect coal and coal mining had on eastern Kentucky.

Starting at the turn of the 20th century Hevener examines how Harlan County was thrust into the national spotlight as an example for the fight for workers rights. Through outstanding historical analysis Hevener shows the reader that "bloody

Harlan" was not as one sided as it is generally portrayed and that, like most events in history, it was the culmination of the interaction of numerous historical events and characters. This book is a must read for anyone trying to understand how and why coal has become such a major part of Kentucky's past, present, and future.

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Present to its Past*

Look for us on the WEB
www.khsf.net

Upcoming Historical Events Throughout the State

These events are not affiliated or run by the KHSF but we would like to make you aware of them as they have direct connections to the history of the place we call home.

Second Saturday Genealogy: RootsTech Family History Fair

June 13 10:30AM-12:45PM

Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY

Come enjoy video taped conferences from the RootTech Conference from February 2015 covering the fundamental aspects of researching your family

Fort Harrod Settlement & Raid

June 20-21 8:00AM-5:00PM

Old Fort Harrod State Park

Come experience a 18th century living history in this annual event. Displays, programs, speakers and even an attack on the fort by Native Americans will be taking place in this family friendly event.

Hearth Cooking Demonstrations

July 18 & August 15 10:00AM-2:00PM

White Hall State Historic Site, Richmond, KY

Discussion and demonstration of 18th-19th century cooking practices at historic White Hall located easily off I-75.

Submitting a article for The Kentucky Gazette

We welcome anyone to submit an article for our quarterly newsletter. We only ask a few things.

- 1) Your Article should be no longer than 500 words.
- 2) Only 1 picture please
- 3) Text should be in Bookman Old Style #8 font
- 4) Technical Articles must include citations

If you have work that meets the requirements please email us at newsletter@khsf.net

If you are hosting a historical event in the state and would allow us to set up an information table or would like us to give a presentation please contact us at information@khsf.net. We can do as little or as much as you want and can cover a wide range of time periods and topics.

