

Looking for your Kentucky ancestors?



Kentucky Genealogical Society

Serving Family Historians Since 1973

How deep are your Bluegrass roots?

Kentucky became the nation's 15th state in 1792, with roots extending from the major coastal and near interior states of pioneer days.

Maybe your ancestors were among Kentucky's earliest settlers. Maybe they arrived a hundred years ago — or maybe just a couple of generations back.

Once your ancestors reached Kentucky, did they stay or did they move on? Migration from Kentucky played a key role in all states north, south and west of its boundaries.

Whether your Kentucky heritage goes back centuries or decades, membership in the *Kentucky Genealogical Society* can be a valuable resource in your quest to get acquainted with those who came before you.

KGS, a not-for-profit, educational, all-volunteer organization, strives to preserve Kentucky's records and make them accessible to all.



KGS Meetings and Events

Family-History Workshops

Offered in partnership with the Kentucky Historical Society; second Saturday of each month, Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, Frankfort. Topics range from "how to get started" genealogy basics to advanced research strategies. Two free one-hour presentations with a break for lunch at your choice of nearby restaurants, or reserve a box lunch (payable on site) when you register in advance. Saturday hours at the center's Martin F. Schmidt Library are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Board Meetings

9:15 a.m. prior to each workshop; open to all KGS members.

Annual Seminar

An all-day genealogy treasure featuring nationally recognized presenters and area vendors of genealogy materials and services. Each August, Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, Frankfort.



Benefits of Membership

- ✓ Subscription to quarterly *Bluegrass Roots* and bi-monthly newsletter
- ✓ Free publication of queries in *Bluegrass Roots*
- ✓ Discounts on full-year DVD sets of past Family-History Workshops
- ✓ Discounts on KGS publications and annual seminar registration
- ✓ Notices of KGS monthly meetings and workshops, special events, and the annual seminar
- ✓ Discount at the Kentucky Historical Society's 1792 Store
- ✓ Discount on subscription to the Federation of Genealogical Societies Forum quarterly (see www.fgs.org)
- ✓ Free downloads of audio recordings from most monthly Family-History Workshops since June 2008



KGS is an all-volunteer organization and cannot offer research services. KGS can refer members to a variety of resources, including a list of professional researchers available for hire.

KGS Research Holdings

The Society's family files and genealogical holdings are accessible to the public at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, Frankfort. Hours: Wednesdays 10-4, Thursdays 10-8, Fridays and Saturdays 10-5.

Contributing memberships and donations support the Society's work with the Center and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives to expand collections of records and materials and to make them more accessible through projects such as imaging and indexing.

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Brothers Harvey Tinscher and Jim Tinscher, circa 1920, in Louisville, Ky. Source: Dudley Ellis, first cousin once removed



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