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Berry Center receives Local History Trust Fund Grant

New Castle, Ky. (Jan. 31, 2020) – The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) has awarded the Berry Center in New Castle with a \$2,000 grant from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund.

Dr. Amanda Higgins, KHS’s community engagement administrator, said that the grant will fund a lecture series that focuses on the humanities, including local history, civil rights, archaeology, land use, historic preservation and more.

According to the grant application, the lecture series will also “enhance the curriculum for the Sterling College students in the Wendell Berry Farming Program of Sterling College in New Castle.”

“The Berry Center does tremendous work in Henry County and throughout the region,” Higgins said. “We are pleased to support their lecture series and are especially pleased to see it tie in with the Wendell Berry Farming Program of Sterling College and other Henry County organizations.”

Higgins added that “the Berry Center’s focus on stewardship and service to its community is at the heart of their work and a key component of the Local History Trust Fund.”

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Blue Licks battlefield receives grant from Kentucky Local History Trust Fund

Carlisle, Ky. (Mar. 5., 2020) – The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) has awarded Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park with a \$1,781 grant from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund.

“The Kentucky Historical Society is playing an instrumental role in preserving Kentucky history,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. By allotting funding to the Blue Licks battlefield, we are able to capture the significance of this history for future generations.”

Dr. Amanda Higgins, KHS’s community engagement administrator, said that the grant will help Blue Licks manage their museum collection. As the site of a 1782 encounter that was one of the last battles of the Revolutionary War, the park includes important historic artifacts from that period.

“This grant will help a sister agency gain control of their collection, which is currently without an inventory,” Higgins said. “Through the work that takes place at the Blue Licks museum, visitors will have greater access to artifacts that help illustrate the history at the site. Additionally, through better storage and collections management, the artifacts housed at the site will be better preserved.”

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Jouett House receives grant to explore local African American history

Versailles, Ky. (Jan. 28, 2020) – The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) has awarded the Jack Jouett House Historic Site in Versailles with a \$400 grant from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund.

Dr. Amanda Higgins, KHS's community engagement administrator, said that the grant will help the museum develop an exhibit about the African American experience in Woodford County by interpreting the experiences of enslaved African Americans who lived at the site.

"Their focus on telling a more inclusive history is an important step for the long-term success of the Jack Jouett House and is a model for local history across the commonwealth," Higgins said. "We are pleased to support their efforts."

Susan Hughes, executive director of the Jouett House, said that the grant will help them tell a more complete story.

"We are pleased to receive funding from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund Grant for a panel exhibit featuring the role of African-Americans in Kentucky's early settlement period," Hughes said. "The role of African-Americans in setting early Kentucky is a story sometimes underrepresented. The enslaved African-Americans built Jack Jouett's 1797 home, worked in the fields and managed Jack's whiskey distillery. This grant will help us tell those stories."

This exhibit is part of a year-long series of programs and events that will explore the history of African Americans in the area.

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Mary Todd Lincoln House receives Local History Trust Fund Grant

Lexington, Ky. (Jan. 9, 2020) – The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) has awarded the Mary Todd Lincoln House with a \$2,000 grant from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund.

Dr. Amanda Higgins, KHS’s community engagement administrator, said that the grant will allow the Mary Todd Lincoln House to update their collections management system and will fund a collections internship at the site.

“These funds will help the Mary Todd Lincoln House maintain intellectual control of their artifacts and share compelling interpretations at their site,” Higgins said. “We are pleased to support the work of the Mary Todd Lincoln House and look forward to the results of the grant funded work.”

Dr. Jonathan Coleman, curator of the Mary Todd Lincoln House, said that the grant will make the site’s artifacts more accessible to the public. “This funding matters,” Coleman said. “The grant will allow us to better fulfill our museum’s obligation to safeguard one of Kentucky’s most important collections of Lincoln and Todd artifacts while also making these Kentucky treasures more safely available to the thousands of students, families, adults, and scholars whom we serve every year.”

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Lincoln County Historical Society receives Local History Trust Fund Grant

Stanford, Ky. (Jan. 28, 2020) – The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) has awarded the Lincoln County Historical Society with a \$2,000 grant from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund.

Dr. Amanda Higgins, KHS’s community engagement administrator, said that the Lincoln County Historical Society will use the grant to purchase collections management software. This will help the organization inventory, track and control historic artifacts under their care.

“The Lincoln County Historical Society’s dedication to their county history is evident in this Trust Fund grant award,” Higgins said. “By purchasing collections management software and tackling the important job of gaining intellectual control of their collections, they will be better able to serve the public, understand their collection and provide high quality museum experiences for visitors and residents of Lincoln County.”

The artifacts include the contents of the William Whitley House and items owned by the Lincoln County Historical Society that are currently displayed in other historic sites in the area.

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Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill receives Local History Trust Fund Grant

Harrodsburg, Ky. (Jan. 27, 2020) – The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) has awarded Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill in Mercer County with a \$2,000 grant from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund.

Dr. Amanda Higgins, KHS’s community engagement administrator, said that the grant will help fund “Pieces of Pleasant Hill: Objects + Stories,” a temporary exhibition that examines Shaker furniture and other artifacts to tell the story of the site.

“We are thrilled to support this exhibit at Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill,” Higgins said. “Using furniture as a well-known entry point into the Shakers’ past, the exhibition will help visitors learn more about their day-to-day lives.”

Higgins added that this exhibit will expand on a popular daily program at the site and will “create an even more lively experience for their visitors.”

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