Although the coronavirus has temporarily closed the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) campus to onsite visitors, KHS has pivoted to offer more online opportunities. From virtual tours to digital resources, KHS continues to meet our mission of educating and engaging the public through Kentucky history. Here are some numbers to update you on our activity since March 1st.

### 2020 VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT

#### By the Numbers

- **Virtual Visitor webpage:** 2,668 visitors
- **Virtual Tours:** 13,900 views on Facebook
- **Increase in KHS Facebook video views in last month:** 35.528% (yes, 35.528!)
- **Hours of KHS content watched on Facebook:** 255 hours
- **Number of people who have watched “Kentucky History Treasures” on TV:** 782,000
- **Number of times “Kentucky History Treasures” has been seen on Facebook:** 6,100
- **Number of new users to ExploreKYHistory marker website:** 4,688 (in last 2 weeks)
- **Number of page views on ExploreKyHistory marker website:** 8,510 (in last 2 weeks)

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**Volunteers transcribe collections**

Nineteen volunteers have spent more than 105 hours transcribing letters and diaries from the KHS collection, adding 106 pages of content to our digital collections!

**KHS Master Ledger**

KHS staff are transcribing the “KHS Master Ledger,” which contains information about artifacts acquired between 1881 and 1998. KHS Registrar Beth Carter found a bronze medallion commemorating the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914, which was donated to KHS in 1938. The donor’s sister designed the medal.

**Making oral histories accessible**

KHS has more than 20,000 oral histories, and 11 staff members are indexing collections to put more online. This same process, with previous resources, would have taken nearly 18 months!
Have you heard?

The National History Day Kentucky State Contest will be Virtual
Visit register.nhd.org/contests for a schedule of events

Have you heard?

We need volunteer judges for the state contest April 24 & 25! Visit http://register.nhd.org/

NHDKy by the Numbers

- Number of students engaged in history: 479
- Number of teachers: 48
- Number of participating schools: 43
- Number of regional contests held online: 6
- Number of judges: 51 volunteer and 11 staff judges

NHDKy moves to digital platform

National History Day in Kentucky (NHDKy), which engages students in project-based learning, is now digital.

As the state contest approaches, one teacher said, “NHD makes a difference, and you guys, by jumping through all of these hoops and overcoming this stress to juggle a new online format truly is making a difference in the lives of these children.”