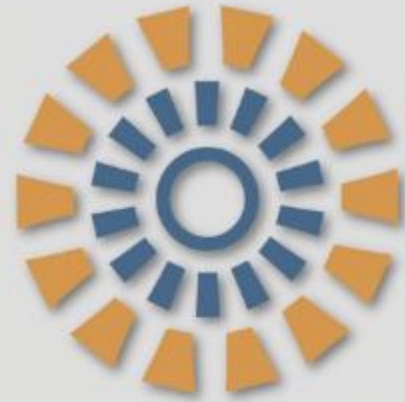




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Impact of Kentucky military legacy

*Presentation to the Interim Joint
Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs,
and Public Protection*

What is America250KY?

Commemorates 250 years
since the signing of the
Declaration of Independence



The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, John Trumball

Commissions

- Harrodsburg Sestercentennial Commission, 2024
- Kentucky Sestercentennial Commission



Boone Trace 250



Harrodsburg 250

Our Approach

Themes

- Revolutionary Experiment
- We the People
- Power of Place
- Crossroads in History
- Doing History

Pillars

- Heritage Tourism
- Education
- Signature Events
- Legacy



St. James Church AME, Mayfield, KY



Flag Day at the Sons of the American Revolution Museum, Louisville, KY



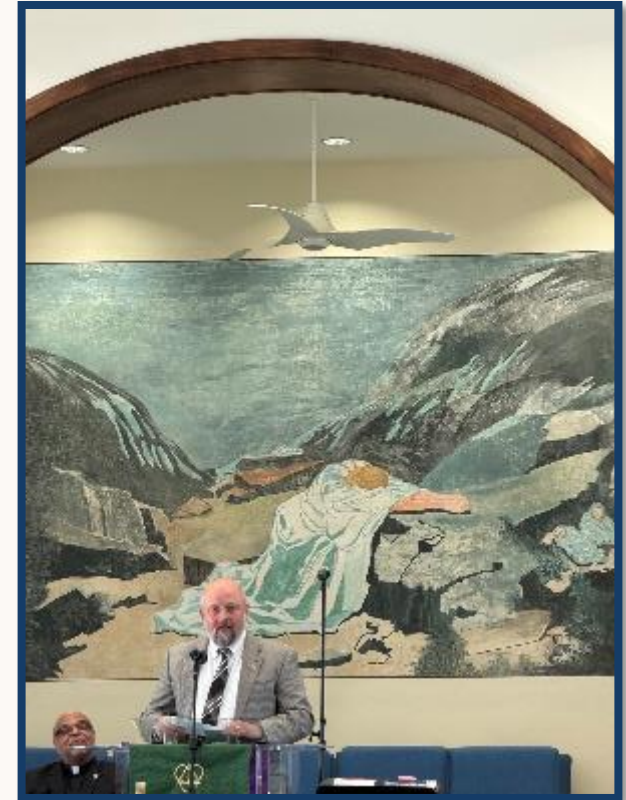
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Our Partners

- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Kentucky Department of Parks
- Kentucky Division of Forestry
- Kentucky Tourism
- Daughters of the American Revolution
- Sons of the American Revolution
- America250KY Communities across the Commonwealth
- Kentucky Heritage Council
 - African American Heritage Commission
 - Native American Heritage Commission
- Kentucky Educational Television (KET)
- Kentucky Arts Council



Ken Burns documentary screening in Pikeville, KY, in partnership with KET

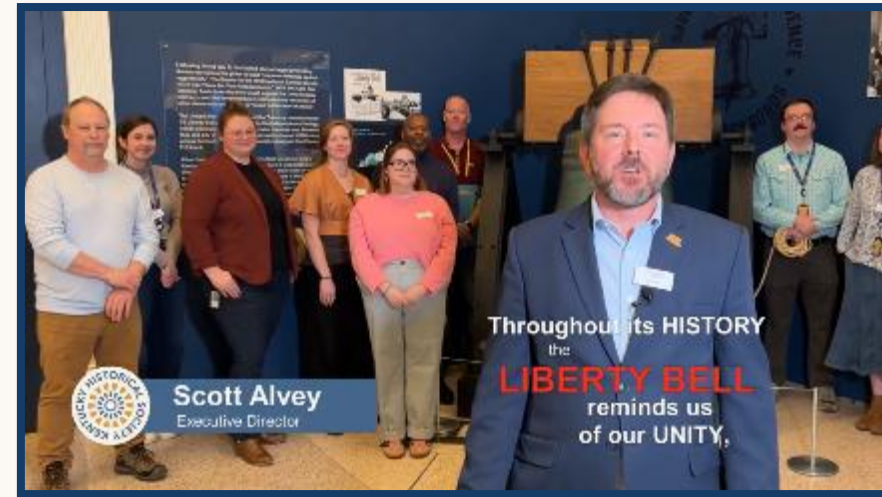


Helen LaFrance mural restoration in Mayfield, KY, in partnership with the Kentucky Heritage Council



Events

- July 4, 2026, in Frankfort
- July 8, 2026 "Sharing the Spirit of America"
- August 20-30, 2026
Kentucky State Fair
- January 2027
America250KY Culminating
Event



KHS/America250KY at the
2025 Kentucky State Fair in
Louisville, KY





KENTUCKY MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM

The [Kentucky Military History Museum Advisory Committee](#) is a partnership between the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs to celebrate Kentucky's legacy of service and sacrifice through the collection, stewardship, display, and explanation of our military heritage. ([KRS 171.345](#))





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Blue Licks and Beyond

The Leadership, Decisions,
and Repercussions of the
Last Battle of the Revolution

Kentucky County – Gen. George Rogers Clark

Three counties:

Jefferson County – Col. John Floyd

Fayette County – Col. John Todd

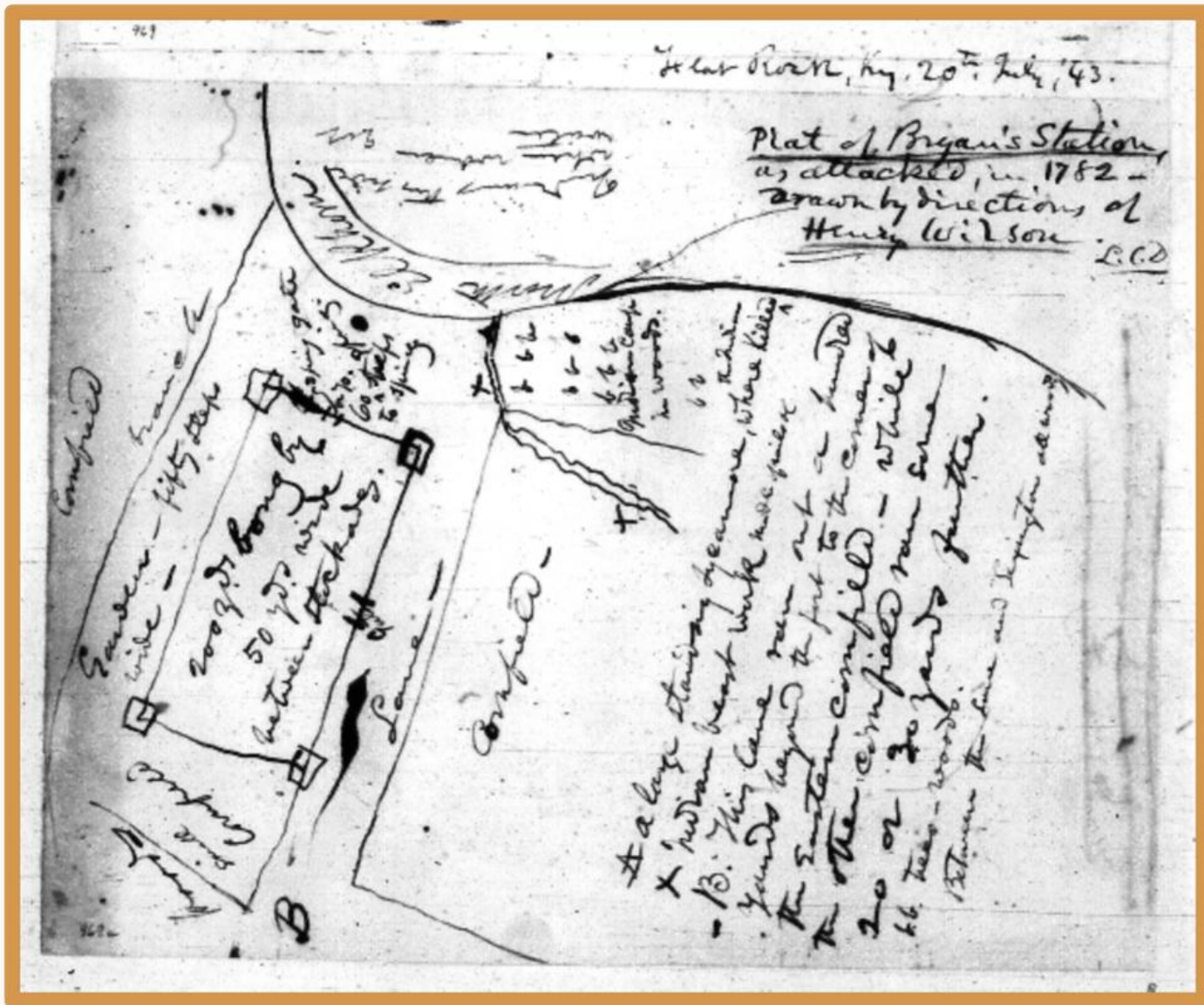
Lt. Col. Daniel Boone

Lincoln County – Col. Benjamin Logan

Lt. Col. Stephen Trigg



Filson Map of Kentucky, 1784 (Kentucky Historical Society)



Draper Manuscript (Microfilm, Kentucky Historical Society)



Ford on Licking River at Blue Licks (Kentucky Historical Society)



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Military and Veteran-themed Exhibits and Collections



Bringing our past to life.

Our Stories, Our Service was on exhibition at KHS from June 2023 through late 2025. This exhibit examined the history, challenges, and achievements of Kentucky women in the armed services. It has been awarded the 2026 AASLH Award of Excellence.



Bringing our past to life.



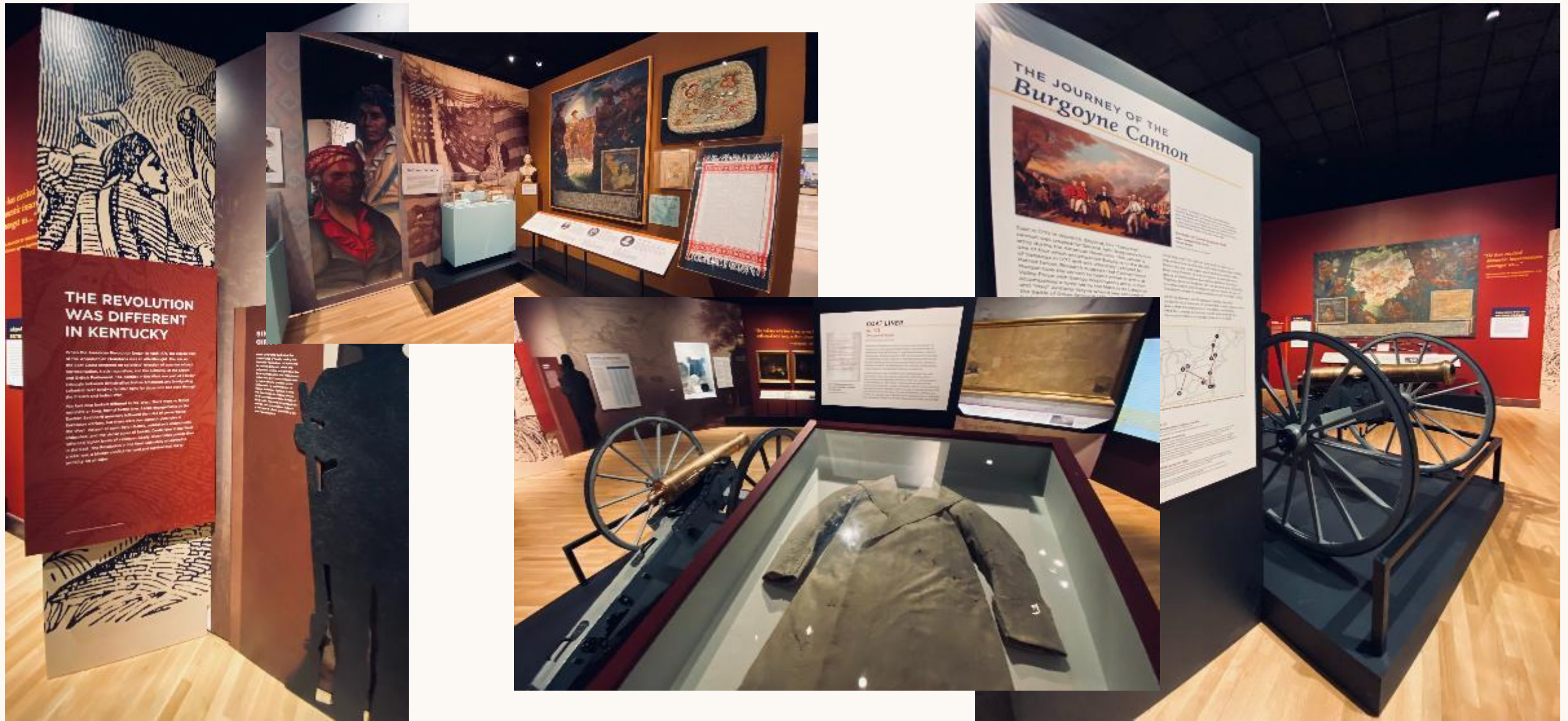
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**Revolution to
Statehood
Kentucky's
Founding in
History and
Memory**

Revolution to Statehood: Kentucky's Founding in History and Memory is an exhibition looking at the commonwealth's journey from colonial settlement during the American Revolution to becoming the first state west of the Appalachians.



Bringing our past to life.



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Courage of the Commonwealth: Battles and Campaigns in the War of Independence is a display of art and objects from the American Revolution, including featured items associated with Simon Kenton, Isaac Shelby, and George Rogers Clark



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The Kentucky Historical Society cares for thousands of military objects in its permanent collection. We continuously evaluate potential objects and records to better build our holdings and preserve the story of Kentucky's role in military history.



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