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# Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History

- Over 6,500 interviews
- Over 12,000 actual interview hours
- Many new interviews are born digital
- Bulk of the collection is on audiotape



# Collections

- Robert Penn Warren Civil Rights Oral History Project:
  - Martin Luther King, Jr.
  - Malcolm X
- Frontier Nursing Service Oral History Project
  - Formed by Mary Breckenridge in 1925
  - Organized effort to bring trained nurses, midwives and doctors to people in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky

# Transcription

- Rough transcripts are created by students and volunteers
- Final transcripts created by historian

BILL COOPER:

Senator Aiken, although I'd like to concentrate primarily on John Sherman Cooper, you also knew Senator Barkley of Kentucky, and I would like to ask you just a few questions about him, if you don't mind. [Interruption in taping] Senator Aiken, when did you first become acquainted with Alben W. Barkley?

AIKEN:

The first day I went to the Senate. I . . . had . . . was a week late in getting down there with the entering the class [of] 1941. I stayed in Vermont to give my retiring message to the state legislature, so I lost a week. But I delivered that message in Montpelier, Vermont, on Thursday. Alben had a session of the legislature on Friday to swear me in, and I appreciated that because I didn't lose a payday and my office staff didn't lose [chuckling] a payday, either. But pay was not so much in those days. [laughs]

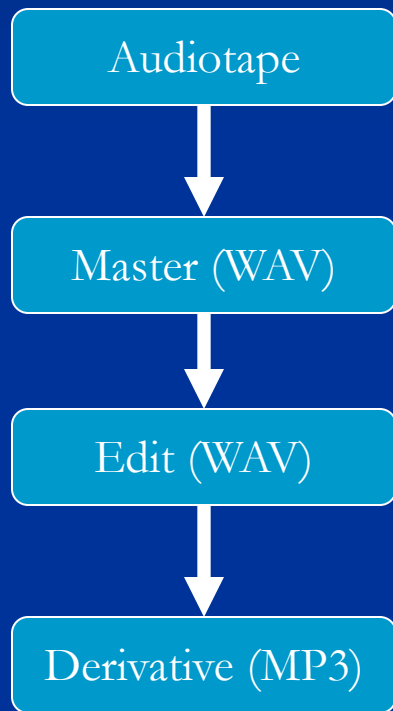
BILL COOPER:

Right. What were your first impressions of Mr. Barkley?

AIKEN:

I liked him. I . . . I knew about him because Senator Ernest Gibson, and Ernest Gibson, Jr., who was appointed following his father's death, for a period of six months.

# Digitization of Audio



# Kentuckiana Digital Library

- Part of Kentuckiana Virtual Library
- Digitized collections from Kentucky
- Collections of various formats
- <http://kdl.kyvl.org/>

The screenshot shows the Kentuckiana Digital Library website. At the top, there is a header with the logo "Kentuckiana KY VIRTUAL LIBRARY Digital Library" and a "Select Collection" dropdown menu. Below the header, a paragraph describes the library as a gateway to rare and unique digitized collections. A link for "About | Copyright & Use | Guidelines & Tools" is provided. A "FEATURED ITEM:" section highlights "The Lyle Family Photographic Collection" with a photo of a man and a camera. Below this, a paragraph lists the extensive collections: 80,000 photographic images, 100,000 newspaper pages, 230,000 book pages, hundreds of oral histories, and maps. A "SPONSORS:" section displays logos for the CPE, the Kentucky Historical Society, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. At the bottom, it states "Page Last Updated: 1/25/2008." On the right side, there are several categories with representative images: "Finding Aids" (a photo of a person), "Newspapers" (a page from "THE HICKMAN COURIER"), "Books" (a book titled "MO LIFE ADVENTURES DANIEL BOONE"), "Images" (a photo of a person), "Maps" (a map of Kentucky), "Oral Histories" (a photo of a person), "Manuscripts" (a document titled "MOUNTAIN YOUTH"), and "Journals" (a journal titled "MOUNTAIN YOUTH").



# Search Interface

- Keyword search the transcripts any set of collections
- Within a collection, limit searches to interviewee
- Browse interviews by interviewee

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Enter keywords and/or phrases to search transcripts.

Look for:

Limit by Interviewee:

Browse by Interviewee:

**Site Tips:**

Limit searches to individual interviews using the pull-down menu.

Select individual interviews using the pull-down menu.

Col. Arthur L. Kelly American Military Veterans

Col. Arthur L. Kelly (U.S. Army, Ret.) a veteran of World War II, was born in Warrenton, Oregon, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was married to Mary Arthur Cecil and they have three children. During World War II, the Springfield Kentucky native, served as an artillery forward observer and a battery commander in the 1st/77th Field Artillery Battalion. During his thirty year military career, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star.

James Alsbaugh

All Interviewees

James Alsbaugh

John E. Barrows

Lewis S. Bower

Grover C. Brummett

Joseph Ceconi

Hanly M. Davis

Edwin Elliott

Clara M. Fort

Morgan French

James Graves

Joseph Forest Grider

Clarence Gunther

Richard A. Hamilton

Robert Haney

Bernell S. Heaton

Eugene W. Keeling, Sr.

John H. G. Kelly

Sam Ketron

Glenn W. McDole



# Search Results

**Title:** Interview with Clarence R. Wells, July 16, 1991: Part A  
**Date:** 1991  
**Collection:** Family Farm Oral History Project  
**Repository:** University of Kentucky  
**Tape Side:** [Tape #1, Side #1] 00:41:56  
**Creator:** Clarence R. Wells; Interviewee -- Zack Lewton; Interviewer  
**Digital ID:** ff122\_3.1



## Keywords in Context: (331 total lines)

(line 9) ... ck Lewton on July 16th, 1991. [Interruption in taping] Okay. Well, what we're going to do first, I just want you to tell me a little bit about your **mother** and daddy and where they lived and anything you can remember about them. WELLS: Well, I'll tell you about my [coughs] ... my father. He . . . . .  
(line 13) ... know, . . . LEWTON: Yeah. WELLS: . . . and he was . . . we lived at St. Charles, Virginia. That's



## Audio Segments:

» 0:00 - 5:00 (lines 1 to 76) « » 5:00 - 10:00 (lines 76 to 122) « » 10:00 - 15:00 (lines 122 to 141) «  
» 15:00 - 20:00 (lines 141 to 168) « » 20:00 - 25:00 (lines 168 to 203) « » 25:00 - 30:00 (lines 203 to 241) «  
» 30:00 - 35:00 (lines 241 to 265) « » 35:00 - 41:56 (lines 265 to 331) «

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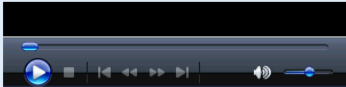
# Audio + Transcript

Interview with Clarence R. Wells, July 16, 1991: Part A - Windows Internet Explorer

http://kdl.kyvl.org/cgi/b/bib/oh.php?cachefile=ff122\_3.1.xml&kw=FamFarmKy

## Interview with Clarence R. Wells, July 16, 1991: Part A

[Tape #1, Side #1] 00:41:56  
Family Farm Oral History Project  
Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History  
University of Kentucky



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**Search this transcript:**

**Search results:**  
your **mother** and daddy and where they  
My **mother**, she . . . she lived over  
my **mother**, you know . . .  
my **mother** married again, and after he  
my **mother** married again after my daddy  
my **mother**. We lived right there  
my **mother** out of the biggest part of  
my **mother** and them lived there for

**0:00** LEWTON: This is Clarence Wells being interviewed by Zack Lewton on July 16th, 1991. [Interruption in taping] Okay. Well, what we're going to do first, I just want you to tell me a little bit about your **mother** and daddy and where they lived and anything you can remember about them.

WELLS: Well, I'll tell you about my [coughs] . . . my father. He . . . he was . . . he died in 1918 when this flu epidemic came around, you know, . . .

LEWTON: Yeah.

WELLS: . . . and he was . . . we lived at St. Charles, Virginia. That's where I was raised at, in St. Charles. My **mother**, she . . . she lived over there until she died here three or four years ago, and I didn't . . . I don't know exactly the date right now. You think it ain't a doing anything?

LEWTON: I'm sorry, go ahead.

WELLS: Now, I mean . . . I said my **mother**, you know . . .

LEWTON: Yeah.

WELLS: . . . she lived there in . . . so, what I mean, what else do you want to . . . want me to go through with your . . .

LEWTON: Well, I just wanted you to tell me little bit about your parents and just what they did and your life growing up.

Done Internet 100%

# Timestamping

**Date:** 2006-09-23  
**Long:** Interview with Richard Gunn, May 7, 1964: Part A  
**Year:** 1964  
**Note:** rpwcr01\_3.1  
**Q:** [Tape #1, Side #1] 00:29:44  
**Coll:** Robert Penn Warren Civil Rights Oral History Project

## Chunk navigator

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## Search navigator

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## Transcript:

WARREN:

This is tape one of a conversation with Mr. Richard Gunn in Cleveland, Ohio, May 7th. Mr. Gunn,  
GUNN:

Yes, I'm from Kansas City, Kansas, originally.

WARREN:

How long have you been in Cleveland?

GUNN:

I came to Cleveland in September 195- . . . '48.

WARREN:

Well, you know the city very well then at this time?

GUNN:

Yes, in this little time I've learned the city quite well.

WARREN:

Have you been practicing law ever since that here?

GUNN:

I took the bar exam in February of 1949 and started practicing in March. On March 21st, 1949

WARREN:

So all your professional life has been here?

GUNN:

Yes, all my professional life has been in Cleveland though I did pass the Kansas bar exam in

# Implementation

## ■ Interface

- Extension of BibClass (perl + PHP)
- SoX – Sound eXchange + LAME + MAD
- Slider (JavaScript + CSS)

## ■ Timestamping

- JavaScript and flash using AJAX to communicate with a PHP back end

# References

- Eric Weig, Kopana Terry and Kathryn Lybarger, “Large Scale Digitization of Oral History”, D-Lib Magazine, May/June 2007.  
<http://www.dlib.org/dlib/may07/weig/05weig.html>
- Kentuckiana Digital Library.  
<http://kdl.kyvl.org/>

# Software

- DLXS: <http://www.dlxs.org/>
- SoX: <http://sox.sourceforge.net/>
- LAME: <http://lame.sourceforge.net/>
- MAD:  
<http://www.underbit.com/products/mad/>
- CARPE:  
<http://carpe.ambiprospect.com/slider/>