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Introduction

- Oral History in Kentucky
- Nunn Center Collections
- Contributors to the Nunn Center
- Access
- Enhanced Access with OHMS
Who’s Doing Oral History?

- State (Oral History Commission)
  - Grants
  - Pass The Word (Discovery tool) http://passtheword.ky.gov/

- Universities & Colleges

- Historical Societies

- Archives

- Public Libraries

- Individuals
Nunn Center Collections

- Over 9,000 to date
- First interview was with Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark, May 8, 1973 (Fred Vinson Collection)
- KY Civil Rights Hall of Fame
- Robert Penn Warren Civil Rights Collection (w/ Vandy)
- Appalachian Collections
- Frontier Nursing Service
- Military Collections
- Politicians
- Agriculture
Nunn Center Contributors

- Commissioned Projects
  - Community College Collection
  - KY Bourbon Tales

- Students/Classes
  - Combat to KY

- Organizations
  - Hospice of the Bluegrass
  - Oldham County Historical Society

- Individuals
  - One off Individual interviews
  - Individually driven projects
    - African Immigrants in the Bluegrass
SPOKEdb Features

- Collections and Projects

- Reading https://nyx.uky.edu/oh/render.php?cachefile=02OH108RPWCR03_King.xml
  - Transcripts
  - Indexing (OHMS)


- Summary Descriptions http://www.kentuckyoralhistory.org/interviews/27889

- LC Subjects and Keyword searching

- Advanced Search http://kentuckyoralhistory.org/advanced-search/interviews
  - Interviews
  - Project
  - Collection
SPOKEdb Discovery

- Search: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
  - [http://www.kentuckyoralhistory.org/interviews/19058](http://www.kentuckyoralhistory.org/interviews/19058)
Other Access Points

- Stand-alone Oral History Repository via Omeka
- Nunn Center YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/user/nunncenter
- Explore UK http://exploreuk.uky.edu/
- Kentucky Digital Library http://kdl.kyvl.org/
- InfoKat / WorldCat http://infokat.uky.edu/vwebv/searchBasic?sk=en_US

Media
- Saving Stories on WUKY http://wuky.org/term/saving-stories
- Nunn Center Blog http://nunncenter.org/
- Facebook
- twitter
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- Questions?