

Oldham County Fiscal Court  
Grant Application

Date of Application: Dec 19 2024

Official Name of Organization: Oldham County Historical Society

Address: 106 N. Second Ave, La Grange KY 40081

EIN: 61 - 1195381

Date and Place of Incorporation: August 6 1991, Pewee Valley KY

Name, Complete Address, Email and Phone Number of Contact Person:

NANCY THEISS

OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

106 N. Second, La Grange KY 40081

502 558 0421 info@oldhamkyhistory.com

Purpose of Organization or Mission Statement and Services Rendered:

The OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESERVES, COLLECTS AND CONVEYS THE HISTORY OF OLDHAM COUNTY BY 'TELLING THE STORY OF ITS PEOPLE AND THE EVENTS THAT SHAPE ITS DEVELOPMENT' USING OBJECTS AND ARTIFACTS THAT ILLUSTRATE AND SYMBOLIZE THAT HISTORY

Amount Requested: \$

Proposal for funding. On a separate page, please provide the following:

Statement of need for project

Proposed use of funds to remediate the need

Project budget

Attachments:

List of Officers and Directors – Name, Office, Address, Business Affiliation, Compensation from Organization.

- Copy of 501c(3) tax-exempt status letter from IRS;
- Documentation for most recent form 990;
- Documentation for most recent filing with KY Secretary of State;
- Most recent Organization/Agency budget summary, or balance sheet, or income/expense statement (Please, no complete budgets!);
- If a recipient of funds for the prior year, a statement of the use of those funds;
- Photographs, videos, letters of support.

Submission Guidelines:

Email complete applications to: Becky Zocklein [rzocklein@oldhamcountyky.gov](mailto:rzocklein@oldhamcountyky.gov) no later than 12/30/2024.

Form 990

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)  
Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  
Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.Open to Public  
Inspection

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

B Check if applicable:	C Name of organization <b>OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.</b>		D Employer identification number <b>***-***5581</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Doing business as <b>106 N SECOND AVE</b>	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>106 N SECOND AVE</b>	Room/suite
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>LAGRANGE, KY 40031</b>		
	F Name and address of principal officer: <b>Nancy S Theiss same as C above</b>	E Telephone number <b>502-222-0826</b>	
	I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	G Gross receipts \$ <b>624,143.</b>	
	J Website: <a href="http://www.oldhamkyhistory.com">www.oldhamkyhistory.com</a>	H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other	H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions	
	L Year of formation: <b>1991</b>	H(c) Group exemption number	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>The mission of the Oldham County History Center is to collect, record, and share the rich history of</b>	
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) <b>3</b>	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) <b>4</b>	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a) <b>5</b>	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) <b>6</b>	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 <b>7a</b> b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 <b>7b</b>	
Revenue	Prior Year	Current Year
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) <b>254,810.</b>	<b>205,744.</b>
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) <b>15,137.</b>	<b>12,270.</b>
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) <b>63,913.</b>	<b>100,800.</b>
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) <b>45,894.</b>	<b>46,261.</b>
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) <b>379,754.</b>	<b>365,075.</b>
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) <b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) <b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) <b>98,893.</b>	<b>114,061.</b>
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) <b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>80,552.</b>	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) <b>208,421.</b>	<b>187,958.</b>
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) <b>307,314.</b>	<b>302,019.</b>	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 <b>72,440.</b>	<b>63,056.</b>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) <b>4,056,436.</b>	<b>4,282,212.</b>
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) <b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 <b>4,056,436.</b>	<b>4,282,212.</b>

## Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer <b>Nancy S Theiss, Executive Director</b>	Date			
	Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <b>Albert H Klein II</b>	Preparer's signature <b>Albert H Klein II</b>	Date <b>06/11/24</b>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <b>P00084494</b>
	Firm's name <b>Amick &amp; Company PSC</b>	Firm's EIN <b>***-***2794</b>			
	Firm's address <b>410 W Chestnut St Ste 237 Louisville, KY 40202-2323</b>	Phone no. <b>502-583-5381</b>			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions  Yes  No

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. 332001 12-21-23 Form 990 (2023)

See Schedule O for Organization Mission Statement Continuation

Oldham County Historical Society  
Officers & Directors  
2025

Kevin Eldridge -Chairman  
1203 East Moody Lane, Crestwood, 40014  
502-817-9181  
retired

Greg Schultz  
1903 Brooke Stone Ct.  
Crestwood, KY 40014  
502.287.2777  
retired

Ken Dahlgren- Treasurer  
2506 Stonefield Lane  
LaGrange, KY 40031  
502-553-3120  
retired

Frenchie Sweatt - Secretary  
5412 Foxwood Drive  
Crestwood, Ky. 40014  
502-314-2314  
retired

Terri Miller (Gala Co- Chairperson)  
4704 Northridge Dr.  
Crestwood, Ky 40014  
502-640-5973  
retired

James Sweatt  
5412 Foxwood Drive  
Crestwood, KY 40014  
502-553-0061  
Ky. Dept. Corrections, Juvenile Detention

Jim Zimmerman  
3404 Sycamore Rd.  
LaGrange, KY 40031  
502-599-5101  
retired

Shirley Edward Hinkle  
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Louisville, KY 40245  
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retired

[edhinkle51@gmail.com](mailto:edhinkle51@gmail.com)

Karin Soltau  
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retired

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LaGrange, KY 40031  
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Oldham County School System

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Oldham County School System

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Fashion Consultant

Reta Underwood                    [reta@cltcinc.com](mailto:reta@cltcinc.com)  
1030 Bluegrass Parkway  
LaGrange, KY 40031  
502-541-1051  
Consultant for Long Term Care, Inc.

OLDHAM CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
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January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>GALA 2024</b>			
TICKETS	22,975.00	27,000.00	-4,025.00
DONATIONS	1,275.00	2,000.00	-725.00
AUCTION	18,440.00	5,000.00	13,440.00
SPONSORSHIPS	28,750.00	60,000.00	-31,250.00
<b>Total GALA 2024</b>	<b>71,440.00</b>	<b>94,000.00</b>	<b>-22,560.00</b>
MORRIS MOUNT ROBERTS FELLOWSHIP	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS INCOME</b>			
Annual giving & Memberships	13,945.14	30,000.00	-16,054.86
General Donations	98,682.89	35,000.00	63,682.89
Memorial Gifts	20,600.00	3,000.00	17,600.00
Sponsorship of Events	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
<b>Total CONTRIBUTIONS INCOME</b>	<b>133,228.03</b>	<b>71,000.00</b>	<b>62,228.03</b>
<b>J C Barnett Endowment</b>			
Draw from Endowment	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
<b>Total J C Barnett Endowment</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Grants</b>			
Head Trust	0.00	55,000.00	-55,000.00
Oldham Co Fiscal Ct	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Mahan Foundation	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00
Other	8,000.00	40,000.00	-32,000.00
<b>Total Other Grants</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>	<b>115,000.00</b>	<b>-99,000.00</b>
<b>MUSEUM INCOME</b>			
<b>Museum store sales</b>			
Admissions	810.52	1,500.00	-689.48
Books	1,464.51	3,000.00	-1,535.49
Misc.	109.28	150.00	-40.72
Sales Tax	49.09	175.00	-125.91
<b>Total Museum store sales</b>	<b>2,433.40</b>	<b>4,825.00</b>	<b>-2,391.60</b>
<b>Total MUSEUM INCOME</b>	<b>2,433.40</b>	<b>4,825.00</b>	<b>-2,391.60</b>
<b>PROGRAMS INCOME</b>			
Speakers and Presentations	580.00	1,500.00	-920.00
Community Events	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Earth Day Celebration	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Car and Walking Tours	1,635.00	1,000.00	635.00
Juneteenth Day	1,868.99	5,000.00	-3,131.01
Breakfast with the Grinch	500.00	3,000.00	-2,500.00
Day of the Dead	3,591.00	5,000.00	-1,409.00
Corn Island Story Telling	9,129.59	15,000.00	-5,870.41
School Programs	425.00	1,750.00	-1,325.00
Genealogy and Diversity	36.00	750.00	-714.00
Exhibit Programs	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00

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	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
General Programs	236.51	1,000.00	-763.49
Barnyard Fun	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Antique Iron Tractor Club	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Archaeology Programs	0.00	6,800.00	-6,800.00
Bus Tours	330.00	2,000.00	-1,670.00
Colonial Garden	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Living Treasures	500.00	200.00	300.00
<b>Total PROGRAMS INCOME</b>	<b>18,832.09</b>	<b>46,900.00</b>	<b>-28,067.91</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>306,933.52</b>	<b>396,725.00</b>	<b>-89,791.48</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>306,933.52</b>	<b>396,725.00</b>	<b>-89,791.48</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Gala 2024 Expense			
Printing	1,057.44	1,000.00	57.44
Misc.	629.89	1,500.00	-870.11
Caterer	36,390.54	37,500.00	-1,109.46
Auction	3,500.00	200.00	3,300.00
<b>Total Gala 2024 Expense</b>	<b>41,577.87</b>	<b>40,200.00</b>	<b>1,377.87</b>
Morris Mount Roberts Fellow Exp			
Juneteenth	648.00	7,000.00	-6,352.00
Research Materials	4,521.50	3,000.00	1,521.50
<b>Total Morris Mount Roberts Fellow Exp</b>	<b>5,169.50</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>-4,830.50</b>
Museum Shop Expense			
Books	845.84	1,000.00	-154.16
Credit Card Fees	1,254.60	1,500.00	-245.40
Misc.	1,181.18	200.00	981.18
Sales Tax	170.48	175.00	-4.52
<b>Total Museum Shop Expense</b>	<b>3,452.10</b>	<b>2,875.00</b>	<b>577.10</b>
ADVERTISING	1,514.88	5,000.00	-3,485.12
CAPITAL EXPENSE			
Capital Improvements	1,708.00	4,000.00	-2,292.00
Equipment purchase	1,377.45	5,000.00	-3,622.55
<b>Total CAPITAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>3,085.45</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>-5,914.55</b>
DEVELOPMENT			
Membership	258.99	1,500.00	-1,241.01
<b>Total DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>258.99</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>-1,241.01</b>
EXHIBITS			
Ongoing Exhibits	31.79	1,000.00	-968.21
Temporary/Changing	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
<b>Total EXHIBITS</b>	<b>31.79</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>-3,968.21</b>
INSURANCE			
All insurance	10,586.45	12,000.00	-1,413.55
<b>Total INSURANCE</b>	<b>10,586.45</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>-1,413.55</b>
MAINTENANCE			
Slave Cemetery	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00

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	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Computer Systems	21,344.84	15,000.00	6,344.84
Alarm System	6,168.04	4,000.00	2,168.04
Buildings & Structures	22,291.20	30,000.00	-7,708.80
Equipment Maint	3,099.53	5,000.00	-1,900.47
Pest Control	800.00	1,500.00	-700.00
Yard & Grounds	2,240.00	4,500.00	-2,260.00
<b>Total MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>55,943.61</b>	<b>61,000.00</b>	<b>-5,056.39</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Dues and Subscriptions	570.31	600.00	-29.69
Education and Training	1,222.92	250.00	972.92
Other	546.55	1,000.00	-453.45
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>2,339.78</b>	<b>1,850.00</b>	<b>489.78</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>			
Archaeologist Contractor	3,765.00	3,300.00	465.00
Office Manager	17,040.50	24,000.00	-6,959.50
Events Media Specialist	2,467.50	10,000.00	-7,532.50
Assistant Director	23,915.44	43,000.00	-19,084.56
Administrative Assistant	15,982.50	10,000.00	5,982.50
Custodial Services	5,452.50	5,000.00	452.50
Executive Director	48,600.00	52,000.00	-3,400.00
Ex. Director's Health Insurance	11,538.50	14,000.00	-2,461.50
Payroll Taxes	9,894.89	10,500.00	-605.11
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>138,656.83</b>	<b>171,800.00</b>	<b>-33,143.17</b>
<b>POSTAGE AND DELIVERY</b>	<b>1,404.44</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>-595.56</b>
<b>PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION</b>			
Newsletter	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Other	750.42	2,500.00	-1,749.58
<b>Total PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION</b>	<b>750.42</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>-3,749.58</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>			
Accounting	1,875.00	6,000.00	-4,125.00
Other	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>1,875.00</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>-4,325.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS</b>			
Earth Day Celebration	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Car and Walking Tours	194.17	1,500.00	-1,305.83
Juneteenth Day	6,656.38	1,000.00	5,656.38
Breakfast with the Grinch	60.97	1,000.00	-939.03
Day of the Dead	3,462.39	5,000.00	-1,537.61
Speakers and Presentations	475.00	1,000.00	-525.00
CORN ISLAND STORYTELLING FESTIV	16,038.86	12,000.00	4,038.86
School Programs	426.29	600.00	-173.71
Exhibit Programs	0.00	500.00	-500.00
General Programs	147.58	1,500.00	-1,352.42
Barnyard Fun	75.90	100.00	-24.10

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12/17/24  
Accrual Basis

OLDHAM CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Antique Iron Tractor Club	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Archaeology Programs	568.25	3,500.00	-2,931.75
Bus Tours	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Colonial Garden	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Living Treasures	1,507.15	1,000.00	507.15
<b>Total PROGRAMS</b>	<b>29,612.94</b>	<b>30,500.00</b>	<b>-887.06</b>
<b>SUPPLIES</b>			
Building	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Collections	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Office	1,447.04	1,000.00	447.04
<b>Total SUPPLIES</b>	<b>1,447.04</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>	<b>-652.96</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Service	8,649.66	10,000.00	-1,350.34
Gas Service	3,837.76	6,000.00	-2,162.24
Phone Service	8,289.99	6,000.00	2,289.99
Water & Sewer	2,729.79	3,500.00	-770.21
<b>Total UTILITIES</b>	<b>23,507.20</b>	<b>25,500.00</b>	<b>-1,992.80</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>321,214.29</b>	<b>390,025.00</b>	<b>-68,810.71</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-14,280.77</b>	<b>6,700.00</b>	<b>-20,980.77</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-14,280.77</b>	<b>6,700.00</b>	<b>-20,980.77</b>

Account Balances

Stock Yards	\$152,404.12
Endowment	\$1,912,394.93

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: AUG 06 1991

OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
INC  
C/O J C BARNETT  
PO BOX 161  
PEWEE VALLEY, KY 40056

Employer Identification Number:  
31-1195581  
Contact Person:  
PEGGY L COMBS  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(513) 684-3578

Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in section 509(a)(2).

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(2) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status; or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that

**Kentucky Secretary of State**  
**Michael G. Adams****OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

<a href="#">File Amended Annual Report</a>	<a href="#">Change Address or Registered Agent</a>	<a href="#">File Certificate of Assumed Name (DBA)</a>	<a href="#">File Dissolution</a>
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**General Information**

Organization Number	0038840
Name	OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Profit or Non-Profit	N - Non-profit
Company Type	KCO - Kentucky Corporation
Industry	Museums, Art Galleries and Botanical and Zoological Gardens
Number of Employees	Small (0-19)
Primary County	Oldham
Status	A - Active
Standing	G - Good
State	KY
File Date	4/15/1975
Organization Date	4/15/1975
Last Annual Report	5/15/2024
Principal Office	106 N. SECOND AVENUE LAGRANGE, KY 40031
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## **Proposal for Funding: Oldham County History Center**

### **Statement of Need for Project:**

#### **1. Statement of Need:**

In Spring 2024 the Oldham County History Center held a Revolutionary War Field Day for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students from LaGrange Elementary. Students participated in various hands-on activities offered by the local Issac Shelby Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) group, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Peter Foree Chapter as well as presentations from re-enactors. Samantha Abercrombie, 5<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher for LaGrange, felt the program was so successful for her students that it should be offered to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Oldham County Schools.

The Revolutionary War theme is a required social studies curriculum for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Kentucky. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are tested on social studies standards at the end of the school year which focus on the Revolutionary War. Ms. Abercrombie's students meet these standards at the end of last year and Ms. Abercrombie felt the field trip helped them attain that goal.

Mrs. Abercrombie, members of the SAR and DAR, Dr. Matt Goldberg (University of Louisville), Dr. Nancy Theiss (OC History Center), Nancy Morgan (ESLA teacher), Reta Underwood (Mediwinn Society (Native American), Robert Bell (African American) and history center volunteers formed a committee in August to investigate a field day for 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Oldham County Schools in Spring 2025.

The committee began planning activities and set a date of April 10 and 11, 2025 to expand and offer Revolutionary War Field Day for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Programs, speakers and activities were outlined and a grant was submitted to America250Kentucky to help support this activity which included transportation costs, re-enactor fees, educational materials and curriculum. Unfortunately, the grant was turned down on Dec. 16, 2024.

America250 is a national effort to celebrate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and events are being planned across the nation with a culmination of activities on July 4, 2026. The Oldham County History Center has researched and documented important people and places of Oldham County that were essential to the success of our nation's birth. Since social studies standards target 5<sup>th</sup> grade students the history center Revolutionary War Field Committee will plan an exciting opportunity for our children with interaction and hands on activities about our local and national history.

The Revolutionary War Field Day Committee plans to make this an annual event for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Revolutionary War Field Day Committee felt this would be an excellent program for sponsorship by the Oldham County Fiscal Court because it is inclusive for schools around the county and it highlights the unique and special events that make our county so special.

### **3. Project Budget:**

All activities will take place at the Oldham County History Center and LaGrange Springs Pavilion Park. Funds requested will be used to support special guest speakers and transportation, transportation costs for school buses, expendable materials for activities, a teacher's guide and fees to cover costs for activity stations. **Because of the large group sizes, this Field Day encompasses 2 days of the same activities in order to accommodate all of the students which increases the costs for items.**

Items needed for a Two Day Field Program:

Guest Speakers fee and Transportation

2 Native American interpreters/teachers (Out of State)	\$4,800
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Expendable materials for 500 students	\$1,000
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Nez Perce horse demonstration (transport)	\$250
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Live farm animal exhibit	\$2,500
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Ky. Humanities Speaker Jemima Boone (sponsored by DAR)	0
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SAR Demos and Interpreters, Transportation & Time)	\$1,000
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*Note: There was some discussion by the Revolutionary War Field Day Committee to offer a PUBLIC DAY on April 12, 2024. If Fiscal Court would be interested in extending this program, then the Oldham County History Center would prepare an additional budget to offset a 3<sup>rd</sup> Day.*

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## **2. Proposed Use of Funds to Remediate the Need:**

The activities and stations being planned are:

1. Flags of Our Nation: Demonstration by SAR
2. Marching to War: Field Dress, Preparation and Battlefields (Dr. Logan, U of L)
3. Flax to Linen: How Natural Materials Were Transformed into Essential Supplies (SAR)
4. Print, Seal & Deliver: How the Message was Delivered on the Battlefields (History Center educator)
5. The Horse into Battle: Meet a real live Nez Perce horse and its Role in American History (Native American interpreter)
6. Surveying the Land: How to Read the Land and Find Your Way (SAR)

Guest Speakers:

Ky. Humanities Chautauqua Jemima Boone (sponsored by DAR)

Native American Interpreters Ogimaa Binesi Ikwe (Anita Williamson), Gookooko'oo Inini (Brett Williamson) and Miskwaadesi Ikwe (Reta Underwood)

# Images from Revolutionary War Field Day with LaGrange Elementary Spring 2024

