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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



### Browse by Topic



# SPOKEdb



Oral History Collection Management System  
An extension of Drupal

The Nunn Center currently contains  
9105 interviews.

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■ Oral History Online  
Catalogue <http://kentuckyoralhistory.org>

# SPOKEdb Features

- Collections and Projects
  - <http://www.kentuckyoralhistory.org/collections/appalachia-oral-history-collection>
- Reading [https://nyx.uky.edu/oh/render.php?cachefile=02OH108RPWCR03\\_King.xml](https://nyx.uky.edu/oh/render.php?cachefile=02OH108RPWCR03_King.xml)
  - Transcripts
  - Indexing (OHMS)
- Video Interviews [http://www.nunncenter.org/OHMS-Viewer/viewer.php?cachefile=2014oh018\\_bik040\\_ripy\\_ohm.xml](http://www.nunncenter.org/OHMS-Viewer/viewer.php?cachefile=2014oh018_bik040_ripy_ohm.xml)
- 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>

# Other Access Points

- ❑ Stand-alone Oral History Repository via Omeka
- ❑ Nunn Center YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/nunncenter>
- ❑ Explore UK <http://exploreak.uky.edu/>
- ❑ Kentucky Digital Library <http://kdl.kyvl.org/>
- ❑ InfoKat / WorldCat [http://infokat.uky.edu/vwebv/searchBasic?sk=en\\_US](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

# Summary

■ Questions?