

KCPL 19      Kenton County Bounty Fund Certificates, 1864-1865, 1867, 1869  
6 folders, .4 linear feet

**Introduction:**

Bounty fund certificates, receipts, correspondence, and book covers for the Kenton County Bounty Fund. During the Civil War, the federal government set quotas for the number of soldiers to be furnished by each state. The quotas could be filled with volunteers and/or draftees. In Kentucky, each county was responsible for a certain number of recruits. To avoid a draft, county governments could raise funds or “bounties” to pay for military service. Kenton County was asked to raise \$30,000. The County was authorized in April 1865 by the Kentucky Legislature to levy a tax in order to repay the County Fund subscribers.

**Donor Information:**

The Kenton County Bounty Fund Certificates were donated to the Kenton County Public Library by Mary K. Kator.

**Scope and Content:**

The collection is comprised of bounty fund certificates, bounty fund receipts for payment, three affidavits, and the book covers in which the documents had been stored. The bounty fund certificates and bounty fund receipts have been organized alphabetically by last name. In the case of individuals that have multiple certificates, they have been filed alphabetically and then numerically by certificate number. The affidavits are filed chronologically.

**Availability:**

The entire collection has been digitized and is available [here](#) on GeNKY.

**Folder List:**

Folder 1	Bounty Fund Certificates, Surnames A-H
Folder 2	Bounty Fund Certificates, Surnames J-P
Folder 3	Bounty Fund Certificates, Surnames, R-Y
Folder 4	Bounty Fund Receipts, Surnames, A-Y
Folder 5	Affidavits, 1867, 1869
Folder 6	Book Covers