FRIDAY, JULY 11
12:00 p.m. (noon) • The Filson Historical Society Free for Filson members, $10 for non-members

FILSON FRIDAY: “Glory or the Grave”: Kentucky’s Forgotten Soldiers of Fortune
James Prichard

The acquisition of a vast western empire after the Mexican War led many American adventurers to strike out on their own and conquer additional territory in Mexico and Central America. Still others risked their lives in private military expeditions to liberate Cuba from Spanish rule. Between 1849 and 1860, these “Filibusters” (from Los Filibusteros or Free-booters) fought as they regarded as their right to rule in the name of “Manifest Destiny.” Hundreds of Kentuckians, including such colorful figures as the soldier-pilot Theodore O’Hara and Col. Jack Allen, followed the banners of Gen. Narciso Lopes, Col. Henri Crabbe, and the “Grey-Eyed Man of Destiny,” Gen. William Walker. And like their ill-fated leaders, many of these Kentuckians found only defeat and death in faraway lands. This presentation sheds light on a colorful yet largely forgotten chapter in the history of both Louisville and Kentucky.

James Prichard is a Manuscript Librarian at The Filson. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Wright State University. His interests include U.S. history from the Jacksonian Era to the Civil War, as well as Kentucky history and the Underground Railroad. His book on the history of Frankfurt during the Civil War will be published this fall.

FRIDAY, JULY 18
12:00 p.m. (noon) • The Filson Historical Society Free for Filson members, $10 for non-members

FILSON FRIDAY: Kentucky and its People Through the Eyes of Travelers, Mapmakers, and Surveyors
Judith Partington, Cassie Bratcher, and Jana Meyer

Join the Filson library staff as we explore some of the documents left behind by early settlers and visitors to Kentucky. The Filson library houses an exceptional collection of rare maps and travel narratives. Come hear the stories of the early explorers and travelers who created these documents. Library staff will also showcase some of these unique items during the presentation.

Judith Partington is the Head Librarian at The Filson. Cassie Bratcher is our Technical Services Librarian. Jana Meyer is an Assistant Curator of Special Collections.

FRIDAY, JULY 25
12:00 p.m. (noon) • The Filson Historical Society Free for Filson members, $10 for non-members

FILSON FRIDAY
The Life and Times of E. H. Taylor, Jr.
Mike Veach

Edmond Haynes Taylor Jr. was one of the bourbon industry’s most influential people of the 19th century. He was born in the Jackson Purchase region of Kentucky in 1830 and educated in Lexington, Kentucky. Taylor was involved in the banking industry and was a partner in a private bank in Lexington in the 1850s. In 1871 he entered politics as the mayor of Frankfort, where he served until 1877 and again from 1881 to 1890. However, it was the distilling industry that brought him fame and fortune, first as the junior partner in Gaines, Berry and Co. and then with his own distilleries at the OFC Distillery in Frankfort and the Old Taylor Distillery in Millville, Kentucky. Taylor helped change the way bourbon was sold.

Mike Veach is the Bourbon Historian at The Filson and the author of Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey: An American Heritage. He is a member of the Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
12:00 p.m. (noon) • The Filson Historical Society Free for Filson members, $10 for non-members

FILSON FRIDAY: An Overview of Online Membership Benefits at The Filson
Sarah Strapp

This overview will answer all of your questions about how to search for our online resources, how to access a podcast or telecast, and the newly available online databases. Sarah will also be available for you to test your password. Please feel free to bring a tablet device or laptop and follow along!

Sarah Strapp is the Membership and Annual Fund Coordinator at The Filson. She holds a B.A. in Art History with a Studio Art minor and an Arts Management Certificate from Sweet Briar College. Her research interests include historical manuscripts and the history of the written word, focusing on the materials and techniques used to create them.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Dreamland, 810 E. Market Street Free • Part of the Republic Bank First Friday Trolley Hop

Early Amateur Films of Kentucky and Beyond
Heather Stone and Aaron Rosenblum

In 2013, The Filson, with support from the community through a Power2Give.org fundraising campaign, preserved three historical films from the Judge Arthur E. Hopkins Collection. Judge Hopkins (1881-1944) was a Louisville attorney, judge, alderman and member of the Board of Directors of The Filson with a passion for film and photography. For the past year, Filson archivists have worked to bring these historical films back to life. The films will be shown on a loop throughout the event, and refreshments will be available. If you missed our packed June 13th screening of this rare, amateur film footage of Louisville, Indianapolis, and the region, here’s your chance to see it!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
12:00 p.m. (noon) • The Filson Historical Society Free for Filson members, $10 for non-members

FILSON FRIDAY: Camp Zachary Taylor: “An Institution of the Great War”
Jennie Cole

Camp Zachary Taylor was one of the nation’s 16 cantonments erected during World War I, built to house an entire army division. It opened on September 5, 1917, just outside the city of Louisville, Kentucky, as a “place where Kentucky and Indiana soldiers trained for war.” As Associate Curator of Special Collections Jennie Cole will share stories and images of Camp Taylor from The Filson’s collections, highlighting images of the camp, soldiers’ lives, and the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919. Jennie Cole is an Associate Curator of Special Collections at The Filson. She received her MLS degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research interests include Antebellum and Civil War history, Women’s history, the Speed family, and the use of social media to promote archival research.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
12:00 p.m. (noon) • The Filson Historical Society Free for Filson members, $10 for non-members

FILSON FRIDAY
The Changed Face of Agriculture in the 20th Century
Mark Wetherington

During the 20th century, agriculture in Kentucky and the Ohio Valley region changed dramatically. World Wars I and II, the Great Depression, and post World War years had a profound impact on farms and farming communities. This lecture explores some of the major trends, such as moving from animal power to machines and small family farms to large industrial operations. These trends will be contextualized with images from The Filson collection.

Mark Wetherington is the Director of The Filson Historical Society. He is the author of two books on the Civil War and New South, and the author of numerous articles, including an essay in the University Press of Kentucky book The Idea of the Athens of the West, which explores the history of central Kentucky.
**THURSDAY, JULY 10**

**6:00 p.m. • The Library at Oxmoor Farm**

**$50**

**Bourbon Salon at Oxmoor Farm: Craft Distilling and Experimental Products**

*Mike Veach*

This is the second in a series of Bourbon events to take place in the library of historic Oxmoor Farm. Each event will combine various experts in the bourbon industry, compelling discussion, stories, and of course, bourbon tastings.

Moderated by Mike Veach, the focus of discussion will be craft distilling and the innovations and experiments during distilling to make unique products. Special guests will be Stephen Beam from Limestone Branch Distillery and Brent Goodin from Boundary Oak distillery.

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**TUESDAY, JULY 15**

**6:00 p.m. • Pecorini, 2730 Frankfort Avenue**

**$75**

**Historical Tidbits: A Bite of Bourbon History**

*Mike Veach*

Join author and bourbon historian Mike Veach as he wails us through bourbon history at the award-winning Pecorini Restaurant. With select bourbon tastings paired with delicious culinary tidbits, participants will discuss the evening’s topic between courses.

This evening’s event will cover the Bourbon Barons of the 19th century. Mike will discuss the history and bourbons of W. L. Weller, E. H. Taylor, Jr., George Garvin Brown, and James E. Pepper. In addition, participants will look at how each of these men contributed to the industry and their communities during their lifetimes. We will be tasting W. L. Weller, Old Taylor, Old Forester, and James E. Pepper bourbons.