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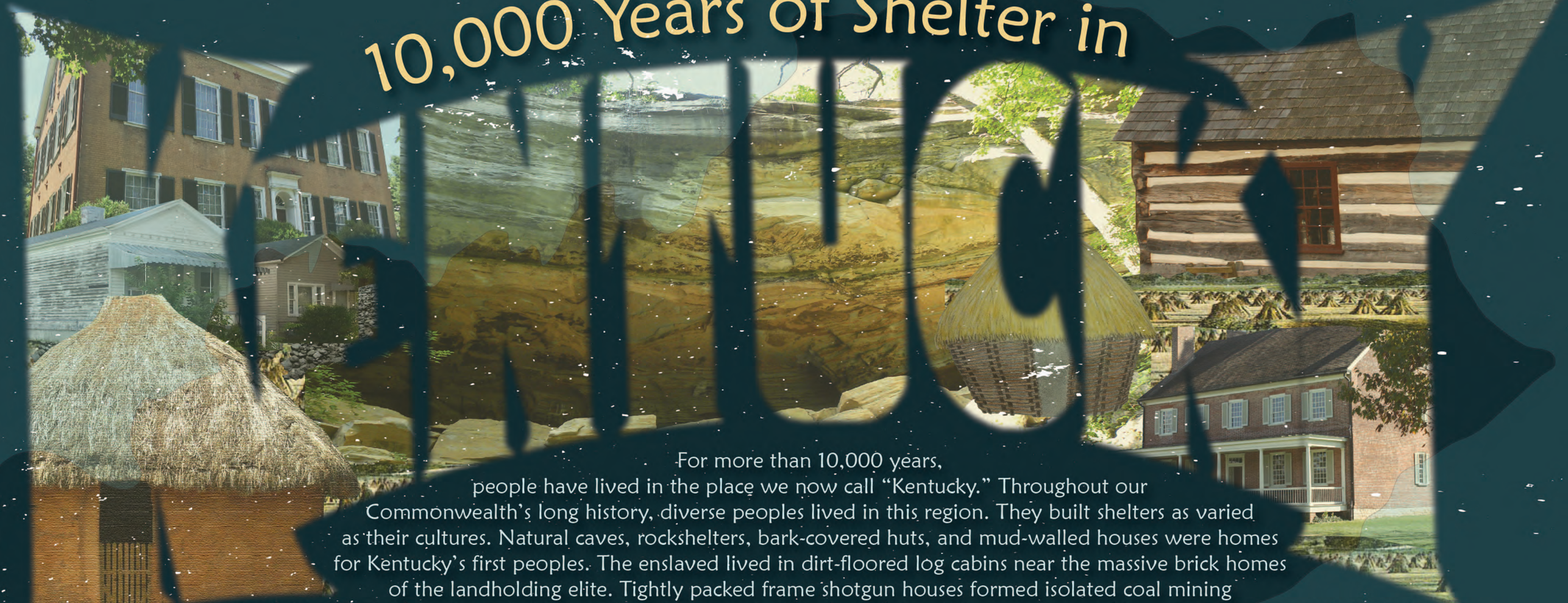
10,000 Years of Shelter in KENTUCKY



For more than 10,000 years, people have lived in the place we now call "Kentucky." Throughout our Commonwealth's long history, diverse peoples lived in this region. They built shelters as varied as their cultures. Natural caves, rockshelters, bark-covered huts, and mud-walled houses were homes for Kentucky's first peoples. The enslaved lived in dirt-floored log cabins near the massive brick homes of the landholding elite. Tightly packed frame shotgun houses formed isolated coal mining communities, as well as urban working class neighborhoods. A few examples of these shelters survive - the balance remain buried in the ground. These shelters' footprints hold the stories of past lives.

Through archaeology, we bring these stories to light.

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