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# HISTORE-CALENDAR

## February 2012

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### Missouri Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015)

#### Save the Cave: Battle of Lone Jack Building Saved!

The Lone Jack Historical Society has been afforded the opportunity to purchase the Cave Hotel property, the center-most piece of the Civil War Battle of Lone Jack battlefield! They can use your assistance so contact them today to find out how you may become involved in this historic acquisition! Contact Alinda Miller at: [amiller@historiclonejack.org](mailto:amiller@historiclonejack.org).

<http://mocivilwar150.com> <http://www.civilwarmó.org>

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**Thursday, February 2, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present  
African Americans in the West**

In honor of African American History Month, explore the lives of several African Americans who took to the trails in mid-19<sup>th</sup> century America. A special highlight will be a discussion of David Brown, who went to the California Gold fields, and his wife Rachel, who remained behind in Ohio fated to be a "gold rush widow." Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomó Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomó_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomó\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomó_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Monday, February 6, 2012**

**10 a.m.**

**Raytown Historical Society Presents  
Ambassadors' Meeting: The History of the Little Blue Area**

Join the Raytown Historical Society for a lively discussion the first Monday of the month. Raytown Historical Society Museum, 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, Missouri. FREE and open to the public. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomó Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomó_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomó\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomó_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

**6 p.m. reception**

**6:30 p.m. program**

**Kansas City Public Library and Kansas City Museum Present  
The Final Sendoff: African-American Funeral Homes**

Lee Ward, owner of the Museum of Funeral History in Independence, discusses 150 years of African-American funeral homes, which in the decades of segregation provided the black community with end-of-life services denied by white businesses. Among the names of these enterprises were those of T. B. Watkins, Adkins, Kerford, and H. B. Moore. FREE. Kansas City Public Library, Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomó Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomó_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomó\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomó_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Thursday, February 9, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**  
**African Americans in the West**

In honor of African American History Month, explore the lives of several African Americans who took to the trails in mid-19<sup>th</sup> century America. A special highlight will be a discussion of David Brown, who went to the California Gold fields, and his wife Rachel, who remained behind in Ohio fated to be a "gold rush widow." Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)"

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**Saturday, February 11, 2012**

**2 to 4 p.m.**

**Wornall Majors House Museums and Toy and Miniature Museum Present**  
**Chill Out with Frozen Charlotte**

Learn about this popular 1800s doll. \$6. FREE to members of the Wornall/Majors or Toy and Miniature Museum. Alexander Majors House, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)"

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**Monday, February 13, 2012**

**10 a.m.**

**National Park Service and Harry S Truman National Historic Site Present**

**A Case for Equality: Brown v. Board of Education** presented by Dave Schafer, Chief of Interpretation and Education at Brown v. Board of Education in Topeka, Kansas; and,

**Overcoming Racism: Harry Truman and Civil Rights**, presented by Dave Suvak, a staff member at Harry S Truman National Historic Site.

The event will include a pair of presentations by National Park Service speakers that focus on two important chapters in the history of the civil rights movement. The event will be held in the park's visitor center at 223 N. Main Street, Independence, Missouri. FREE. For more information, visit For additional information contact the park at 816.254.2720, or visit the park's official website at [www.nps.gov/hstr](http://www.nps.gov/hstr).

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**Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

**10-11:30 a.m.**

**National Archives at Kansas City Present**  
**Naturalization Records Workshop**

Throughout American history, immigration and naturalization laws have ebbed and flowed with the political climate. Tracking documentation and evidence of our ancestor's paths to citizenship can be a challenge. Learn about the paperwork involved with the process and how naturalization encompassed a variety of individuals from immigrants to the native born. This course will be taught by Archives Technician Jennifer Audsley Moore. To make a reservation for these **free events**, please call 816-268-8000 or email: [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov). For more information, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)"

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**Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Mid-Continent Public Library Present**

**Mourning During the Civil War**

Americans and their thoughts on death were brought into focus during the Civil War. Lucy Buck of Virginia observed, "we shall never any of us be the same as we have been." Barbara Hughes portrays Amanda Pine Stout who is in mourning for her brother who died in the war. The PowerPoint presentation will share the 19th century view of mourning and the impact of the Civil War. Smithville Mid-Continent Library. For more information, visit the Library's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

**6 p.m. reception**

**6:30 p.m. program**

**Kansas City Public Library Present**

**Freedom Seekers: Stories from the Western Underground Railroad**

Local filmmaker Gary Jenkins unveils his new documentary about the western branch of the Underground Railroad that before and during the Civil War transported escaped slaves from the Kansas City area to freedom in the north. Noted Underground Railroad scholar, Dr. William O. Wagnon be on hand to moderate a post-screening discussion of the Underground Railroad. FREE. Plaza Branch. 4801 N Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

**6 p.m. reception**

**6:30 program**

**National Archives at Kansas City and Kansas City Museum Present**

**Pendleton Heights: Then and Now**

David Remley and Kent Dicus for a discussion and signing of their book *Pendleton Heights: Then and Now, First Suburb of Kansas City*. *Pendleton Heights: Then and Now, First Suburb of Kansas City* published by the Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association, takes an in-depth look and analysis into the area's historic architecture. Platted in the early 1880s, Pendleton Heights bears the distinction of being Kansas City's first suburb, being separated from town by few roads, deep gullies, and ravines. While the entrance ramp to I-35 North now serves Pendleton Heights from Columbus Park, it is hardly considered a suburb of the City. Included in *Pendleton Heights: Then and Now* are 83 vintage photographs of historic homes and other structures compared to as many images captured at today's same camera angle. While many of the homes reflect successes in the preservation of the neighborhood's original structures, other side-by-side comparisons boldly state the impact of neglected and abused property, as well as—in extreme cases—the brutality of the wrecking ball. To make a reservation for these free events, please call 816-268-8000 or email: [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov). For more information, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Thursday, February 16, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**African Americans in the West**

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admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Thursday, February 16, 2012**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Johnson County Public Library Present**

***The Kansas-Nebraska Act Forum***

The Johnson County Library will host an issues and engagement forum about the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 at the Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87<sup>th</sup> St., Overland Park, KS. This event is part of Johnson County Library's 2011-2012 Legacies of the Civil War series.

Slavery or freedom forever: what was at stake in the Kansas-Nebraska Act? In 1854, President Franklin Pierce faced a choice that would have a profound impact on the future of the United States. Should he give settlers in Kansas and Nebraska the right to vote on whether slavery would be permitted, should be banned in the territories, or should he focus on practical considerations like the economy rather than moral rhetoric? Join fellow community residents to discuss how you would advise the president. To register please, call (913) 826-4600 or visit [www.jocolibrary.org/civilwar](http://www.jocolibrary.org/civilwar).

For more information on the Legacies of the Civil War programs at Johnson County Library locations, visit [www.jocolibrary.org/civilwar](http://www.jocolibrary.org/civilwar). Library programs are free and open to the public. For more information call (913) 826-4600. Interpretive services and other accommodations for those with special needs are available by contacting Library staff at least one week in advance of the program.

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**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

**9 to 4 p.m.**

**Mid-American Afro-American Genealogy Interest Coalition and Midwest Genealogy Center Present  
Juneteenth Celebration in February**

Classes and displays will help the researcher with the intermediate and advanced research techniques. Consultants will also be available to answer your toughest questions. Call 816.252.7228 to register for the workshop and schedule time with a consultant. Speakers include Lyle Gibson, Bill Curtis, Preston Washington, and Angela McComas. Free. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

**6 p.m. reception**

**6:30 program**

**National Archives at Kansas City Present**

**On Slavery's Border: Missouri's Small Slaveholding Households, 1815-1865**

Diane Mutti Burke for a discussion and signing of her book. Mutti Burke focuses on the Missouri counties located along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to investigate small-scale slavery at the level of the household and neighborhood. She examines such topics as small slaveholders' child-rearing and fiscal strategies, the economics of slavery, relations between slaves and owners, the challenges faced by slave families, sociability among enslaved and free Missourians within rural neighborhoods, and the disintegration of slavery during the Civil War. Mutti Burke argues that economic and social factors gave Missouri slavery an especially intimate quality. Owners directly oversaw their slaves and lived in close proximity with them, sometimes in the same building. White Missourians believed this made for a milder version of bondage. Some slaves, who expressed fear of being sold further south, seemed to agree. To make a reservation for these free events, please call 816-268-8000 or email: [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov). For more information, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Thursday, February 23, 2012**

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African Americans in the West**

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**Friday, February 24, 2012**

**1 to 2:30 p.m.**

**National Archives at Kansas City Present  
Alien Case Files (A-Files) Workshop**

Learn about the Alien Files (A-Files), a rich source of biographical information for family research and how to complete a successful request. The A-Files contain United States immigration documents generated and collected since the mid-20th century with a wealth of data, including visas, photographs, applications, affidavits, correspondence, and more. This course will be taught by Archivist Elizabeth Burnes. To make a reservation for these free events, please call 816-268-8000 or email: [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov). For more information, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)"

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**Friday, February 24, 2012**

**6 p.m. reception**

**6:30 p.m. program**

**Kansas City Public Library and Black Archives of Mid-America Present  
Freedom is Now: A Documentary about Freedom, Inc.**

Area filmmaker Emiel Cleaver debuts his documentary film about this pioneering African-American political organization. FREE. Plaza Branch. 4801 N Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)"

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

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**Thursday, March 1, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present  
Getting Ready**

Explore the process of getting ready for a six-month overland journey during this 30-minute gallery walk. A typical overland journey actually began several months before the physical departure from home as pioneers went through a lengthy process of deciding to go, who and what to take with them, and ultimately who and what to leave behind. All would eventually officially depart from one of several "jumping off" places such as Independence, Missouri. Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Monday, March 5, 2012**

**10 a.m.**

**Raytown Historical Society Presents**

**Ambassadors' Meeting: The Mystery of the Kimsey/Gossett Property**

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**Tuesday, March 6, 2012**

**7 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**The Oregon Trail**

Historian and lecturer Jim Howk provides a well-illustrated lecture focusing on the Oregon Trail. The Oregon Trail started from the Independence Square in the early 1840s and was a conduit for literally hundreds of thousands of people going on to begin new lives in the American West. During this 90-minute lecture, Mr. Howk will describe the process of getting ready, organizing wagon trains in jumping off places such as Independence, the daily routines of travelers, landmarks, and adventures of several of the more interesting travelers. FREE. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)"

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**Thursday, March 8, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**Getting Ready**

Explore the process of getting ready for a six-month overland journey during this 30-minute gallery walk. A typical overland journey actually began several months before the physical departure from home as pioneers went through a lengthy process of deciding to go, who and what to take with them, and ultimately who and what to leave behind. All would eventually officially depart from one of several "jumping off" places such as Independence, Missouri. Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Thursday, March 15, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**Getting Ready**

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**Thursday, March 22, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

### **Getting Ready**

Explore the process of getting ready for a six-month overland journey during this 30-minute gallery walk. A typical overland journey actually began several months before the physical departure from home as pioneers went through a lengthy process of deciding to go, who and what to take with them, and ultimately who and what to leave behind. All would eventually officially depart from one of several "jumping off" places such as Independence, Missouri. Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Saturday, March 24, 2012 [Advance reservations required]**

**1 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

### **Trails from the Square**

Investigate early Independence history in this hour-long walking tour of the Courthouse Square and its environs. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. \$5/person. Meet at the Andrew Jackson statue on the west side of the historic Truman Jackson County Courthouse. Please wear appropriate walking shoes. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Saturday, March 24, 2012**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**National Archives at Kansas City Present**

### ***A House Divided: Your Ancestors in the Civil War***

Union and Confederate soldiers and their families left behind a legacy in paper. In honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and in conjunction with the exhibit *Divided Loyalties*, the National Archives at Kansas City will host a day of courses dedicated to records that can be beneficial to genealogical research. Please note these workshops will not address specific battles, politics, or strategies of engagements. Sessions will be taught by National Archives staff members on the following topics:

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

#### **Draftees and Deserters: Your Ancestors in the Civil War**

Was your ancestor a draftee, substitute, or deserter? The U.S. Provost Marshal General was responsible for collecting information on all men eligible to fight regardless of their political loyalties. Come learn what details these unique records contain and how to search them.

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

#### **Military Records Online**

Curious about what types of Civil War records are available online? This course will explore free and subscription based websites with Civil War military record content, including: indexes, original images, and unit histories.

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

#### **Ordering Compiled Service Records and Pension Records**

Did your ancestor serve in the Civil War? Did he or his widow apply for a pension? Come learn how to locate and order these records from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. This session will include a basic overview of the information needed to make a request via online or by mail.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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### Confederate Records Available through the National Archives

While the Civil War divided the nation, it also divided the records created about it. Confederate records were not created by the U.S. Federal government, but by both the Confederate government and states that joined the Confederacy. It can be difficult to locate records on ancestors who fought for the Confederacy. This course will help you discover what records can be found at the National Archives and how to order them.

All workshops are free and open to the public. Since some of these workshops will take place during the noon hour please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy. These workshops are free, but reservations are suggested. For more information or **to make a reservation for these free events**, call 816-268-8000 or email [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov).

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**Thursday, March 29, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**Getting Ready**

Explore the process of getting ready for a six-month overland journey during this 30-minute gallery walk. A typical overland journey actually began several months before the physical departure from home as pioneers went through a lengthy process of deciding to go, who and what to take with them, and ultimately who and what to leave behind. All would eventually officially depart from one of several "jumping off" places such as Independence, Missouri. Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Monday, April 2, 2012**

**National Archives at Kansas City Present**

**1940 U. S. Census Release**

National Archives will release the 1940 U.S. Census. In the past the National Archives has provided access to the Census on microfilm. For the 1940 Census the National Archives will be providing free online access. You will be able to search on the internet using the public computers in our research rooms or your own computer. More information about the release along with special workshops forthcoming.

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**Monday, April 2, 2012**

**10 a.m.**

**Raytown Historical Society Presents**

**Ambassadors' Meeting: R. A. Long's Longview Farm**

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**Tuesday, April, 10, 2012**

**10 a.m.**

**American's Remembered, Inc. Present**

**World War II Speakers Series: Battle of Okinawa**

Meet Navy Corpsman Jesse Coffelt and Army Combat Medic Nick Ventura talk about their experiences. Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Overland Park, Kansas.

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**7 p.m.**

**Trailside Center Present**

**World War II Speakers Series: Battle of Okinawa**

Meet Navy Corpsman Jesse Coffelt and Army Combat Medic Nick Ventura talk about their experiences. Trailside Center, 99<sup>th</sup> and Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Thursday, April, 13, 2012**

**7 p.m.**

**Mid-Continent Public Library Present**

**World War II Speakers Series: World War II Flyers**

Meet Navy Leonard Porter talk about the experiences of aviation pilots in World War II. Mid-Continent Public Library, Raytown branch, Raytown, Missouri. For more information, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**EXHIBITS**

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**through March 4, 2012**

**"Coming Home" Exhibition**

Post-WWI propaganda posters, letters and insignia spark a discussion about the transition of servicemen and women from war-time duty to civilian life. The special exhibition is located in Memory Hall and is included with regular Museum admission. National World War I Memorial at Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, address and directions, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

**Through March 2012**

**Century of Legendary Places: The Legacy of Kansas City's Hare and Hare.**

To most local landscape architects, Hare & Hare is a household name. The firm has left an indelible mark on some of the most iconic and often-visited areas of Kansas City—the Country Club Plaza, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Loose Park, Ward Parkway, and Mission Hills among them. Father-and-son collaborators Sid and Herbert Hare were part of a synergistic design team assembled by legendary Kansas City developer J.C. Nichols that was internationally recognized for its excellence. Their 100-year-old legacy is commemorated in this new exhibit. Funded by a grant from the William T. Kemper Foundation. Kansas City Public Library, Plaza Branch, 4801 N Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

**Through March 16, 2013**

**The Civil War in Missouri**

Compelling artifacts, imagery, and interactive elements. Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, 5700 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri. For more information, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

**through June, 2016**

**Civil War Missouri: A House Divided**

Artifacts and documents about the stories of everyday Missourians. Missouri State Capitol Museum, 201 W. Capitol, Jefferson City, Missouri. The **We Are Kansas City** exhibition, presented in partnership with the [America I Am](#) exhibit at Union Station, aligns readily with the "Imprint" themes so beautifully explored in "America I Am." Objects were selected from our collection for presentation because they are significant evidence of the broad and deep, bold and subtle imprints of African Americans on the history of Kansas City. Kansas City is the fortunate home of many institutions devoted to collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of African-American people and culture. Union Station Kansas City and Kansas City Museum encourage you to support our colleague institutions by scheduling a visit, buying a ticket and volunteering time to help keep this history alive. [Click here to learn more about the artifacts](#). Opens October 22nd at the entrance to the America I Am exhibit at Union Station | Tue - Fri 9:30 am to 5 pm | Sat 9:30 am to 6 pm | Sun 11 am to 6 pm | Closed Mondays | Free.

**Through August 18, 2012**

**Crime Exhibit opens at the National Archives at Kansas City**

**"They're Not Going to Get Me:" Crime in the 1930s, a new exhibit at the National Archives at Kansas City, traces the rise and fall of the bank robbers and gangsters who became national icons in the 1930s. Named as public enemies, they became a target of J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation and the impetus for a national war on crime.**

The rise of this new generation of gangsters, reminiscent of the bygone days of Jesse James, the Dalton Boys, and Butch and the Sundance Kid, came at a time when the nation was looking for an escape from the poverty of the Great Depression. Inspired by dime novels, movies, and legend, these new bandits did not ride horses and wield six-shooters—they escaped in Ford V-8s as sub-machine gun fire filled the air.

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While many of these criminals thought they could stay one step ahead of the law, historical documents tell a different story. Drawn from the holdings of the National Archives at Kansas City, the exhibit features original records relating to the exploits and capture of notorious criminals, their gang members, and girls; including Pretty Boy Floyd, Machine Gun Kelly, Bonnie and Clyde, John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, and the Barker-Karpis Gang.

Visitors will encounter original records that trace the investigation and prosecution of these criminals and their associates: indictments, verdicts, wanted posters, prison records, arrest warrants, subpoenas, parole reports, photographs, and maps. Featured documents and artifacts include the:

- grand jury indictment of Adam Richetti for the Kansas City Massacre, a 1933 shootout with local and Federal authorities at Kansas City's Union Station;
- Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary inmate register showing George "Machine Gun" Kelly's transfer to Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary;
- verdict against George and Kathryn Kelly in the Charles Urschel kidnapping case;
- grand jury indictment of John Dillinger;
- bench warrant and mugshot for Homer Van Meter, Dillinger gang member;
- verdict against Evelyn "Billie" Frechette, John Dillinger's girlfriend;
- letters written by Minnesota banker Edward Bremer to his father and wife after being kidnapped by the Barker-Karpis gang;
- commitment form sending Alvin Karpis to jail for kidnapping Hamm's Brewery chairman William Hamm; and
- witness statement signed by Melvin Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Chicago office.

*"They're Not Going to Get Me: Crime in the 1930s"* will be on display at the National Archives at Kansas City from February 7 through August 18, 2012.

The National Archives at Kansas City is one of 13 facilities nationwide where the public has access to Federal archival records. It is home to historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s created or received by Federal agencies in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. For more information, call [816-268-8000](tel:816-268-8000), email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov) or visit [www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city](http://www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city).

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**Thursday, January 5, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**  
**Manifest Destiny**

Manifest Destiny compelled thousands to move west in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In this 30-minute gallery walk, explore the origin of the term and its lasting impact on U.S. history. Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)"  
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**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**  
**Film Series: Basic Ox Training**

Learn about different aspects of western history during this film series, each Sunday in January. Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)"  
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**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**  
**Manifest Destiny**

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**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Kansas City Public Library Present**

**Jeff Lanza - Federal Cases: Inside the Kansas City FBI**

A newborn baby is kidnapped from a Kansas City hospital. A New Year's Eve bank robber takes hostages in a stand-off. A pharmacist dilutes the medication of 4,000 patients. Over the past 20 years, some of the highest profile FBI cases were investigated in Kansas City. Retired Special Agent **Jeff Lanza**, who served as the FBI's Kansas City spokesman, tells the real stories behind the headlines and reveals how he learned to interact with local and national media. Lanza is author of the recently released ***Pistols to Press***. FREE. Plaza Branch. 4801 N Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**Film Series: Advanced Ox Training**

Learn about different aspects of western history during this film series, each Sunday in January. Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**Kansas City Public Library Present**

***Black Hand Strawman: The History of Organized Crime in Kansas City***

Filmmaker **Terence O'Malley** discusses his new book and documentary by the same title. O'Malley chronicles the Black Hand era in Kansas City that saw the beginnings of Italian organized crime, its later alliance with the Pendergast political machine, and its rise to dominance in the early 20th century. O'Malley also discusses the lives of the overwhelming majority within the city's Italian American community who suffered as victims of organized crime. Central Library, 14 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri. FREE. For more information, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Thursday, January 19, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**Manifest Destiny**

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**Sunday, January 22, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**Film Series: Mules**

Learn about different aspects of western history during this film series, each Sunday in January. Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)"

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**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**Manifest Destiny**

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**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Kansas City Public Library Present**

**Confederate Reckoning**

University of Pennsylvania historian Stephanie McCurry offers a new interpretation of the Confederacy that contends the South sowed the seeds of its demise in creating a regime that excluded white women and slaves, which together comprised a majority of the population. *Confederate Reckoning* was a finalist for the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for History. McCurry's talk is the keynote address for the Richard D. McKinzie Research Symposium. Co-sponsored by the University of Missouri-Kansas City Department of History. FREE. Plaza Branch. 4801 N Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Friday, January 13, 2012**

**10 to 11:30 a.m.**

**National Archives at Kansas City Present**

**Genealogy Workshop: Introduction to Genealogy: Using Federal Census Records to Find Your Ancestors**

This course will introduce beginning genealogists to the United States Federal Census while providing direction with how and where to start researching your family history. Learn to discover clues, codes, and other telling details about your ancestors' lives. This workshop will be presented by Jennifer Audsley-Moore, Archives Technician and Volunteer Coordinator. To make a reservation, please call 816.268.8000 or email:

kansascity.archives@nara.gov. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](#)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**Union Station Kansas City Present**

***The World's Most Perfect Servant***

Bellman, concierge, housekeeper, valet: If the Pullman porter's job was complex, his place in the American consciousness is even harder to pin down. Was he "the world's most perfect servant," as Pullman's advertising boasted, or a symbol of racial oppression? Icon of gracious travel, or underpaid victim? More than 40 years after the Pullman Company went out of business, attitudes about its frontline employees reflect our continued ambivalence. Lecturer Peter A. Hansen is the editor of *Railroad History*, the scholarly journal of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, and he is also a correspondent for *Trains*, an industry publication. He is a contributor to the *Encyclopedia of North American Railroads*, published by Indiana University Press, and guest curator to several historical museums nationwide. He is co-curator of a Jim Crow coach that's currently undergoing restoration for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African-American History.

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**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

**1 to 2:30 p.m.**

**National Archives at Kansas City Present**

**Genealogy Workshop: Immigration Records: More Than Just Passenger Lists**

The breadth of immigration records available online and in archives can seem overwhelming. Come learn about original records available at the National Archives and online resources. Records include passport applications, naturalization documents, ship passenger lists, and more. This workshop will be presented by Jessica Edgar, Archives Specialist. To make a reservation, please call 816.268.8000 or email: [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov). For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**2 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Present**

**Film Series: Hoofed Animal and Indian Life**

Learn about different aspects of western history during this film series, each Sunday in January. Regular museum admission applies. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information, visit the Museum's website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)"

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