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# HISTORE-CALENDAR

## March 2011

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**TOUR** the 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum daily April-October; December

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### MARCH 2011 Kicks off two major events in local and U.S. History:

- 1) **The Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) of the beginning of the Civil War; and,**
- 2) **The Bicentennial (200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) of the birth of famed Missouri painter and politician, George Caleb Bingham. (See [Special Events Calendar](http://www.jchs.org/events.html) at [jchs.org/events.html](http://www.jchs.org/events.html))**

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[mailto:info@jchs.org?subject=HistorE-Calendar Submission](mailto:info@jchs.org?subject=HistorE-Calendar%20Submission)

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**Thursday, March 3, 2011**

**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Kansas City Museum Presents**

**New! *Hard Hat Happy Hours***

Explore Kansas City Museum's exquisite 100+ year old mansion home, Corinthian Hall, with a glass of wine at Kansas City Museum's Hard Hat Happy Hours the first Thursday of every month. You'll see Corinthian Hall in mid-renovation, the bare interior of the building exposed for the first time in decades. Examine 100 year-old craftsmanship and hear first-hand about plans for the grand mansion's future, from Museum Director Christopher Leitch and Museum staff, for only \$5 (free to Friends of the Kansas City Museum)! Kansas City Museum, 3218 Gladstone Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri. Reservations requested. Call 816-483-8300, or visit their 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, March 3, 2011**

**6 p.m. Reception; 6:30 p.m. Lecture**

**National Archives at Kansas City Presents**

***The Quest for Citizenship: African American and Native American Education in Kansas, 1880-1935***

Kim Cary Warren discusses her book by the same title. *The Quest for Citizenship* examines the formation of African American and Native American citizenship, belonging, and identity in the United States by comparing educational experiences in Kansas between 1880 and 1935. Warren focuses her study on Kansas, thought by many to be the quintessential free state, not only because it was home to sizable populations of Indian groups and former slaves, but also because of its unique history of conflict over freedom during the antebellum period. After the Civil War, white reformers opened segregated schools, ultimately reinforcing the very racial hierarchies that they claimed to challenge. To resist the effects of these reformers' actions, African Americans developed strategies that emphasized inclusion and

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integration, while autonomy and bicultural identities provided the focal point for Native Americans' understanding of what it meant to be an American. Warren argues that these approaches to defining American citizenship served as ideological precursors to the Indian rights and civil rights movements. Warren conducted research for her book at the National Archives at Kansas City. Warren will be available to sign copies of her book after the discussion. National Archives at Kansas City, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information or to make a reservation for this free event, call 816-268-8010 or email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov), or 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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**Saturday, March 5, 2011**

**10 a.m.**

**Friends of Arrow Rock Present**

**First Saturday Lectures: Bingham and Politics**

*Bingham and Politics Portrayal* by Bob Brand, an actor from Kansas City. Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitors Center, 818 Main Street, Arrow Rock, Missouri. Free and open to the public. Funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit their website at [www.arrowrock.org](http://www.arrowrock.org); [www.friendsar.org](http://www.friendsar.org); or, <http://mostateparks.com/arrowrock/viscenter.htm>.

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**Saturday, March 5, 2011**

**10 a.m.**

**Liberty Preservation Office and Historic Liberty, Inc. Presents**

**Clothing, Accoutrements & Weapons of the 1863 Union Cavalryman**

Jim Beckner will present a history seminar on the Union Cavalry officer at the Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main St., Liberty, Missouri.

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**Monday, March 7, 2011**

**10 a.m.**

**Raytown Historical Society Presents**

**Ambassador's Meeting: The Cox Family of Raytown**

The Cox family story is woven into the very fabric of the history of Raytown. Please join us for a slideshow presentation of this fascinating look back. Leroy Cox was the first mayor of the newly incorporated Raytown in 1950. His involvement in our city government and all things that pertained to the betterment of Raytown are well known. Not as well known are the generations of his family, beginning in the early 1800's, who had come before him, the central parts of town they had called home and the other families of early settlers that combined with the Cox's over the years. FREE and open to the public. Raytown Museum, 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, Missouri. For more information, call 816.353.5033, or 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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**Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

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

**50 Plus at Johnson County Parks and Recreation Presents**

**2011 WW II Living History Series: Aircraft Carriers**

The Aircraft Carrier was an integral force in US success in the vast Pacific WW II war effort. Speaking will be men who served as ship's crew and airmen who flew off carriers. Ever wondered what it would be like to land a plane on a pitching carrier in rough seas at night? Let's find out together. Russ DeBerg who was on the USS Hornet when Jimmy Doolittle and his band of B25s bombed Japan early in the war. Russ was also on the Hornet when sunk and spent several hours in the water before rescue. Maury Dubinsky was a

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Corsair Fighter pilot on the USS Intrepid in the South Pacific and had some interesting experiences. You will not want to miss this. *Roeland Park Community Center*, 4850 Rosewood, Roeland Park, Kansas. For more information, call 913.236.4343. If you can't come to this one, mark your calendar for the March 10 program at the Trailside Center, 99<sup>th</sup> and Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri. See event description below.

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**Wednesday, March 9, 2011**  
**Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Present**  
**Opening of Exhibition (running through October 2)**  
***Bingham@200***

On view are nearly 30 preparatory drawings held at the Museum on behalf of the Trust for the People of Missouri. They reveal intriguing insights into Bingham's process for developing his compositions from concept to canvas. Many of the precisely rendered ink and pencil sketches relate directly to genre paintings of river life and the frontier democratic process that rank among the artist's most beloved scenes.

To complement the drawings, *Stump Speaking* (1853–54), one of Bingham's ambitious, multi-figure paintings on loan from the St. Louis Art Museum, will be on view in the American galleries, along with several of his oils from the Nelson-Atkins' own rich collection, including such favorites as *Fishing on the Mississippi* and *Canvassing for a Vote*, as well as fine portraits of Missouri notables.

Although Bingham had no formal training, he started painting by the time he was 20. In his first decade as an artist he worked as a portraitist, filling commissions for prominent Missouri residents. Bingham's horizons expanded in 1838 with a trip East, where he met artists and studied American and European art. He also learned of the growing demand for art with uniquely American subjects.

An ardent Whig, his experiences in state and local politics informed his scenes of frontier river activities and the American democratic political process. After a stay in Düsseldorf, Germany, from 1856 to 1859, Bingham relocated to the Kansas City area where he continued to paint mostly portraits until his death in 1879. Additionally, in 1877 he was appointed the first professor of art at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Bingham is buried in Kansas City's Union Cemetery, and his Arrow Rock, Missouri, home is preserved as a State Historic Site

The Nelson-Atkins is located at 45<sup>th</sup> and Oak Streets, Kansas City, MO. Hours are Wednesday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; Thursday/Friday, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon–5 p.m. Admission to the Museum is free to everyone. Call for admission prices to the exhibit at 816.751.1ART (1278) or visit [nelson-atkins.org](http://nelson-atkins.org).

See also Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, for a full weekend of birthday events.

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, March 10, 2011**  
**7 p.m.**  
**New Santa Fe Historical Society Presents**  
**World War II Living History Series: Aircraft Carriers**

The Aircraft Carrier was an integral force in US success in the vast Pacific WW II war effort. Speaking will be men who served as ship's crew and airmen who flew off carriers. Ever wondered what it would be like to land a plane on a pitching carrier in rough seas at night? Let's find out together. Be prepared to learn history from the folks WHO WERE THERE. Trailside Center, 99<sup>th</sup> and Holmes, 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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**National Frontier Trails Museum Presents**  
**Tombstone Talks Lecture Series: Chiseled History: Curious, Informative, and Humorous**  
**Tombstone Inscriptions**

John Mark Lambertson explores the interesting epitaphs people have had inscribed on their grave markers, from enlightening biographical details and boasts, to poignant prose and dire warnings. \$6. Reservations can be made in advance by calling 816.325.7575. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific. Regular museum admission applies. 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, March 10, 2011**

**Harry S Truman Library and Museum Present**

**Opening of Exhibition (running through September 8)**

***Steamboats to Steam Engines: Georg Caleb Bingham's Missouri, 1819-1879***

The formative years for the state of Missouri coincide almost exactly with the time George Caleb Bingham spent in the state. It was a time when Missouri stood at the crossroads of the nation, the funnel through which trade and settlement moved in its relentless march to the West. Bingham witnessed it all, from the fur traders on the rivers to the lonely farmsteads, and from the tragedy and violence of Civil War to the growth of great cities.

His genre paintings captured visions of life on the Missouri frontier, the growth of democratic institutions, and the tragedy of war. His portraits documented the emergence of a more refined social stratum in the developing state. This exhibition uses Bingham's visual narrative to highlight the story of Missouri's formative years.

Harry S. Truman Library, 500 W. U.S. Highway 24, 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 12, 2011**

**2 p.m.**

**Westport Historical Society Presents**

**George Caleb Bingham: The Missouri Artist Who Mixed Politics With Paint**

Sue Shinkle, a Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Gallery docent, presents a Powerpoint presentation on the Bingham paintings held by the Nelson. Kansas City Public Library—Westport Branch, Westport Road in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, contact the Westport Historical Society at 816.561.1821, or 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 and Sunday, March 12 and 13, 2011 [Register by March 10]**

**Saturday 9 to 4:30**

**Sunday 1 to 4:30**

**Midwest Genealogy Center Presents**

**Genealogy Workshop: Techniques with a Twist, Featuring Ron Arons**

Taking basic research techniques and giving them a TWIST! Classes will include:

"Mapping Madness", "Best Bet Internet Sites", "Putting Flesh on the Bones", "Organization for Genealogists", "Squares to Cubes", "Capturing History", "Tale of Two Franks". Presenters include Ron Arons, Nancy Ehrlich, Tiffany Wright, and Beth Foulk. \$45 advanced, paid reservation. Optional lunch \$8.50 (beef, ham, veggie). Call 816.252.7228. Or, visit the Midwest Genealogy's website through the

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**Tuesday, March 15, 2011**

**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Wild About Harry boutique on Independence Square Presents  
George Caleb Bingham: Missouri's Famed Painter and Forgotten Politician**

Paul Nagel, author of the book by the same title, visits to sign copies of his book. Enjoy the unique boutique shop, Wild About Harry. And, consider dining at any number of restaurants around Independence Square. Wild About Harry, 104 W Maple, Independence, Missouri. For more information call 816.252.0100.

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**Wednesday, March 16, 2011**

**6 p.m. Reception; 6:30 p.m. Lecture**

**National Archives at Kansas City Presents**

***Outlaw Tales of Kansas: True Stories of the Sunflower State's Most Infamous Crooks, Culprits, and Cutthroats***

Sarah Smarsh discusses her book by the same title. *Outlaw Tales of Kansas: True Stories of the Sunflower State's Most Infamous Crooks, Culprits, and Cutthroats* reintroduces readers to 15 of the nation's most notorious events and people with a connection to Kansas' violent beginnings as a state. Jesse James, Big Nose Kate, Emmett Dalton, and the Birdman of Alcatraz come alive as Smarsh transports the reader to the wild-west in finely woven tales of danger, violence, mayhem and desperation. Smarsh will be available to sign copies of her book after the discussion. National Archives at Kansas City, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information or to make a reservation for this free event, call 816-268-8010 or email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov), or 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, March 17, 2011**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Mid-Continent Public Library Presents**

**Jesse James and the Civil War**

Great events create great legends. The Civil War was such an event. From this bloody period arose the legend of Jesse and Frank James. While Frank, the elder brother, answered the call to arms and went to fight in the war, Jesse was too young to join and stayed behind to help work on the family farm. An historical interpreter from the James Farm will be at the library to tell us more about the James brothers and the Civil War. Excelsior Springs Branch, 1460 Kearney Road, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Call 816.630.6721 to reserve a seat, or 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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**Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, 2011**

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday**

**Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday**

**Bingham-Waggoner Estate Presents**

**Early Bird Opening for Bingham's Anniversary Weekend**

Home of nationally renowned artist George Caleb Bingham from 1864 to 1870, and the only Bingham home still standing in the Kansas City area. He painted his famous "Martial Law" or "Order Number 11" here, which depicted the devastation of the American Civil War on western Missouri. The 1852 historic house will begin its 2011 season early by being open the anniversary weekend. Bingham-

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Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, Missouri. For more information call 816.-461.3491, or 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 and Sunday, March 19 and 20, 2011**

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday (Special commemorative memorial service at 4:30)**

**Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday (Special commemorative memorial service at 4:30)**

**Union Cemetery Historical Society Presents**

**Special cemetery hours for Bingham anniversary weekend**

Final resting place of George Caleb Bingham who was buried here July 9, 1879, and his wife Mattie. The grave is marked by an imposing monument with a cameo portrait of the artist. A special commemorative memorial service will be held at 4:30 both days, March 19 and 20, with a recreation of an 1879 funeral procession with pall bearers and mourners in period dress. Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Terrace (just east of Main), Kansas City, Missouri. For more information call 816.472.4990, or visit the Historical Society'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 19, 2011**

**1 to 4 p.m.**

**Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Presents**

**George Caleb Bingham Birthday Celebration**

Honoring Bingham's career as a politician as well as an artist, **Ralph Monaco**, former Missouri legislator and president of the **Jackson County Historical Society**, will take on Bingham's persona in the American galleries, offering stump speeches like those the artist gave and represented.

Art + Family = Fun: Children and adults will look for details in drawings and paintings and learn interesting facts about Bingham's life along the way.

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**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

**1 to 4 p.m.**

**2 p.m. Meet the Past**

**Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Presents**

**George Caleb Bingham Birthday Celebration**

- \* Birthday cupcakes for the first 500 visitors in Bloch Lobby!
- \* The Alferd Packer Memorial String Band, performing in Bloch Lobby, with bluegrass and folk music from Bingham's era.
- \* Stump speeches in the American galleries by **Ralph Monaco** (see above for Saturday).
- \* Art + Family = Fun (see above for Saturday).

**2 p.m.**

**Meet the Past [Reservation may be required]**

In collaboration with the Kansas City Public Library, the Museum will host a special edition of the Library's popular "**Meet the Past**" series at 2 p.m. in the Nelson-Atkins' Atkins Auditorium. Library director **R. Crosby Kemper III** will sit down with "George Caleb Bingham," played by noted Kansas City actor **Robert Gibby Brand**, who will bring to life Bingham as an artist and politician during this engaging and enlightening conversation. **A reservation may be required.** Call for admission prices to the exhibit at 816.751.1ART (1278) or visit [nelson-atkins.org](http://nelson-atkins.org).

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**Tuesday, March 22, 2011**  
**2 p.m.**

**Midwest Genealogy Center Present**  
**George Caleb Bingham, An Art Detective and Genealogy**

Patricia Moss, known as the "Bingham Lady" according to the Smithsonian's Research and Scholars' Center, will speak on the Bingham portraits that relate to the history of the Independence region, concentrating on how genealogy helped her find the paintings and the stories behind them.

While at the Center, enjoy several Bingham portraits on display, a loan from the collection of Kenneth and Cindy McClain.

Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S Lee's Summit Road, Independence, 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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**Tuesday, March 22, 2011**  
**6 p.m.**

**Kansas City Museum Presents**  
**Community Curator: League of Women Voters**

During this year's municipal election cycle, investigate how The League of Women Voters of Kansas City, MO, Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties has educated voters about the political issues of the day at Kansas City Museum's March Community Curator Lecture at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at Union Station. Johnson County (KS) Public Library librarian Donna Lauffer will explore the League's amazing history from working towards the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote, to its continuous investigation and education of political issues in a non-partisan forum. The Museum has a vast collection of the local League's correspondence, minutes and publications dating from 1920 up to the 1990s. Union Station's Town Hall (Lower Level), 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri. FREE admission. 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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**Tuesday, March 22, 2011 [Advanced reservations required]**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City Present**  
**George Caleb Bingham and Order No. 11**

Patricia Moss visits the Roundtable for a lively discussion in celebration of the Bicentennial of the birth of George Caleb Bingham, Missouri's renowned painter. This meeting is tentatively scheduled at the Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. 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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**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

**10 a.m.**

**Cass County Library, Genealogy Branch Present**  
**George Caleb Bingham, An Art Detective and Genealogy**

Patricia Moss, known as the "Bingham Lady" according to the Smithsonian's Research and Scholars' Center, will speak on the Bingham portraits that relate to the history of the Independence region, concentrating on how genealogy helped her find the paintings and the stories behind them. The Library is at 400 East Mechanic, Harrisonville, Missouri.

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**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

**1 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Midwest Genealogy Center Presents**  
**Symposium: Lasting Legacies of the Civil War**

Dr. David Blight, Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley, Jim Denny and Arnold Schofield presenting. Events across the country from 2011 to 2015 will commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. In partnership with the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site and Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City, Mid-Continent library System will kick-off Civil War Sesquicentennial observances with a symposium held at the North Independence Branch of the Mid-Continent Library System, 317 W 24 Hwy, Independence, Missouri. For more information, or to register by March 25, call 816.252.7228, or visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)"  
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**Thursday, March 31, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

**Mid-Continent Public Library Presents**  
**How to Research Your House's History**

Ever wanted to learn more about the house you live in, or the property you own? Unlock the door to a number of possibilities in this informative session. David W. Jackson, Director of Archives and Education with the Jackson County Historical Society will share tips on what kinds of records are available at the Society's Archives as well as other local government and archival repositories. Parkville Branch, 8815 Tom Watson Parkway, Parkville, MO 64152. Call to reserve a seat at 816.741.4721. For more information, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)"  
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**Thursday, March 31, 2011**

**6 p.m. Reception; 6:30 Program**

**Kansas City Public Library Presents**  
**100 Years of Hare & Hare**

Author and architectural historian Cydney Millstein discusses the exhibit Century of Legendary Places: The Legacy of Kansas City's Hare & Hare. The exhibit details some of Hare & Hare's most significant contributions to the beautification of Kansas City. The 100-year-old firm has played an integral role in the landscape design of such notable locations as Liberty Memorial, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and the Country Club Plaza, among many others. Plaza Branch, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. RSVP by calling 816.701.3407, or 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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**Women in Missouri During the Civil War**

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**Thursday, March 31, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

**Mid-Continent Public Library Presents**  
**Blevins Davis**

**Ann Shipp Taylor** will focus on the years that she and others in her family worked for **Blevins Davis**, as members of his household staff. Mr. Davis was one of the most wealthy and well-known residents of Independence in the 1940s and 50s. If you have driven past "The Mansions" on Lee's Summit Road, you have seen the location of his grand estate. The mansion at the top of the tree-lined drive was his palatial home. You'll hear many interesting and touching stories about this fascinating man, his relationship with her family, and be able to see pictures and a variety of memorabilia items to show. North Independence Branch, 317 W 24 Hwy, Independence, Missouri. Call 816.252.0950, or 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, March 31, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

**Mid-Continent Public Library Presents**  
**These Walls Were Made for Talking: How to Research the History of Your House**

Ever wanted to learn more about the house you live in, or the property you own? Unlock the door to a number of possibilities in this informative session. David W. Jackson, archivist for the Jackson County Historical Society will share tips on what kinds of records are available at the Jackson County Historical Society's Archives, as well as other local government and archival repositories. Program free. Optional booklet available for \$2. Parkville Branch. Call 816.741.5721, or 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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**April 1 through October 31, 2011**

**Jackson County Historical Society Offers**

Self-guided tours of the 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum, where Rev. Abner Holton Dean was incarcerated after the Civil War. **George Caleb Bingham** photographed and then painted Dean in his jail cell. A reproduction by regional artist Charles Goslin is on permanent exhibit. 217 North Main Street, Independence, 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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**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

**Mid-Continent Public Library Presents  
Civil War in Jackson County**

It was brother against brother. How did the Civil War affect the people in the Jackson County area? Join historian Gregg Higginbotham as he discusses the war that turned neighbor against neighbor, father against son, and brother against brother. Raytown Branch, 6131 Raytown Road, Raytown, Missouri. Call to reserve a seat at 816.353.2052. 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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**April 1 through October 31, 2011**

**Bingham Waggoner Estate Offers**

Home of nationally renowned artist **George Caleb Bingham** from 1864 to 1870, and the only Bingham home still standing in the Kansas City area. He painted his famous "Martial Law" or "Order Number 11" here, which depicted the devastation of the American Civil War on western Missouri. Guided tours of the estate where Bingham once lived, and painted his famous "Martial Law," or "Order No. 11." 313 West Pacific Avenue, Independence, 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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**Saturday, April 2, 2011**

**10 a.m.**

**Friends of Arrow Rock Present  
Bingham in the Boonslick**

A day-long symposium featuring Dr. Margaret Conrads, Samuel Sosland Curator of American Art at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City; Dr. Joan Stack, Curator of Art for the State Historical Society of Missouri; and Roger Robinson, historic researcher for a forthcoming book on Bingham. The new book is entitled "*But I Forget That I Am a Painter and Not a Politician: The Letters of George Caleb Bingham*," and is being co-published by the State Historical Society of Missouri and the Friends of Arrow Rock, with support from the Harriet Pillsbury Foundation of Frontenac, Missouri.

General admission tickets to the full-day symposium will be \$75 and will include lunch at the Huston Tavern, the exhibition catalog and an optional tour of the Bingham house. Patron tickets will be \$125 per person and \$200 per couple, and will also include a patron reception at "Prairie Park," the beautiful pre-Civil War home of the Sappington family just outside of Arrow Rock, following the symposium and a copy of "*But I Forget That I Am a Painter and Not a Politician.*"

Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitors Center, 818 Main Street, Arrow Rock, Missouri. For more information, visit their website at [www.arrowrock.org](http://www.arrowrock.org); [www.friendsar.org](http://www.friendsar.org); or, <http://mostateparks.com/arrowrock/viscenter.htm>.

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**Saturday, April 2, 2011**

**Friends of Arrow Rock and Ashby-Hodge Gallery Present**

**Opening of Art Exhibit of Rarely Seen Bingham Works (through October 30)**

Launch of an exhibition of Bingham's art that will run through July 30 at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitors Center and then move to the Ashby-Hodge Gallery of American Art at Central Methodist University in Fayette from Aug. 15 through Oct. 30.

The exhibition is free and open to the public.

The Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitors Center will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through May 31 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through July 30.

The Ashby-Hodge Gallery of American Art at Central Methodist University in Fayette, open 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only, or by arrangement by calling the office at 660-248-6324 or the gallery at 660-248-5324.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Friends of Arrow Rock and the Ashby-Hodge Gallery are commissioning an accompanying catalog that is being written by Dr. Maryellen McVicker. The catalog will be available for sale at the respective sites for \$10. **Note that not all works will be on display at both locations, so make plans to visit both.**

For more information, visit their website at visit their website at [www.arrowrock.org](http://www.arrowrock.org); [www.friendsar.org](http://www.friendsar.org); or, <http://mostateparks.com/arrowrock/viscenter.htm>.

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**Sunday, April 10, 2011 [Advanced reservations by April 5]**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Friends of the National Frontier Trails Museum Presents**

**Boats, Uniforms and Flags: A Visual Interpretation of Lewis and Clark**

Gary Lucy will present an artist's interpretation of the Lewis & Clark Expedition for the Friends' annual benefit banquet. Enjoy appetizers, dinner and a wonderful program. \$25/person. Advanced reservations can be made by April 5 by calling 816.325.7575. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific. Visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)"

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**Thursday, April 14, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

**National Frontier Trails Museum Presents**

**Tombstone Talks Lecture Series: Gone But Not Forgotten: Tombstones of the Famous and Infamous**

John Mark Lambertson visits the graves of a wide spectrum of notable Americans, who are commemorated in death by tombstones varying from surprisingly plain to ostentatious. \$6. Reservations can be made in advance by calling 816.325.7575. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific. Regular museum admission applies. Visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)"

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**Tuesday, April 19, 2011**

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

**50 Plus at Johnson County Parks and Recreation Presents**

2011 WW II Living History Series: Land Battles of Guadalcanal, Bougainville Stopping the Japanese advance in the Pacific and re-taking islands were part of the first major land battles of the War with a great cost in US lives. After our men took Guadalcanal, the Japanese tried 3 times to re-take Guadalcanal and were repelled each time. Hear from men who were there. *Roeland Park Community Center*, 4850 Rosewood, Roeland Park, Kansas For more information, call 913.236.4343.

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**Tuesday, April 19, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

**Mid-Continent Public Library Presents**  
**Women in Missouri During the Civil War**

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**Thursday, April 21, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

**New Santa Fe Historical Society Presents**  
**World War II Living History Series: Land Battles of Guadalcanal, Bougainville**

Stopping the Japanese advance in the Pacific and re-taking islands were part of the first major land battles of the War with a great cost in US lives. After our men took Guadalcanal, the Japanese tried 3 times to re-take Guadalcanal and were repelled each time. Be prepared to learn history from the folks WHO WERE THERE. Trailside Center, 99<sup>th</sup> and Holmes, 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)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Tuesday, April 22, 2011 [Advanced Reservations Required]**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City Presents**  
**Battle of Lone Jack**

Daniel Hadley presents on the Battle of Lone Jack. Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. Reservations required. Dinner \$25. For reservations call Paul Gault at 816.741.2962. For more information and for prices, visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Monday, April 25, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

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**Women in Missouri During the Civil War**

With indomitable will, women in Missouri showed courage and fortitude when faced with terrible uncertainty during the Civil War. Barbara Hughes portrays Laura Flanery in a vignette as a woman who was forced out of her home and then walked to Texas from Jackson County, Missouri. Other selected women's stories will be shared through a PowerPoint presentation, music, and historic replicas. Camden Point Branch, 401 Hardesty Street, Camden Point, Missouri. Call 816.280.3384, or visit their website through the Jackson County Historical Society's "[Jacomo Bookmark](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark)" <[http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo\\_bookmark.htm](http://www.jchs.org/education/jacomo_bookmark.htm)>.

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**Tuesday, April 26, 2011 [Register by April 5]**

**11 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.**

**Palmer Center Presents**

**Plaza III and Historic Church Tour**

Start this lovely day at Plaza III for an included lunch before our step on guide joins us as we tour four historic Kansas City churches that have unique and wonderful architectural features: St. Francis Xavier, Community Christian Church, Grand Avenue Methodist Temple and St. Mary's. Open to adults 50+. \$47. Call The Palmer Center, 218 North Pleasant Street, Independence, Missouri, at 816.325.6200.

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**Thursday, April 28, 2011**

**7 p.m.**

**Mid-Continent Public Library Presents**

**Civil War in Jackson County**

It was brother against brother. How did the Civil War affect the people in the Jackson County area? Join historian Gregg Higginbotham as he discusses the war that turned neighbor against neighbor, father against son, and brother against brother. Grandview Branch, 6131 Raytown Road, Raytown, Missouri. Call to reserve a seat at 816.763.0550. 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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**Saturday, April 30, 2011 [ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED]**

**8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**The Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City invites you on a**

***Guided Bus Tour of the Battle of Carthage, the "first land battle" of the Civil War***

--In addition, as we travel, we will see and/or discuss:

- Why was Missouri so important to both sides and what was the history of Missouri leading to the Civil War
- What led to Missouri's departure from neutrality
- The role that towns along Highway 71 played in the Border/Civil War
- The first campaign of the Civil War
- The leaders involved in the battle, Gov Jackson, Gl's Price, Rains, Sigel and others
- The Battle of Carthage and its importance

Bus departs from the Auto/Bus Commuter Lot at Red Bridge Rd & 71 Highway. Cost: \$47 includes bus transportation, noon meal & Bushwhacker Museum. Contact Lane Smith at 913-649-1515.

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**Saturday, April 30, 2011**

**Starting at 9 a.m.**

**John B. Wornall House Museum Presents**

**32nd Annual Herb & Wildflower Sale**

Wildflowers are from "Missouri Wildflower Nursery," owned by Mervin Wallace in Jefferson City. Mr. Wallace will be on hand to answer questions - along with our own gardeners. Ask about how you can take advantage of our special pre-order options and early shopping privileges by becoming a member of the John Wornall House Museum. John B. Wornall House, 6115 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information call (816) 444-1858, or 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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**Saturday, April 30, 2011 [ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED]**

**7 to 10 p.m. (come and go as you please)**

**John B. Wornall House Museum Presents**

Have you ever wanted to attend a formal ball ala *Gone with the Wind*? Now is your chance! Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Majors request your presence at a ball held at their home. This is an interactive performance event and you will get to participate in everything from the dances themselves (don't worry, we will help you!) to the pie auction or the right to lead the grand march (a popular Civil War tradition). It will be fun for the whole family. This event will take place at the Alexander Majors Historic House, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, Missouri. \$15 per person includes a dessert buffet and three hours of entertainment (bring extra money to bid on pies, the chance to lead the Grand March, and for other fun extras) Dress: No dress code! Come in period or modern attire. **Important: You must buy a ticket ahead of time by calling 816-444-1858 or emailing [Kandice@wornallhouse.org](mailto:Kandice@wornallhouse.org). We expect this event to sell out, so get your tickets early!**

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## **EXHIBITS**

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**Through May 2011**

**News Flash! Photographs from the Kansas City Journal-Post Newspaper**

The Missouri Valley Special Collections has installed a new exhibit featuring dozens of photographs published by the *Kansas City Journal-Post* between 1928-1942. The *Journal-Post* engaged readers with a lively blend of journalism that included screaming headlines and tabloid-style news stories. Perhaps most memorable was the publication's emphasis on photography, capturing images of public figures, celebrities, crime scenes, sporting events, and other subjects of interest. The exhibit is on display on the fifth floor of Central Library. Kansas City Public Library, **Central Library**, 14 W. 10th St., Kansas City, Missouri. Admission to the gallery is **free**. Free parking is available in the Library District Parking Garage at 10th and Baltimore.

**Kansas City Museum Presents**

**StoryTarium Shows (Tuesday-Sunday Noon and 2 p.m.)**

The StoryTarium is a fantastic feature at the Kansas City Museum, where visitors can learn about Kansas City's rich local and regional history. The StoryTarium features films, lectures and other history-related programming in an intimate auditorium that seats 40 people. It is housed in the Museum's former planetarium. The regular programming schedule in the revamped space features a variety of original programs that first aired on KCPT, Channel 19.

**January Featured Film: *Stories Under the Stone***

Travel with writer C.W. Gusewelle to gorgeous garden cemeteries like Bellefontaine and Calvary in St. Louis, Mt. Mora in St. Joseph, and Elmwood, Union and Mt. Washington in Kansas City. Visit the Davis Memorial in Hiawatha, Kansas, and other notable gravesites around the region, exploring an amazing array of history, artistry, imagery and symbolism resting within. The movie is furnished by KCPT.

**February Featured Film: *Shooting Back In Time: Union Station Massacre***

On Saturday morning, June 17, 1933, at approximately 7:15 a.m., Union Station Kansas City is already bustling with travelers as lawmen escort escaped convict Frank Nash through the station out to a car where he is to be driven back to Leavenworth Penitentiary. Suddenly, the group is attacked by gangsters and the resulting carnage from the 30-second firestorm leaves Kansas City and the nation stunned. This film documents events giving rise to the massacre and tells the story of the complex relationship among the Pendergast machine, organized crime and the gangsters who could feel safe laying low in Kansas City. As the FBI attempted to bring to justice the perpetrators of what J. Edgar Hoover called a

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"despicable and cowardly act," Kansas City and law enforcement in the United States was forever changed.

Kansas City Museum, 3218 Gladstone Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri. For more information call 816.483.8300, or 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)>.

**Though July 2011**

**Puppetry Arts Institute Presents  
"Hazelle's Competitors" Puppets**

A special long-running exhibit of puppets made by other companies which competed with the Hazelle Rollins Kansas City factory includes Pelham puppets from England; Peter Puppet Playthings from Long Island, New York; Virginia Curtis puppets from California; Mexican puppets and more. Also featured are Robert Smith's marionettes of Hazelle and Woody Rollins from the show, "Puppet Factory", which tells the story about Hazelle's world famous business. Free with admission. Puppetry Arts Institute in Englewood Shopping District, XXXX Winner Road. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues -Sat. \$3 adults; \$1.50 to age 16 (extra to make a puppet). (816) 833-9777, or 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)>.

**Through March 19, 2011**

**National Archives Presents**

***Documented Rights***, an exhibition featuring documents from the holdings of the 13 regional National Archives facilities that give a voice to the national struggle for human and civil rights. It features more than 80 documents, facsimiles, images and sound recordings. Since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, our rights as citizens of the United States have been debated, contested, amended, and documented. *Documented Rights* features a selection of documents from the National Archives that give voice to our national struggle for personal rights and freedoms. Exhibition Curator Lisa Royse states: "The National Archives has a wealth of records on human and civil rights. This exhibit contains just a sampling of the many stories of personal struggles and moral victories to be found in the documents of the National Archives." For additional information call 816-268-8000 or 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)>. The facility is located at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108. The National Archives at Kansas City is open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for exhibits viewing and Tuesday-Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for research.

**Through Spring 2011**

**Kansas City Public Library Presents  
Kansas City Style: The Artistry of Orval Hixon**

The exhibit highlights the local legend's most creative and dramatic contributions to the art of photography. Hixon transformed the field of portrait photography in Kansas City and the surrounding region during a career that spanned over seven decades. Hixon's studios, the first in the Brady Building at 11th and Main Streets and the second just one block west in the Baltimore Hotel, welcomed thousands of patrons, including some of the most famous celebrities of the 1910s and 1920s. Hixon's distinctive artistic technique allowed him to attract both prominent celebrities and notable locals. By dramatically manipulating their glass negatives and making use of newly available electric lamps, Hixon and other Kansas City studios such as Strauss-Peyton developed a unique local style that quickly gained national attention. *Kansas City Style* is the second in a rotating series of exhibits that will appear in the permanent gallery. Each exhibit will include photographs that highlight a different theme in Hixon's work. The Orval Hixon Gallery has been made possible through a donation by Charles David Hixon, Linda Hixon, and James R. Finley of over 150 digital photographic prints, produced from Hixon's original glass plate negatives, and by the Richard J. Stern Foundation for the Arts - Commerce Bank, Trustee. Ordering information for these images may be found at [www.sundancephotogallery.com](http://www.sundancephotogallery.com). Kansas City Public Library,

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**Central Library**, 14 W. 10th St., Kansas City, Missouri. Admission to the gallery is **free**. Free parking is available in the Library District Parking Garage at 10th and Baltimore.

**Through May 28, 2011**

***Cowboys, Quacks, and Carousels: Stories of Kansas***

Offers visitors a glimpse at some of the people, places, and events that have become lasting vignettes in the timeline of Kansas history. The exhibition features letters, journals, maps, reports, receipts, court documents, postcards, photographs, and artifacts from the holdings of the National Archives at Kansas City, the Kansas Historical Society, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum, the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame, and private collections.

The exhibition is organized in four major themes: **It's a Hard Country**, **Traveling the Trails, Rails, Roads, and Skies**, **Business is Booming**, and **Fame, Fortune, and Fury**. Beginning with early Federal records for Kansas Territory, **It's a Hard Country** explores the process of making a life in Kansas, from native inhabitants to homesteading to living on the land in the twentieth century. **Traveling the Trails, Rails, Roads, and Skies** features people and events that helped to build the state, including the cattle trade, railroads, and airplanes. **Business is Booming** looks at economic growth in Kansas through the individuals and businesses that appear in Federal holdings from court cases to war resource records. **Fame, Fortune, and Fury** features a diverse cast of characters who have made Kansas their home, including such notable individuals as James Lane, Wild Bill Hickok, and William Allen White.

*Cowboys, Quacks, and Carousels: Stories of Kansas* is a free exhibition organized by the National Archives at Kansas City. It is available for viewing at the National Archives, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri until May 28, 2011. For additional information, call 816-268-8000 or visit: [www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city](http://www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city). Docent led guided tours are available for groups. To schedule a group visit call 816-268-8013 or email [mickey.ebert@nara.gov](mailto:mickey.ebert@nara.gov).

**Through December 2011**

**National World War I Museum Presents**

**"Man and Machine: The German Soldier in World War I"**

This special exhibition draws on the extensive collections of the Museum, including the recent Hauber donation of machine guns and related material. The exhibition will be told from the perspective of the German soldier and his leaders, featuring the machines of war and the men who used them. Most of the objects and documents will be on exhibit for the first time. National World War I Museum 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 December 2011**

**National World War I Museum Presents**

**"Man & Machine: The German Soldier in World War I" Offers Rare Insight**

*Exhibition Previews Hauber Collection of WWI Machine Guns and Related Objects*

The special exhibition "Man and Machine: The German Soldier in World War I" tells a tale that no American museum has ever told before – the story of the Great War from the German viewpoint. The exhibition opens September 3, 2010 at the National World War I Museum. It will be housed in Exhibit Hall, one of the two original 1926 buildings which flank the Liberty Memorial Tower. Access to the special exhibition is included with admission to the National World War I Museum. This new perspective – one that only ninety years after the war can provide – will explore the machines of war and the men who used them. Visitors will see the war through the eyes of the German soldier – his words, his technology, and the actual objects used by him to fight and survive. Nearly all of the objects and documents will be on display to the public for the first time. National World War I Memorial at Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri. For

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