

## New Resource for Study of “Bleeding Kansas”

As Kansas approaches its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Territorial status in 2004, the Kansas State Historical Society has completed a finding aid describing its extensive holdings from the State’s Territorial period (1854-1861). Researchers of almost all aspects of Territorial research will find this tool useful.

When the Kansas-Nebraska Act was approved by Congress on May 30, 1854, present day Kansas, part of Nebraska, and part of Colorado were opened for Euro-American settlement. The contemporary nationwide controversy over slavery found a focal point in “Bleeding Kansas,” as abolitionists dubbed the territory, making the study of early Kansas history important to students of American history as a whole. The question of whether Kansas would enter the Union as a free or a slave state galvanized both sides of the issue, leading to attacks and counter-attacks in Kansas Territory and Missouri. Pro-slavery Missourians who crossed the border into Kansas Territory were often called Border Ruffians. The Kansas anti-slavery raiders were known as Jayhawkers.

Four constitutions were created during the Territorial era. The Topeka Constitution was drafted on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1855, and approved on December 15 of the same year. Because Congress, the President, and the slave and free state factions never agreed on its provisions, statehood had to wait. Delegates were elected for the second, the Lecompton Constitution, in June of 1857. The pro-slavery constitution passed in December. All slaves in the Territory could remain as such, but “Free Negroes shall not be permitted to live in this State under any circumstances.” Free State advocates challenged the legitimacy of the constitution, charging that Missouri “Border Ruffians” had voted illegally. It was ultimately defeated. Delegates assembled a third time on March 25, 1858, and the Leavenworth Constitution was ratified on May 18, 1858. Yet again, infighting prevented Kansas from entering the Union. Delegates assembled at Wyandotte in on July 5, 1859, for the fourth attempt at statehood. An anti-slavery constitution was adopted on July 29 of that year, and ratified on October 4, 1859. An election for state officers occurred on December 6. The Wyandotte Constitution forms the basis for the present day Constitution.

In 1852, Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire was elected President. James Buchanan of Pennsylvania followed him in 1856. These men, both Northerners and Democrats, were called “Dough Faces,” a derogatory term given to Northerners with Southern sympathies. Neither was opposed to Kansas entering the Union as a slave state. The November 1860 election of Abraham Lincoln, candidate of the anti-slavery Republican Party, set the wheels in motion for the Civil War and Kansas statehood. After the election, the pro-slavery Southern states began to secede. By January 29, 1861, South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana had left the Union. Due to the defection of Southern Senators, Kansas garnered enough votes for statehood. Kansas was admitted to the union on January 29, 1861 (the same day Louisiana seceded) as the thirty-fourth state. Ironically, it was one of the last acts of “Dough Face” James Buchanan’s presidency.

The records of the Kansas Territorial period are divided into six sub groups: the Executive Department (1854-1861), Legislative Assembly (1855-1861), Territorial Secretary (1858-1860), Treasury Department (1854-1861), U. S. District Court (1854-1860), and City/County of Leavenworth (1859-1861).

The Executive Department materials include a record of deeds and mortgages. The oaths of office for elected officials, a list of bonds, and corporate charters are available. Census returns listing the total number of people in a household: males, females, “Colored”

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## The Corner Chair by Cynthia Laframboise

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The delightful atmosphere of a renovated train depot, good food, and an entertaining program highlighted our June quarterly meeting, which doubles as our traditional annual dinner meeting. So let me express our heartfelt thanks to those who arranged it, especially Pam Kontowicz, who made the local arrangements, and Brian Culp, who arranged for our speaker and provided great public relations for the event. Our speaker was history-beat writer Brian Burnes of the *Kansas City Star*. For some, the program was a personal reminder of the big, bad 1951 flood, and for others it was a more detached glimpse of a past natural disaster. Very importantly, Burnes extolled the wonderful treasures of our institutions, making this a time to reflect upon the importance of our attempts to preserve the area's cultural and documentary heritage – something we can easily forget in an era of budget cuts and additional responsibilities.



The steering and education committees will plan and develop a symposium for this coming year. The symposium is a necessary part of KCAA's mission. We will schedule a special meeting before the September quarterly meeting to get a running start on this. We welcome suggestions and participation to make this a successful educational seminar.

I would like to thank Deborah Dandridge for her contributions as a KCAA Co-Chair for the past two years. As Senior Co-Chair, I hope to provide the level of leadership that Deborah provided. I welcome Angela Curran as the new Co-Chair and look forward to working with her. We have worked together before as fellow MAHAMS students at KU. I would like to thank Angela and the other steering committee members for contributing their time and effort, and I notice several of you had such a good time that you're back for more!

## Preservation Notes by Alan F. Perry

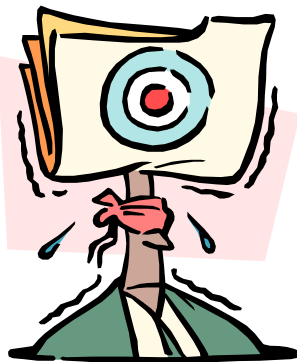
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### A Burning Issue

A direct hit by a tornado could be as bad, but fire is the major disaster more likely to befall the Midwestern archivist. Long-range fire protection consists of two distinct but related elements: (1) detection and extinguishing systems and (2) disaster planning. Selecting detection and extinguishing systems is primarily a matter of choosing appropriate technology. This opportunity comes along infrequently, but when it does we'd better get it right. Disaster planning is updated frequently and regularly (if we know what's good for us), and it deals with ensuring that people know what to do, have the right supplies on hand, and maintain their detection and extinguishing systems.

On May 15, a Washington, D.C., workshop sponsored by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts brought J. Andrew Wilson (Assistant Director for Fire Protection and Safety at the Smithsonian Institution) and Nick Artim (Director of the Fire Safety Network) before an audience of archives and museum professionals. They discussed the latest ideas and technology related to fire protection and suppression. The useful discussions on disaster

planning may be the subject of a future column. The technology update was really fascinating (I've always liked learning about useful gizmos I can't quite understand). And that is today's subject.



Concerned about lightning? Don't be. No one knows of a dependable way (including lightning rods) to divert a lightning strike. Turn your attention to more practical concerns. Many institutional and residential fires can be traced to an electrical fault, and *arc fault circuit interrupters* (the most interesting of the new gizmos) are crucial when considering how to avoid electrical fires. Available only since 1998, these are not the shock-prevention ground fault circuit interrupters one often sees with wall plugs. An arc fault circuit interrupter will cut off power to an entire electrical circuit the instant it detects arcing in that circuit. Arcing is the usual cause of electrical fires, so circuit interrupters are one of the most useful bits of new safety technology to come along in quite some time. If you're fortunate enough to be planning building renovations or an upgrade of electrical service,

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check out circuit interrupters with your friendly electrical engineer.

What about the all-important fire detection systems? The best of the old smoke detector standbys is the photoelectric smoke detector unit, which is more reliable than the more common ionization detectors. *Air sampling detection systems*, such as that offered by Vesda Systems, are newer. They offer earlier warning than conventional unit detectors and are easier to maintain – but be prepared to pay a steep initial price. Air sampling systems consist of perforated tubing that pulls air samples from many strategic locations into a central detector. These systems more effectively detect pre-ignition signs of combustion than individual detectors scattered about an area. (Vesda may be the only manufacturer of air sampling fire detection systems in this country at this time. See: <http://www.vesda.com/>. A quick check of Websites also turned up Protect, a British company, at [www.profire.co.uk](http://www.profire.co.uk).)

There is still nothing like water for extinguishing a fire. The original gas extinguishing approach, so trendy a few years back, used halon. The EPA then withdrew halon from service (it is a CFC), and none of its successors works as well. They may be suitable for small tight areas containing something so precious you simply cannot risk getting it wet, but gas systems are impractical for most purposes. Chemical powder systems should be avoided like, well, like chemical

warfare. The old-fashioned, but comfortably cheap and dependable, wet pipe sprinkler system – dousing a fire with old-fashioned water – is still usually the best bet for archivists. Dry pipe systems are really no better, as a damaged dry pipe sprinkler head will still release unwanted water into the room.

European *water mist technology* holds promise for future adoption for library and archives sprinkler systems, but this technology is not yet readily available in the United States. We'd all like nothing better than dependable fire extinguishing with less water damage, and water mist systems may eventually offer such a boon. Mist systems douse a fire with high, medium, or low-pressure mist, an approach that substantially reduces the amount of water required to do the job. If you are looking at new compact shelving, install a design that automatically moves the shelving to the "fire position" (shelves 5" apart) when a fire alarm sounds. The extra space allows heat to vent.

You say you're not interested in any of this? In that case, Mr. Artim suggests acquiring a copy of Ricky Jay's *Learned Pigs and Fireproof Women* (1998). The chapter on Incombustible Men and Fireproof Women is just what you need. Mr. Wilson has generously offered to answer relevant questions from inquiring archivists, fireproof women, or incombustible men. He and his staff of six fire protection engineers can be reached at [awilson@si.edu](mailto:awilson@si.edu) or at (202) 275-0702.

## Membership Committee Report by Marilyn Burlingame

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The annual membership renewal and solicitation drive began in late June. Responses have been very good until recently, but now returns have tapered off. This report will serve as one reminder to those who have not renewed. I will send a hard copy reminder in September and one email reminder thereafter. Production of the new directory will begin in late October. If you have not renewed by then you will not be in the directory. I will not, however, stop pursuing your membership! **Let's keep our membership up!**

Welcome to new members, Pearlie Johnson, graduate student in history at UMKC, **Ben Burtzloff** and **Nancy Burtzloff**, both of Liberal, KS., and **Sarah Wood-Clark**, American Jazz Museum.

Welcome back to **Lynn Ward**, part-time curator at the National Auctioneers Museum Hall of History.

## Calendar

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### August 27-September 2

Society of America Archivists 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Washington, DC

### September 12-15

AASLH Annual Meeting  
Indianapolis, IN <http://www.aaslh.org/annualme.htm>

### September 20

KCAA Fall Quarterly Meeting  
State Records Center, Topeka, KS at 2:00 pm

### October 17-21

Oral History Association / St. Louis, MO  
<http://www.dicinson.edu/organizations/oha/stlouiscall.html>

### October 19-20

Midwest Archives Conference Fall Meeting  
Indianapolis, IN  
<http://www.midwesternarchives.org/conferences.htm>

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residents, and, occasionally slaves, are present. Correspondence files mention the Capitol at Lecompton, the Governor's message to the Legislature, the Lecompton constitutional convention, "Indians" and their lands, "Territorial troubles," and the Wyandotte constitutional convention. The Council and House dockets and journals describe a bill and usually the date(s) involved. The election returns are usually broken down by county. Also present are enrolled laws and their corresponding description and pertinent dates. Some of the highlights of the Executive Minutes are: Andrew Reeder's oath of office, the March 1855 census, Robert Walker's inaugural address, and Governor Samuel Medary's telegram to President James Buchanan regarding "bandits".

The Legislative Assembly records identify a number of Council or House Bills and enrolled laws dealing with diverse subjects such as city/towns, rail roads, cemeteries, businesses, bridges, companies, colleges, universities, ferries, counties, divorces, and church incorporations. Masonic Lodges and *turnverein* also appear. *Turnverein* was a German gymnastic and patriotic movement founded early in the nineteenth century. Bills and enrolled laws represent responses to issues ranging from the political to the social. The former include acts to prevent offenses against slave property (1855), to enable slaves to sue for their freedom (1855), to punish rebellion (1857), and to prohibit slavery in Kansas Territory (1860). Other acts involved dueling (1858), census taking (1858), the rights of married women (1858), lunatics and habitual drunkards (1859), and Indian citizenship (1860).

State election results for 1857, 1858, 1859, and 1860 provide detailed information on voting patterns and results. Women's suffrage petitions from 1859 and resolutions are also found in this sub group. One resolution from 1858 was "Against admission of Kansas under Lecompton Constitution". Lastly, various vouchers and receipts give details on how monies were spent during the years covered herein.

The records of the Territorial Secretary include typewritten copies of entries found in the Executive Minutes. Entries describe the execution of anti-slavery men by pro-slavery men on May 20, 1858, the Leavenworth Constitution, Montgomery's marauders, an excerpt of a Senator Steven Douglas speech, and abolitionist John Brown. Receipts for election materials show that a package containing the Poll Books, Oaths, Certificates, Tickets and Instructions to Judges was delivered on or before eight o'clock on the morning of Monday August 2 (1858). Receipts of the Sergeant at Arms for supplies lists the individual receiving goods or services, the goods or services received, the date, and the name of the Sergeant at Arms.

Treasury Department records consist of accounting and financial materials, including an appropriations ledger, claim warrant stubs, claim warrants, daybooks, and a record of receipts and expenditures showing the expenses of the 1858 Legislative Convention. A claims-paid volume for the Quantrill raid lists the individual(s) involved, the date of loss, lost property, and its assigned replacement. The claims proceedings were held March 18, 1875 through July 16, 1875. The total amount of reimbursement for Quantrill's raid came out to \$882,390.11. A warrant register volume lists monies appropriated for various peoples. It contains data on "Appropriations for Conventions to form Constitution" and "Insurrections and invasions made in 1857." There are railroad assessments, and county assessments for Atchison and Leavenworth counties. There is an assessment abstract for Calhoun County dated January 30, 1857 listing property (including slaves) and its assessed value. Registers of bank bills describing the paper bills in circulation include "Bills of the denomination of three dollars dated October 14, 1859 letter (A) as follows from number one."

The U.S. District Court records cover civil and criminal cases heard in Judicial Court. The 1856 treason case charging, among others, former governors Andrew H. Reeder and Charles Robinson, and Senator James H. Lane, and a case charging Andrew H. Reeder with resisting an U. S. officer are among the records. Most cases deal with contempt of court or relationships with Native Americans (in particular, selling liquor to Indians, settling on Indian lands, and stealing Indian timber). Other items include Judge Samuel D. Lecompte's March 19, 1855 address at the opening of the first federal district court held in Kansas Territory, an affidavit concerning slave-taking by John Brown, Governor Geary's requisition for Dragoons, grand jury findings on the *Herald of Freedom*, and information on the Pottawatomie Massacre.

The records of the City and County of Leavenworth outline Circuit and District Court proceedings. The chronologically arranged volumes describe plaintiffs, defendants, petitions, praecipe, and matters before the Court. Petitions include both date heard and case number.

The 350-page finding aid's level of detail allows researchers to determine what aspect of the Territorial period to pursue. The researcher can expect to find pertinent information on almost any aspect of "Bleeding Kansas."

**Joe Laframboise**

Kansas State Historical Society



## Meeting Notes

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### Summary of KCAA Annual Dinner June 9, 2001 Riverfront Community Center Leavenworth, Kansas

The Annual Dinner of the Kansas City Area Archivists for the 2000-2001 year was held Saturday, June 9, 2001, at the Riverfront Community Center in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Attendees mingled and then sat down for an enjoyable dinner, after which Senior Co-Chair Deborah Dandridge convened a brief business meeting.

The slate of officers for 2001-2002 was approved:

Senior Co-Chair, *Cynthia Laframboise*

Junior Co-Chair, *Angela Curran*

Secretary, *Letha Johnson*

Treasurer, *Mary Hawkins*

Following the business meeting, attendees enjoyed a presentation by Brian Burnes, history reporter for the *Kansas City Star*. Mr. Burnes gave an interesting and lively talk accompanied by slides about his newly released book *High and Rising: The 1951 Kansas City Flood*. He spoke of his relationship with archivists and historical professionals, many of whom are KCAA members, and how they have enriched his work and made finding sources much easier.

After Mr. Burnes's presentation, the KCAA Award of Excellence was presented to Carolyn Bailey Berneking. Mrs. Berneking's accomplishments are many, but since July 1990 she has served as a volunteer in the University of Kansas Archives on the Lawrence campus. Before retirement, she was a KU serials librarian and a school librarian in Lawrence. She has a strong family connection to KU - her grandfather, E.H.S. Bailey, was the chairman of KU's Department of Chemistry from 1883-1933. Mrs. Berneking has been involved in issues related to historic preservation and has contributed to historical research in many ways. KCAA is honored to present the Award of Excellence to Mrs. Berneking. (Contributed by **Angela Curran**)



Carolyn Bailey Berneking, 2001 KCAA Award of Excellence recipient, with KCAA members Mary Hawkins (left) and Kathleen Neeley(right), both from KU.

## Nazarene Archives

Meri Janssen, a student whose special interest is ecclesiastical history, has joined our staff to inventory new collections and assist researchers. She replaces Karolyn Roberts.

In June the Church of the Nazarene's quadrennial General Assembly gave the Archives an opportunity to serve a wide variety of other church agencies. The General Assembly is a global affair with over 1000 delegates and nearly 40,000 visitors from the church's 380 districts around the world. We discovered before General Assembly that the digital revolution was creating a far greater demand for images than in the past – about five times greater for us than in 1997. This was sparked by church agencies producing new videos, DVDs, and PowerPoint presentations – some for marketing, others for exhibits.

The most impressive new production was Janine Metcalf-Tartaglia's one-hour documentary on women ministers of the Church of the Nazarene from 1890 to the present. A former Los Angeles TV reporter and news anchor, Janine became a Nazarene minister in the 1980s. She made repeated visits to the Archives over the past year to conduct research and select photographic images. Her high production values make "Ablaze With Love" the most professional documentary produced on an aspect of Nazarene life and a project with which we are proud to be associated.

"A Hymnal of Faith" was the title of our own General Assembly exhibit. It was created in cooperation with Display Studios. Samuel Simoes, of our staff, scanned nearly 140 images from the collections. These were electronically blended into eight collages, each comprising a 4'x6' panel. Visitor reaction to our exhibit was very positive, especially to the

panel subtitled "Remember Your Baptism," which showed Christian baptisms by different modes (immersion, sprinkling, or pouring of water) and in many different cultural settings around the world.

## Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Margaret Miller, former Assistant Archivist at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, resigned in June to become a reference librarian at Longview Community College. The Archives will be closed to the public until a new Assistant Archivist is hired. For more information, contact Jeff Weidman, Senior Librarian for Public Services and Collection Development, at 751-1215. Any person interested in becoming the Museum's part time Assistant Archivist should contact the Human Resources Department at 751-1276. (Contributed by Margaret Miller.)

## Cotter College

Rebecca Kiel at Cotter College in Nevada, Missouri, attended the Georgia Archives Institute in Atlanta, June 11-22. The first week was devoted to classes taught by Elizabeth Yakel of the University of Michigan. The \$500 tuition included the seven-volume SAA Archival Fundamentals series. The second week consisted of real-life activities in various repositories in Atlanta. For a full-time librarian/spare time archivist, the experience, personal contacts, and books are invaluable.

## Archives for Family Practice

The Archives received an interesting donation in June. A *Physician's Daily Pocket Record* kept by C.A. Dannaker, M.D., from 1868-ca.1918, was donated by his great-great niece, Karen Wulfkuhle of Roeland Park, Kansas. Dannaker began practicing medicine in Bedford, Penn., in 1872. Handwritten inscriptions in the diary tell us that he "removed to Kansas City, Mo., on April 12th 1880." A subsequent note emphasizes that he "never regretted leaving [Bedford]." The pocket

record resembles a modern day planner designed especially for physicians. Printed pages contained recipes for remedies, a perpetual calendar, weights and measurements, and typical physician's fees. And it includes several sections structured to document different elements of a doctor's practice, including Visiting List and Record of Accounts, Obstetric Record, Record of Deaths, and Cash Record.

Dr. Dannaker's notes show that he held many posts in Kansas City, including Vice President at All Saints Hospital in Kansas City, 1890-91; President of the Jackson County Medical Society, 1891-92; Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics at the University Medical College in Kansas City, 1892-1894; Treasurer of the Jackson County Medical Society, 1893-1899; President of the Kansas City Training School for Nurses, 1894-1903; and Physician in Charge of Agnew Hospital, 1897-1909.

Dr. Dannaker filled the blank pages with handwritten recipes for treating various afflictions, including gout, bilious fever, emmenagogue, antidote for snake poisoning, nervous prostration, and tapeworm. Curiously, among the medical remedies are recipes for Hair Dye, Hair Tonic, Tom et Jerry (a drink containing Jamaican Rum, sugar, eggs, cinnamon, cloves, and allspice), Egg Nogg [sic], Hair Wash, To Remove Freckles, Over Heated Horses, and Church Incense.

The Archives for Family Practice invites you to view the new version of its Website at: <http://www.aafpfoundation.org/archives/> (Submitted by Angela Curran)

## Mid-Continent Public Library

Margaret Ann Reinert, reference librarian and assistant branch manager at the North Independence Branch, is the 2001 recipient of the

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American Library Association History Section Award, sponsored by the Genealogical Publishing Co. For more information see: [http://www.heritagequest.com/html/lhg1\\_010706.html](http://www.heritagequest.com/html/lhg1_010706.html). In August, Janice Schultz was named librarian for the Genealogy and Local History Branch at Mid-Continent Public Library – North Independence. Janice replaces Martha Henderson, who retired in July.

### **Jackson County Historical Society**

Most people are surprised to discover the many varied resources offered by the Jackson County Historical Society. One of the resources that staff members are committed to improving and expanding is the Society's presence on the Web (<http://www.jchs.org/>). Visitors to the site will notice the special focus on educational resources, preservation, access, and service.

To correspond with the release of its Spring 2001 JOURNAL, the Society posted a premier online edition of the periodical. The Web version has additional information, sources, and hot-links that complement the JOURNAL's print edition. The Jacomo Bookmark is another of the Society's valuable education tools: Online History/Educational Sources In and Around Jackson County, Missouri, is believed to be the most comprehensive listing of metropolitan Kansas City history/education-related Websites compiled to date. Preservation issues are addressed on Web pages that convey answers to common questions, such as how to care for family heirlooms. Surfers navigating the Society's online Archives and Research Library will see the addition of a link that lists all recent donations of materials to the Society. This page was added to recognize the Society's donors and to allow viewers (and potential donors) a glimpse into the kinds of donated materials the Society accepts. General finding aids, posted on an on-going

basis, allow increased access to the Society's collections. Community service areas include: volunteer opportunities available, the Society's Speakers Bureau, and a free e-mail newsletter subscription invitation. (Submitted by David Jackson)

### **Kenneth Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas**

The Kenneth Spencer Research Library closed for six days in July to complete the last phases of moving furniture, equipment, and collections necessary to the Library's re-organization for delivery of services. The re-organization (which is described in the April 2001 issue of *Currents*, the KU Libraries newsletter) will provide one consolidated point of service for users of the Kansas Collection, the Department of Special Collections, and the University Archives. A new Reader Services Department, located on the Library's third floor, will oversee reception, reference services, and an expanded combined reading room. Staff from various departments of Spencer Library will work together to provide reference service and instruction. Work has been underway for several months to prepare for this change. The last stages require breaching some third floor walls and shifting segments of the collections throughout several areas of the building. A full description of the changes will appear in the fall issue of *Currents*.

### **Truman Presidential Museum & Library**

Michael Devine, professor of history at the University of Wyoming and former director of the American Heritage Center, was appointed director of the Truman Presidential Museum & Library. He assumes the new position in September. The announcement was made June 28 by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Devine replaces former director Larry Hackman, who retired in January, and acting director Scott

Roley. Since 1991, Devine has taught courses in U.S. history and 18th and 19th century diplomatic history at the University of Wyoming. As director of the Wyoming American Heritage Center from 1991-2000, he oversaw the construction of a new \$20 million, 135,000 square foot facility and the development of a wide range of scholarly and popular programs to integrate the Center into the university's academic life.

Truman K. Gibson Jr., Truman advisor and *Chicago Sun-Times* columnist, spoke on Truman's desegregation of the military at the Presidential Advisor Lecture on July 26. He was joined by Steve Neal, *Chicago Sun-Times* political columnist. Over fifty years ago, Gibson worked behind the scenes to end segregation in the armed forces. From his position in the War Department, he pushed for fairness and inclusion, and challenged the efficiency of a segregated military. Partly through his efforts, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order on July 26, 1948 that ended segregation in the U. S. military.

An exhibit featuring an original 1776 Dunlap broadside of the Declaration of Independence began a national tour on June 2. The Truman Presidential Museum will be one of the stops on the document's tour of nearly four years.

### **Records Management & Archives of the Unified Government of Wyandotte Co./KCK**

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas recently appointed KCAA member Paul A. Goudy as Records Manager/Archivist. As the first person to fill this new position, he will be responsible for establishing the RM/Archival program. He is a graduate of George Washington University and the University of London. He has received postgraduate training from the Society of American Archivists. Most

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recently Paul was director of the Wyandotte County Museum. He has lectured widely on the use of archival collections for research and has published and edited numerous books and pamphlets. The Unified Government records situation is a tremendous challenge at present, with records stored in piles and heaps in more than a dozen locations. Estimates place the total volume of unprocessed papers at over 40 tons. Paul, mindful of Tom Sawyer's example, invites KCAA members to drop by and help him "paint a fence."  
**Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Kansas City.**

WHMC-KC has underway an ambitious video oral history program, *History Speaks: Visions and Voices of*

*Kansas City's Past*, intended to record 150 individuals on life and events in the Kansas City area. Plans call for interviews in 12 broad areas, but the first group is limited to two: *Stories of Place* and *Stories of Communities*.

Also, we will be publishing the first substantive study of the Chouteaus and the fur trade in the Kansas City region. The book, *Cher Oncle, Cher Papa: the Letters of Berenice and Francois Chouteau*, should be in bookstores this winter. It is the translation and editing of some 80 letters written by the Chouteaus from 1827-1840, detailing trade and other activities on the frontier. Written by Dorothy Marra, with translations by Marie Pal, and edited by David Boutros, this work will be a major contribution to our regional history.

Included will be a lengthy glossary identifying a wide range of the persons on the frontier scene. The 350-page book brings together facts that have not previously been available and corrects myths and legends about the city's first family.

We are continuing to upgrade the content on our webpages at [www.umkc.edu/WHMCKC/](http://www.umkc.edu/WHMCKC/). We have added several more indexes to our Regional Histories Index, have published online the *Planning for Permanence: The Speeches of J.C. Nichols*, and the 20 years of lectures from the Midcontinent Perspective series sponsored by Charles N. Kimball at the Midwest Research Institute.



## Member Notes

The *Kansas City Star* began a travel series July 8th, highlighting interesting sites that are a day trip or a little more within our local area. The first installment featured Lindsborg, KS, a charming Scandinavian town in the west Kansas wheat fields. Lindsborg is a fun place to visit with several good historical sites, artists and excellent food. The McPherson County Old Mill Museum, and our colleague **Lynora Lyman**, was mentioned. I can attest that this site is well worth a visit. The museum is very interesting and well done. Right now, through the rest of the summer they are having a Dala festival featuring sculptures of small horses, a Swedish folk icon, decorated by local artists, not unlike the cow sculptures in KC's own "Cows on Parade." The July 22nd installment featured Clinton, MO, stating that it was once the Chicken capitol of the world! Our colleague there,



**Chris Gordon**, at the Henry County Historical Society and Museum, said we would be surprised at the size of their museum and really find a visit very interesting.

Our colleague, **Pam Kontowicz**, Combined Arms Research Library, Leavenworth, has moved to Turkey with her husband. He will be teaching history at the Bilkent University in Ankara. I have an email address for her, and hope soon to have a mailing address.

**Paul Eisloeffel**, Audio-visual curator, Nebraska State Historical Society, was in an article "High-tech society endangers history" in the *Lincoln Journal Star*, which made the news section of our archives listserv. He was mentioned as "keeping the State Historical Society current in its technology, from 16mm to DVD and cylinder audio to MP3s."

Submitted by **Marilyn Burlingame**, Membership Chair

## Archives & the Nation: History, Archives, and the Public Interest

### Penn State Archives Website Adds Military Service Database

The Pennsylvania State Archives Website now features ARIAS, the Archives Records Information Access System. ARIAS gives access to 200,000 images of military service cards relating to the participation of Pennsylvanian citizens in the Revolutionary War, Spanish-American War, and World War

I. Another 300,000 service cards will be available in the coming year. These will pertain to the Civil War and Mexican Border Campaign. Millions of State Archives records eventually will be digitized and made available through the Website. These will range from 19th century county birth, death, and marriage dockets to photograph collections.

Researchers can access ARIAS at: <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us> (Linda Ries, Penn. State Archives)

### Arkansas Commission Creates Photo Gallery

The Arkansas History Commission unveiled Stage One Digitization, an

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ANCRC grant project, on June 7. Eventually the project will place nearly 13,000 historic images, with explanatory text, online. The Website is at: <http://www.ark-ives.com/>. (Lynn Ewbank, AHC photo archivist.)

### **Online Catalogue to English Archives**

Access to Archives (A2A), an online catalogue of English archival resources, was launched by the British Public Record Office at <http://www.a2a.pro.gov.uk/>. A2A incorporates finding aids describing the archives of local record offices, university archives, and special repositories across England. Entries include links to contact details of the repositories. Researchers can search the database using a variety of methods, including keywords. A2A is a collaborative venture of the Public Record Office, the Historical Manuscripts Commission, and the British Library. Eight million catalogue entries should be searchable online by March 2002. (Cathy West, Public Record Office)

### **Los Angeles Images Online**

About 500,000 images of Los Angeles, searchable online at <http://NavigateLA.LACity.org>, provide easy access to city information and services. They include community planning data, topographic map images, substructure map images, and blueprints of the built infrastructure. The images are indexed using the City GIS (Geographic Information System). The system allows interactive submission of large format images for redlining plans and issuing permits over the Internet. This capability can also be used by field workers to input data for creating real time maps of field incidents, events, and status on the Internet. (MSteveGilheany@InternetPost.com)

### **“Early Las Vegas” Online**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Libraries has launched the digital exhibit “Early Las Vegas,” using photographs and research collections of the university’s Special Collections Department. “Early Las Vegas” has four photographic galleries. Each one simulates an actual gallery experience by having the user move horizontally through the exhibit. Commentary is provided within the digital “gallery,” and links take users to detailed information about each image. The digital exhibit is accessed at: [library.nevada.edu/digproj](http://library.nevada.edu/digproj).

### **VIVA Provides Guides to Virginia Archives**

The Virtual Library of Virginia has created VIRGINIA HERITAGE, a database of guides describing archives and manuscripts in eleven repositories. The database includes 1600 finding aids, searchable by keyword and institution. “We estimate that there are 25,000 finding aids representing some 30 million manuscripts and 16 million archives to convert,” stated Edward Gaynor, project director at the University of Virginia Library. The project’s initial phase focuses on finding aids pertaining to African-American history and culture. VIVA is

accessed at: <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/vhp/>. The Virtual Library of Virginia is a library consortium representing 39 state-assisted colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### **LDS Releases Every-Name Index to 1880 Federal Census**

The LDS Church’s Family and Church History Department released its national index and limited transcription of the 1880 federal census on CD-ROM at the recent National Genealogical Society conference in Portland, Oregon. The project took an estimated 11.5 million volunteer hours to complete and contains approximately 50 million entries. The microfilmed Soundex index to the 1880 census included only families with children aged ten or less, making location of many households and individuals difficult. For many genealogists, finding an individual on the 1880 census is a crucial step in tracing a lineage back from 1900, due to the almost complete destruction of the 1890 census, and the general paucity of 19th century vital records.

### **Will Menninger Archives Leave Kansas?**

In a series of articles in July, the *Topeka Capital-Journal* reported a developing controversy in Shawnee County District Court over the possible relocation of the Menninger Archives to Houston. The Menninger family, represented by Rosemary Menninger, disputed Dr. Walt Menninger’s authority to move the archives to Baylor University. According to Rosemary Menninger, Dr. Walt Menninger, CEO of the Menninger Clinic, violated a 1992 contract by failing to consult and seek the approval of the family in regard to the move. The Menninger Clinic’s recent announcement that it will not proceed with the move to Houston seems to exclude any possibility that the archives will be sent to Baylor, but it does not ensure that the archives will remain in Kansas.

### **SAA Revises Education Guidelines**

New guidelines for graduate programs in archival studies were published in the July/August issue of *Archival Outlook*. If approved, these guidelines will replace the 1994 *Guidelines for the Development of a Curriculum for a Master of Archival Studies Degree*.

### **NARA’s Budget**

Bruce Craig reported in *Archival Outlook* that President Bush’s proposed budget will give NARA an operational increase in some areas, even after allowing for last year’s special \$88 million allocation to renovate the National Archives Building. In KCAA’s local area, the Eisenhower Library would receive nearly \$1.3 million to improve housing, make renovations, and improve accessibility for visitors. The budget of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission would be cut by 31 percent, however, jeopardizing that commission’s ability to assist documentary publications projects and state and regional archival programs.

## Opportunities: Employment, Fellowships, Grants

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**The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)** seeks applications for the 2002-03 year from repositories wanting to serve as host institutions for an NHPRC Fellow in Archival Administration. State and local government agencies, colleges, universities, other non-profit organizations, and Federally acknowledged or State-recognized Native American tribes or groups are eligible to apply. The position involves hands-on experience in administration and management. Applications should be post-marked by Oct. 1, 2001. The fellow's stipend is \$35,000, with a benefit payment of \$8,750. Host institutions are awarded \$1,500 to interview prospective applicants and use for the fellow's professional travel during the fellowship year. The host institution will be chosen by Dec. 1, 2001. Applications from potential fellows are due Mar. 1, 2002. Guidelines and application forms: NHPRC, NARA, Rm 111, 7th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C, 20408. Or online at: [www.nara.gov/nhprc](http://www.nara.gov/nhprc). Further information: Michael T. Meier at (202) 501-5610, ext. 252; or, [michael.meier@arch1.nara.gov](mailto:michael.meier@arch1.nara.gov)

**The Kansas State Historical Records Advisory Board** announces six mentoring grants for the period October 2001-June 2002. Kansas institutions caring for local historical records, historical societies, genealogy societies, public libraries, community museums, and government offices may apply for on-site assistance from a trained archivist. The program is designed to improve a local repository's ability to preserve and give access to Kansas historical records. The mentor archivist, through two on-site visits, will work with local staff to assess the care and use of archival records held by the institution and to develop a plan to improve storage, preservation, or access. Selected institutions also will designate a staff member to attend a 2-3 day workshop on records preservation and access. The grant pays the mentor's costs and the local staff member's workshop travel expenses. Funding is provided by NHPRC. Staff support provided by KSHS Library and Archives Division. Institutions seeking to participate should contact the Library and Archives Division, KSHS, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615 for an application. Archivists willing to be mentors can request a mentor application at the same address. Applications are due Sept. 7, 2001. Direct questions to 785-272-8681, ext. 276 or 277. Information and applications are available online at: <http://www.kshs.org/kshrab/kshrab1.htm>.

**The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art** seeks to fill the part-time position of Assistant Archivist. Located in the Spencer Art Reference Library's stacks, the collection encompasses over 700 c.f. of documents, photographic materials, ephemera, and artifacts pertaining to the Museum. The Assistant Archivist reports to the Head Librarian. Primary duties include: accession and transmit records from Museum departments; collections management and processing; reference services for Museum staff and the public; online searching, records retrieval, and database management; volunteer training and supervision. Send letter of application and résumé to Debra Craig, Human Resources Department, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 4525 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111-1873.

**The African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa** seeks a part-time archivist. The position will last through May 1, 2002, with potential to become full-time. Annual salary: \$15,000. Submit cover letter and resume (with 2 professional references) to the African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa, Attn: David Jackson, P.O. Box 1626 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406; or fax (319) 396-8073. Deadline: September 1, 2001.

**Vanderbilt University's Special Collections and University Archives** seeks a Public Services Archivist to provide traditional and electronic reference services in an active technological environment. For information about the Jean and Alexander Heard Library, see: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu>. Salary: negotiable and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications: For first consideration, applications should be received by September 15, 2001. Send letter of application and resume, with names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to: Lisa C. Shipman Library Personnel Officer, Vanderbilt University, 419 21st Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37240-0007.

**Marquette University Libraries** seeks an assistant archivist to assume a leadership role in applying automation technology to the functions of the department, appraise and accession university records and manuscripts, train and supervise student assistants, and assist in promoting undergraduate use of collections. For a full description, see the News and Information section of the Libraries' Web site: <http://www.marquette.edu/library/>. *Salary*: competitive, commensurate with experience and qualifications, and \$33,000 minimum. Letters of application, along with a resume and names of three references should be sent to: Matt Blessing, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Marquette University Libraries, P.O. Box 3141, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201-3141. Review of applications begins Oct. 19, 2001 and continues until the position is filled.

## Editorial: Does KCAA want to host MAC?

A recent email from Vice President Tim Cary asked if Kansas City would be interested in hosting a future Midwest Archives Conference meeting, and in particular, the May 2003 gathering. KC last hosted MAC in the early 1980s, though KCAA assisted with other meeting in our area, including a very successful one in Topeka/Lawrence.

As the email asked:

- Want to "show-off" your repository?
- Let your colleagues experience your wonderful collections?
- Introduce MAC's members to the beauty of your city?

Such an undertaking is a major effort requiring commitment from both the major institutions and the smaller archives in the community. It would require time, creativity, and a willingness to put yourself and your institution into the spotlight. Beyond being a way to show off the resources and skills we possess, hosting MAC would bring into our community information and talents that would help us develop and improve on what we do and want to do.

If you have not attended a MAC meeting, this you have missed participating in one of the most dynamic and successful professional archival associations around. Its leadership has always kept their goals of outreach, professional enhancement, and sharing as the foundation of MAC's programming. Sessions are challenging, social events are enriching, and I for one always come home refreshed with new ideas.

So the question is, should KCAA issue an invitation to MAC?

My opinion may already be clear. We would have invest a lot of time and energy - admittedly things that are in general short supply - but the benefits would be worth it.

And perhaps it could be a practice run for SAA!

David Boutros, WHMC-KC



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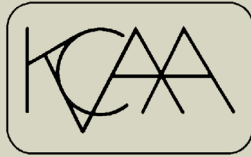
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