



NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2025: *Rights & Responsibilities in History*

These are just some of the primary sources available at KSHS relating to these topics. For more, search our archives catalog at www.kshs.org/archives as well as Kansas Memory at <http://www.kansasmemory.org/>!

TOPIC	RESOURCES
<i>Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka</i> Landmark school desegregation case that was part of the U.S. Supreme Court case decided in 1954.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Brown v. Board</i> U.S. District Court case: https://www.kshs.org/archives/194479 • Lucinda Todd papers: https://www.kshs.org/archives/47303 • <i>Brown v. Board</i> oral history collection: https://www.kshs.org/archives/40251 • Papers of the NAACP, National and Kansas Branch records: https://www.kshs.org/archives/48500 https://www.kshs.org/archives/49103 • <i>Webb v. School District No. 90</i> (and other prior Kansas Supreme Court cases): https://www.kshs.org/archives/220221 • Kansas Attorney General's Major Case Files: https://www.kshs.org/archives/190291
Dorothea Dix (1802-1887) Nineteenth-century crusader for the rights of the mentally ill, including the proposed passage by Congress of the "Bill for the Benefit of the Indigent Insane."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence, Menninger Historic Psychiatry Collection (on Kansas Memory): https://www.kshs.org/archives/223255 • A Psychiatric Study of the Life and Work of Dorothea Dix by William J. Browne, M.D.: https://www.kshs.org/archives/263473 • "Dorothea Dix: Angel of the Madhouse" by Stewart H. Holbrook: https://www.kshs.org/archives/263462
Exodusters When federal troops left the South in 1877 and Reconstruction ended, thousands of former slaves fled to Kansas, where they could own and operate their own farms and businesses.	<p>Thousands of pages of records on Kansas Memory, including the papers of Governor John St. John, and Benjamin Singleton's personal papers and testimony before Congress: http://www.kansasmemory.org/category/1185</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kansas Freedman's Relief Association records: https://www.kshs.org/archives/40586 document the struggles of the Exodusters to escape racial oppression.
Kansas Equal Suffrage Association Worked with the national woman suffrage movement for the right of women to vote.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarina Nichols (1843-1946) papers on Kansas Memory): http://www.kansasmemory.org/category/4502 • Moneka Woman's Rights Association records (1858-1860) on Kansas Memory: http://www.kansasmemory.org/item/1894 • Kansas Equal Suffrage Association on Kansas Memory: http://www.kansasmemory.org/category/5041 • Lucy Browne Johnston (1846-1937) papers: https://www.kshs.org/archives/40061 • Woman Suffrage history collection: https://www.kshs.org/archives/40656
Menninger Foundation Archives A massive collection that traces the history of Menninger in Topeka, Kansas, and their research in the field of mental health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menninger Foundation Archives: https://www.kshs.org/p/menninger-foundation-archives/13787 • Patients' rights materials: https://www.kshs.org/dart/units/search/keywords:patient%20rights/creator:menninger/matttype:9/level:9

<p>Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union</p> <p>An organization dedicated to fighting for the prohibition of alcohol in Kansas as well as other causes, such as anti-cigarette and narcotics legislation, child welfare, motion picture censorship, Americanization, women's suffrage, morality, prison reform, the peace movement, and care for the elderly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas WCTU / Mary Evelyn Dobbs Collection: https://www.kshs.org/p/kansas-wctu-mary-evelyn-dobbs-collection/13807 • Kansas WCTU materials on Kansas Memory: https://www.kansasmemory.org/locate.php?query=kansas+WCTU
<p>Carry Nation (1846-1911)</p> <p>After losing her first husband to alcoholism, this temperance crusader from Medicine Lodge, Kansas achieved national notoriety for attacking saloons with an axe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry Nation's papers and artifacts on Kansas Memory: http://www.kansasmemory.org/locate.php?categories=1182-1245-4805 • <i>The Smasher's Mail</i> (on Newspapers.com): https://kshsnews.com/paper/the-smashers-mail/7699/?locale=en-US
<p>World War II Posters</p> <p>During World War II, the U.S. government spearheaded a campaign to mobilize citizens on the home front to support the American war effort by producing myriad posters that reminded them of their patriotic duty.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World War II posters on Kansas Memory: https://www.kansasmemory.org/locate.php?query=world%20war%20II%20posters • Menninger Foundation Archives World War II poster collection: https://www.kshs.org/archives/228609
<p>World War I and II Soldiers' Stories</p> <p>Although many Kansans were drafted into service during World War I and World War II, many chose to enlist for a variety of reasons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World War I and II soldiers' accounts on Kansas Memory: https://www.kansasmemory.org/locate.php?query=world%20war%20i%20letters • Clark Bruster Letters from Fort Riley (1912-1917): https://www.kshs.org/archives/221919 • World War I letters: https://www.kshs.org/dart/units/search/keywords:world%20war%20i%20letters/matttype:U/begyr:1910/endyr:1920/level:9 • World War II letters: https://www.kshs.org/dart/units/search/page:2/keywords:world%20war%20ii%20letters/matttype:U/level:9
<p>Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (and its predecessors)</p> <p>This agency is charged with the responsibility of managing the state's fish and wildlife resources (and, more recently, parks).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of the Kansas Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission: https://topekalibraries.info/search~S5/X?SEARCH=t:(kansas%20fish%20commissioner)&SORT=D • Correspondence between Kansas governors and fish commissioners on Kansas Memory: Reports of the Kansas Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission: https://topekalibraries.info/search~S5/X?SEARCH=t:(kansas%20fish%20commissioner)&SORT=D

