



## ***NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2026: Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History***

These are just some of the primary sources available at KSHS relating to these topics. For more, search our archives catalog at <https://www.kansashistory.gov/p/archives-catalog/16432> as well as Kansas Memory at <https://www.kansasmemory.gov/>!

TOPIC	RESOURCES
<p><b>Kansas Equal Suffrage Association</b> Worked with the national woman suffrage movement to secure the right to vote for women.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarina Nichols (1843-1946) papers on Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/4502">https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/4502</a></li> <li>• Moneka Woman’s Rights Association records (1858-1860) on Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansasmemory.gov/item/1894">https://www.kansasmemory.gov/item/1894</a></li> <li>• Kansas Equal Suffrage Association on Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/5041">https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/5041</a></li> <li>• Lucy Browne Johnston (1846-1937) papers: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40061">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40061</a></li> <li>• Woman Suffrage history collection: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40656">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40656</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Kansas Woman’s Christian Temperance Union</b> An organization that fought 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"> <li>• Kansas WCTU / Mary Evelyn Dobbs Collection: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/p/kansas-wctu-mary-evelyn-dobbs-collection/13807">https://www.kansashistory.gov/p/kansas-wctu-mary-evelyn-dobbs-collection/13807</a></li> <li>• Kansas WCTU materials on Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansasmemory.gov/locate.php?query=kansas+WCTU">https://www.kansasmemory.gov/locate.php?query=kansas+WCTU</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Carry Nation (1846-1911)</b> 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"> <li>• Carry Nation’s papers and artifacts on Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansasmemory.gov/locate.php?categories=1182-1245-4805">https://www.kansasmemory.gov/locate.php?categories=1182-1245-4805</a></li> <li>• <i>The Smasher’s Mail</i> (on Newspapers.com): <a href="https://kshsonsite.newspapers.com/paper/the-smashers-mail/7699/">https://kshsonsite.newspapers.com/paper/the-smashers-mail/7699/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Samuel J. Crumbine (1862-1954)</b> Served as the state secretary of health for 20 years. In that role, he launched public awareness campaigns for tuberculosis, elimination of houseflies and rats, and water and sanitary sewage control. He also abolished the community drinking cup and is credited with creating modern fly swatter.</p>	<p>Over two dozen items digitized on Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/5288">https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/5288</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-digitized collections available for viewing at the KSHS include: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/41184">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/41184</a> <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/452570">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/452570</a></li> </ul>

<p><b>Mary Elizabeth Lease (1853-1933)</b> A voice of Populism who urged Kansas farmers to revolt against high mortgage interest and railroad rates. She turned to other interests, such as prohibition and suffrage, after she was alienated from the mainstream Populists.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over a dozen items are available online at Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/4807">https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/4807</a></li> <li>• Non-digitized collections available for viewing at the KSHS include: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/42574">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/42574</a> <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/41452">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/41452</a> <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/449378">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/449378</a> <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/46686">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/46686</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Dorothea Dix (1802-1887)</b> 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.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence, Menninger Historic Psychiatry Collection (on Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/223255">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/223255</a></li> <li>• A Psychiatric Study of the Life and Work of Dorothea Dix by William J. Browne, M.D.: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/263473">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/263473</a></li> <li>• "Dorothea Dix: Angel of the Madhouse" by Stewart H. Holbrook: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/263473">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/263473</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>William Allen White (1868-1944)</b> Famous newspaper editor who authored influential articles and books. Received two Pulitzer Prizes and is particularly noted for his opposition to the KKK.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William Allen White bibliography <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/p/william-allen-white-bibliography/13565">https://www.kansashistory.gov/p/william-allen-white-bibliography/13565</a></li> <li>• 100 items available online at Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/5181">https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/5181</a></li> <li>• William Allen White Papers: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40087">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40087</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Charles M. Sheldon (1857-1946)</b> A minister and social reformer who fought against alcohol, supported workers’ rights, and helped “Exodusters” at Topeka’s Tennessee Town community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over two dozen items available on Kansas Memory: <a href="https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/5255">https://www.kansasmemory.gov/category/5255</a></li> <li>• Charles Monroe Sheldon / Central Congregational Church Collection: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40222">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40222</a></li> <li>• Charles M. Sheldon Papers: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40201">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40201</a></li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka</i></b> Pivotal school desegregation case that was part of the U.S. Supreme Court case decided in 1954.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Brown v. Board</i> U.S. District Court case: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/194479">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/194479</a></li> <li>• Lucinda Todd papers: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/47303">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/47303</a></li> <li>• <i>Brown v. Board</i> oral history collection: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40251">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/40251</a></li> <li>• Papers of the NAACP, National and Kansas Branch records: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/48500">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/48500</a> <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/49103">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/49103</a></li> <li>• <i>Webb v. School District No. 90</i> (and other prior Kansas Supreme Court cases): <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/220221">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/220221</a></li> <li>• Kansas Attorney General’s Major Case Files: <a href="https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/190291">https://www.kansashistory.gov/archives/190291</a></li> </ul>

