

# Freedom's Frontier

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA



# FY2023 ANNUAL REPORT







# What is Freedom's Frontier?

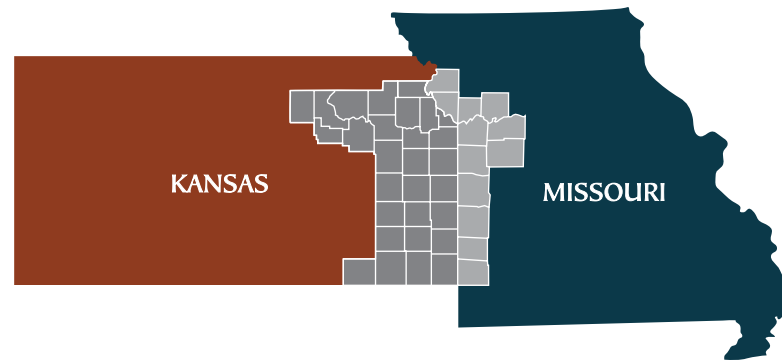
If you live along the Missouri-Kansas border, how you tell the story of freedom often depends on where you call home.

Along this border, a new nation set out in a long trek across the ancestral lands of Native Americans to settle the frontier and, in the process, hoped to find economic and religious freedom.

Along this border, the nation violently collided in skirmishes that helped instigate the Civil War.

Along this border, millions of Americans fought—over school segregation, over Native-American rights, over suffrage, over the right to choose how to live and love—in the enduring struggle for freedom.

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area brings together the histories that started here but grew to change the course of history for the entire country, whether it is the history of the settlement of the frontier, the Kansas-Missouri Border War and Civil War, or the enduring struggle for freedom.



**Freedom's Frontier knits together the histories of the settlement of the frontier, the Border War and Civil War, and the enduring struggle for freedom into one American fabric.** Its threads contain the remarkable histories from its partners: historical sites, museums, convention and visitor bureaus, educators, and support societies. Each is deeply invested in telling these stories.

More than three million people call Freedom's Frontier home. More than 30,000 square miles fall in the 41 counties that define Freedom's Frontier in both Missouri and Kansas. As we end our seventeenth year of operation, over 250 organizations have partnered with us.

*KANSAS: Allen · Anderson · Atchison · Bourbon · Chautauqua · Cherokee · Clay · Coffey · Crawford · Douglas · Franklin · Geary · Jackson · Jefferson · Johnson · Labette · Leavenworth · Linn · Miami · Montgomery · Neosho · Osage · Pottawatomie · Riley · Shawnee · Wabaunsee · Wilson · Woodson · Wyandotte*

*MISSOURI: Barton · Bates · Buchanan · Cass · Clay · Jackson · Johnson · Lafayette · Platte · Ray · St. Clair · Vernon*

*On the cover: a Haskell Indian Nations University student performs a fancy dance at the annual Haskell Indian Art Market in Lawrence, Kansas.*



# A Message from Kevin Wood Trustee Chair, 2023

Dear readers,

As we close another fiscal year, I am pleased Freedom's Frontier has flourished so successfully with our new Executive Director, Lucinda Adams, now in place. Her work to engage the board in steps to realize our strategic plan has been outstanding.

Throughout the year, Freedom's Frontier has remained steadfast in its mission to promote heritage tourism across our 41 counties in order to develop the local economy and preserve our history. We are proud to report significant accomplishments or improvements in the areas of partner meetings, newsletters, and partner outreach.

Our various programs and initiatives have continued to support our 250+ partners up and down the Missouri and Kansas border as they seek to tell the history of the western frontier, the Kansas-Missouri Border War, and the enduring struggle for freedom.

I am pleased to report that our financial position remains strong. Through the diligent efforts of our team, we have overhauled our grant process so that more of our partners can access the types of funds they need – be it reworking a museum display or communicating it through an updated web page.

I am proud to share that our team of board members, staff, partners and volunteers has responded to new leadership, and that so much progress has been gained across all areas of our organization. My sincerest gratitude to you! The unwavering support for Freedom's Frontier has been instrumental in the realization of our goals during the fiscal year.

Warm regards,

Kevin Wood



# Forging the Path

Throughout 2023, FFNHA has continued to make significant strides towards our mission of telling the stories of the struggles for freedom in our region and their lasting impact on our nation. We faced unprecedented challenges this year: navigating through the post pandemic era, economic uncertainties, and ever-evolving societal issues. Despite these obstacles, our dedicated team—in collaboration with our valued partners and supporters—has demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a relentless commitment to making a positive impact in our community.

Some of our key achievements included:

- Obtaining a 15-year federal reauthorization
- Expanding our Bus on Us grant program
- Resuming regular partner meetings
- Helping obtain bi-state support in Congress for a bill establishing the Quindaro area in Kansas City, KS as a National Historic Landmark
- Joining partners to bring back the Disorder on the Border symposium
- Revamping the FFNHA project grant program

None of our accomplishments would be possible without the unwavering support of our donors, partners, volunteers, and dedicated team members. Your belief in our mission fuels our determination to create positive change and empowers us to reach new heights.

We look forward to meeting the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. FFNHA remains committed to innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement as we promote tourism and economic growth in each of our 41 counties.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for being an essential part of Freedom's Frontier. Your belief in our mandate and our mission propels us forward as we continue to preserve the stories of our past.

- Lucinda Adams, Executive Director



## Preserving History & Protecting Rights

Each region's history is unique. When President George W. Bush signed into law the act creating Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area in 2006, it capped a years-long, grassroots effort from Kansas and Missouri volunteers to nationally memorialize this region's history. In the years since, similar efforts have gained traction across the country. In 2019, President Donald Trump created six new national heritage areas that now sit alongside FFNHA as part of the National Heritage Area program.

Established under President Ronald Reagan, the program was envisioned as an alternative to the National Park Service, one that would preserve history and private property rights at the same time. There are now 62 heritage areas from coast to coast, and just as each region's history is unique, the laws that establish and govern each heritage area are distinct.

The law that created Freedom's Frontier is black and white. It states that *no land or organization is automatically "opted in" as a part of Freedom's Frontier*. By law, *no private property owner is required to participate* in or be associated with Freedom's Frontier, nor can Freedom's Frontier own real estate or property. We have *no influence over zoning or land-use regulations and no authority over mineral or water rights*. Any entity or organization who partners with Freedom's Frontier must be within our congressionally designated borders; even then, *we cannot require any entity or organization to partner with us*.

Over the last 17 years, more than 250 museums, historic sites, and organizations across eastern Kansas and western Missouri have voluntarily partnered with us. Together, they help fulfill *our mandate to spur tourism and economic development* by raising awareness of the exceptional, foundational stories that define this region and everyone who calls it home: the settlement of the frontier, the Border and Civil War, and the enduring struggle for freedom.

Those core themes of triumph and struggle reveal the 41 counties that form Freedom's Frontier to be singular, vital components of the American saga. Our mission is to help tell their stories, simultaneously preserving our past and fostering our future.



# 2023 Grants Report

In fiscal year 2023, Freedom's Frontier awarded 16 Project Grants to our partners from a total of 26 applications. The funds shared nearly \$38,000 with communities throughout our 41 counties in Kansas and Missouri.

The Bates County (MO) Historical Society received \$1300 to bring back a community favorite that had lagged during shutdowns. They held a "Spirit Stroll" in which local people dressed up as foundational citizens and shared stories of the community's past with visitors.

In Liberty, MO, the Clay County Archives and Historical Library upgraded their capacity to digitize records. With \$2500, they were able to purchase several pieces of equipment to support current and future projects. They especially hope researchers will be able to search for genealogical records much more efficiently as a result.

In Lafayette County (MO), initial steps were taken to save a (Fredrick) Douglass School, so named for educating Black students during segregation. Volunteers used \$2100 and spent hours cleaning out the structure to see what future steps may require.

The Independence (KS) Museum and Art Center is in the process of a large renovation. We contributed \$2500 toward refinishing the original floor in a large open gallery of what was formerly the Post Office downtown.

Several structures at Old Jefferson Town (Jefferson Co, KS) were in desperate need of repair. They held fundraisers but were not able to cover all the costs, so FFNHA was able to offer \$1650 toward painting and window repairs. This meant the historical society did not have to delay a few other projects they had been planning.

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The Wornall/Majors House in Kansas City is working hard to attract a wider range of visitors. A Project Grant of \$3000 helped them update their exhibits for both vision-impaired and non-English speaking tourists.

The Mt. Mora Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Association in St. Joseph, MO, received \$2758 toward equipment to record the stories of past community leaders interred there. They hope to put these recordings online so they can engage the public more prominently.

Tying in with the national Alliance of National Heritage Area's 2023 theme of Environmental Justice, the Douglas County (KS) Historical Society applied for and received \$1615 to expand "Maggie's Garden" outside the Watkins Museum of History. This area attracts both visitors and pollinating insects by providing native plants and informational signage at the park-like setting in downtown Lawrence, KS.

Coming up on a year of closure at the 1855 Harris-Kearney House, the Westport Historical Society used \$1250 toward board development meetings to help prepare members of the Board of Directors for re-opening later in spring 2024.

In August 2023, another round of grants was officially funded, beginning with the Monticello Community Historical Society's desperate need for repairs to the museum building. Simply being able to lock the door securely was one outcome of their \$3000 award.

An ambitious project by multiple partners was awarded \$3000 to create a promotional video for museums throughout all southeast Kansas. With one grant, Freedom's Frontier was able to impact the entire southwest quadrant of the heritage area.

Lee's Summit (MO) Historical Society, in its efforts to preserve original buckskin clothing from a city founder, applied for and received \$3000. They purchased an exhibit case to more safely and securely preserve this unique item for future generations.

In Tonganoxie, KS, the Community Historical Society was awarded \$3000 toward upgrading their website. They plan to add a payment feature which will make it much easier for members to pay dues online or for visitors to submit donations from anywhere.

Topeka, KS, has multiple events planned by various groups to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the landmark Brown v. Board decision of 1954. The Black American Blueprint Collective was created for students to research the case, and then \$3000 in funds will aid them in producing exhibits and lesson plans to share with schools in the area.

Active at many local festivals, the Wyandot Nation of Kansas received a \$3000 grant to update and upgrade their traveling exhibit pieces and signage for visitors to learn from. They'll be better able to share their culture and heritage at school assemblies or field trips as well.

Finally, the Cass County (MO) Historical Society holds a yearly Log Cabin Festival in Harrisonville. A \$3000 grant from Freedom's Frontier allowed them to expand their Civil War reenactment events and attract more visitors to this well-loved annual event.



# Partner Meetings

## Reconnecting our network

2023 marked the long-anticipated return of face-to-face partner meetings in Freedom's Frontier NHA. Held every other month on alternating sides of the Kansas-Missouri border, these essential gatherings are a vital component of FFNHA's mission to facilitate tourism and ensure economic development in Kansas and Missouri.

At each meeting, attendees from partner sites meet at partner sites throughout FFNHA's 41 counties to discuss best practices, participate in planning sessions, announce new initiatives and events, and tour exhibits at each host location – all while learning directly from their peers. Meetings are held at new sites each period, ensuring equal access and knowledge flow from the area's largest, most well-funded organizations to the region's most rural one-room museums and historical sites.

Virtual meetings were a necessary but imperfect substitute during the pandemic, and ongoing safety concerns forced the November 2022 and January 2023 meetings online.

However, FFNHA held its first in-person meeting in two years on March 23, 2023, at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion in St. Joseph, Missouri. In May, attendees gathered at the Bushwhacker Museum in Nevada, Missouri. At each meeting, attendees reintroduced themselves and discussed operating in a post-pandemic world.

The Baxter Springs Heritage Center & Museum in Baxter Springs, Kansas, which was slated to host the March 2020 partner meeting before shelter-in-place orders were instituted, was finally able to hold an onsite meeting on July 10, 2023.

The September 2023 partner meeting was held at Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Park in Topeka, Kansas. There, Steve Nowak of the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence, Kansas, and Sara Wilson of St. Joseph Museums in St. Joseph, Missouri, presented tips and techniques for acquiring grants and funding through collaboration with local partners.



## Education

# BUS ON US


## Field Trip Grants

In FY 2023, FFNHA awarded **\$3,444.48** to teachers and educators through its Bus on Us transportation grant program. These grants ensure K-12 students in the region absorb Kansas and Missouri history in hands-on, face-to-face settings.



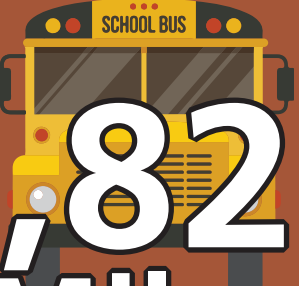
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Schools

Representing districts as far north as **Leavenworth, KS** (Anthony Elementary); as far south as **Parsons, KS** (Garfield Elementary); as far west as **Lawrence, KS** (Ballard Center); and as far east as **Harrisonville, MO** (McEowen Elementary) and **Liberty, MO** (Liberty Middle School).



**538**  
Students

Ranging from **second grade students to high school seniors**, students from all age groups participated in one-of-a-kind experiences that took them from the classroom to real-life historic locations across **Kansas and Missouri**, including **National History Day** nationals.



**2,826**  
Miles

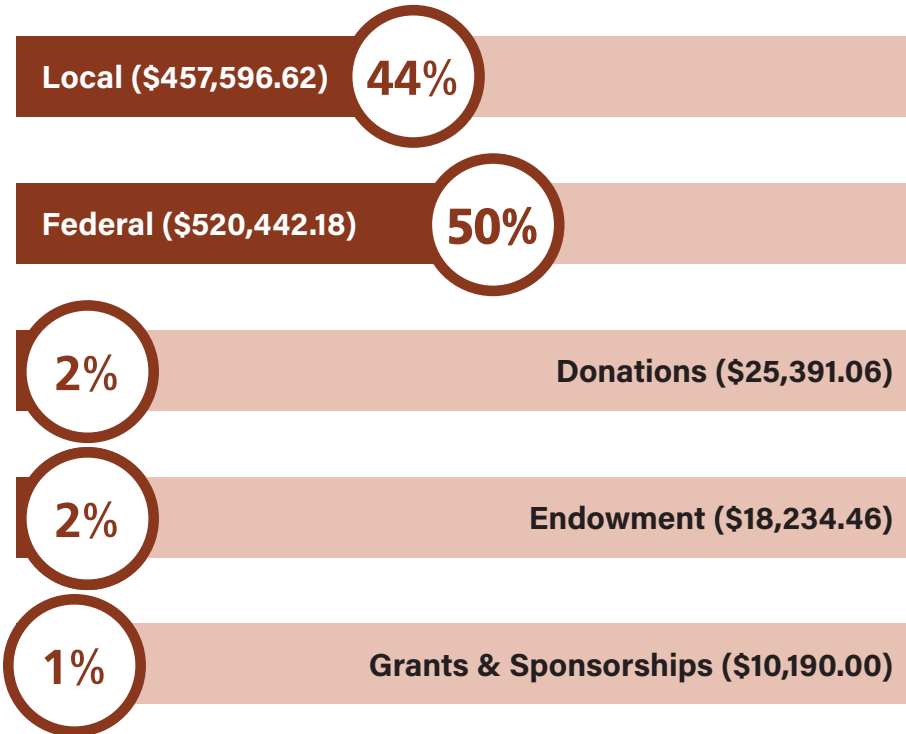
Traveled to partner sites across FFNHA, from rural getaways like **Fort Scott NHS** and **Mahaffie Stagecoach & Farm** to bustling urban destinations like the **Negro Leagues Baseball Museum**, the **Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art**, and the **National WWI Museum** in Kansas City.



# Financials



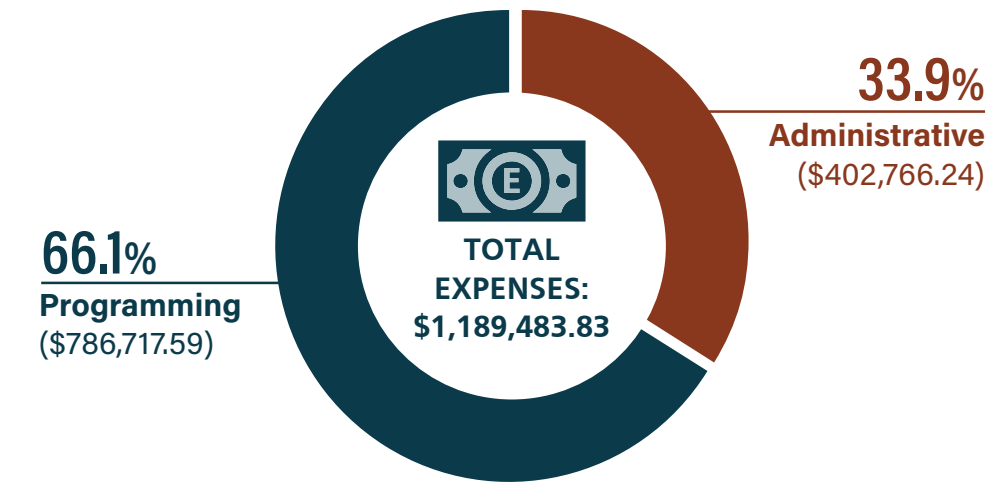
## Income



**TOTAL INCOME: \$1,031,854.32**



## Expenses



# Board of Trustees

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Platinum  
 Transparency  
 2023

Candid.

Candid is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area was awarded the 2023 Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency, achieved by less than one tenth of 1% of nonprofits.



# 2023 Partners

1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum & Westport Historical Society  
 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum  
 1st Kansas Colored Infantry Civil War Monument  
 Afircan-American Quilt Museum and Textile Academy  
 Alexander Majors House and Barn  
 Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum  
 American Flight Museum  
 American Jazz Museum  
 Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center  
 Appleton City Landmark Restorations, Inc.  
 Arabia Steamboat Museum  
 Arts And Recreation Foundation of Overland Park  
 Atchison County Historical Society Museum  
 Atkins-Johnson Farm & Museum  
 Banner Creek Science Center and Observatory  
 Basehor Historical Museum Society  
 Bates County Museum  
 Battle of Carthage State Historic Site  
 Battle of Island Mound State Historic Site  
 Battle of Lexington State Historic Site  
 Battle of Westport Museum  
 Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum  
 Battles of Newtonia  
 Baxter Springs Heritage Center and Museum  
 Beecher Bible and Rifle Church  
 Bingham-Waggoner Estate  
 Black Archives of Mid America  
 Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park  
 Blackpast.org  
 Bridging the Gap  
 Brown V. Board of Education  
 Burlingame Historical Preservation Society  
 Burning of Osceola Monument  
 Burnt District Museum and Sharp-Hopper Log Cabin and Monument  
 Burr Oak Woods Nature Center  
 Carnegie Building  
 Carroll Mansion Museum  
 Carthage Civil War Museum

Cass County Historic Sites  
 Cass County Historical Society  
 Center for Midwestern Studies  
 City of Lee's Summit  
 City of Lowry City, Missouri  
 City of Osceola, Missouri  
 Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri  
 Clay County Historic Sites  
 Clay County Museum  
 Clearfield County Historical Society  
 Coffey County Economic Development  
 Coffey County Historical Society Museum  
 Concordia Area Museum and Historical Society  
 Confederate Memorial State Historic Site  
 Connecting For Good  
 Constitution Hall State Historic Site  
 Constitution Hall Topeka  
 Corps of Discovery Statue  
 Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art  
 Curtis House Museum  
 Day Log Cabin at the Green  
 Deaf Cultural Center  
 Democratic Headquarters of Kansas Territory in Lecompton  
 Dietrich Cabin  
 Dole Institute of Politics  
 Douglas County Heritage Are Conservation Council  
 Douglas County Santa Fe Trail Assc.  
 Edgerton Community Museum  
 Ernie Miller Nature Center  
 Eudora Area Historical Society  
 Eudora Community Museum  
 Excelsior Springs Museum and Archives  
 Far West  
 First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site  
 Fishburn Archives, Park University McAfee Library  
 Flint Hills Discovery Center  
 Forest Hill and Calvary Cemeteries  
 Fort Larned National Historic Site  
 Fort Leavenworth

Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery  
 Fort Osage National Historic Landmark  
 Fort Riley Museums  
 Fort Scott National Historic Site  
 Fort Scott, KS Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Fractured Atlas  
 Frank James Bank Museum  
 Franklin County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Franklin County Historical Society  
 Franklin County Records and Research Center  
 Fredonia Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Freedom Fountain  
 Front Porch Alliance  
 Frontier Army Museum  
 Frontier Military Historic Byway  
 Gardner Historical Museum  
 Gardner Junction Park  
 Garrison School Cultural Center  
 Gay and Lesbian Archive of Mid-America  
 Geary County Historical Society  
 General Jo Shelby Park and Statue  
 George Historic Cemetery Association, Inc.  
 George Washington Carver National Monument  
 Glacial Hills Scenic Byway  
 Glore Psychiatric Museum  
 Goodnow House State Historic Site  
 Gordon Parks Museum  
 Greenbush Education Resource Center  
 Grinter Place State Historic Site  
 Guardians of Grover Barn  
 Harry S. Truman Birthplace State Historic Site  
 Harry S. Truman Library and Museum  
 Harry S. Truman National Historic Site  
 Harry S. Truman National Historic Site Farm Home in Grandview  
 Harry S. Truman National Historic Site Visitor Center and Home  
 Haskell Cultural Center and Museum  
 Haskell Indian Nations University  
 Heartland Conservation Alliance



Hicklin Hearthstone  
 Historic Mt. Gilead Church  
 Historic Mt. Gilead School  
 Historic Topeka Cemetery  
 Historical Society of New Santa Fe and the Trailside Center  
 Humboldt Civil War Tour  
 Humboldt Historical Museum  
 Humboldt’s Orcutt Living Hisotry Backyard Museum,  
 Humboldt Historical Preservation Alliance  
 Huron Indian Cemetery  
 Jackson County Historical Society  
 Jackson County Parks and Recreation Historic Sites  
 Jasper County Courthouse  
 Jefferson County Genealogical Society  
 Jefferson County Historical Society  
 Jesse James Bank Museum  
 Jesse James Farm and Museum  
 Jesse James Home Museum/Patee House Museum  
 John and Mary Ritchie House  
 John Brown Museum  
 John Brown Speaks  
 Johnson County Historic Courthouse Museum  
 Johnson County Library  
 Johnson County Museum  
 Johnson County, KS Arts and Heritage Center  
 Johnson County, MO Historical Society  
 Juneteenth, KC  
 Kansas Byways/KS Dept of Transportation  
 Kansas City Museum  
 Kansas City, KS Public Library  
 Kansas City Public Library and Missouri Valley Room  
 Kansas State Capital  
 Kansas State Historical Society  
 Katy Trail State Park  
 Kaw Point Park  
 Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art  
 Konza Prairie Research Natural Area  
 KU Natural History Museum  
 LaBudde Special Collections, Miller Nichols Library,  
 UMKC

LaCygne Historical Society  
 Lakeside Nature Center  
 Lanesfield School Historic Site  
 Lansing Historical Museum  
 Lawrence Public Library  
 Lawrence Visitor Information Center and Convention and  
 Visitors Bureau  
 Leavenworth Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Leavenworth Historical Society and Carroll Mansion  
 Museum  
 Lecompton Historical Society And Territorial Capital  
 Museum  
 Lee’s Summit Historical Society and Historic Cemtery  
 Leila’s Hair Museum  
 Leonard H. Axe Library at Pittsburg State University  
 Lexington Historical Association  
 Liberty Jail Historic Site  
 Linn County Historical Society and Museum  
 Little House on the Praire Museum  
 Lone Jack Historical Society  
 Loud Light  
 Louisburg Historical Society  
 Lowell Milken Center  
 Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm  
 Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Marais de Cygnes Society  
 Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art  
 Marla Quilts, and African Quilts Museum, Inc.  
 Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary  
 Mclure Archives and University Museum  
 Merriam Historic Plaza  
 Merriam Visitors Bureau  
 Miami County Historical Museum  
 Mid-America Regional Council  
 Mid-Coast Radio Project (KKFI)  
 Mid-Continent Public Library  
 Midland Railway Depot  
 Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site  
 Missouri State Capitol  
 Missouri Town 1855

Monticello Community Historical Society  
 Mound City Historical Park  
 Mount Mitchell Heritage Prairie  
 Mount Mora Cemetery  
 Muuseum of the Kansas National Guard  
 Museum at Prairiefire  
 Nathan Boone Homsetead State Historic Site  
 National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame  
 National Archives at Kansas City  
 National Frontier Trails Museum  
 National World War I Museum and Memorial  
 Native Stone Scenic Byway  
 Negro Leagues Baseball Museum  
 Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art  
 Neosho National Fish Hatchery  
 New Lancaster General Store  
 Nicodemus National Historic Site  
 Olathe Historical Society  
 Olathe Memorial Cemetery  
 Olathe Public Library  
 Old Castle Museum at Baker University  
 Old Depot Museum  
 Old Jefferson Town  
 Old Prarie Town and Warde-Meade Historic Site  
 Old Stone House Along the Oregon Trail Conservancy  
 Old Trails Regional Tourism  
 Opothleyahola Memorial Building  
 Oregon-California Trails Association  
 Osage Mission-Neosho County Historical Society Museum  
 Osage Village State Historic Site  
 Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens  
 Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Overland Park Historical Society  
 Partners of the First Territorial Capitol  
 Patee House Museum  
 Pea Ridge National Military Park  
 Pharis Farm  
 Planting Peace (Equality House)  
 Pony Express National Museum  
 Poplar Heights Living History Museum

Praire Park Nature Center  
 Praire State Park Prairie Center  
 Prairie Trail Scenic Byway  
 Quindaro Overlook and Ruins  
 Quindaro Press LLC  
 Quindaro Underground Railroad Museum  
 Rader Farm  
 Ray County Historical Society Museum and Genealogical  
 Library  
 Raytown Historical Society And Museum  
 Remington Nature Center  
 Richard Allen Cultural Center  
 Riley County Genealogical Society  
 Riley County Historical Society and Museum & Goodnow  
 House State Historic Site  
 Robert J. Dole Federal Courthouse  
 Robidoux Row Museum  
 Santa Fe Trail Association  
 Sauk River Camp  
 Shawnee County Historical Society  
 Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site  
 Shawnee Kansas Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Shawnee Mission East High School  
 Shawnee Town 1929 Museum  
 Shoal Creek Living History Museum  
 Silver Heart Inn  
 Southeast Kansas Nature Center, Schermerhorn Park and  
 Cave  
 Spirit of Freedom Fountain  
 Springfield National Cemetery  
 St. Clair County Historical Society and Museum  
 St. Clair County, MO  
 St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 St. Joseph Museum And Black Archives Museum  
 St. Joseph Visitors Center  
 St. Philippine Duchesne Shrine and Potawatomi Trail of  
 Death Memorial Park  
 Sternberg Museum of Natural History  
 Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve  
 The Abduction of Jacob Roxe: A Civil War Tragedy

The Big Divide  
 The Castle Tea Room  
 The Great Overland Station  
 The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art  
 The Rice-Tremonti Home  
 Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio State Historic Site  
 Thrive Allen County  
 Tonganoxie Community Historical Society  
 Topeka Center for Peace and Justice  
 Topeka Genealogical Society  
 Topeka Rotary Club  
 Town of Kansas Bridge  
 Trading Post Museum  
 Union Cemetery  
 Union Prison Collapse  
 Union Station  
 Vaile Victorian Mansion  
 Vernon County Historical Society and Bushwacker  
 Museum  
 Virginia School  
 Visit Topeka  
 Wabaunsee County Museum  
 Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum  
 Wakefield Museum  
 Warrensburg Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Watkins Community Museum of History  
 Watkins Foundation Historical Society  
 Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site  
 Weaving the River  
 Wells P. Bailey House  
 Wide Awake Films, LLC  
 Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center  
 William Klein Park, home of Barnes Enclosure and Cave  
 Spring and 3 Trails  
 Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield  
 Wonder Workshop Children’s Museum  
 Wornall Majors House Museums  
 Wyandot Nation of Kansas  
 Wyandotte County Historical Museum  
 Wyandotte High School

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