

FOR HISTORY'S SAKE

# Northeast Kansas

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### SPRING HILL'S HISTORIC MAIN STREET

A large scope of area history is proudly displayed in a local artist designed mural on the building at 107 S. Main. Mix modern shopping and dining with a history lesson. Historic Main Street includes a creative retreat center, thriving quilt shop, as well as specialty shopping. Each building wears a plaque bearing the name of the original building tenant.

Contact the Spring Hill Chamber 913-592-3893

### LECOMPTON'S TERRITORIAL CAPITAL MUSEUM AND CONSTITUTION HALL

Visit Historic Lecompton - "The Birthplace of the Civil War: Where Slavery Began to Die." Tours can include reenactments and lunch.

Contact the Museum 785-887-6148

### HISTORIC LAWRENCE

From pre-Civil War to presidential candidates, Douglas County has a deep history to explore! Including the Watkins Museum of History and the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics.

Contact eExplore Lawrence 785-856-2389

### OLATHE'S MAHAFFIE STAGECOACH STOP & FARM HISTORIC SITE

The only working stagecoach stop left on the Santa Fe Trail! Mahaffie offers unique experiences to engage visitors to discover what it was like in the 1860s, life on the Kansas frontier, and travelling by stagecoach.

Contact the Mahaffie 913-971-5111

### SENECA'S PONY EXPRESS MUSEUM

The Seneca Pony Express Museum tells the true story of the legendary Pony Express, its role in western expansion as pre-Civil War tensions were mounting. Our museum focuses on the Smith Hotel, built in 1858, which served as the first home station on the trail heading west.

Contact the Seneca Area Chamber 785-336-1313

### OVERLAND PARK'S SUBURBAN HISTORY EXPERIENCE

The Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center discovers suburban history through engaging exhibits that invite you to find a sense of place in the ever-changing landscape of Johnson County. The museum features an entire 1950s all-electric house that was state-of-the-art then and, surprisingly, now. Kids can enjoy Kidscape, an imaginary community for kids.

Contact Visit Jcprd.com

### FORT LEAVENWORTH TOUR

Fort Leavenworth was established in 1827, making it the third-oldest active military installation in the nation. Some of its sights include a national cemetery, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; Memorial Chapel, one of the oldest chapels in the Army; a swale of the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails; and many historic 19th century buildings.

Contact the Leavenworth CVB 913-758-2948

### KANSAS CITY'S LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PARK

The Lewis & Clark Expedition arrived at Kaw Point on June 26, 1804. This 10-acre park features interpretive signs and trails. Visit the bronze statue of Lewis and Clark.

Contact the Visit Kansas City 913-321-5800

### GARDNER'S JUNCTION PARK

Where the Trails Divide... This park has a unique place in history as the only location where the three great frontier trails come together (Santa Fe, Oregon & California).

Contact 913-856-0936

### LENEXA'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMPLEX

The Lenexa Historical Society Complex is home to the Lenexa Train Depot, the Strang Line Waiting Station and the Legler Barn Museum which includes exhibits and collections that preserve the city's history from its origins in 1869 to the present.

Contact the Lenexa Historical Society 913-492-0038

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### MERRIAM'S HISTORIC PLAZA

Learn about Merriam's rich heritage on a historical walking tour at Merriam Historic Plaza. 12 signage stations depict pivotal moments in Merriam's history from pre-settlement to current day. Open dawn to dusk daily.

Contact the Visitor's Bureau 913-403-8999

### MIAMI COUNTY'S HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Tour the nearby Paola Park Square, which includes history of the local American Indian Tribes that originally settled in the area. Indoor tours of the museum include a large room dedicated to the history of local tribes.

Contact the Museum 913-294-4940

### ATCHISON'S OWN AMELIA EARHART

Amelia Earhart Birthplace & Muriel (the last remaining Lockheed Electra L-10E in existence). With several locations to view photos, artifacts, installations and more, it's no wonder Atchison is where dreams take flight!

Contact [visitatchison.com](http://visitatchison.com)

### BONNER SPRING'S NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTER & HALL OF FAME

Enjoy exploring the museum exhibits and living history displays, no matter your age. If you are visiting alone, with family, or with an organized group you'll find an entertaining and informative experience.

Contact the Hall of Fame 913-721-1075

### TOPEKA'S BROWN V BOARD OF EDUCATION NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka is widely known as the Supreme Court decision that declared segregated schools to be "inherently unequal." In 2021, the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site was added to the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

Contact the Museum 785-354-4273

### SHAWNEE'S 1929 TOWN

Tour also includes guided tour through Shawnee Town 1929, experience what life was like in Shawnee, Kansas in the 20's. Tour the town buildings, as well as the farmstead

Contact Visit Shawnee 913-631-6545

### HIAWATHA'S DAVIS MEMORIAL

The Davis Memorial is a monument in Hiawatha, Kansas at the Mount Hope Cemetery, built by John Milburn Davis in honor of his wife Sarah after her death. Begun soon after her death in 1930 and completed in 1934, the monument consists of statues of the couple and a small shelter, carved from Italian marble. Its cost (approximately \$200,000) led many in the community to criticize Davis for his free spending during the Great Depression.

Contact the Hiawatha Chamber 785-742-7136

### DONIPHAN COUNTY'S WILBUR CHAPMAN "PIGGY BANK" MONUMENT

Learn about the origination of the piggy bank at the Wilbur Chapman Monument located in front of the church on Main Street in White Cloud.

Contact Doniphan County ED: 785-985-2235

### JACKSON COUNTY'S MUSEUM

Come learn the history of Jackson County! Observe our collection of artifacts, printed materials, oral history, and other relevant material which serve to record the history of the area.

Contact the Jackson County Chamber 785-364-3963

### OSAWATOMIE'S CIVIL WAR HISTORY

Reverend Samuel Adair and his wife, Florella, came and settled near Osawatomie, an abolitionist community and center of conflict during "Bleeding Kansas." The Adair cabin was a station on the Underground Railroad and Florella's half brother, John Brown, used this cabin as his headquarters.

Contact the John Brown Museum 913-755-4384