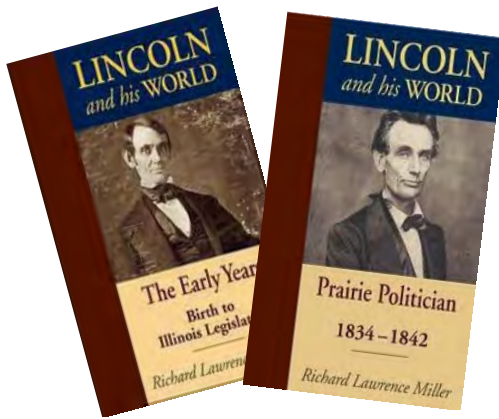


Author Richard Lawrence Miller to discuss “Abe, Barack and Us: How Far We’ve Come, How Far to Go”



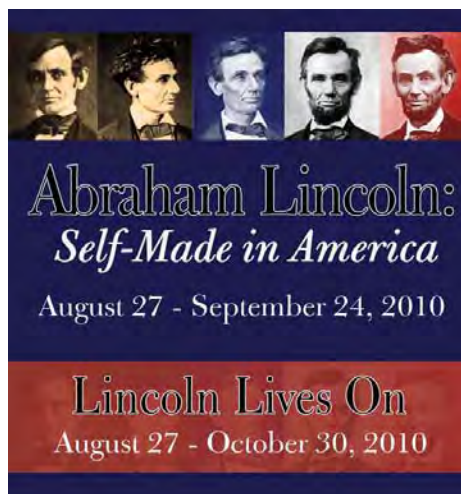
The National Archives at Kansas City will host **Richard Lawrence Miller on Thursday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m.** for a discussion titled “Abe, Barack, and Us: How Far We’ve Come, How Far to Go.” Miller will compare and contrast presidential responses to problems experience by both presidents Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama. A 6:00 p.m. reception will precede the event. Attendees are encouraged to view the Abraham Lincoln exhibition, *Lincoln Lives On*, prior to Miller’s discussion.

Richard Lawrence Miller is the author of a series of books about Abraham Lincoln, including *Lincoln and His World: The Early Years, Birth to Illinois Legislature* and *Lincoln and His World: Prairie Politician*. Miller worked for former President Herbert Hoover’s personal archivist after college and later became a public radio producer. Miller is an independent scholar who investigates and writes about a wide range of topics and is the author of *Truman: The Rise to Power* and *Heritage of Fear: Illusion and Reality in the Cold War*.

Copies of *Lincoln and His World: The Early Years, Birth to Illinois Legislature* and *Lincoln and His World: Prairie Politician* will be available for purchase at The Kansas City Store at the National Archives. Following the program, Miller will be available to sign copies of his books. For more information or to make a reservation email kansascity.educate@nara.gov or call 816-268-8010.

Lincoln Lives On at the National Archives until October 30

Lincoln Lives On celebrating the life of Abraham Lincoln will be open through Saturday, October 30. Created by the National Archives at Kansas City, *Lincoln Lives On* is an exhibition featuring original materials from the local community. The exhibition explores how Lincoln’s persona has been built up to create a larger than life figure over the past 145 years and examines the man behind the myth. Telling Lincoln’s story from a local perspective, the exhibition features original letters, signed documents, photographs, campaign buttons, and more from the holdings of the National Archives, Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, University of Saint Mary, and private collections.



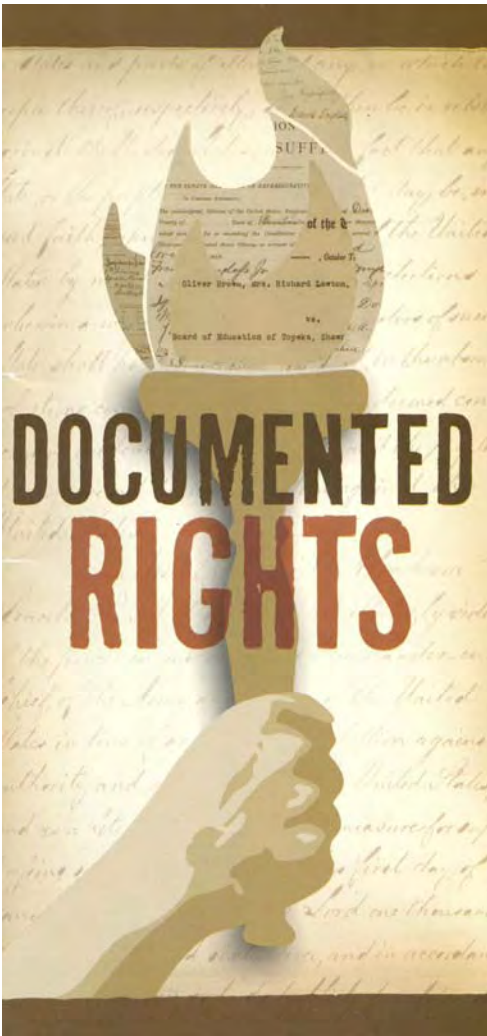
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Upcoming Events

All events are held at the National Archives
400 West Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

- THROUGH OCTOBER 2 - PARTISAN PIECES EXHIBITION
- OCTOBER 21 - 6:00 P.M. AUTHOR EVENT: RICHARD LAWRENCE MILLER “ABE, BARACK AND US: HOW FAR WE’VE COME, HOW FAR TO GO”
- OCTOBER 23 - 10:00 A.M. GIRL SCOUT DAY AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
- OCTOBER 29 - 10:00 A.M. GENEALOGY 102 WORKSHOP
- THROUGH OCTOBER 30 - LINCOLN LIVES ON EXHIBITION
- NOVEMBER 2 - DOCUMENTED RIGHTS EXHIBITION OPENS



Documented Rights exhibition coming to the National Archives on November 2

Coming soon to the National Archives is *Documented Rights*. The exhibition features documents from the holdings of the 13 regional National Archives facilities that give a voice to the national struggle for human and civil rights.

Documented Rights features more than 80 documents, facsimiles, images and sound recordings, including:

- Selected documents from all five court cases that comprised *Brown v. Board of Education Topeka*, the landmark Supreme Court ruling that ended school segregation--exhibited for the first time together;
- Court records of the schooner *Amistad*, that tell the story of 53 Africans who resisted enslavement, overpowered the ship's captain and were found off the coast of Long Island;
- Slave compensation files from former slave owners seeking monies from the U.S. government after the Civil War;
- Court records for *John Elk v. Charles Wilkins* and *Standing Bear v. General George Crook*, two cases focusing on the civil rights and liberties of Native Americans;
- Court records reflecting the efforts of white residents of Koinonia Farms, Georgia, to overcome various forms of discrimination;
- An early Montgomery Improvement Association booklet by Martin Luther King, Jr.; and
- A court martial order for Second Lt. Jackie Robinson who refused to move to the back of the bus on a military post.

Documented Rights will be available for viewing at the National Archives at Kansas City, November 2, 2010 - March 19, 2011. To schedule a school or adult group tour, email mickey.ebert@nara.gov or call 816-268-8013. For more information about *Documented Rights* visit: www.archives.gov/exhibits/documented-rights

Educator Extras!

- **Girl Scout Day:** The National Archives at Kansas City will be hosting Girl Scout Day on Saturday, October 23. Troops will learn about the National Archives and how they can use the records and photographs at the archives for family history research or school projects. Troops will receive an exhibition tour and participate in a hands-on activity. This activity also counts towards earning a Local Lore Badge. To register call 816-268-8017 or email lori.cox-paul@nara.gov



- **New Education Specialist:** The National Archives at Kansas City announces the addition of Mickey Ebert as the Education Specialist. A former elementary and middle school teacher, Ebert has over 30 years of classroom experience. She will be developing curriculum based on National Archives exhibitions; scheduling school tours; and facilitating primary source workshops for students and educators. Ebert can be reached directly with questions or tour requests call 816-268-8013 or email mickey.ebert@nara.gov



- **Save the Date:** The Wall that Heals is coming to Pink Hill Park in Blue Springs, Missouri, September 30 - October 3, 2010. The Wall That Heals will be on display and is free for the public to view. The Wall serves as a memorial to the veterans who served during the Vietnam Conflict. Every Vietnam Veteran will receive a commemorative medal or lapel pin. For more information visit www.bluespringswallthatheals.net

Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

The Boy Scout program has been a significant part of the American experience for the majority of the twentieth century. The Boy Scouts of America established in 1910, offered youth a relaxed approach to mental, physical and character-building activities. Resources and information regarding the history of the Boy Scout organization are widely available. However, it may be surprising to learn that the National Archives at Kansas City maintains documents relating to these youth programs found in the Decimal Correspondence Files of the Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, South Dakota.

The Boy Scouts of America Troop Number 63 of the Flandreau Indian School started in 1930 as an extra-curricular program for the boys and young men enrolled at the school. Colorful records found in the National Archives' holdings offer insight into the lives of these young scouts. The records available indicate how scouts at the Flandreau Indian School would have experienced the Boy Scout program.



Correspondence between the Flandreau Indian School Superintendent and the Boy Scout of America's National Director of Interracial Activities shed light on the efforts of the nations' Indian Schools to Americanize the Native American students. These records specifically demonstrate how the Boy Scout program supported this mission. In a 1932 letter the superintendent of Flandreau, Byron J. Brophy mentioned that "Scouting is one of the most important agencies in making our boys realize the future possibilities of life."

These vibrant records also include a Boy Scout catalog from 1932 that depicts all of the scout uniforms and equipment (pictured above), a small pamphlet entitled "14 Reasons Why You Should Believe in the Boy Scouts of America," and copies of two charters for Troop 63 of Flandreau, South Dakota; one for the year 1930 (pictured left) and one for the year 1931.

The National Archives at Kansas City has thousands of documents that relate to Indian Schools and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for

more information email kansascity.archives@nara.gov or view the Archival Research Catalog at www.archives.gov/research/arch

Are you on the National Archives mailing list?

If the answer is "no," then send us an email with your postal mail information kansascity.educate@nara.gov or call 816-268-8000. By providing your address, you grant the National Archives at Kansas City permission to send you information about upcoming exhibitions, special events and programs. (Per the Privacy Act of 1974 we will not share your personal information with third parties.)



Gems for Genealogists



The Wichita Genealogy Society will be hosting the “Discovering Who You Are” conference Saturday, October 16, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Mid-American All-Indian Center in Wichita, Kansas.

The recent television series “Who Do You Think You Are?” sponsored by Ancestry.com has introduced millions to the world of genealogy. The show has proven for those who are even remotely interested in genealogy that it is possible to discover additional and interesting information about their family. Ancestry.com and the National Archives at Kansas City will be onsite at this workshop to present information and answer questions regarding genealogy.

Registration is open to the public and the fee includes a program with syllabus, handouts, morning coffee and light snacks, and a box lunch. Seating is limited, for more information visit: www.wichitagensoc.org/aboutconference.html

1968 in America coming to the National Archives on November 9

On November 9, the National Archives will open *1968 in America*, a traveling exhibition which traces the tumultuous events of 1968: a single year in history that rocked the foundations of American society. From the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the Vietnam War, the extraordinary events of 1968 witnessed profound change in social and political systems and confirmed to citizens of all ages that fundamental change was both possible and necessary.

1968 in America features four major themes, including the Power of Idealism, the Power of Music, the Power of the Bullet, and the Power of the Press. Visitors will view a variety of artifacts including photographs, magazine covers, political memorabilia, textiles, record albums, and other objects that explore this pivotal moment in American history.

1968 in America is a free exhibition and will be available for viewing at the National Archives, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri until January 8, 2011. To schedule a school or adult group tour, email mickey.ebert@nara.gov or call 816-268-8013. *1968 in America* is a traveling exhibition from organized and toured by ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance with The Missouri Arts Council and The National Endowment for the Arts.



The National Archives at Kansas City is one of 13 facilities nationwide where the public has access to Federal archival records. It is home to more than 50,000 cubic feet of historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s created or received by nearly 100 Federal agencies. Serving the Central Plains Region, the archives holds records from the states of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The facility is located at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108.

HOURS OF OPERATION

RESEARCH ROOMS: Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT GALLERIES: Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Federal holidays. Hours are subject to change due to special programs and weather.

For more information, call 816-268-8000, email kansascity.archives@nara.gov or visit our website www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity