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Native Sons & Daughters Visit the “Queen of the Platte Purchase”

On Sunday afternoon, June 8, the Native Sons & Daughters will visit the “Queen of the Platte Purchase” when they tour the Weston Historical Museum and three historic Weston homes.

The group will gather at the Weston Museum, 601 Main, at 2:30 PM. Among the items on display is a large 1843 Mitchell's

National Map of the American Republic or United States of North America. The map's restoration and framing was underwritten by the Native Sons & Daughters. Other highlights of the museum include a homemade Civil War era flag, a very detailed rock sand art jar, Native American artifacts, and a black history case.

After the museum tour the group will be divided into smaller groups to tour the Old Methodist Parsonage-Hartley Home built in 1847, the Price-Loyles Home, a Federal-style home built in 1857, and the Henson-Eskridge Home built in 1856. The Henson-Eskridge Home, also a Federal-style home, displays 5 generations of family heirlooms. Refreshments will be

available here.

Dinner arrangements have been made at the popular Rancho Grande in Platte City. We will order from the menu and separate tickets will be given.



This is a great opportunity to visit what was once the second largest port on the Missouri River.

Special thanks

to Diza Eskridge, president of the museum, for making the arrangements for us. **JN**



The Weston Museum, at 601 Main.

Tour of Historic Weston Museum & Historic Homes

What

Tour of Weston Museum and Historic Homes

Where

Meet at Weston Museum, 601 Main, Weston, MO

When

Sunday, June 8th, 2:30 p.m.

Cost

No CHARGE

Reservations

Reservations must be received by Monday, June 2. Please indicate if you will be joining the group for dinner at Rancho Grande in Platte City.

Mail to

*Native Sons & Daughters of
Greater Kansas City
P.O. Box 10046
Kansas City MO 64171 or go
online to
www.native-sons-daughters.org.*



Letter from the President

It is with great pride and humility that I take on the mantle of President of the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City. This auspicious group has devoted itself to the maintenance and advocacy of Kansas City area history for over 80 years and continues to do exemplary work to this day.

I invite you to take advantage of the many opportunities available to you this year to see that history on display. If you haven't already I hope you will join us when we visit Weston, Missouri, a city steeped in Missouri history and beautifully maintained to this day.

Our other events for the year appear in this newsletter and I hope you mark your calendars for them.

We also continue to work very hard as an organization to advocate for the preservation of our valuable historic sites. We've worked tirelessly on the Liberty Memorial, Town of Kansas site, the Daniel Morgan Boone site, and Fort Osage, just to name a few, but the success of these efforts can only come when our members work together to make them come to fruition.

I want to thank you for your continued involvement and interest in the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City. Most of all, I want to thank you for your continued desire to keep our history in the hearts and minds of Kansas City.

Tom Siims, President

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

Patricia Besheer

Jerry Bowman

Mary Cross

Kevin Fewell

Louise Hicks

Geoffrey Pickering

Cecily Pickering

Anne Rudi

William Sizemore

Jacqueline Slutsky

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 25th

Outstanding Kansas Citian Dinner

Saturday, October 11

Trails West Guided Bus Tour featuring sites on the four National Historic Trails in Kansas City - Lewis & Clark, Santa Fe, Oregon and California led by Native Son Ross Marshall. Cost is \$45 and includes lunch, maps, bus transportation and materials.

December 13th

Annual Holiday Brunch

IN MEMORIAM

Barney McCray

John Kopp

past president Charles Waldren



FAST FACTS: WYANDOTTE COUNTY

- Wyandotte County will mark its Sesquicentennial in 2009.
- The "Wyandotte Constitution", approved on a hot day in July 1859, paved the way for Kansas to enter the Union as the 34th state in 1861.

**Don't forget to go to
www.native-sons-daughters.org
to find out more information on
the Native Sons & Daughters of
Greater Kansas City.**

ABOUT HISTORIC WESTON

Weston, Queen of the Platte Purchase, became a significant mid-nineteenth century Missouri River port community, the second largest port on the river, second only to St. Louis. In 1850 over 300 steamboats a year docked at the Port of Weston. The population soared to 5,000, surpassing both Kansas City and St. Joseph. But after major floods, fires, and the Civil War the bustling town declined to about 1,000. When you see all that goes on here, you may be surprised to learn that over a century later, Weston still has fewer than 2,000 residents.

In 1972, a major portion of the early town was designated an Historic District and placed on the National Register of Historic Places having

retained a substantial portion of its early residences and commercial structures. **JN**

