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M.A.G.I.C. News for Members and Friends

Happy Thanksgiving Fellow M.A.G.I.C.ians!

Event Information

MAGIC's Monthly Meeting for November

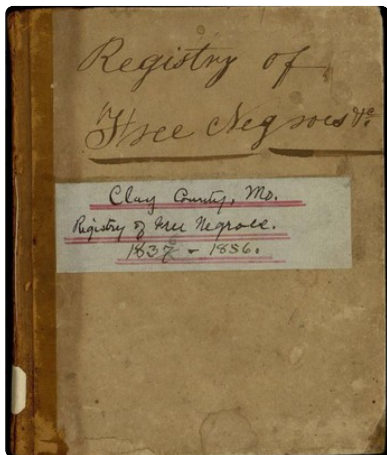
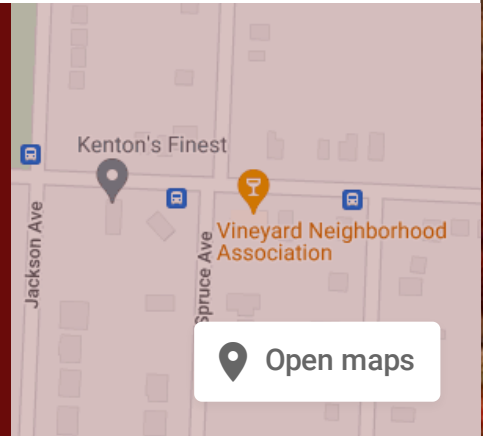
Vineyard Community Center.

When?

Saturday, Nov 4, 2023, 12:00 PM

Where?

4301 East 43rd Street, Kansas City, MO, USA



Missouri's County "Class Books"

Just about every Missouri county HAD a "class book" at one time; most are presumed not to have survived. In 1835, the Missouri Legislature passed: "

"An Act concerning free negroes and mulattos" requiring all free persons of color, ages seven to twenty-one, to be bound as apprentices or servants was passed on March 14, 1835. To remain in Missouri, older free persons of color were required to obtain a "free-license" from the county court."

Some have been preserved in county historical societies; others remain with the County Clerk or County Recorder's Office. Some have been microfilmed. Some have been digitized. Some have been indexed. Others have been reprinted and published. YES, a good many have likely been discarded and are lost to history.

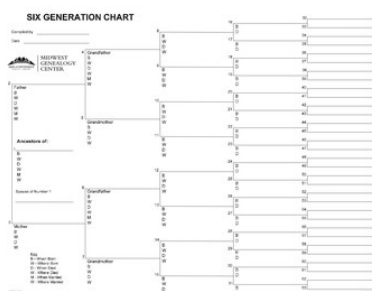
"Class" books listed the county's "FREE Negroes" that date often before full Emancipation in 1865. If an enslaved person was manumitted by their owner, or if they purchased their own freedom from their enslaver, they had to be listed in a "class book." They also, sadly, had to carry papers to prove

to any who might ask at any time. Many former enslaved Missourians couldn't even read the words on their manumission papers b/c it was illegal to teach Blacks to read or write.

Check to see if the county/ies you are searching have preserved their CLASS BOOK listing "Free Negroes." Here is a link to Clay County's.

<https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/collection/p17228coll1/id/394/rec/1>

P.S. Jackson County HAD one and it was inventoried by the WPA in the 1930s. It's present-day whereabouts are unknown.



5 Steps to Create and Share a Lineage Chart

Did you know you can create a printed, sharable lineage chart (showing your direct ancestors in a "tree" formation) with the snap of a finger? Well, at least in 5 quick steps that should take a minimum of 5 minutes each:

1) Create a free account at [familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) (keep your user/password handy)

2) Enter basic info for yourself (all info for living people are ONLY viewable to YOU)

Enter what you know for 3) and 4):

3) Enter your parents birth and marriage (and death, if applicable) dates and places

4) Enter your grandparents birth and marriage (and death, if applicable) dates and places

5) At the bottom right of any person's screen, you'll see the "PRINT" section. While viewing YOUR PAGE, click on print and select "Family Chart." HAVE FUN with the different styles!

CrowdSource Your Genealogy at FamilySearch.org

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

Create a FREE account. Remember your login; you'll use it OFTEN!

It's OPEN SOURCE is EASIER and BETTER SOURCED than Ancestry...and it's FREEEEEEEE!

Consider taking a FREE beginner's class:

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/all-times/Using%20FamilySearch>

David W. Jackson also offers a presentation titled, "Crowdsourcing Genealogy." Let's DO THIS!



Midwest Genealogy Center's Annual LOCK IN

The Midwest Genealogy Center is excited to announce that we have scheduled our annual lock-in for November 10th, 2023, from 6-11pm. See attached Save the Date flyer. Registration is required

and tickets will be \$15. They'll share more information when registration is open.

Upcoming Programs by MAGIC Member David W. Jackson

November 8, 2023, 6:30pm

KC Garment District: Piecing Together the Past

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/88540/kc-garment-district-piecing-together-past>

Excelsior Springs 1460 Kearney Road Excelsior Springs, MO 64024-1746



November 18, 2023, 2:00pm

Practical Preservation: Simple, Sensible Steps to Safeguard Family Heirlooms

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/88136/practical-preservation-simple-sensible-steps-safeguard-family-heirlooms>

South Independence 13700 E. 35th Street South Independence, MO 64055-2464

November 28, 2023, 6:30pm

KC Garment District: Piecing Together the Past (Hybrid)

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/88540/kc-garment-district-piecing-together-past>

Midwest Genealogy Center 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road Independence, MO 64055-1923

Anyone else wish to publicize upcoming local history/genealogy programs?

USE FindAGrave dot com

Create a FREE account at [findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com) and start making sure your relatives each have a memorial page! They may be there already; or, you can create memorials, too.

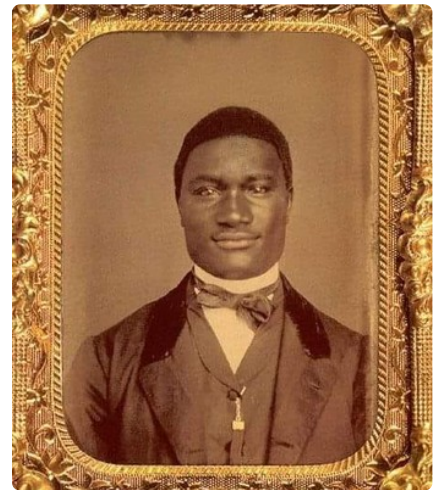
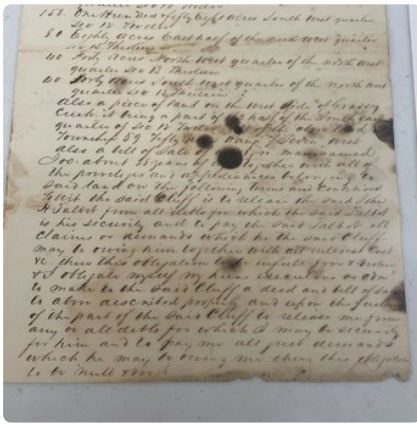
[Check out this one!](#) Notice how you can click on linked parents and GO BACK IN TIME!

Greater Kansas City Black History Study Group-Facebook

Sign up for notices of monthly/regular meetings

Black Kansas City History Study Group-Website

**African American Heritage Trail of Kansas City
(click)**



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Do you have random family images?

COLLECTS

Care to share copies, even anonymously?

IMAGES

Please send usable scans to magickc.org@gmail.com

SUBMIT A HELPFUL LINK

Let us hear from you!
magickc.org@gmail.com

Genealogy Helps for African Americans

MAGIC Exchanges Newsletters

MAGIC is proud to share a newsletter exchange with the Midwest Alliance of Genealogical Societies! Look them up!

MAGIC Website

Renew (or Join) MAGIC Today :)

Membership is \$20/year (Jan-Dec). Most of our expenses are clerical maintaining our website, email channel, and this newsletter support system. Pulling off events like Black History Month programming also takes a chunk of our finite budget.



Hopefully you know our volunteer board is frugal in its outlook and expenditures, and we value every membership contribution. We appreciate that you see the worthiness of our mission to join and maintain your membership with MAGIC.

Go to <https://www.magickc.org/membership.html> (choose your option; the first button allows you to make a donation in any amount...all TAX DEDUCTIBLE ;)



Thoughts and Prayers

Please hold a moment of silence and send good thoughts to MAGIC members and friends.

Also, keep the spirits of your ancestors at the forefront of your daily life. After all, they each did at least one monumental thing in their life.....they had a child...that survived...through puberty.

Otherwise, YOU would not be here ;)

In the 1997 Academy Award nominated motion picture, Amistad, there is a scene, "A Call to the Ancestors," when the lead African character, Cinque says of his ancestors, "I will call into the past, far back to the beginning of time, and beg them to come and help me...I will reach back and draw them into me. And they must come. For at this moment ... I am the whole reason they have existed at all."

