

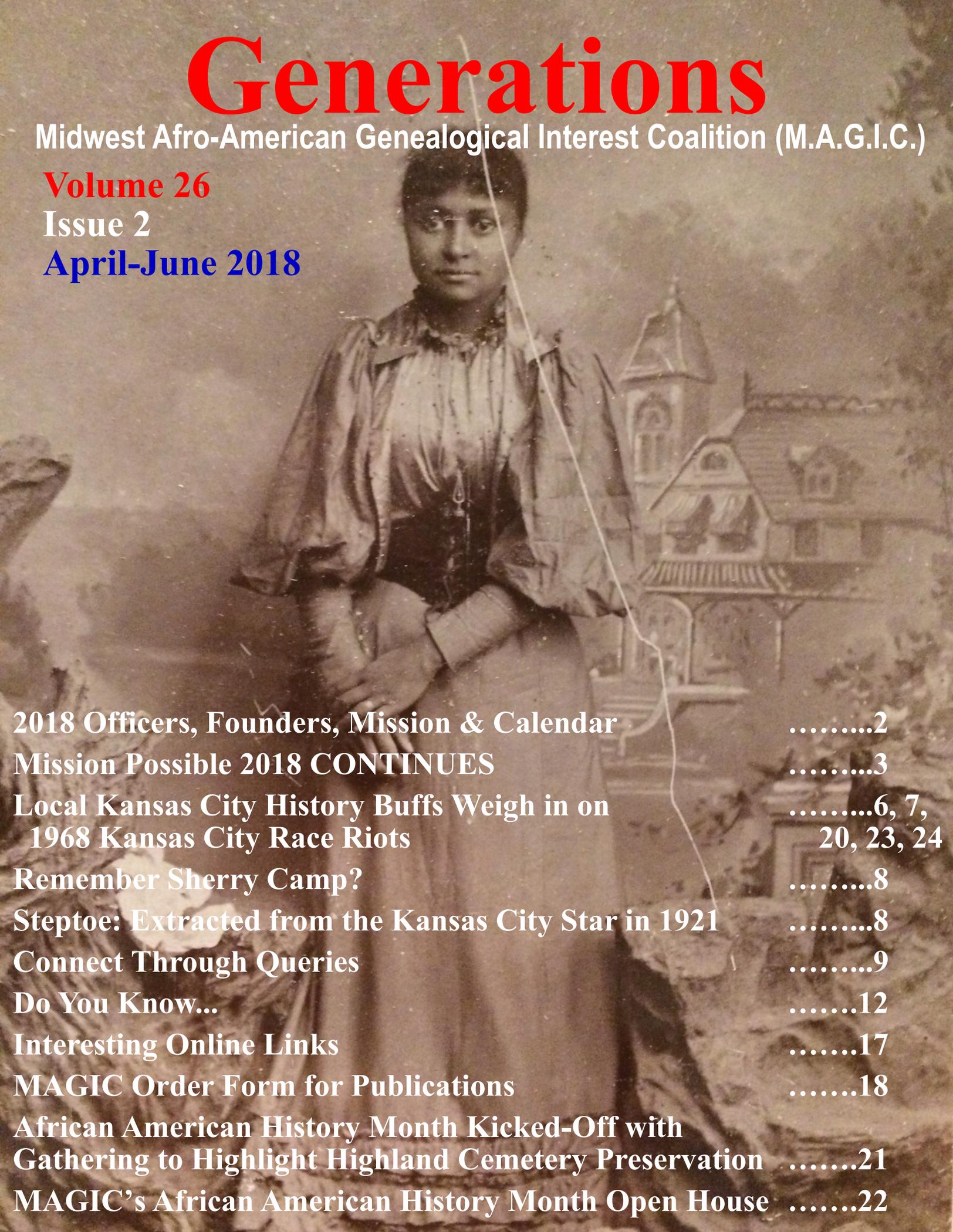
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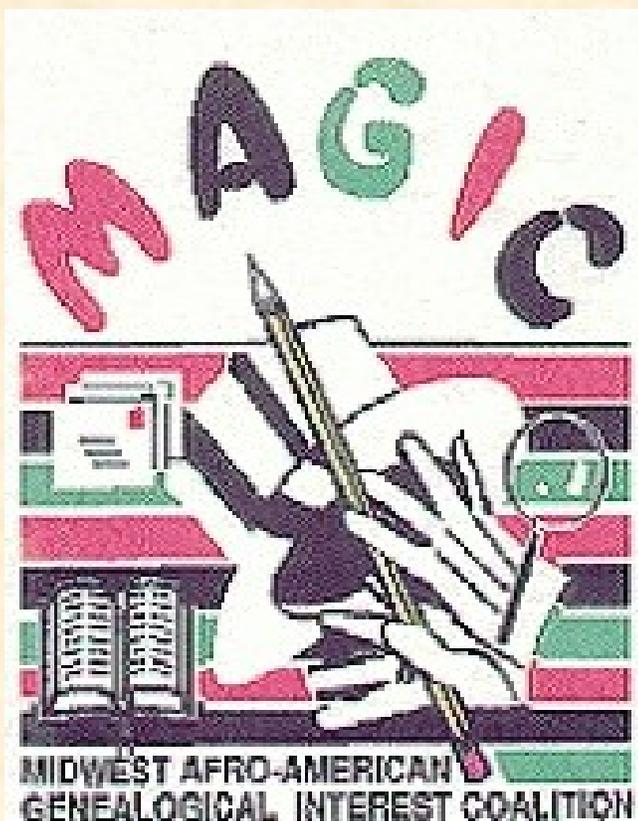
Mark Your Calendar and Attend

Jan 6	Aug 4
Feb 3*	Sept 1
Feb 24*	Oct 6*
Apr 7	Nov 3
May 5	Dec 1*
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Unless noted with an asterisk (*), all monthly meetings are held 1st Saturday of each month from Noon-2 p.m. at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Pkwy, Kansas City, Mo. 64130.

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MISSION POSSIBLE 2018 CONTINUES by Generations Editor, David W. Jackson

MAGIC is a genealogy-centered organization. For more than 25 years we have encouraged researchers with African ancestry to begin discovering their forbearers.

Whether you are a beginner, novice, or advanced family historian, there is always something you might learn—or, share—at a MAGIC gathering that will benefit the group.

Generations magazine for the last couple of years have utilized a query service to readers hoping to connect individuals with common ancestors from specific localities, or just to connect and learn from one another about a place in time where their ancestor's lived, worked and played.

This year, we are introducing a new campaign, and we'd like anyone reading to answer this call to action.

MAGIC members and friends are encouraged to share their lineage charts.

Not only will the charts be filed with the organization's collections. But, we also wish to publish them in future editions of *Generations* magazine so that the names therein may get indexed and more readily be available to readers...now and in the future.

Attending MAGIC meetings for the last half-a-decade, I've noticed that there are a fair number of people who have ancestors who either lived

or came from the same place in the country.

Those who have been among the membership longer than I will recognize the many times a "long-lost" cousin met one another at a MAGIC meeting.

The possibilities are endless; but, we need to start with a common foundation in order to be most efficient in sharing details that other genealogists need.

What is a lineage chart?

The lineage chart (sometimes called a Pedigree Chart) is the essential document of any genealogist, and forms the "tree" with which most people associate family history.

The chart starts generally with the person making the chart, and then details their parents, grandparents, , and great grandparents. Some charts squeeze the names of great great grandparents. For each generation, basic names, dates and places of birth, marriage and death are outlined.

On the following page is a blank chart you can use to get started. You can find it...and OTHER helpful charts...at:

<http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/family-history-forms>

SIX GENERATION CHART

Compiled by _____

Date _____



MIDWEST
GENEALOGY
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<p>3 Mother</p> <p>B W D W</p>		<p>5 Grandmother</p> <p>B W D W</p>		<p>9</p> <p>B W D W</p>		<p>17</p> <p>B D</p>		<p>34</p>	
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Key
 B - When Born
 W - Where Born
 D - When Died
 W - Where Died
 M - When Married
 W - Where Married

Below is an example of hand-made variation of my Chart #1 that I have developed over the last 40 years.

The names of my great great grandparents is on the far right, and have a number next to each. The numeral indicates the subsequent chart where their details will be entered, so that the tree may 'grow' and 'branch' as more details may be uncovered.

Don't worry about missing or blank entries on your chart... they are *opportunities* for you to see where there are gaps needing *further research*.

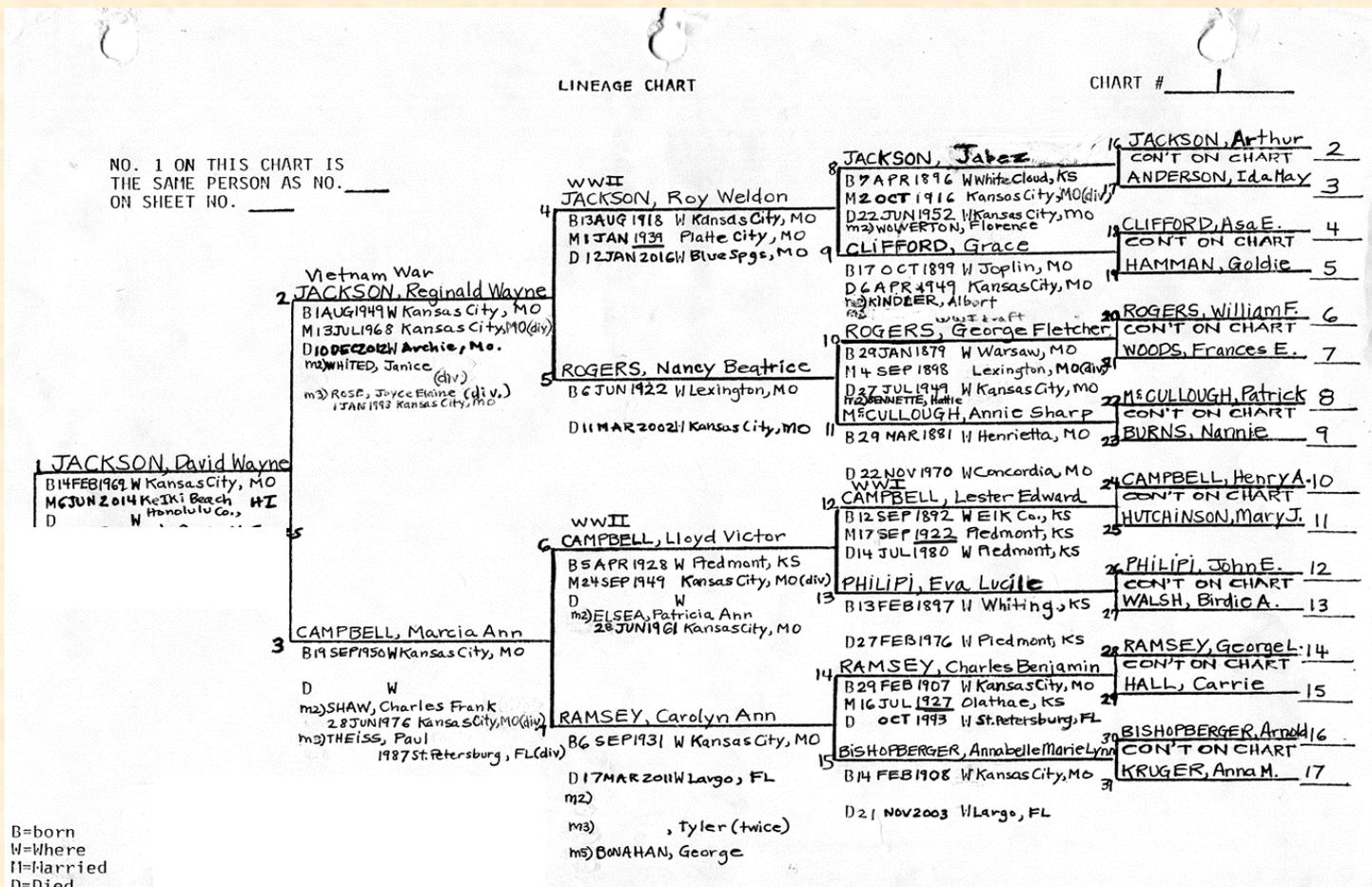
These charts also help other genealogists quickly help give you

pointers on what/where you might go next in your research.

You can also see migration patterns by studying the locations of each generation's birth, marriage and places of death.

Please neatly fill-in, to the best of your knowledge, your own Chart #1, and submit it to MAGIC! (david.jackson@orderlypackrat.com; or info@magickc.org)

We look forward to gathering and sharing one another's Chart #1. You never know who might see it and have an idea for you. Or, even more excitingly, a long-lost cousin may contact you that shares a common ancestor with you!



Local Kansas City History Buffs Weigh in on 1968 Kansas City Riots

Unattributed Extracts from a Facebook Page.

For more, Google: race riots 'Kansas city'

Submit your recollections of the fateful and frightful week in 1968, so that your memories may be preserved for future generations. Where were you? How old were you? Describe your family, or situation at the time! Details! Details!

Sure remember that! Curfew at night was difficult getting to see my fiancée in those days!

Worked nights at Hallmark. Needed a special pass to drive home.

10 p.m. to 6 a.m. sounds righ.

I worked downtown at that time and it was a little bit worrisome.

Very frightening time for our city. We thought at the time we may never be able to go to certain parts of town again.

National Guard guys on the Plaza with M-14 rifles. They were trying to pick up girls.

My roommate was one of them...lol.

On a more serious note...Apparently the Plaza Business Association was instrumental in beefing up the National Guard presence. The way I heard it was that the NG was there to make sure no black person was to set foot west of Troost. Bad times in a lot of ways.

That kind of treatment was part of the problem.

my grandpa lived at 33rd and Cherry and had a great view of all the rioting going on from his living room window, across the Milgram's parking lot to Troost. He said he didn't need to watch tv, he could just look out his window and see all kinds of thing.... he was retired and we always worried about

him living there but he was really stubborn or stupid. He would walk to the store everyday. During the riots he heard something out in the hallway, their apartment was on the first floor of a large house that is still there to this day. He said he heard a noise out in the hallway, looked thru the peephole in his door. Saw two very large men carrying the heavy table out of the hallway. He opened his door and held the front door for them as they took it outside.

Our family had a restaurant on 33rd & Troost. We had National Guard troops with sand bags and rifles who happened to be posted right outside the door. My mom would travel though the riot zone every day to feed the troops. Needless to say, despite all the damage around us, our huge plate glass window was untouched.

My father had a car lot at 54th and Prospect. Fortunately, he suffered minimal damage. I remember armed National Guard troops on patrol with KCPD.

I was a sophomore at Westport when this happened. We lived at 34th & Holmes. The halls of the school were overturned with lockers and almost destroyed. At home along Armour Blvd. and Holmes stayed mostly quiet but were patrolled on a regular basis. Some people in the neighborhood sat on their porches with guns just in case.

School was never the same after that.

I worked near 13th and Baltimore and the police were shooting tear gas at one point at

some of the rioters. The building's main doors were bolted and there were police up and down the street - was a scary time.

My mother was on a bus in the area where tear gas was used, got a dose of it just trying to get home.

Tear gas went through the downtown

I was at my suburban school (Loretto Academy was on Wornall at about 124th) when our principal came in and announced everyone that rides bus #23 get your things together you're going home that bus drove African American students...in a vastly segregated city, to my private girl's school in the suburbs. Because the civil disobedience was contained in the Black community, we were taken home around noon. Didn't see anything on the way home.

Firefighters were being shot at while trying to put numerous fires out !

I've heard that the firemen started making roofs on the rigs during that time. Is that true?

I wasn't on the dept. then but heard a lot of stories including some firefighters were packing.

We would hide from the patrol car going through our Neighborhood

My dad lived in an apt at 33rd and Paseo. He heard a noise and looked out the window. Some guys had a street sign and were trying to throw it through the windshield of his car so he took his gun and shot at them. I lived in Independence and remember parents pulling their kids out of school.

Most disturbing was the fact that I had no clue what this all was about. I wish I had been more informed about Jim Crow laws, horrible discrimination against African Americans, and the assassination of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King.

We lived in KC, and then moved to NJ for 2 yrs before moving back. I had no idea this all happened, and I wish my parents had explained things to me. Mostly they were mute on any issue.

My grandparents couldn't vote in KC until 67' or 68' due to Jim Crow. Which is weirdly, AFTER my mom graduated High school. Google Plessy vs Ferguson which started it all. I'm in New Orleans for vacation and did a cemetery tour yesterday. I was able to visit Homer Plessy's grave.

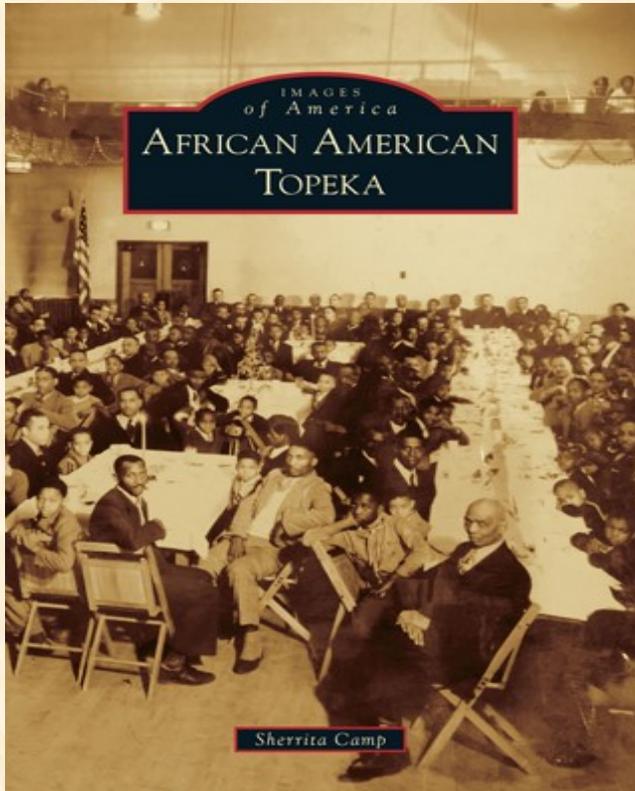
My mother was attending Holy Thursday church services at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 52nd and Troost. Another priest interrupted Mass to say there was civil unrest and everyone should leave immediately. I was a nine-year-old kid, and it was a scary time. My older sister babysat for Mayor Berkeley's daughter, and she spent that weekend with our family.

Thank you. I wish we had Google and the internet when this was happening. We barely had TV and I had a racist family. So what can I tell you? I was clueless. I knew something was very wrong and I remember wishing I knew the "big picture". No one in my life was talking about the reasons African Americans felt the need to protest. Now I would be able to get that information.

I was working in the Federal Building downtown KC when the riots started. All the employees in that building were told to stay home for several days until things calmed down.

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Remember Sherry Camp?



African Americans arrived in Topeka right before and after the Civil War and again in large numbers during the Exodus Movement of 1879 and Great

Migration of 1910. They came in protest of the treatment they received in the South. The history of dissent lived on in Topeka, as it became the home to court cases protesting discrimination of all kinds. African Americans came to the city determined that education would provide them a better life. Black educators fostered a sense of duty toward schooling, and in 1954 Topeka became a landmark for African Americans across the country with the Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education case. Blacks from every walk of life found refuge in Kansas and, especially, Topeka. The images in African American Topeka have been selected to give the reader a glimpse into the heritage of black life in the community. The richness of the culture and values of this

Midwestern city are a little-known secret just waiting to be exhibited.

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Steptoe

Extracted from *Kansas City Star*
3 June 1921

Negroes Protest Playground Westport Property Owners Want Part of Steptoe Street Condemned

"The park board took under advisement yesterday the petition of Westport property owners proposing that the city condemn the property fronting on Steptoe Street, between Washington Street and Broadway, for a public playground, after hearing from a large delegation who were opposed to the project.

"W. E. Griffin, principal of the Booker Washington School, representing a majority of the negro property owners on Steptoe Street, said the sole purpose of the movement was to drive the negroes from that district.

"Charles F. Russell, 503 Steptoe Street, said he and his wife had labored for 23 years to pay for their home, apparently only to have it condemned because they were negroes.

"Many white persons also attended the hearing to protest against the proposed playground. The petitioners have proposed a benefit district extending from Wornall Road to the State Line between Westport Avenue and 45th Street e assessed to pay for the proposed project.

"Those who attended the hearing said they would be in favor of helping to pay for a playground in the Westport district but did not believe Steptoe Street would be the logical location."

On June 20, the Star reported the park board's rejection of the petition because the majority of the property owners in the district were opposed to the project.

CONNECT THROUGH QUERIES

Search by surname below,
or location, separately on **page 13**

AFRICAN AMERICAN SURNAMES & LOCATIONS

Footnote number refers to
contact/submitter on page 8

Adkins—LA⁴⁹
Adkins—GA⁴⁹
Adkins—SC⁴⁹
Adkins—VA⁴⁹
Aitch—Franklin & St. Louis Co., MO²⁵
Aitch—Mecklenberg Co., VA²⁵
Akers—Chariton Co., MO²⁵
Allan—LA¹⁰
Allen—MS²⁰
Anderson—TN⁴⁴
Anderson—AR⁴⁴
Bailey—AR³
Bailey—Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., KS³⁴
Banks—OK⁶
Berry—Pine Bluff, AR¹⁴
Berry—IL⁵³
Berry—IN⁵³
Berry—KS⁵³
Berry—LA⁵³
Berry—MS⁵³
Berry—MO⁵³
Bethpage—TN⁴
Blair—AR^{18, 41}
Bonds—Hennings, Lauderdale Co., TN²⁹
Bonds—Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO²⁹
Brookings—Jackson Co., MO³
Brooks—AR⁴⁵
Brooks—NC⁴⁵
Brooks—GA⁴⁵
Brooks—LA⁴⁵

Brown—Jackson Co., MO⁵¹
Brown—Guthrie, OK⁵¹
Brown—TX³
Brown—Limestone Co., TX⁵¹
Brown—VA^{22 & 51}
Brown—Washington, D.C.²²
Bullock—NC⁴⁷
Bumpus—TX³
Burton—NC⁴⁷
Bussey—LA³⁰
Bussey—OK³⁰
Butler—St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO³²
Byers—NC⁴⁰
Byers—SC⁴⁰
Byers—AR⁴⁰
Byers—KS⁴⁰
Byers—MO⁴⁰
Caldwell—AR⁴⁵
Caldwell—AR⁴⁵
Caldwell—AR⁴⁵
Caldwell—AR⁴⁵
Campbell—MS⁶
Carr—OK⁵¹
Carroll—Camp Co., TX⁸
Carter—AR¹⁸
Carter⁴⁶
Carter—Hennings, Lauderdale Co., TN²⁹
Carter—Jackson Co., MO²⁹
Chaney—Calgary, Alberta, Canada³
Chaney—Edmonton, Alberta, Canada³
Chaney—TX³
Cherry—Houston/Jefferson Co., TX²⁹
Clowers—GA²⁶
Clowers—AL²⁶
Clowers—MS²⁶
Clowers—LA²⁶
Coley—NC⁴⁷
Collins—AL⁴¹
Collins—TX⁴¹
Cradock—Camp Co., TX⁸
Craig—KY³⁸
Craig—AR³⁸
Craig—TX³⁸
Crawford—GA²⁶
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Crawford—MS²⁶
Crawford—LA²⁶
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 Dayton—Leavenworth, KS⁵⁶
 Dayton—Weston, Platte Co., MO⁵⁶
 Dayton—Jackson Co, MO⁵⁶
 Deatley—Westmoreland Co., VA²
 Dixon—Howard & Hempstead Co., AR⁵²
 Dorsey—LA³⁵
 Duffel—Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS³⁷
 Duffel—Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO³⁷
 Durham—MS³⁹
 Durham—AR³⁹
 Durham—Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO³⁹
 Edwards—TX^{3, 55}
 Edwards—East TX⁵⁵
 Edwards—Sulphur Springs, Hopkins Co, TX⁵⁵
 Edwards—Kaufman Co, TX⁵⁵
 Ellington—Chariton Co., MO¹
 Ellington—LA³⁰
 Ellis—AL²⁶
 Ellis—SW, AR & Pine Bluff, AR⁴⁹
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 Foster—Jackson Co, MO⁵⁶
 Fouts—Coffee Co., KS⁵⁷
 Frazier—Calgary, Alberta, Canada³
 Frazier—TX³
 Gaaunt/Gantt—AL²⁴
 Gaaunt/Gantt—PA²⁴
 Gants—Pleasant Hill, Clay Co., MO¹⁴
 Gibson—SW, AR * & Prairie Co., AR⁴⁹
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 Hawkins—MO⁵³
 Hayes—AL⁵
 Hendricks—LA⁷
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I began working in the Federal Building at 601 East 12th Street in June 1968. There was still lingering tension within my office of the Social Security Administration. It made me sad, but I still didn't know what it was about. Now I know that America had lost an important and brilliant leader who happened to be African American. Our brothers and sisters were in mourning, they were angry, and they were alarmed about potentially going backwards from the progress where he had led our nation. No wonder people were upset. Sadly, it doesn't seem we have made much progress since then.

Armed civilian men met at the North ends of the River bridges to make sure it didn't come into the Northland

We lived in the Northland, and I heard my grandparents talk about that. I always wondered if it were true. It is hard to believe.

Dad didn't go, he was working for KCPL in the riot zone. Other men told me about it. I was as high as I could go in a tree watching the orange glow of blocks on fire through my binoculars. A couple days after the worst as over Dad took me down to Prospect to get my graduation suit. We had to pass through several armed National Guard check points. In 1968 I thought the world had to change and I was going to help. It did change, but in my opinion, not for the better.

Mom says the hospital I was born at [Independence Sanitarium on Truman Road and Forest Ave] had the first 2 floors boarded up.

Only listened on the radio, was in college at Pittsburg KS. Radio reports of National Guard Jeeps with machine guns guarding access to downtown.

I saw the fires from our bedroom window; 31st and Indiana area [lived at 33rd and Spruce].

I remember our hot water heater went out . and we had to drive my dad's truck down to 18th street. sears and pick it up . saw a dead man laying in the street.

Was in Nurses training at St Mary's Hospital and we could hear gun fire and all the sirens. A scary time....

My dad worked at Manor bakery that was right in the middle of this mess every day had to make sure he had his badge or some kind of ID showing he worked at the bakery Or couldn't go down TROOST.

I was in Vietnam/

I lived at 45th and Troost. Vivid memories of National Guard tank going down Troost.

My aunt informed me that the riots were so much that they were not able to get my oldest cousin to the hospital because they were advising people to stay home and certain streets were shut down. My oldest cousin passed away as a result of not being able to get to the hospital.

Seven Kansas Citians were shot and killed. Then Bobby Kennedy was killed, all with the backdrop of the never ending Vietnam War in the background. A lot of us kids got radicalized that year. Some of us are getting pretty mad again.

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African American History Month Kicked-Off With Gathering to Generate Interest in Highland Cemetery Preservation

On February 1, 2018, African- American History Month kicked off with a reception from 4:30 until 6:30 pm, at the historically restored 31W31 NonProfit Village at 31 West 31st Street. A short presentation will provide answers to your questions regarding Highland Cemetery Preservation Group's efforts for the past 2-years, from 5:30 until 6:00 pm. Feel free to enjoy refreshments and help us move forward, as your support is welcomed, needed and appreciated. If you are interested in learning more about Highland Cemetery and want to be a part of the kick-off at 31 West 31st Street, please join us February 1st. RSVP as soon as possible, so we'll ensure there's sufficient refreshments for all our guests.

Highland Cemetery Preservation Group recognizes the importance of this cemetery and its relevance to Kansas City's history. There are many individuals who are friends, relatives, musicians, military, professionals and religious leaders, who were laid to rest, over the many decades of operation since 1909. Originally, the cemetery was designed for over 3200 burial plots as a final resting place for many United States veterans, nationally renowned Jazz musicians including recording artist and band leader Bennie Moten and his family members. Physicians, surgeons, masonic orders; founders of Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ, founder of Sweet Hour of Prayer Temple, 2nd Baptist Church minister of Kansas City, and just everyday Kansas City citizens. Those who are buried at Highland Cemetery deserve so much better. Title to the Historic Highland Cemetery is presently held by Jackson County

Land Trust. Secondly, the primary goal is to remove the cemetery ownership from Land Trust and into an ownership that may better attend to the cemetery's maintenance needs thereby removing these costs from the Jackson County Land Trust budget.

M.A.G.I.C.'s website now has a page dedicated to the Highland Cemetery project: <http://www.magicck.org/highland-cemetery-project.html>



MAGIC's African American History Month Open House

A gathering of more than 60 attendees enjoyed the presentation of the Mo-KS Heart Quilter's Guild who presented a closet full of quilts, old and new, that harken and honor family history. The most unique quilt project was the displayable "Family Tree" quilt (as shown at the right), that included family pictures and data. And, the artwork also had dangling roots!

Others presented history boards, table displays, and shared the stage for a spell.

Join MAGIC every February for its African-American History Month Open House, in collaboration with Midwest Genealogy Center.



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Library, KCPT, and KSHB Team Up for Public Event Looking Back at the 1968 Riots

The Kansas City Public Library, in collaboration with **KCPT-Kansas City PBS** and **KSHB-41 Action News**, hosted a two-pronged event marking 50 years since the deadly 1968 riot in Kansas City.

On **Monday, March 26, 2018**, the public attended [Strife in the Streets: Kansas City Remembers 1968](#) at the **Plaza Branch**, 4801 Main St., at **6:30 p.m.**

The event featured the premiere screening of the new documentary short **'68: The Kansas City Race Riots, Then and Now**, co-produced by KSHB and KCPT. A subsequent panel discussion, featuring Congressman **Emanuel Cleaver**, **Mayor Sly James**, and former city council member and longtime community activist **Alvin Brooks**, will address the lessons learned from the violent chapter of history, from the role of policing to the value of protest.

Joining Cleaver and Brooks on the panel: **Clarence Gibson**, the last Kansas City police officer at the time of the unrest who remains on the force; **Linda Spence**, a Central High School student in 1968; and Southeast Missouri State University historian **Joel Rhodes**, who has extensively researched the episode. KCPT's **Nick Haines** moderates.

This is a difficult but indelible chapter in our city's history, and remembrance is vital. There are lessons that, we think, remain to be learned," says **Carrie Coogan**, the library's Deputy Director for Public Affairs and Community Engagement. "The Kansas City Public Library takes pride in serving as place where the community comes together to have these kinds of conversations about our experiences, our differences, and how we can move forward together. Our signature programming, complemented by a traveling exhibit, will look further at race in Kansas City this year, and we hope that people will come, participate in the discussions, and help shape the road ahead."

Frustrated with the slow pace of civil rights reforms and outraged at the

assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., protesters took to Kansas City's streets on April 9, 1968. The four subsequent days of civil unrest shocked many in a city known for its lack of racial violence despite deep, underlying tensions. Six people – all African-Americans – died, some 20 more were hospitalized, and arrests totaled nearly 300. A three-block area of Prospect Avenue was bombed out and burned down.

The documentary includes remarkable footage from the disturbance, including a number of striking images from the **LaBudde Special Collections at the University of Missouri-Kansas City** and the **Missouri State Archives**.

"Everyday," says KCPT's Haines, "I meet a new person with an interesting take on what happened. From why officials in Johnson County, Kansas, declared 'a state of emergency' as the riots played out across the state line to the distinguished Kansas Citian who is embarrassed to share how, as a young boy, he stole candy from one of the bombed-out stores."

KSHB News Director **Carrie Hoffman** says she hopes the documentary screening will effectively mark an important milestone for Kansas City. "We wanted to give Kansas Citians a chance to reflect back on this challenging time and how it has impacted where the city is today and what still needs to evolve," she says. "Almost 50 years later, we are having the same debates and the same problems in our community."

KCPT also made its Storybooth available to patrons who want to share and record their recollections of the uprising in 1968 and the impact it had on their lives.

Check out the Kansas City Public Library's article, **And Then It Happened** at <http://www.kchistory.org/week-kansas-city-history/and-then-it-happened>

Read biographical sketches of local civil rights leaders, prepared for the Missouri Valley Special Collections, The Kansas City Public Library:

[Biography of Roy Wilkins \(1901-1981\)](#), journalist and civil rights leader, by David Conrads

[Biography of Leon Jordan \(1905-1970\)](#), political leader and co-founder of Freedom, Inc., by David Conrads

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Check out the following books and articles about Kansas City race relations and the unrest following the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.:

[Race, Real Estate, and Uneven Development: The Kansas City Experience, 1900-2000](#), by Kevin Fox Gotham.

["An Episcopal Priest's Reflections on the Kansas City Riot of 1968,"](#) by David Fly, the *Missouri Historical Review*, volume 100, number 2, pp. 103-112.

["It Finally Happened Here: The 1968 Riot in Kansas City, Missouri,"](#) by Joel P. Rhodes, the *Missouri Historical Review*, volume 91, number 3, pp. 295-315.

["They Stood Their Ground To Make KC a Better Place,"](#) in *The Kansas City Star*, January 8, 2007.

YOUR TURN to weigh in.

We are waiting for you to submit YOUR story of the 1968 Kansas City Riots. What is missing here is *great detail* about what it was **REALLY LIKE...to have LOST Dr. King, to associate with neighbors and friends while the riots were happening...if YOU RIOTED...and, what *feelings* you had about the future of the country...much less how that **SINGLE WEEK** would end-up!**