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The purpose of M.A.G.I.C. is to promote genealogy and family history through the presentation of structured classes, exhibition of genealogies, guest lecturers and tours of agencies that are considered sources of genealogical interest.

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## Mark Your Calendar And Attend

Feb 7	Aug 1
Feb 28* (see p. 11-12)	Sep 5
Apr 4	Oct 3 *
May 2	Nov 7
June 6	Dec 5 *
June 18 * (Juneteenth)	

All monthly meetings are held from Noon-2 p.m. at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Pkwy, Kansas City, Mo. 64130. Dates with asterisks (\*) are held at an alternative location TBA.

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# DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) has many periodical titles with information that cannot be found anywhere else? Published by a wide variety of organizations, periodicals can enhance your foundational knowledge of an area or group in ways that can lead your research in a new direction. Access PERSI through the HeritageQuest database, where you can find people and places from an online database of over 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles from periodicals/newsletters. Users can search by people, places, or periodical title. Periodicals often contain valuable genealogical information that isn't contained in published books or online databases. Here is what they currently have of MAGIC's *Generations* newsletter. **Donate missing issues of *Generations* to the MGC to build a more complete collection:**

v.2 no.1 (1994)  
 v.3 no.1 (Wnt/1995)  
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**v.6 missing**  
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**v.8 no. 1-3 missing**  
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v.4 no.2 (4-6/2009)

v.5 no.1 (1-3/2010)

v.6 no.4 (10-12/2011)

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## With Your Library Card....

Ever wondered where to go to find information on ancestors who served during the Civil War? Wonder no further! Mid-Continent Public Library has you covered with the *American Civil War Research Database*.

Users can search this database multiple ways; by soldier, regiment, or battle. The soldier search option provides enlistment, mustering, and the source for the information. Within the mustering information there are links that provide information on specific regiments. The battle search results will list how long the battle took place, casualties and losses, and includes accounts and reports. Most of these accounts are first hand recollections.

In addition to these search options, there is an analysis section. The analysis section allows for specified statistics to be viewed. Users can choose which types of information they want and limit by years and much more. These statistics can also be browsed within the categories of Confederate and Union Losses, regimental dynamics, and soldier statistics.

Researchers of all kinds will enjoy this database and find that it is an ideal resource for genealogists researching family as well as anyone interested in learning more about the American Civil War.

Use your **library card** to access: <http://www.mymcpl.org/online-information/research-database/4582>



[About](#) | [Software Requirements](#) | [Database Status](#)

*The American Civil War Research Database*

The American Civil War Research Database™ is the definitive online resource for researching the American Civil War. Historical Data Systems, Inc., the database contains indexed, searchable information on over 4 million thousands of regimental rosters and officer profiles, the database will continue to grow as new information is added.

FEATURED



## MAGIC AWARD

Each year, the Jackson County Historical Society recognizes individuals and organizations for their contributions to local history at its annual dinner and awards program.

This year's event will be held Jan. 22 at the Alexander Majors Historic Home Site, 8201 State Line Road Kansas City, MO. The event started at 6 pm. With a social, and after a delicious meal, several awards were bestowed. \$75 tickets are available while seats last by calling 816.461.1897/.

President Washington will accept MAGIC's award, with some pertinent and uplifting remarks. Congratulations MAGIC!



*The 2014 award winners recognized include:*

- **Historic Preservation Award:** Historic Kansas City Foundation for 40 Years of Advocacy for our Built Environment
- **Bringing History to Life Award:** R. Crosby Kemper III and Henry Fortunato for their roles in the Kansas City Library's "Meet the Past" interview series
- **Local Group Making a Difference Award:** **The Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition (MAGIC)**
- **Local History Book of the Year Award:** Bruce Mathews, *Windows of Kansas City*
- **Collaboration in History Award:** Ed Matheny Jr. for publication of *Cowtown: Cattle Trails and West Bottom Tales*, in partnership with Mid-Continent Public Library
- **Volunteers of the Year Award:** Paul White, Archives and Research Library; and, Timothy Truman, 1859 Jail Museum.

## Facebook Friends

### United States Colored Troops Living History Association

A national association for the preservation of African American Soldiers in the Civil War. A non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote and accurately interpret the history of the United States Colored Troops of the American Civil War and those that supported their efforts to abolish slavery and preserve the Union and to educate the public and promote research of the history and legacy of those who served in the Civil War. We will serve as a support organization for United States Colored Troops (USCT) Organizations (re-enactors and living history presenters) and assist them by marketing and publicizing their organizations' contributions to recognizing and honoring our Civil War ancestors.

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http://www.usctlha.net/  
facebook.com/USCTLHA/

### African American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG)

The African American Genealogy Interest Group (AAGIG) was formed in Charlotte, NC, on October 28, 1995 by a group of persons who found common interest in researching their ancestors.

The mission of the group is to promote the preservation of family histories.  
facebook.com/AAGIG.Genealogy

### Black Archives of Mid-America

Local repository for original documents and photographs of the African-American community.

1722 E 17th Terrace  
KCMO  
blackarchives.org

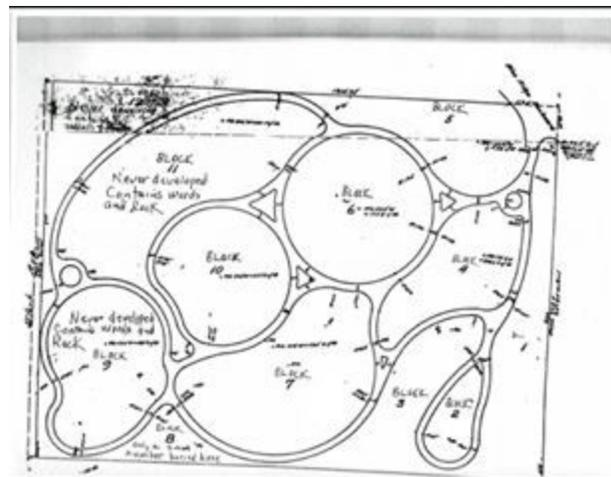
### Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

A museum that seeks to understand American history through the lens of the African American experience.

Nmaahc.si.edu  
facebook.com/NMAAHC

### Highland Cemetery Preservation

Highland Cemetery Preservation was started in the hopes that we could build up a list of volunteers that could donate a day or two of their time, and help give back to the community. I would like to create a massive work day next spring to clear up major issues so that the Cemetery could be maintained on a regular basis in a more manageable condition.



Highland Cemetery was established in 1909 in unincorporated Jackson County Mo. Those who are buried here deserve to be treated with a higher respect, dignity and not to be forgotten!

facebook.com/groups/1506358342959045

## More Exhibits & Events

### Lucile H. Bluford, 1911-2003



To view the exhibit about Ms. Bluford, with additional photographs, visit the Lucile H. Bluford Branch, 3050 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

From her early days as a student at Lincoln High School and the University of Kansas to her long and distinguished career at *The Kansas City Call*, Miss Bluford used her journalistic talents to champion civil rights and strengthen the African-American community.

*The Kansas City Call* employees in front of the newspaper's offices with Miss Bluford at center, ca. 1930s. Image courtesy: *The Kansas City Call*.

### A Century of Kansas City's Black Life, History, & Culture

#### Black Archives of Kansas City

**Friday, January 30, 2015 - 6:00pm**

Over the past century, African American life, history, and culture have evolved tremendously in Kansas City, the United States, and the entire world.

### African American Book to Film Series: *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

#### Kansas City Public Library, Plaza Branch

**Tuesday, February 3, 2015 - 6:00pm**

The Kansas City Public Library, The Black Archives of Mid-America, and UMKC's Black Studies Program are working in partnership to present the African American Book to Film Series throughout the month of February. This program seeks to underscore the importance of reading books by African American authors and viewing the popular film adaptations of these novels in order to gain a fresh perspective relating to issues that confront the African American community. A preliminary discussion with noted moderators is planned to provide context for the historical issues, contemporary contrasts, and visual cues to be aware of while viewing the films. 4801 Main Street. RSVP to 816.701.3401

# QUERIES

sorted by surname AND location

Bailey—Arkansas<sup>3</sup>  
 Banks—Oklahoma<sup>6</sup>  
 Bethpage—Tennessee<sup>4</sup>  
 Brookings—Jackson Co., Missouri<sup>3</sup>  
 Brown—Texas<sup>3</sup>  
 Bumpus—Texas<sup>3</sup>

Campbell—Mississippi<sup>6</sup>  
 Carroll—Camp Co., Texas<sup>8</sup>  
 Chaney—Calgary, Alberta, Canada<sup>3</sup>  
 Chaney—Edmonton, Alberta, Canada<sup>3</sup>  
 Chaney—Texas<sup>3</sup>  
 Cradock—Camp Co., Texas<sup>8</sup>

Daniels —Alabama<sup>5</sup>

Edwards—Texas<sup>3</sup>  
 Ellington—Chariton Co., Mo.<sup>1</sup>

Frazier—Calgary, Alberta, Canada<sup>3</sup>  
 Frazier—Texas<sup>3</sup>

Gore—Mississippi<sup>6</sup>  
 Grayson—Oklahoma<sup>6</sup>  
 Gumby—Westmoreland Co., Virginia<sup>8</sup>

Hendricks—Louisiana<sup>7</sup>  
 Hendricks—Texas<sup>7</sup>  
 Hill—Lee Co., Alabama<sup>4</sup>  
 Hodge—Camp Co., Texas<sup>8</sup>

Jackson—Doniphan Co., Ks.<sup>2</sup>  
 Jackson—Holt Co., Mo.<sup>2</sup>  
 Johnson—Mississippi<sup>4</sup>  
 Jones—Calgary, Alberta, Canada<sup>3</sup>  
 Jones—Edmonton, Alberta, Canada<sup>3</sup>

Kidd—Jackson Parish, Louisiana<sup>5</sup>

Leach—Missouri<sup>3</sup>  
 Lewis—Little Rock, Arkansas<sup>9</sup>  
 Lyles—Missouri<sup>3</sup>

Marzett—Alabama<sup>5</sup>  
 McDonald—Missouri<sup>3</sup>  
 Meggs—Texas<sup>3</sup>  
 Moore—Calgary, Alberta, Canada<sup>3</sup>  
 Moore—Edmonton, Alberta, Canada<sup>3</sup>

Parker—Texas<sup>3</sup>  
 Phifer—Arkansas<sup>3</sup>  
 Polk—Calgary Alberta Canada<sup>3</sup>  
 Polk—Edmonton Alberta Canada<sup>3</sup>  
 Prior/Pryor—Holt Co., Mo.<sup>2</sup>

Ray—Mississippi<sup>6</sup>  
 Reed—Texas<sup>3</sup>  
 Rentie—Oklahoma<sup>6</sup>  
 Rienzi—Mississippi<sup>4</sup>  
 Ross—Texas<sup>3</sup>

Seymore—Texas<sup>3</sup>  
 Sharp—Holt Co., Mo.<sup>2</sup>  
 Skinner—Arkansas<sup>3</sup>  
 Spratt—Camp Co., Texas<sup>8</sup>  
 Stewart—Arkansas<sup>3</sup>  
 Stitt—Arkansas<sup>3</sup>

Taylor/—Oklahoma<sup>6</sup>

Vann—Oklahoma<sup>7</sup>  
 Vinson—Camp Co., Texas<sup>8</sup>  
 Washington—Chariton Co., Mo.<sup>1</sup>  
 White—Tennessee<sup>4</sup>

**LOCATIONS****Alabama**

Hill Co. Hill  
Daniels  
Marzett

**Arkansas**

Stewart  
Phifer  
Skinner  
Bailey  
Stitt  
Little Rock Lewis

**Calgary Alberta Canada**

Chaney  
Frazier  
Moore  
Jones  
Polk

**Edmonton Alberta Canada**

Chaney  
Moore  
Jones  
Polk

**Louisiana**

Jackson Parish Kidd  
Hendricks

**Mississippi**

Campbell  
Gore  
Johnson  
Ray  
Rienzi

**Missouri**

Chariton Co. Ellington  
Chariton Co. Washington  
Holt Co. Jackson  
Holt Co. Prior/Pryor  
Holt Co. Sharp  
Jackson Co. Brookings  
Leach  
McDonald  
Lyles

**Oklahoma**

Banks

Grayson  
Rentie  
Taylor  
Vann

**Tennessee**

Bethpage  
White

**Texas**

Camp Co. Carroll  
Camp Co. Cradock  
Camp Co. Hodge  
Camp Co. Spratt  
Camp Co. Vinson  
Frazier  
Meggs  
Parker  
Chaney  
Ross  
Brown  
Seymore  
Reed  
Edwards  
Bumpus  
Hendricks

**Virginia**

Westmoreland Co. Gumby

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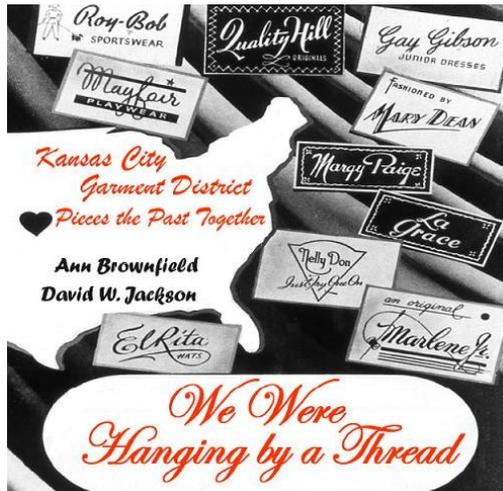
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**Submit your genealogical queries, family and/or  
local history stories!**

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## New Book



*We Were Hanging by a Thread: Kansas City Garment District Pieces the Past Together*

By Ann Brownfield and David W. Jackson

During the early 20th century, Kansas City, Missouri was home to a thriving garment industry. *We Were Hanging by a Thread* does a wonderful job detailing the many companies that helped to put Kansas City on the textile map. Each chapter provides information on a different company and local individuals, including African-Americans, who worked within the industry. Readers will also discover local history interwoven into these stories. This book helps to provide a wider view of Kansas City's history and how the garment companies helped to promote the city's growth. Color interior \$55; Black/white interior \$25.

## Upcoming Educational Programs of the Greater Kansas City Afro-American Study Group

MAGIC member, Brenda Vann, invites participation in the Greater Kansas City Afro-American Study Group. Their 2015 theme is, "100 Year of Afro- American History" with these events:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>January 12, 2015</b><br>6:00 p.m.  | Kansas City's Black Island<br>Second Baptist Church, KCMO                    |
| <b>February 5, 2015</b><br>6:00 p.m.  | Malcolm X: His Life and Times<br>National Archives – 400 West Pershing, KCMO |
| <b>February 19, 2015</b><br>6:00 p.m. | Black History Month<br>National World War I Memorial Museum, KCMO            |
| <b>March 19, 2015</b><br>6:00 p.m.    | Selma to Montgomery Marche<br>National Archives – 400 West Pershing, KCMO    |
| <b>April 20, 2015</b><br>6:00 p.m.    | Nathan B. Young<br>Second Baptist Church, KCMO                               |
| <b>June 2, 2015</b><br>6:00 p.m.      | The Watts Riots – 1965<br>National Archives – 400 West Pershing, KCMO        |

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc. (ASALH)  
Howard University-The Howard Center 2225 Georgia Avenue, Suite 331 Washington, DC 20059

## 2015 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR BRANCH MEMBERS

New Membership  Renewal Membership

The annual membership year is January 1 - December 31

(Please type or print legibly)

Name: Circle Prefix: Mr. Mrs. Miss. Dr. Rev Other\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle Suffix: Sr. Jr. Ph.D. Ed.D. M.D. Esq. Other\_\_\_\_ Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Branch name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Dues are collected by the branch. Please submit to the appropriate branch officer.  
Students Members Only, Indicate Name of School You Attend:

### PLEASE CHECK ONE

**INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP**  \$250.00 Enter name of institution on appropriate line below  
College/University - (Department), Non-Profit Organization, Church/Religious Organization, or  
Student Organization \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (please check your membership type and check to receive  
print Journals)**

General  \$80.00 Senior (65+)  \$55.00 Student  \$45.00

**\*Branch members may elect to receive print copies of the JAAH at no additional cost**

*\*Beginning 2015 memberships will no longer include print issues of The Journal of African American History (JAAH) (formerly the Journal of Negro History). Instead, memberships will include digital issues of the JAAH including access to all back issues. Branch members only, may elect to receive print issues at NO ADDITIONAL COST. Check the box above to continue receiving print issues. Additionally, your membership will include digital issues of The Black History Bulletin, Fire!! The Multimedia Black Studies Journal & voting privileges & discounts at the national conference & other events.*

**DUAL MEMBERSHIP**  \$100.00 Name of other member in same household \_\_\_\_\_

Two seniors in the same household may become dual members. Both may include their email address in the top section of this form to receive email correspondence. Both will receive discount privileges. The individual listed in the top section of this form will receive the publications, other mail and a ballot.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**  \$1000.00 **JR MEMBERSHIP**  \$500.00

(Ages up to 18 years old)

**Branch members may order a print copy of the BLACK HISTORY BULLETIN** \$20.00/Year

**Conversations in Black . . .  
Toward Community Solutions led by  
'hometown' historian, Joelouis  
Mattox**

**Southeast Branch  
Kansas City Public Library  
6242 Swope Pkwy  
KCMO**

**2nd and 4th Thursdays  
of each month**

**4 to 6 p.m.**

**Meeting Room B.**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Free, and the public is invited.**

**For more information call  
816.701.3484.**

**All views are welcome and will be  
respected!**

***Conversations in Black can help make  
Kansas City a Model City...and a  
Shining City on the Hill.***

***Remember:  
Coming together is a beginning,  
keeping together is progress, and  
working together is success!***

Intended to bring African Americans and others together to discuss ways and means to make this city safer, friendlier, ore unified and prosperous.

A special invitation goes to critical thinkers; those with knowledge of black people of the region; those with strong opinions about African Americans living in The Promised Land; and those still climbing "Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, mountain."

**January 9** "How black people can survive and thrive in a white man's world." The opinions of W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington

**January 23** "Saviors at the cross roads: Protesters and Lawyeras; Piolts and Ground Crews; Drum Majors and the Black Press; NAACP or UNIA"

**February 13** Honoring Carter G. Woodson, Father of Black History Month. Why celebrate Black History Month?

**February 27** Blacks in Missouri Courts:  
*Dred Scott v. John Emerson, 1857*  
*Lloyd Gains v. U of Mo., 1935*  
*Lucile Bluford v. U of Mo., 1939*  
*J. D. Shelley v. Louis Kraemer, 1948*  
*Cainyere Jenkins v. KCMOSchools, 1977*

**Upcoming Conversations:**

White People in Black History: Parents and Grandparents; Preachers and Teachers; Generals and Presidents; Liberals and Unions

Uniting the two nations of black America...do we need: a King; a Queen; a Moses; a stronger black press or constitution?

Wise words...Vote! We shall overcome! History is never past; Lift every voice and sing; Deeds, not Words; Don't shame the family; Be thankful for blessings and lessons

# FALLING IN L♥VE WITH Y♥UR ANCEST♥RS™

*Planting the Seeds of Love:  
How to Grow Your Family Tree*

**A BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPEN HOUSE AND SEMINAR  
CO-SPONSORED BY THE MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER  
AND THE MIDWEST AFRO AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL  
INTEREST COALITION (MAGIC)**

Award winning author and lecturer and founder of a3genealogy (a3genealogy.com), Kathleen Brandt, who has appeared on television's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and MAGIC member and educator, Reggie James, present:

*Leaping Over Brick Walls: Using African American Research*

*Let the Love Affair Begin: Your 'First Date' with Your  
African American Ancestors*

*Missouri Slave Research Tips: Researching in the Black Belt*

**SAT., FEB. 28, 2015**

**11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

Midwest Genealogy Center  
3440 S. Lee's Summit Road  
Independence, MO 64055-1923  
RSVP and save a seat  
816.252.7228

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Date:** January 1, 2015  
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### FAMILY HISTORY, TOPIC OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH SEMINAR

February's calendar is robust with President's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Valentine's Day and Black History Month events. What a better time to "Fall In Love With Your Ancestors?"™ That's the theme of a family history-related event on Saturday, February 28, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Black History Month open house and symposium is co-sponsored by the Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition (M.A.G.I.C.) and the Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) of the Mid-Continent Public Library System. Award winning author and lecturer and founder of a3genealogy (a3genealogy.com), Kathleen Brandt, who has appeared on television's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and M.A.G.I.C. member and educator, Reggie James, are the keynote speakers in three sessions:

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*Leaping Over Brickwalls: Using African American Research*, by Kathleen Brandt

1-1:45 p.m.

*Let the Love Affair Begin: Your 'First Date' with Your African American Ancestors*,  
by Reggie James

2-3 p.m.

*Missouri Slave Research Tips: Researching in the Black Belt*, by Kathleen Brandt

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MAGIC members and MGC staff will be available to welcome the public and help answer family-history questions. Be careful, you'll get hooked on genealogy! Light refreshments will be provided. The event will be at MGC, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road Independence, MO 64055-1923. To RSVP and save a seat, call 816.252.7228.

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