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“Bleeding Kansas 2008”

“Bleeding Kansas” program series to feature history talks, first-person portrayals, and dramatic interpretations on the violent conflict over the slavery issue in Kansas Territory 1854 through 1861

LECOMPTON, Kan. – Constitution Hall State Historic Site in Lecompton has announced the 2008 “Bleeding Kansas” program series. The “Bleeding Kansas” program is a series of **free** talks and dramatic interpretations on the issue of slavery and the violent conflicts that arose as a result in the Kansas Territory from 1854-1861. This 12th annual “Bleeding Kansas” series features five free programs beginning at **2 p.m. on Sunday afternoons** in January and February on a variety of subjects pertaining to 1850s territorial “Bleeding Kansas” topics. The scheduled programs are:

January 27-Lecompton: *A National Obsession, 1858*

By Professor Craig Miner, Wichita State University, Department of History, with Kansas Day commentary by Virgil Dean, Editor, *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*.

February 3- *John Calhoun: Surveyor General & Lecompton Constitution President*

A first-person portrayal by Steven Brosemer, President, GeoTech Land Surveyors, Emporia.

February 10- *Their Last Evening Together: Reverend Thomas & Sarah Johnson*

First-person portrayals by George & Diane Bernheimer, reenactors and living history educators

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February 17- *Sara Robinson Attends the Lecompton Ball*

First-person portrayal and period clothing display by Lesa Brose, Molly Ledeboer, and Dianna Welsh, living history educators and period dressmakers

February 24- *Danger At My Very Door: Betsy Hoole's Southern View of Kansas Territory*

First-person portrayal by Michelle Martin, President, Discovering History, LLC

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