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Grinter Place State Historic Site
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GRINTER PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE TO REOPEN *Sneak Preview Reception and Tours 6 p.m. Friday, September 5*

KANSAS CITY, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that the Grinter Place State Historic Site, 1420 South 78th Street, will reopen for the first time since it was closed in 2006 for rehabilitation work on the interior and exterior of the home. A sneak preview reception will be held 6 p.m. Friday, September 5, with tours at 6 and 7 p.m. A \$25 donation is requested for the event. For more information call 913-299-0373.

Visitors to the house will find both historic rooms and public meeting rooms. The historic rooms are furnished in the late 1800s Victorian style with objects from the Historical Society's collections, and are open by guided tour only. The objects in the historic rooms include Grinter family artifacts—Bibles, a quilt, and furniture. The public meeting rooms are not furnished from the Historical Society's historic collections, but do include antique furnishings that can be used by the public when renting the facility.

The Historical Society invested \$300,000 in grant money on Grinter Place for the rehabilitation. Improvements include a newly shingled roof, accessible ramp, north porch, and walkway. Collapsing sections of brick walls were reconstructed. On the interior plaster walls and ceilings were restored, as were the wood floors, doors, windows, trim, and mantels.

A barn located on the property is owned and maintained by the Friends of Grinter Place and is used for public events. Proceeds from this event will benefit the barn, which is in need of repair.

About the site: Grinter Place State Historic Site is one of 16 state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society. Grinter Place is the oldest home in Wyandotte County and a step back to the days of frontier life along the Kansas and Missouri border. Overlooking the historic Delaware Crossing on the Kansas River, Grinter Place was the home to Annie and Moses Grinter. Annie, a Lenape (Delaware) Indian, helped to farm, raise poultry and livestock, and planted an apple orchard. Moses operated a ferry and a trading post, where he traded with the Lenape Indians. For more information, visit kshs.org/places/grinter.

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