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SHAWNEE INDIAN MISSION HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS PAST

History reenactors, crafts, entertainment highlight December 6-7 event

FAIRWAY, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that the 2008 Shawnee Indian Mission Holiday Open House will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7 at the mission, 3403 West 53rd in Fairway.

The event will run 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 - 5 p.m. Sunday. Visitors may enjoy refreshments while listening to holiday music, watching 19th century skill demonstrators and living history displays, and children may work on craft projects. Shawnee descendent Bertha Cameron will be present 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday and 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday to sign her essay *The Shawnee Indian Mission* in the book *A Historical Guidebook: American Indian Places*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the open house. This event is sponsored by Friends of Shawnee Indian Mission, the Kansas Historical Society, and Johnson County Young Matrons.

About the site: In the 19th century, Americans wanted more land and settlement moved west. For countless Indians, the American thrust for land meant the end of their traditional way of life. The Shawnee Mission was one of many missions established as a manual training school attended by boys and girls from Shawnee, Delaware, and other Indian nations from 1839 to 1862. Visit this 12-acre National Historic Landmark and learn the stories of those who lived there. The mission is one of 16 state historic sites operated by Kansas Historical Society. For more information visit kshs.org.

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