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10,000th ITEM ADDED TO *KANSAS MEMORY*

Gray County image marks milestone for largest online collection of items documenting Kansas history

TOPEKA, KS— Perhaps it was a professional photographer passing through town. Perhaps it was a proud parent or grandparent snapping a photo of the kids on a sunny winter afternoon. Whoever it was behind the camera in Gray County nearly a century ago had no idea that the photo they were taking would have its fifteen minutes of fame in 2009.

The Kansas Historical Society announced that the 10,000th item to be added to *Kansas Memory* was uploaded Thursday afternoon. The image, a photo of a girl riding a donkey alongside a boy with a dog, was taken in Gray County in the 1910s. The image can be seen at kansasmemory.org/item/217987

“Identifying this fun family photo as the 10,000th item on *Kansas Memory* understates the size of our online collection,” said Kansas Historical Society Digital Initiatives Coordinator Michael Church. “Since some items have multiple images, this image is actually one of more than 65,000 visitors can browse at the site.”

Kansas Memory, or kansasmemory.org, is the largest online collection of items documenting Kansas history. Visitors can explore photographs, letters, diaries, and other historic items. Teachers can find quick access to primary sources that help meet Kansas and U.S. history standards. Students can find materials for history and other social studies projects. Other features include RSS feeds of searches and “My Memory,” a bookbag that allows users to personalize an area where they can collect and save items on the site.

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