

**Kansas Historical Society
FY2020 Annual Report
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**



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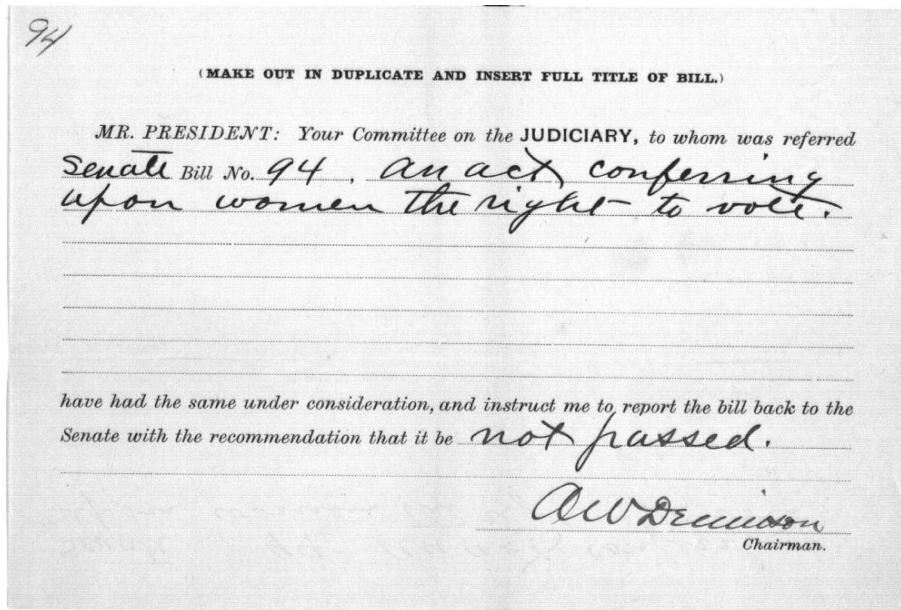


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Kansas women did not have a straight path forward to achieve the vote. In 1893 state senator Michael Senn sponsored Senate Bill 94, an Act conferring upon women the right to vote. The judiciary committee recommendation was the bill should not be passed. It was not until 1912 that Kansas women achieved full voting rights.

Kansas Memory 208583

A Note from the Executive Director, Jennie Chinn

Fiscal Year 2020 began with an introspective look at women's history in Kansas. Like others, we were commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, earning women the right to vote. Kansas women had achieved that right eight years earlier through a series of incremental steps. It appeared to be a year of hope and anticipation. Unfortunately, by the end of the fiscal year, we found ourselves in a much different state-of-mind, ending FY 2020 in a time of pandemic, economic stress, and racial strife.

On March 23, 2020, Governor Laura Kelly issued a stay-at-home order due to the impact of the Covid-19 epidemic, which shut down state government, including the Kansas Historical Society. By the end of April the state reported a projected loss of more than \$1 billion dollars in revenue in the current and next fiscal year. This could amount to a future 10 percent across-the-board reduction for all state agencies. Like many small businesses, the Kansas Historical Society is also dependent on money it earns from admissions and other user fees. As I write this report many of the activities of the Kansas Historical Society remain shut down, curtailed, or operating with restrictions due to Covid-19. This means, like all small businesses, the Kansas Historical Society is losing much-needed revenue and will face a critical period of economic recovery. I am, however, certain we will recover.

When we are in the middle of uncertain times it feels isolating. Perhaps now, more than ever, is a time to use our skills as historians, to help our communities move forward. Sometimes it is easier to look through the lens of the past to view a better future. Parallels to our troubles today can be found

throughout Kansas history—the 1918 flu epidemic and the public health reforms of Samuel Crumline, the Great Depression coupled with the Dust Bowl, and the fight for equal voting rights and the fight to desegregate our schools. The solutions to our problems today can be informed by our past. Therefore, I know we will get through these hard times together.

Staff members at the Kansas Historical Society continue their vital work for the public. Their offices may have moved into their homes part-time as we all learn new social distancing skills, but the work continues. The Kansas Historical Society remains committed to collecting, preserving, and interpreting our history. Our goals have remained the same. This annual report reflects the good work that has been accomplished during a challenging year. In viewing the data contained in this report it should be noted that in a time of Covid-19 our virtual visitors continued to grow while our in-person visits were curtailed by the disease. Not a surprising outcome.

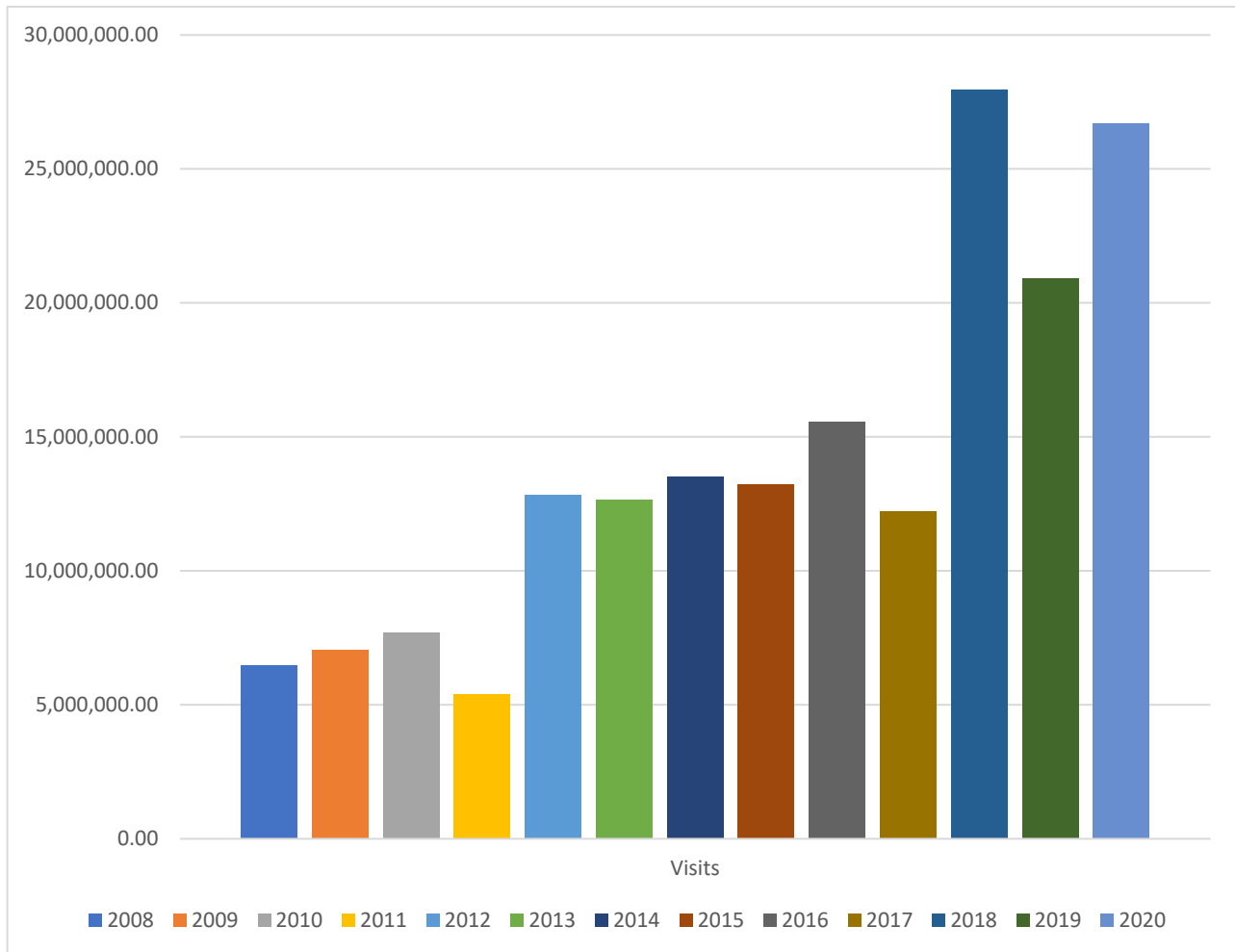
It should also be noted in FY 2020 the Kansas Historical Society made progress on the agency's long-term goals. Work continued to rehabilitate and reinterpret Kaw Mission and the Last Chance Store Museums State Historic Site in Council Grove. Script writing has begun on new exhibits for the Kansas Museum of History, and the agency progresses toward a re-design of *Kansas Memory*, our portal to digitized collections. Work is also being done to launch a new website next year.

The successes of the Kansas Historical Society belong to the agency's staff members and volunteers. The Kansas Historical Foundation Board of Directors and Foundation staff members have been great partners who continue to help us move the agency forward. Both the Foundation and the Historical Society remain thankful for our patrons and private donors who have helped us in so many ways. We are also grateful for the support of Governor Kelly and the Kansas Legislature. But our most important ingredients for success are our audiences, as it is their curiosity, interests, and needs that keep us motivated and inspired to do more.

Much of the women's suffrage movement excluded women of color due to racist views. African American women like Kansan Carrie Langston Hughes organized separately. Hughes was a strong advocate for women's suffrage and the rights of African Americans. She took leadership roles in literary and social organizations and was active with the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) church. The mother of poet Langston Hughes, she successfully gained his admission to a segregated school.



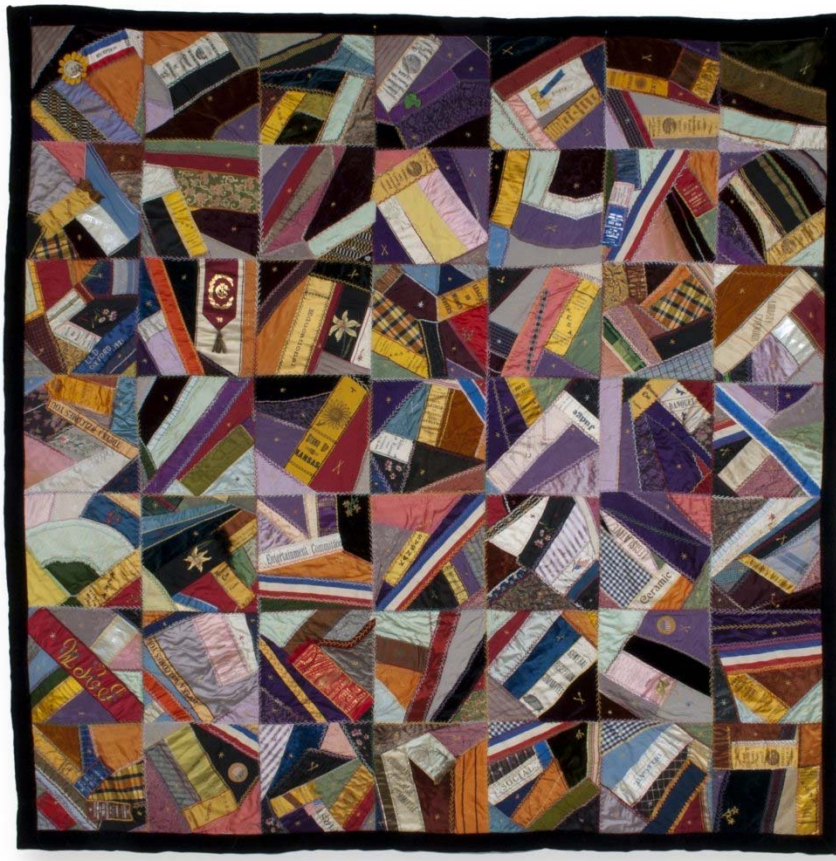
Kansas Historical Society FY 2008 – FY 2020 Visitation Comparisons



Kansas Historical Society FY 2020 Overall Program and Service Summary

Categories	FY 2019*	FY 2020
Visitation	109,107	68,843
Adult and family programs	22,571	16,272
Children's programs and school curriculum	74,433	44,030
Digital programs	837,741	914,831
Digital resource usage	19,797,543	25,569,188
Social Media	53,521	59,471
Agency services	18,135	14,406
Publication circulation	13,806	13,864
Financial incentives reach	103	88
Total Overall Program and Services Usage	20,926,960	26,700,993

*For earlier annual reports go to kshs.org/15794



William and Lucy Browne Johnston of Topeka owned this quilt. Both were active in the Kansas Equal Suffrage Association and the Men's Equal Suffrage League of Kansas, critical allies in the 1912 ratification of the Woman's Suffrage Amendment to the Kansas Constitution.
Kansas Memory 224721

Kansas Historical Society FY 2020 Visitors

Operated Year-Round by the Kansas Historical Society					
Site	County	Paid Admissions	Comp Admissions	Total Admissions	Covid-19 Closures
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	Douglas	2,699	40	2,739	March 23 – June 16, 2020
Fort Hays State Historic Site	Ellis	2,154	139	2,293	March 23 – June 16, 2020
Kansas Capitol Visitor Center Tours	Shawnee	No Fee	28,312	28,312	March 23 – June 30, 2020
Kansas Historical Society Nature Trail	Shawnee	No Fee	5,475	5,475	Remained open
Kansas Museum of History	Shawnee	13,272	2,119	15,391	March 23 – June 30, 2020
State Archives Research Room	Shawnee	No Fee	1,569	1,569	March 23 – June 14, 2020
Operated Seasonally by the Kansas Historical Society					
First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site	Geary	No Fee	229	229	March 23 – June 30, 2020
Grinter Place State Historic Site	Wyandotte	217	89	306	March 23 – June 16, 2020
Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site	Washington	367	81	448	March 23 – June 16, 2020
Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store Museums State Historic Site	Morris	507	9	516	Closed for renovation mid-October, 2019
Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site	Linn	393	0	393	March 23 – June 16, 2020
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	Republic	690	130	820	March 23 – June 16, 2020
Red Rocks State Historic Site	Lyon	476	34	510	March 23 – June 16, 2020
Kansas Historical Society Owned Sites – Operated Locally					
Site	County	Admission			
Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site	Sheridan	1,730			
Goodnow House State Historic Site	Riley	696			
John Brown State Historic Site	Miami	1,145			
Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site	Johnson	6,271			
Total Visitation					68,853

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2020 Adult and Family Programs
(Several programs canceled due to Covid-19)

Site	County	Attendance
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	Douglas	648
Fort Hays State Historic Sites	Ellis	1,954
Grinter Place State Historic Site	Wyandotte	1,516
Historic Preservation	Statewide	85
Kansas Museum of History	Shawnee	3,599
Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store Museums State Historic Site	Morris	974
Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site	Linn	66
Outreach Speaking Engagements	Statewide	1,612
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	Republic	584
Red Rocks State Historic Site: Home of the William Allen White Family	Lyon	58
Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site	Johnson	5,000
State Archives	Shawnee	126
Taste of Kansas bus tour: Following in Lincoln's Footsteps	Regional	50

Total Adult and Family Programming Participation	16,272
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Kansas Historical Society
FY 2020 Children's Programs and School Curriculum
(Several programs canceled due to Covid-19)

Site	Measurement	Usage
Homeschool Wednesdays	Students participating	146
IKE: Interactive Kansas Educator	Students participating	44
Kansas Day at the Capitol Photo Contest	Students participating	777
Kansas Day at the Museum	Students participating	1,096
<i>The Kansas Journey</i>	Textbooks in use	28,000
<i>Project Archeology</i>	Lessons distributed	359
<i>Read Kansas!</i> Lessons	Lessons distributed	719
Rural School Days	Students participating	572
Teacher Appreciation Night	Teachers participating	129
Teacher Training	Teachers participating	111
Traveling Resource Trunks	Students participating	11,959
State Archives Research Room	Students participating	118

Total Children's Programs and Curriculum Usage	44,030
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Kansas Historical Society FY 2020 Digital Programs

Program	Focus	Measurement	Audience
Flickr	Sharing program images	Views	519,544
Media Appearances	Regular guest appearances on radio and television programs	Listeners	140,400
#MarthaMakesHistory	Twitter focused on Farnsworth diary	Followers	281
YouTube	Video content	Views	254,595
Webinars	Virtual workshops	Participants	11

Total Digital Program Usage	914,831
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Kansas Historical Society FY 2020 Digital Resources

Format	Audience
Operated by Kansas Historical Society	
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory contributors	53
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory visitors	20,610
Online Archeological Site Database contributors	265
Online Archeological Site Database users	523
<i>Kansas Memory</i> page views	2,089,169
KSHS.ORG page views	3,496,887
Operated through Partnerships	
<i>Ancestry.com</i> , KSHS content page views	6,871,231
<i>Chronicling America</i> , KSHS content page views	748,840
<i>Newspaper.com</i> , KSHS content page views, Kansas resident portal	1,916,981
<i>Newspaper.com</i> , KSHS content page views, Commercial Site	8,345,882
Territorial Kansas Online, page views	78,747

Total Digital Resource Usage	23,569,188
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Kansas Historical Society FY 2020 Social Media

Format	Followers
Facebook, Kansas Historical Society	23,638
Facebook, Constitution Hall State Historic Site	728
Facebook, First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site	342
Facebook, Fort Hays State Historic Site	1,632
Facebook, Goodnow State Historic Site	392
Facebook, Grinter Place State Historic Site	1,295
Facebook, Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site	1,098
Facebook, Kansas Capitol	536
Facebook, Kansas Historic Preservation Office	3,540
Facebook, Kansas Historical Records Advisory Board	366
Facebook, Kansas Museum of History	3,259
Facebook, Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store Museums State Historic Site	1,985
Facebook, Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site	1,480
Facebook, Red Rocks State Historic Site: Home of the William Allen White Family	713
Facebook, Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	1,598
Instagram, Kansas Historical Society	3,977
Pinterest, Kansas Historical Society	2,820
Twitter, Kansas Historical Society	10,072

Total Social Media Usage	59,471
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Martha Farnsworth, Topeka, drew this cartoon while working to secure women's voting rights. Farnsworth was a member of the Good Government Club when suffrage was its focus. The Twitter series #MarthaMakesHistory was one of the Kansas Historical Society's programs and focused on Kansas women who joined in the fight. *Kansas Memory* 404340



Kansas Historical Society
FY 2020 Services
(Some services affected by Covid-19)

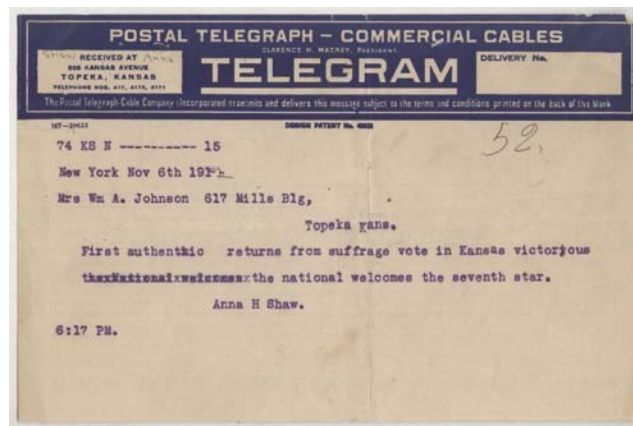
Service	Focus	Usage
Collection loans	Processing loans to other institution	52
Contract archeology	Protection of Cultural Resources	270
Facilities rental, Historical Society headquarters in Topeka	Providing rental space for the community and bringing changing audiences into the faculties	3,016
Interlibrary loan	Microfilm lent to local libraries in Kansas	163
Land survey requests filled	Assistance to those surveying land in Kansas	471
Media contacts	Media requests for assistance	1,755
Media mentions	Historical Society appearances in media	180
National Register of Historic Places designation	New properties placed in the national Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places	36
Photographic use permits	Permission to use agency images	204
Records schedules created or revised	Ensuring government transparency by determining records retention and disposition in advance	224
Research questions answered	Research completed for the public	3,725
State preservation law reviews	Review of permit required activities in compliance with state preservation law	616
Federal preservation law reviews	Review of permit required activities in compliance with federal preservation law	2,184
KDHE notice of intent (NOI) review	Review of NOIs for KDHE to ensure protection of cultural resources	1,507
Unmarked burial site cases	Investigation of unmarked burials for repatriation	3
Total Services Usage		14,406

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2020 Publications

Title	Frequency	Publisher	Circulation
<i>Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains</i>	Quarterly	Kansas Historical Foundation with Kansas State University History Department	1,626
<i>Our Kansas Stories</i>	Three Annually	Kansas Historical Foundation with the Kansas Historical Society	2,102
<i>KSHS eNews</i>	Monthly	Kansas Historical Society	3,976
<i>KSHS Educator eNews</i>	Monthly	Kansas Historical Society	6,160
Total Publications Circulation			13,864

Kansas Historical Society FY 2020 Financial Incentives Provided

Program	Incentive	Total Amount	Number Awarded
Heritage Trust Fund	Grant	\$800,938	13
Historic Preservation Fund	Grant	\$186,448	10
Historical Records Advisory Board	Grant	\$11,072	4
State Rehabilitation	Tax Credits	\$12,942,816	54
Federal Rehabilitation	Tax Credits	\$15,044,436	7
Total Financial Incentives Awarded		\$28,985,710	88



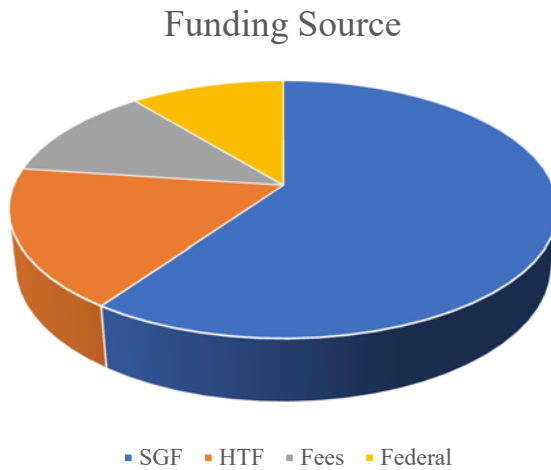
From the beginning of statehood women were guaranteed the right to vote in school board elections through the Kansas Constitution. This allowed women to serve as county public education superintendents. Twenty-six years later Kansas women achieved the right to vote in municipal elections. This allowed Kansas women to serve as mayors and city council members. It took another 25 years but both women and men kept their eye on the prize and in 1912 Kansas women achieved full suffrage. Anna Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, sent a telegram to Lucy Johnston, president of the Kansas Equal Suffrage Association, acknowledging the achievement. This was eight years before the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. *Kansas Memory* 336020, 211737, 222



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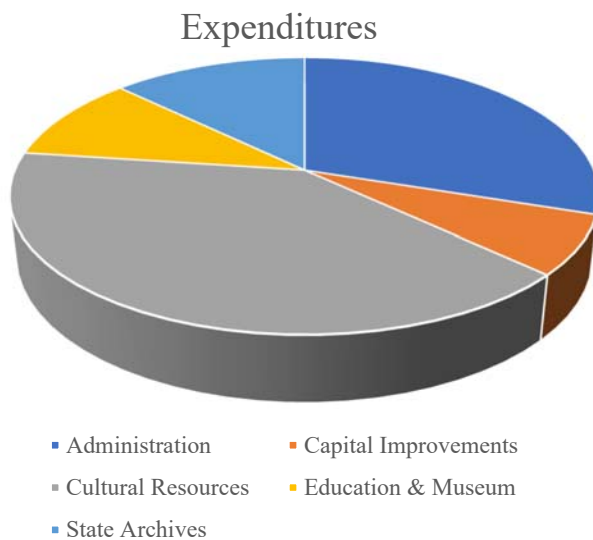
FY 2020 Financials

Revenues by Fund: \$7,636,745



State General Fund - \$4,558,645
 Heritage Trust Fund - \$1,334,306
 Fee Funds - \$915,075
 Federal Funds - \$828,719

Expenses by Program: \$7,636,745

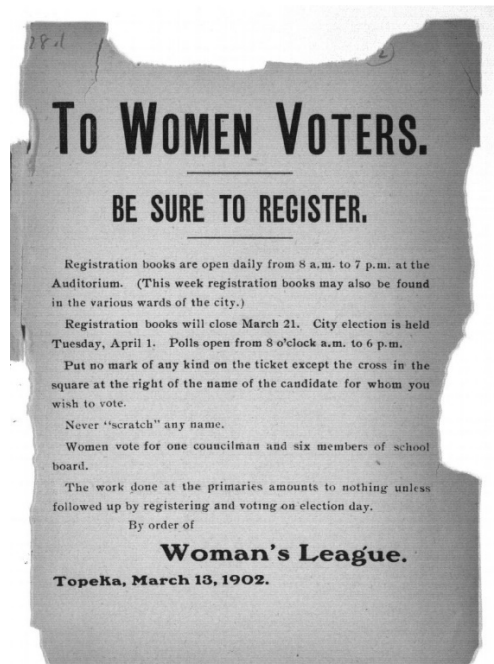


Administration - \$2,296,230
 Capital Improvements - \$526,225
 Cultural Resources - \$3,066,515
 Education and Museum - \$771,922
 State Archives - \$975,853

The Kansas Historical Foundation provided an additional \$247,507 in private funds to the agency through its FY 2020 budget.

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2020 Volunteer Contributions
 (Volunteer hours were curtailed by Covid-19)

Service Area	Location	Number of Volunteers	Hours	Monetary Equivalence
Archeology	Statewide	186	3,003	\$46,276
Capitol Visitor Center	Kansas State Capitol	2	87	\$1,241
Kansas Museum of History	Discovery Place	2	36	\$555
	Docents	9	131	\$2,019
	Information Desk	2	205	\$3,160
	Special Projects	107	817	\$12,590
	Volunteer Training	15	1,122	\$17,290
Kansas State Archives	Research Room	13	96	\$1,479
Kansas State Historic Sites	Constitution Hall	18	78	\$1,202
	Fort Hays	30	1,025	\$15,795
	Grinter Place	9	68	\$1,047
	Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store Museums	15	358	\$5,517
	Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield	8	144	\$2,219
	Pawnee Indian Museum	23	140	\$2,157
	Red Rocks	54	162	\$2,496
Total Volunteers		493	7,472	\$115,043



Kansas Memory 212184

Kansas Historical Society FY 2020 Collection Holdings

Collections	Unit of Measurement	Amount
Archeological and ethnographic artifacts	Cubic feet	4,238
Newspapers, born digital, partnership with Kansas Press Association	Titles	204
Library books and pamphlets	Items	448,947
Manuscript materials	Cubic feet	12,288
Maps and architectural drawings	Items	33,035
Microfilm	Reels	53,821
Museum artifacts	Items	118,827
Photographs and audio-visual materials	Items	566,201
State Archives materials	Cubic feet	45,437
Additional Inventory		
Historical Highway Markers	Items	120
Kansas Historic Resource Inventory	Entries	68,923
Kansas Historical Society buildings and structures	Items	64
<i>Kansas Memory</i> digital resources	Images	730,498
National and State Register	Listings	1,668



Laura Gregg, born in Garnett, showed interest in equal suffrage at a young age. In 1895 she was hired as an organizer for the National American Woman Suffrage Association and spent time in Oklahoma and Arizona promoting the cause. This year the Kansas Historical Society received a collection of Gregg's papers. Most notable is the correspondence between Gregg and Carrie Chapman Catt who directed the National American Woman Suffrage Association and later founded the League of Women Voters.
Kansas Memory 472618

Walter M. Fries
April 3^d 1868
Gen. S. L. Crawford
Dear Sir
I have been urged by friends
from different parts of the
State to call a Convention
sometime this Summer for
"Impartial Suffrage"
what do you say and can
I use your name as
Chairman?
I am of the opinion
that we ought at least to
have a meeting and determine
our course for the
future
Yours friend
S. M. Wood

As early as 1868 Kansas was considering impartial suffrage, meaning voting rights for both African Americans and women. Unfortunately the effort failed.
Kansas Memory 453698

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