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Kansas City, Kansas is a city rich in history. Lewis and Clark stopped near this area during their first expedition of the Louisiana Territory in 1804. The Wyandot Indians settled in what is now known as Kansas City, Kansas in 1843. Many African-Americans from the South, known as Exodusters, settled here in the late 1870s. And immigrants from Croatia, Germany, Ireland, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, and Sweden began to make the Strawberry Hill neighborhood home in the late 19th century. The culture and history of these early settlers lives on today.

The Kansas Collection at the Main Library features a wide variety of Kansas history and local history resources to assist you with your research. Some of our most frequently used items include:

- **Books on Kansas and Wyandotte County**
- **Local history vertical files (newspaper clippings arranged by subject)**
- **Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools yearbook collection**
- **Historic photographs, postcards, and maps**
- **History and genealogy databases**

The Kansas Room also holds special collections related to the history of the Wyandots in Kansas, the Huron Cemetery, and the history of the library and public schools. We welcome donations of local history items including photographs, books, letters, maps, and other documents. If you are interested in donating items to the Kansas Collection, please contact us at ksroom@kckpl.org

The library offers programs on genealogy and on Kansas history. Please check our calendar and website for details.