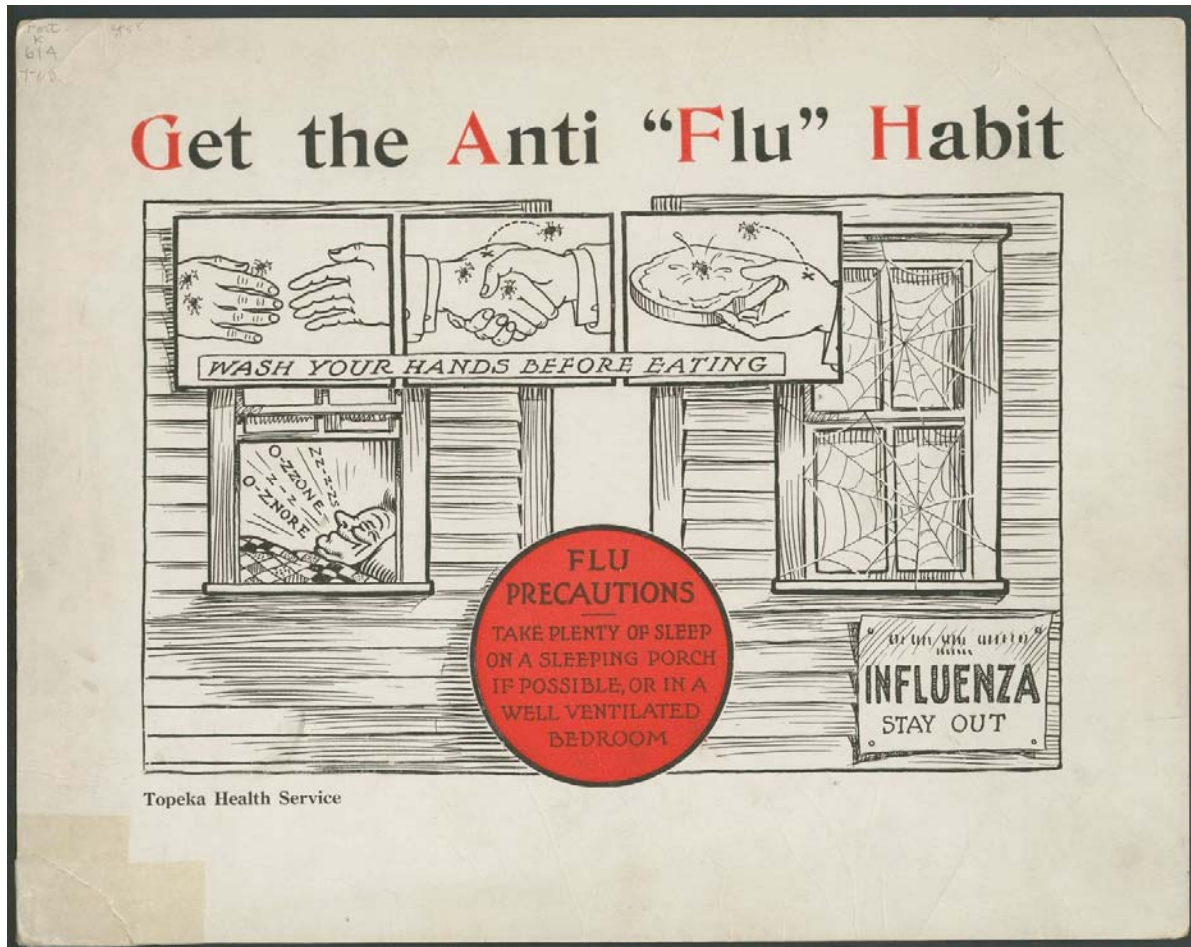


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**FY Annual Report**  
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Published around 1920 by the Topeka Health Service of Shawnee County, in response to the influenza epidemic. *Kansas Memory* 227390

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# Kansas Historical Society FY 2021 Annual Report



Monument erected at Engineers Canyon, Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas, memorializing 10th Sanitary Train soldiers who died in the flu epidemic of 1918.

*Kansas Memory 218279*

## **A Note from the Executive Director, Jennie Chinn**

In 1918 the United States was dealing with the outbreak of a deadly influenza epidemic. The first cases were recorded in Haskell County, Kansas. Soon reports came from Fort Riley about young men being hospitalized for severe flu-like symptoms. By March 1918 as many as 500 soldiers were hospitalized in one week. Within a month, however, the number of patients dwindled, and it seemed that the flu had passed. Many of Fort Riley's soldiers carrying the disease were sent to fight in World War I. While in Europe the flu mutated and became deadly. By May reports about soldiers becoming ill with influenza had reach the U.S. It did not take long for the disease to spread from soldiers to the civilian population, and then around the world. Few areas of the planet remained unaffected.

In fall 1918 the disease returned to Kansas; government officials were quick to act. Dr. Samuel J. Crumbine, secretary of the state board of health, began a public campaign to educate Kansans about the flu and how to prevent it. Despite these measures, hundreds of deaths were reported in Kansas. Eventually health officers were forced to take serious steps to control the disease. By closing schools, public gatherings, theaters, church services, and limiting the number of people in a store at a time, Kansas officials hoped to slow or stop the spread of disease. The pandemic of 1918-1919 led to 675,000 deaths in the United States and many more worldwide.

Looking back on the last year it is very clear that history repeats itself. During the final months of FY 2020 and all of FY 2021 the Kansas Historical Society faced challenges due to Covid-19. I found myself in the position of creating an agency emergency response team to confront whatever Covid-19 would throw our way. Our communications staff members took turns working at an emergency location offsite to help inform the public of the state's response to the

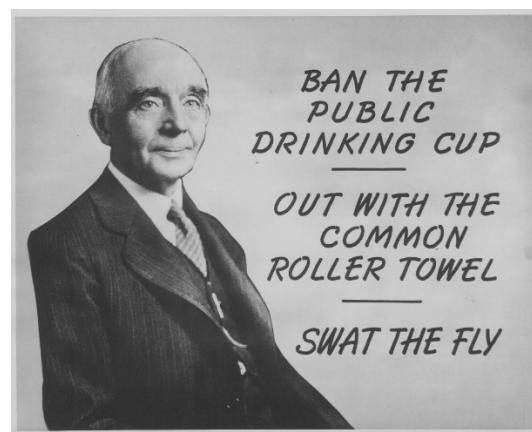
pandemic. As new vaccines became available our museum classrooms were turned into vaccine clinics. Many of the staff members worked from home, still carrying on their service to the public. We all became familiar with the meeting virtually.

When Kansas schools went to online learning, we produced virtual lessons to replace in-person tours. While the research room was closed to protect public safety, we continued to answer research question virtually and through the mail. The public also turned to *Kansas Memory*, our digital archives. As we prepared to reopen we modified offices and public spaces. Our exhibits staff members designed and built plexiglass barriers to prevent the spread of germs. Staff members showed great comradery by providing patterns for making masks and sharing elastic from our home sewing kits as none could be found in stores.

Our historic preservation office was already equipped to virtually approve tax credit applications and answer preservation questions. The number of requests for information and funding went up dramatically as many Kansans living or working in historic structures had time to work on them. Our historic sites administrators carried on with grace, getting used to closing and then reopening, based on their county's guidance. All of us who work at the Kansas Historical Society owe a debt of gratitude to our maintenance staff, who along with a few of our administrative staff kept the business of the society going. They paid our bills, found much-needed supplies from new vendors, and learned how to effectively disinfect all work and public spaces. The best news I can report is that we all survived, and we continued to serve the public despite temporary closings.

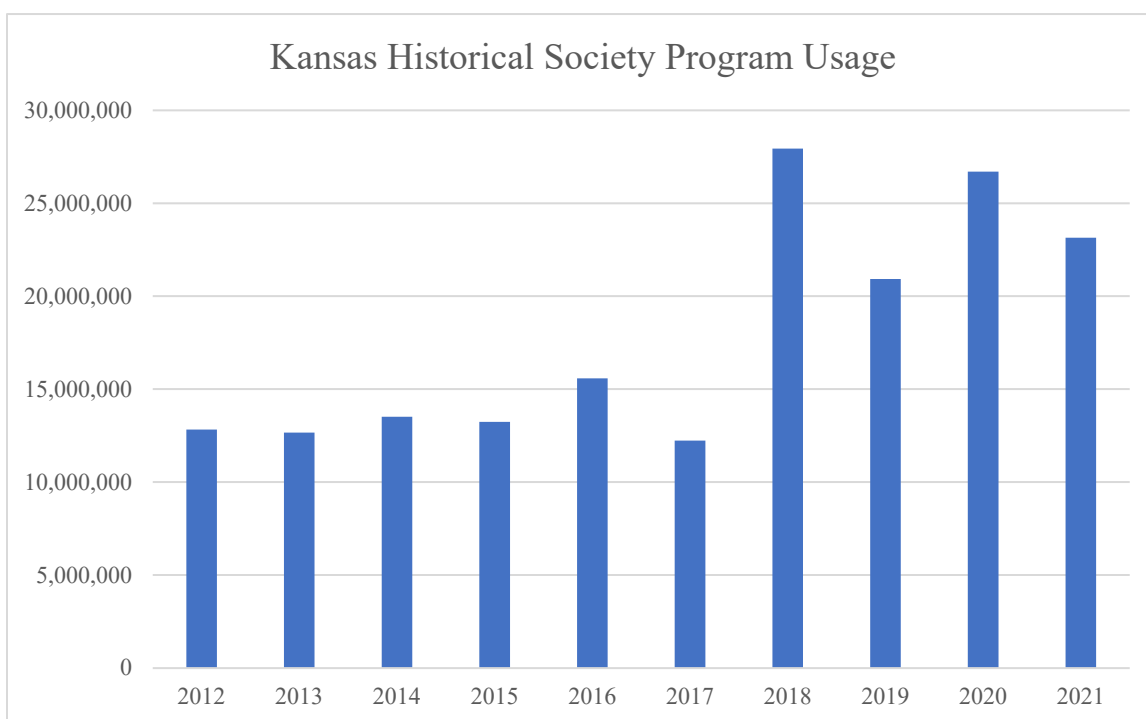
The success of the Kansas Historical Society belongs to the staff and volunteers, as well as the Kansas Historical Foundation Board of Directors who continue their great partnership with the state agency. We are thankful for the support we have received from Governor Laura Kelly and the Kansas Legislature. As we look forward to opening new exhibits at the Kansas Museum of History in 2023, we thank our many private donors whose contributions have made this project a reality. We appreciate the people of Kansas who look to the Kansas Historical Society to preserve their stories.

Dr. Samuel J. Crumbine of Dodge City was one of the nation's leaders in the field of public health. He became secretary of the Kansas State Board of Health in 1904 and served for approximately 20 years. His public health campaigns were directed at practices and conditions that led to the spread of communicable diseases. *Kansas Memory* 209622.



## Kansas Historical Society FY 2021 Program and Service Summary

Categories	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Visitation	109,107	68,843	16,225
Adult and family programs	22,571	16,272	3,938
Children's programs and school curriculum	74,433	44,030	65,190
Digital programs	837,741	914,831	2,413,388
Digital resource usage	19,797,543	25,569,188	20,544,604
Social media	53,521	59,471	73,144
Agency services	18,135	14,406	11,410
Publication circulation	13,806	13,864	13,190
Financial incentives reach	103	88	129
<b>Total Overall Program and Services Usage</b>	<b>20,926,960</b>	<b>26,700,993</b>	<b>23,141,218</b>



Kansas Historical Society  
FY 2021 Visitors

All locations were closed to the public for some time in FY 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Site	County	Paid	Comp	Total
<b>Operated Year-Round by Kansas Historical Society</b>				
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	Douglas	2,577	16	2,593
Fort Hays State Historic Site	Ellis	2,138	137	2,275
Kansas Museum of History	Shawnee	1,158	137	1,295
Kansas State Capitol	Shawnee	No Fee	1,220	1,220
State Archives Research Room	Shawnee	No Fee	596	596
<b>Operated Seasonally by Kansas Historical Society</b>				
First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site	Geary	0	190	190
Grinter Place State Historic Site	Wyandotte	140	123	263
Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site	Washington	259	35	294
Kaw Mission State Historic Site (Closed for reinterpretation)	Morris	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site	Linn	214	2	216
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	Republic	260	33	293
Red Rocks State Historic Site	Lyon	318	16	334
<b>Partnership Sites</b>				
Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site	Sheridan			1,906
Goodnow House State Historic Site	Riley			Not Reported
John Brown Museum State Historic Site	Miami			Not Reported
Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site	Johnson	230	4,495	4,725
Cedar Crest Governor's Residence	Shawnee		25	25
<b>Total Visitation</b>				<b>16,225</b>

Kansas Historical Society  
FY 2021 Adult and Family Programs

Most in-person programs were canceled due to public health concerns.

Site	County	Attendance
Fort Hays State Historic Site	Ellis	150
Historic Preservation	Statewide	56
Kansas Museum of History	Shawnee	421
Kaw Mission State Historic Site	Morris	109
Outreach Speaking Engagements	Statewide	244
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	Republic	85
Red Rocks State Historic Sites	Lyon	2,755
State Archives	Shawnee	118
<b>Total Adult and Family Programs</b>		<b>3,938</b>

Kansas Historical Society  
FY 2021 Children's Programs and School Curriculum

Most in-person programs were canceled due to public health concerns.

Program	Focus	Participation
Kansas Day at the Capitol	Student photo contest entries	400
Kansas Day in the Classroom	Virtual programs celebrating the Kansas	26,534
<i>The Kansas Journey</i>	Middle school textbook	28,000
Lessons - Virtual	9 topics with activities	2,074
Project Archaeology	Curriculum materials	43
<i>Read Kansas!</i> lessons	Kansas history readings for students	3,318
Virtual School Tours	Thematic and self-guided virtual fieldtrips	751
Teacher Training - Virtual	Statewide	195
Traveling Resource Trunks	Objects and images for the classroom 65 loans to 30 counties	3,835
Teen Camp	Partnership with Topeka Zoo	40
<b>Total Children's Programs and Curriculum Usage</b>		<b>65,190</b>



Kansas Historical Society  
FY 2021 Digital Programs

<b>Program</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Audience</b>
KSNT on-air series	Nine television segments sharing agency collection items	1,280,160
WIBW AM on-air series	Four radio programs on agency collections	78,240
Flickr	Sharing program images	547,958
YouTube views (4 channels)	Video content from the Kansas Historical Society	504,158
Museum After Hours	Virtual lectures	2,872
<b>Total Digital Program Usage</b>		<b>2,413,388</b>

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FY 2021 Digital Resources

<b>Format</b>	<b>Total</b>
Operated by the Kansas Historical Society	
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KHRI) contributors	46
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KHRI) users	11,697
Online Archeology Site Database contributors	136
Online Archeology Site Database users	495
<i>Kansas Memory</i> page views during 220,974 sessions	2,018,642
ksks.org page views during 1,727,163 sessions	3,762,955
Operated through Partnerships	
<i>Ancestry</i> (KSHS content) page views	6,449,087
<i>Chronicling America</i> (KSHS content) page views	472,105
<i>Newspapers.com</i> (KSHS content) page views	7,750,938
<i>Territorial Kansas Online</i> sessions	78,503
<b>Total Digital Resource Usage</b>	<b>20,544,604</b>

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FY 2021 Social Media

<b>Format</b>	<b>Followers</b>
Facebook (18 sites)	53,867
Instagram	5,103
LinkedIn	769
Pinterest	3,150
Twitter	10,255
<b>Total Social Media Followers</b>	<b>73,144</b>

Kansas Historical Society  
FY 2021 Services

<b>Service</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Usage</b>
Collection loans	Loan of collection items to other institutions	86
Contract Archeology projects	Protection of cultural resources	240
Interlibrary loan requests filled	Microfilm to local libraries	35
Land Survey requests filled	Requests by surveyors	751
Media contacts	Requests for information and assistance	245
Media mentions	Agency mentions	252
New national and state register listings	Additions to the national (33) and state (4) registers	37
Photograph and collections use permits granted	Permission to use agency collections	204
Records schedules created or revised	Public Records	148
Research questions answered	Requests to Archives (3,427) and Museum (351) for information assistance	3,778
State and federal law reviews completed	Cultural resources protection for 3,741 projects	5,634
Unmarked Burial Sites cases	Preservation Act	9
<b>Total Services Usage</b>		<b>11,410</b>



Kansas Historical Society  
FY 2021 Publications Circulation

<b>Title</b>	<b>Circulation</b>
<i>Kansas History</i> (published by Kansas Historical Foundation)	2,000
<i>KSHS eNews</i>	4,131
<i>History Time: A Newsletter for Kansas Educators</i>	5,059
<i>Upward to Equality: Kansas Women Fight to Vote</i> (exhibit catalog)	2,000
<b>Total Publications Circulation</b>	<b>13,190</b>

Kansas Historical Society  
FY 2021 Grants and Financial Incentives

<b>Program</b>	<b>Incentive</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Number Awarded</b>	<b>Jobs Created</b>	<b>Gross State Product</b>
Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits	Credits	\$10,566,626	24	1,132	\$46,963,400
Heritage Trust Fund	Grant	\$1,168,492	15	19	\$791,300
Historic Preservation Fund	Grant	\$185,572	10	N/A	N/A
Historical Records Advisory Board	Grant	\$9,480	3	N/A	N/A
Kansas Rural Preservation	Grant	\$499,645	15	8	\$338,300
State Rehabilitation Tax Credits	Credits	\$2,466,380	2	241	\$9,870,300
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$16,509,542</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>\$57,963,300</b>

## Kansas Historical Society Volunteer Hours

Due to the pandemic most volunteers were unable to work with the agency.

Location	Volunteers	Hours	Monetary Equivalence
Archeology	14	353	
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	22	125	
Fort Hays State Historic Site	9	269	
Grinter Place State Historic Site	12	264	
Hollenberg Pony Express State Historic Site	1	72	
Kaw Mission State Historic Site	11	286	
Mine Creek State Historic Site	29	150	
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	6	30	
Red Rocks State Historic Site	43	155	
Kansas State Capitol	1	4	
		<b>1,708</b>	<b>\$25,620</b>

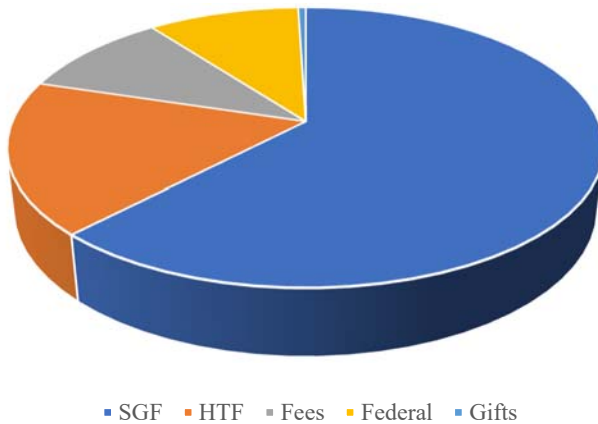
## Kansas Historical Society Collection Holdings

Collections	Unit of Measurement	Amount
Archeological and ethnographic artifacts	Cubic feet	4,238
Newspapers, born digital (partnership with Kansas Press Association)	Titles	207
Library books and pamphlets	Items	449,153
Manuscript materials	Cubic feet	12,538
Maps and architectural drawings	Items	33,193
Microfilm	Reels	77,986
Museum artifacts	Items	121,378
Photographs and audio-visual materials	Items	567,240
State Archives materials	Cubic feet	45,454
Additional Inventory	Type	Amount
Historical highway markers	Items	120
Kansas Historic Resource Inventory	New and revised entries	5,753
Property	Structures	58
	Acres	713
National Register of Historic Places	Listings	1,549
Register of Historic Kansas Places		192

## Kansas Historical Society FY 2021 Financials

### Revenues by Fund: \$7,262,401

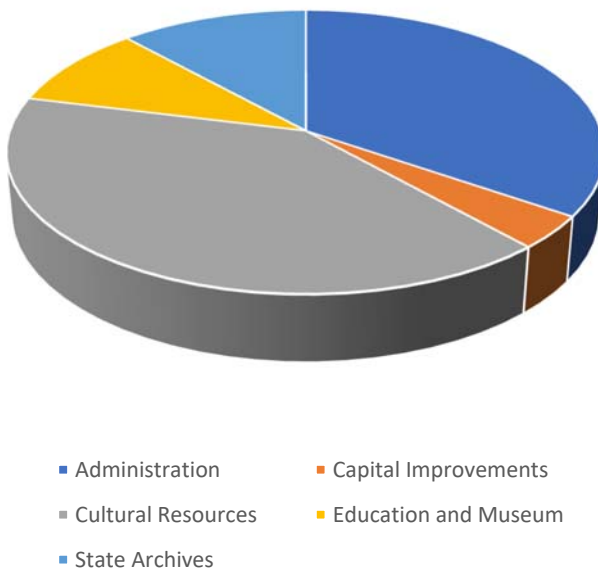
#### Funding



State General Fund - \$4,511,966  
 Heritage Trust Fund - \$1,280,701  
 Agency Fee Funds - \$722,748  
 Federal Funds - \$710,891  
 Private Gifts - \$36,095

### Expenses by Programs: \$7,262,401

#### Expenditures



Administration - \$2,510,316  
 Capital Improvements - \$275,063  
 Cultural Resources - \$2,943,379  
 Education and Museum - \$681,621  
 State Archives - \$852,022