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***Journey Stories* Smithsonian exhibition coming to Kansas in 2009**

TOPEKA, KS – Six Kansas communities will host *Journey Stories*, a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition. The exhibition will tour the state beginning in June 2009 through April 2010. Kansas is one of five states hosting the debut of this traveling exhibition, made possible by a partnership between the Kansas Humanities Council and Museum on Main Street.

The *Journey Stories* 2009-2010 Kansas tour schedule is:

Lindsborg , McPherson County Old Mill Museum	June 26-August 9, 2009
Glasco , Glasco Community Foundation	August 14-September 27, 2009
Junction City , Geary County Historical Society	October 2-November 15, 2009
Parsons , Parsons Public Library	November 20, 2009-January 3, 2010
Colby , Prairie Museum of Art and History	January 8-February 21, 2010
Atchison , Atchison County Historical Society	February 26-April 11, 2010

Bringing the cultural resources of the nation's premier museum to Kansas communities is a priority of the Kansas Humanities Council, said Julie Mulvihill, executive director. "The Kansas Humanities Council is pleased to be working with the six host communities to help develop local exhibits and public programming to complement the Smithsonian exhibition."

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Journey stories – tales of how all of us got “here” – are as American as apple pie. Why did our ancestors come to America? Why did our families choose Kansas as home? The exhibition combines America’s transportation history (trails, trains, wagons, cars, airplanes, and trucks) with the innovative ways people have used transportation to create a sense of place. The *Journey Stories* exhibit includes the stories of people coming in search of promise in a new country; stories of individuals and families relocating in search of fortune, their own homestead, or employment; the harrowing journeys of Africans and Native Americans forced to move; and, of course, fun on the open road.

The *Journey Stories* exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and the Federation of State Humanities Councils. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

The Kansas Humanities Council sponsors *Journey Stories* in Kansas. A non-profit organization with over 35 years experience, the Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to participate in their communities.

For more information about *Journey Stories* contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785/357-0359 or visit www.kansashumanities.org.

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