



Iowa's statewide celebration of art, history, film and culture is back! Don't miss the 11th annual celebration featuring Iowa cuisine, music, entertainment and, of course, Iowans like you! Registration is now open.

Friday, December 9
6 - 7 p.m. VIP Reception
7 - 11 p.m. Celebrate Iowa Gala
Scottish Rite Consistory, Des Moines

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Online educational materials top 3 million views

An online collection of history-education materials has been viewed more than 3 million times since the State Historical Society of Iowa started curating it five years ago. **The milestone came in October**, during National Arts & Humanities Month.

The **Primary Source Sets** – photos, maps, documents, audio recordings and even cartoons – **cover more than 65 topics about Iowa** and its role in the broader sweep of national and world history, including the **Underground Railroad, women's suffrage, the Cold War and the Iowa Caucuses**. The collection includes materials from the State Historical Society of Iowa as well as the **Library of Congress**, which has also supported the project with two major grants.



The State Historical Society of Iowa launched the program in 2017 to **help Iowa teachers explore history with a new generation of K-12 students**. Teachers can search the collection to find specific topics and materials that align with the **Iowa Core Content Standards for Social Studies**.

Pictured: Children play in Chicago in 1941 in a photo from a Primary Source Set called "Children's Lives: Comparing Long Ago to Today" (Library of Congress)

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Nashua-Plainfield's Suzy Turner named Iowa History Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Suzy Turner of Nashua-Plainfield Community School District! The **Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History** named her the 2022 Iowa History Teacher of the Year based on her leadership in the field of American history, creativity and imagination in the classroom and effective use of primary sources. As Iowa's winner, **she will receive a \$1,000 prize, an archive of classroom resources** and recognition at a ceremony. Please join us in celebrating her achievement!

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Iowa History 101 Presentations

The most recent Iowa History 101 program featured **Amie Adams**, who led a discussion about **B.O. Wolden** (1886-1968) and other early Iowa naturalists who experienced the radical alteration of the prairie bioregion and what they learned about **natural history** and the beginnings of the **conservation movement**. [See the video](#), recorded from Oct. 27.

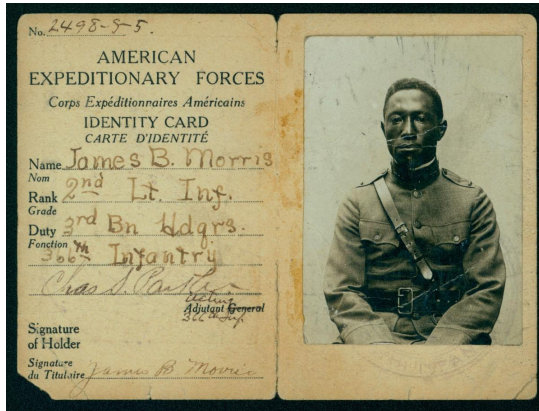


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Coming Up Next

The Education and Training of Seven African-American U.S. Army Officers for World War I and its Aftermath

Noon Nov. 10



Join **Bernard Harris** in a detailed analysis of little-known facts uncovered from archives and museums concerning **Fort Des Moines** in 1917, when it hosted the segregated Infantry and Medical Officer Training Camps. The talk will focus on the monthly activities in both camps as experienced by **seven African American civilians** who graduated with U.S. Army officer commissions. Each of these men later served overseas in France, many in the trenches of World War I.

Officer James B. Morris of Des Moines, 1917.

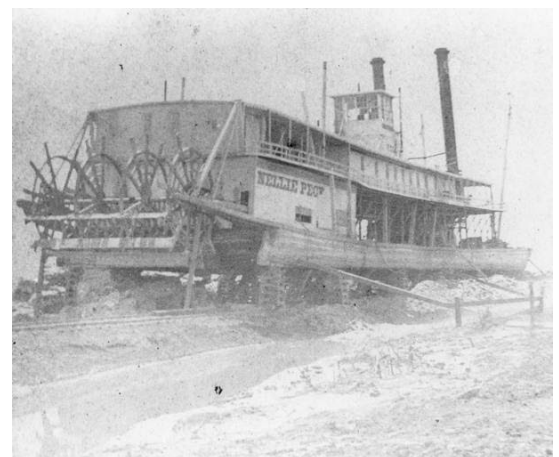
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Portrait of a Steamboat Town, Sioux City, 1868-1873

Noon Dec. 8

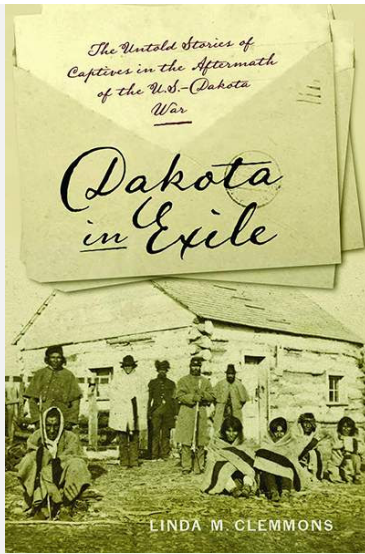
Join **Kassie Nelson** and take a deep dive into the relationship between **Sioux City citizens and the steamboat trade**. Highlighting the years from 1868 to 1873 emphasizes the unique nature of this relationship during a time when Sioux City and the steamboat trade were in transition.

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The steamship Nellie Peck.

Iowa History Book Club



The [Iowa History Book Club](#) continues on Dec. 1 with Linda Clemmons' "**Dakota in Exile: The Untold Stories of Captives in the Aftermath of the U.S.-Dakota War.**" The online discussion will be led by **Andrew Klumpp**, editor of **The Annals of Iowa**.

Programs are recorded and [posted online](#).

[REGISTER FOR "DAKOTA IN EXILE"](#)

Muscatine County church added to the National Register of Historic Places

In March 1920, fire destroyed **St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Nichols** leaving only its exterior brick and stone-trimmed walls. That summer, the southeast Iowa parish raised enough money to rebuild the church to its original 1904 Gothic design, and reopened it in October. It's now listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**.

In adding the church to the register, the **U.S. Department of the Interior** cited the building's Late Gothic Revival architecture as a good example of the work of **George P. Stauduhar**, a prolific architect from Rock Island, Illinois, who designed both the original 1904 church and its 1920 replacement.



Visit the Society's Library & Archives Research Centers

The [Iowa History Collections Catalog](#) makes researching the state's collection of historic documents and artifacts, genealogical records, newspapers and images easier than ever. Available to

[Visit the Research Centers](#)

The Research Centers in Des Moines and Iowa City are open by

anyone with an internet connection, the system allows users to search across all cataloged collections or just within the society's museum, libraries, archives and special collections. Staff are adding existing and new collection holdings to the catalog weekly.

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