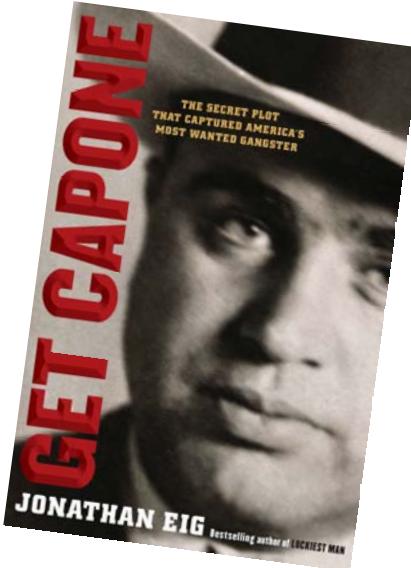


June/July 2010

Award-winning journalist Jonathan Eig to discuss *Get Capone: The Secret Plot that Captured America's Most Wanted Gangster*

The National Archives at Kansas City will host award-winning author **Jonathan Eig** on **Thursday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m.** for a discussion of his new book *Get Capone: The Secret Plot that Captured America's Most Wanted Gangster*. Eig will be available to sign copies of his book after the discussion. A **6:00 p.m. reception** will precede the event. In addition, attendees are encouraged to view the exhibition *Mugged!: Facing Life at Leavenworth* prior to the discussion.

Alphonse Capone moved to Chicago in 1920 without the notion that he would one day become America's Public Enemy No.1. *Get Capone: The Secret Plot that Captured America's Most Wanted Gangster* delves deep into the world of the notorious crime boss. *Get Capone*



not only details the fall of Capone, but his rise to control and how he maintained it. Eig traces Capone's career from his beginnings as a small time Brooklyn hoodlum to his virtual control of the underworld in 1920s Chicago before he was thirty years old. Capone made a fortune bootlegging during Prohibition, eventually extending his reach to racketeering, gambling, and other mob-controlled activities. Ruthless in exercising his power, he evaded criminal charges for his actions, in large part because of the fundamental corruption of Chicago's law enforcement. Capone would become a national celebrity, igniting the ire of President Hoover. *Get Capone* presents information that was found in newly discovered personal and government documents, including new theories such as - did Capone really have anything to do with St. Valentine's Day Massacre? Filled with new information that will change the familiar story, *Get Capone* offers a fascinating, riveting account of an iconic American figure.

Copies of *Get Capone: The Secret Plot that Captured America's Most Wanted Gangster* will be available for purchase at The Kansas City Store at the National Archives. Following the program Eig will be available to sign copies of his book. To make a reservation for the free event, call 816-268-8010 or email kansascity.educate@nara.gov

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The National Archives at Kansas City has launched its own Facebook page! We encourage you to "like" us at

www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity. Plan to visit the page for updates on upcoming exhibitions, programs, research tips, genealogy information, as well as other "fun facts" from the Kansas City stacks! The staff at the National Archives at Kansas City will be updating the Facebook page several times each week. If you have a research or genealogy topic you would like for us to include or mention on the page, please email kansascity.educate@nara.gov

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Upcoming Events

All events are held at the National Archives, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO

- JULY 1 - PARTISAN PIECES: QUILTS OF POLITICAL AND PATRIOTIC PERSUASION EXHIBITION OPENS
- JULY 10 - AMERICAN INDIAN STUDY GROUP: BEGINNING INDIAN GENEALOGY
- JULY 15 - AUTHOR EVENT: JONATHAN EIG DISCUSSES GET CAPONE
- JULY 23 - (REPEAT PROGRAM) AMERICAN INDIAN STUDY GROUP: BEGINNING INDIAN GENEALOGY
- AUGUST 5 - AUTHOR EVENT: KENNETH LAMASTER DISCUSSES IMAGES OF AMERICA: U.S. PENITENTIARY LEAVENWORTH
- AUGUST 7 - FAMILY DAY, WITH FUN QUILT ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

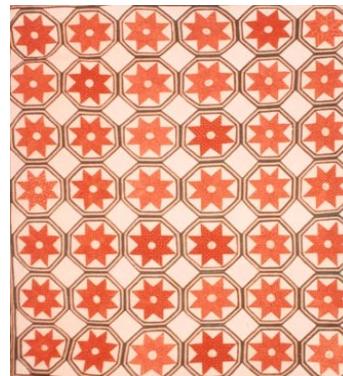
National Archives at Kansas City to open *Partisan Pieces: Quilts of Political and Patriotic Persuasion*

On July 1, 2010, the National Archives at Kansas City will open *Partisan Pieces: Quilts of Political and Patriotic Persuasion*, an exhibition which features 12 historical quilts from the 1840s-1940s. Local quilt scholar and author Barbara Brackman will present a special behind-the-scenes look at political quilts at 6:30 p.m.; a reception will precede Brackman's lecture at 6:00 p.m. The quilts are from a traveling exhibition, on loan from the International Quilt Study Center and Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. *Partisan Pieces* will be on display from July 1, 2010, to October 1, 2010.

Partisan Pieces features a dozen quilts made of pieced and appliquéd stars, flags, eagles, campaign ribbons, and flowers. The theme and focus is on the political and patriotic sentiments of the women who made them during the

nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This exhibition is a sampling of the numerous ways women cast their vote, if not their ballot, in the years before suffrage. *Partisan Pieces* breaks new ground in the search for women's rights as a new government and nation were being created. Rather than reading between the lines you can read between the stitches to gain new insights into the minds and emotions of the founding mothers.

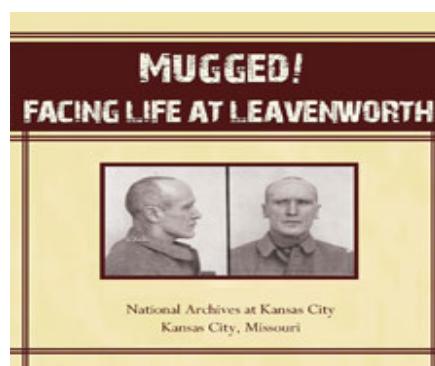
Pictured at left (Eagle) and above (Eight Pointed Star) are two quilts from the *Partisan Pieces* exhibition.



Mugged!: Facing Life at Leavenworth exhibit open through August 7

The National Archives at Kansas City recently opened *Mugged!: Facing Life at Leavenworth*. This exhibition will take visitors on a behind-the-scenes journey through the halls of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. The exhibition features records of the men (and a few women) who served time at the prison from the 1890s - 1930s.

Drawing from the diverse inmate case files in the holdings of the National Archives at Kansas City, this exhibition offers a glimpse into prison life in the United States during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Visitors to this exhibition will have the



opportunity to create their own inmate case file as they journey through the exhibit learning about the prison intake process and day-to-day life behind bars at Leavenworth.

Mugged! features famous and not-so-famous inmates from

Leavenworth, including Robert Stroud, known as "The Birdman of Alcatraz;" African-American heavyweight boxing champion Jack Johnson; 15-year-old arsonist Lizzie Cardish; and Prohibition-era gangster George "Machine Gun" Kelly.

Located twenty-five miles north of Kansas City, Kansas, the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas, opened its doors in 1895 as the nation's first Federal Penitentiary.

Mugged: Facing Life at Leavenworth was curated by the National Archives at Kansas City. It will be available for viewing until August 7.

Family History Expo Coming to Kansas City July 30-31, 2010

Family History Expo will be held July 30-31, 2010, at the KCI Expo Center in Kansas City, MO. Learn all aspects of researching your family history from expert speakers, including a keynote by Lori Cox-Paul, Archives Director at the National Archives at Kansas City. Plan to visit the exhibit hall and learn the latest in genealogical technology trends. National Archives staff will be available to answer your genealogy questions! For more information, or to register go to: www.flexpos.com/expos/

Are you on the National Archives mailing list? If the answer is "no," then drop us an email with your address; send it to: kansascity.educate@nara.gov Per the Privacy Act of 1974 we will not share your personal information with third parties.

Educator Extras!

The Museum Educators Roundtable will be hosting a Teacher Appreciation Day on Sunday, August 8, 2010, at the National World War I Museum. Drop by between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to meet representatives from area museums. Learn about opportunities for student experiences in museums, archives, and historic sites in the area. Free lesson plans and other curriculum materials will be available. The National World War I Museum will also be offering free admission to the museum that day with a school ID. The National World War I Museum is located at the Liberty Memorial, 100 West 26th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108. For more information, please contact Jim Barkley at 816-784-



for more information, please contact Jim Barkley at 816-784-1926 or jbarkley@theworldwar.org.

Gems for Genealogists

CastleGarden.org is an educational project of The Battery Conservancy. This free site offers access to an extraordinary database of information on 11 million immigrants from 1820 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Over 100 million Americans can trace their ancestors to this early immigration period.

Castle Garden, today known as Castle Clinton National Monument, is the major landmark within The Battery, the 25 acre waterfront park at the tip of Manhattan. From 1855 to 1890, the Castle was America's first official immigration center, a pioneering collaboration of New York State and New York City.

CastleGarden.org is an invaluable resource for educators, scholars, students, family historians, and the interested public. Currently the site hosts 11 million records, and support is needed to complete the complete digitization of the original ship manifests.

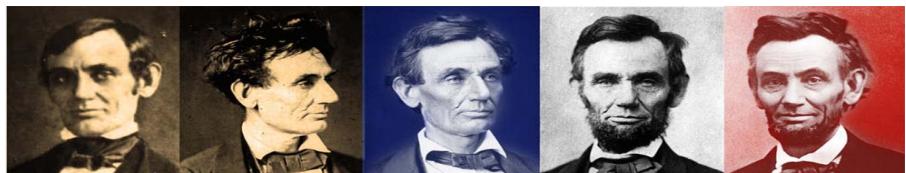
The Battery remains one of the oldest public open spaces in continuous use in New York City. Native Americans fished from its banks, and the first Dutch settlers built a low, stone wall with cannons, a battery, to protect the harbor and the fledgling city of New Amsterdam. The transformations of The Battery and the

Castle tell the history of New York and, by association, the growth and development of our nation.

Visit this free website at: www.castleqarden.org

Save the Date!

Save the date for August 27, 2010, as the National Archives will open *Abraham Lincoln: Self-made in America*. This exhibition is on loan to the Archives from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and examines Lincoln's life from his beginnings in the crudest of circumstances to his ascension to the presidency and his assassination.



Abraham Lincoln: *Self-Made in America*

Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

The Buck Stops Here!: World War II Draft Registration Card for Senator Harry S. Truman

President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 which created the country's first peacetime draft and formally established the Selective Service System as an independent Federal agency. This System was meant to provide an orderly, just, and democratic method of obtaining men for military and naval service. Except between December 5, 1942, and December 5, 1943, when it was placed under the War Manpower Commissioner, the System was responsible to the President.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)		
SERIAL NUMBER U 4622	L. NAME (First) Harry	ORDER NUMBER S Truman
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Prim) 219 No. Delaware, Independence Jackson, Mo.	3. MAILING ADDRESS 240 Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.	
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
4. TELEPHONE Na. 3120	5. AGE IN YEARS 56	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Lamar, Mo.
(Exchange) (Number)	(Month) (Day) (Year)	(Town or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Bees W. Truman 219 No. Delaware, Independence/Mo		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS United States Senate		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Washington, D. C.		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE <i>Harry Truman</i>		
D. S. S. FORM 2 (Revised 4-1-42) (Signature & Signature)		

From 1948 until 1973, during both peacetime and periods of conflict, men were drafted to fill vacancies in the armed forces which could not be filled through voluntary means. In 1973 the draft ended, and the United States converted to an all-volunteer military. The registration requirement was suspended in April 1975. It was resumed again in 1980 by President Carter in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Registration continues today as a hedge against underestimating the number of servicemen that may be needed in a future crisis or conflict.

The United States has employed conscription (mandatory military service, a.k.a. "the draft") several times, usually during war, but also during the nominal peace of the Cold War. Senator Truman choose to show his support of the draft in 1942 by registering for the fourth draft registration, also known as the "old man's draft," a term used to describe those born between April 28, 1877, and February 16, 1897. Looking at this draft card much information is available on the registrant, including a physical description, an emergency contact, and personal address information. In this case Truman, who was not yet president, listed his wife as the person who would always know his address.

The National Archives at Kansas City has Fourth Draft Registration cards for the following states: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota as a part of the Selective Service System, Missouri State Headquarters, (1942-1947). For more on Record Group 147 records, search through the [Archival Research Catalog \(ARC\)](#).



The National Archives at Kansas City is one of 13 facilities nationwide where the public has access to Federal archival records. It is home to more than 50,000 cubic feet of historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s created or received by nearly 100 Federal agencies. Serving the Central Plains Region, the archives holds records from the states of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The facility is located at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108.

HOURS OF OPERATION

RESEARCH ROOMS: Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT GALLERIES: Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Federal holidays. Hours are subject to change due to special programs and weather.

For more information, call 816-268-8000, email kansascity.archives@nara.gov or visit our website www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city