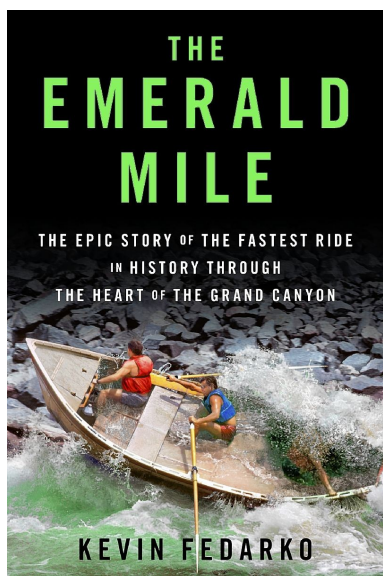


September 2013

Kevin Fedarko to Discuss *The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History Through the Heart of the Grand Canyon*



On **Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host **Kevin Fedarko** for a discussion and signing of his book, *The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History Through the Heart of the Grand Canyon*. A 6:00 p.m. reception will precede the lecture. Copies of *The Emerald Mile* will be available for purchase onsite from Rainy Day Books.

In 1983 the largest El Niño event on record, a chain of “superstorms,” swept in from the Pacific Ocean and battered the entire West. That spring, a massive snowmelt sent runoff racing down the Colorado River toward the Glen Canyon Dam, a 710-foot-high wall of concrete that sat at the head of the most iconic landscape feature in America, the Grand Canyon. As the water clawed toward the parapet of the dam, worried Federal officials desperately scrambled to avoid a worst-case scenario - one of the most dramatic dam

failures in history. In the midst of this crisis, beneath the light of a full moon, a trio of river guides secretly launched a small, hand-built wooden boat, a dory named the *Emerald Mile*.

The river chaos had already claimed fatalities and park rangers were conducting the largest helicopter evacuation in the history of Grand Canyon National Park. An insurgent river run under such conditions seemed to border on the suicidal, but Kenton Grua, the captain of *Emerald Mile*, was on an unusual mission. His aim was to use the flood as a hydraulic slingshot that would hurl him and two companions through 277 miles of some of the most ferocious white water in North America and catapult the *Emerald Mile* into legend as the fastest boat ever propelled through the heart of the Grand Canyon.

To make a reservation for this **free event** call 816-268-8010 or email kansascity.educate@nara.gov. Fedarko will sign copies of his book after the discussion.

Dr. Christopher Gabel to Discuss *You Can't Get There from Here: Riverboats, Railroads, and the Development of the West*

On **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host **Dr. Christopher Gabel** for a discussion titled *You Can't Get There from Here: Riverboats, Railroads, and the Development of the West*. A 6:00 p.m. reception will precede the discussion.

This presentation examines the difficulties of long-distance transportation and trade prior to the development of steam transportation, and explores the impact first of steamboats and then railroads in the opening of the American West. The city of Leavenworth, Leavenworth County, and the state of Kansas serve as examples in demonstrating the vital importance of efficient transportation in the history of the American heartland.

To make a reservation for this **free event** call 816-268-8010 or email kansascity.educate@nara.gov.

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Upcoming Events

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400 West Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

- SEPTEMBER 5 - 6:30 P.M.
AUTHOR LECTURE: *THE EMERALD MILE* BY KEVIN FEDARKO
- *SEPTEMBER 7 - 9:00 A.M.
TROLLEY TOUR: *THE LIFE OF FRED HARVEY* WITH DEE HARRIS
- SEPTEMBER 11 - 6:30 P.M.
LECTURE: *YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE* WITH DR. CHRISTOPHER GABEL
- SEPTEMBER 12 - 10:00 A.M.
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:
SOLVING GENEALOGY PROBLEMS WITH TIMELINES WITH BETH FOULK
- **SEPTEMBER 21 - 1:30 P.M.
AUTHOR LECTURE: *COLOR BLIND* BY TOM DUNKLE
- *** SEPTEMBER 28 - 2:00 P.M.
AUTHOR LECTURE: *HARRY TRUMAN'S INDEPENDENCE* BY JON TAYLOR

*THIS PROGRAM REQUIRES REGISTRATION VIA THE KANSAS CITY MUSEUM.

** THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT THE NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM.

*** THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT THE JACKSON COUNTY HISTORIC TRUMAN COURTHOUSE.

Gems for Genealogists

The National Archives at Kansas City will offer one free genealogy workshop in September. The workshop will be held at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

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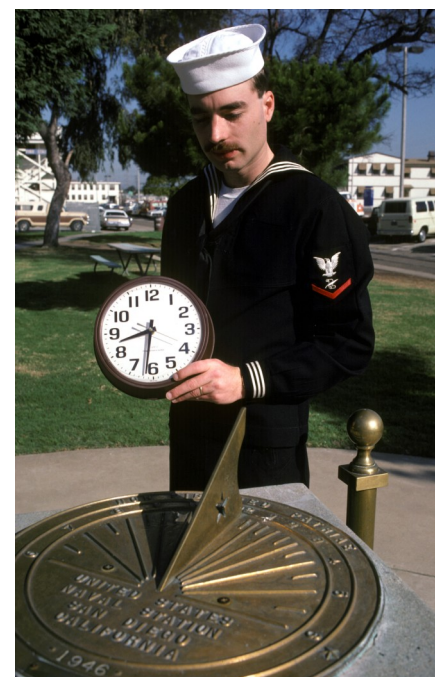
Solving Genealogy Problems with Timelines with Genealogist Beth Foulk
Thursday, September 12 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

When you create a personal timeline of an ancestor's life, it is easy to see facts, relationships, and stories emerge that were never before apparent. This class discusses how to create a timeline and their many uses in genealogy research and analysis.

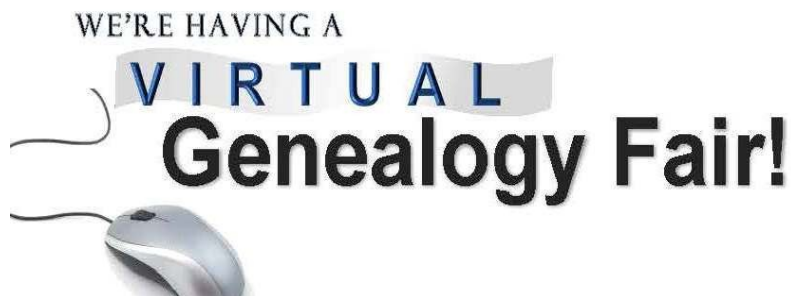
Foulk is a member of the Genealogy Speakers Guild, Association of Professional Genealogists-Heartland Chapter, New England Historical Society, and National Genealogical Society. She holds a masters degree in marketing.

To make a reservation for this **free workshop**, please call 816-268-8000 or email kansascity.archives@nara.gov.

Right: A sailor resets his clock using a sun dial to reflect the one-hour difference between standard time and daylight-saving time. Record Group 330, Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Combined Digital Military Photographic Files, compiled 1982-2007.



National Archives Hosts Free Virtual Genealogy Fair



On September 3 and 4, the National Archives will host a virtual Genealogy Fair via webcast on the U.S. National Archives UStream channel. This two-day program will showcase tips and techniques for using Federal records at the National Archives for genealogy research. Lectures are designed for experienced genealogy professionals and novices alike. Lecture topics include Native American and African American history, immigration, Civil War pensions, U.S. Colored Troops, and Navy Deck logs.

When: On **Wednesday, September 3**, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. (EDT) and **Thursday, September 4**, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. (EDT).

Where: Schedule and details are available at Virtual Genealogy Fair www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/genealogy-fair. The online webcast will be streamed live from the U.S. National Archives [UStream channel](http://UStream.channel).

Who: Speakers include Zack Wilske from the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service and National Archives experts Elizabeth Burnes, Damani Davis, John Deeben, Jake Erslund, Theresa Fitzgerald, Susan Karren, Claire Prechtel Kluskens, Ashley Mattingly, Mark Mollan, Trevor Plante, Rebecca Sharp, Nancy Wing, and Michael Wright.

Genealogy Help Line: Call with your genealogy questions. National Archives staff in Washington, DC will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. eastern daylight time (EDT) during the Fair on September 3 and 4 on our special hotline at 202- 357-5420. You may also send email inquiries to inquire@nara.gov, or call the Washington, DC Customer Service Center telephone during regular business hours at 1-866-325-7208.

For more information, visit www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/genealogy-fair/ or email KYR@nara.gov. Join the Genealogy Fair conversation on Twitter using the hashtag #genfair2013.

Fred Harvey: The Man, the Brand, and the American West Exhibition

Fred Harvey on the Homefront

Wednesday National "Wheatless Day" in the Patriotic Interest of Food Conservation

Lunch Room Service

BREAD, ROLLS AND BUTTER WITH FOLLOWING ITEMS 5¢ EXTRA PERSON

BEVO, PER BOTTLE, 10¢		Oysters	
Today's Suggestions		Blue Points, half dozen	15 Stewed in Cream
Soup—Purée of Potato	15	Oyster Cocktail	25 Half Dozen, 40
Chicken Ome	15	Stewed in Milk	30 Special Oyster Sandwich
FISH—BROILED SPANISH MACKEREL, DRAWN BUTTER	45	Relishes and Appetizers	
Fish Flakes, Sauce Remoulade, (Cold)	40	Tomatoes Sliced	20 Cucumbers Sliced
GOOSE LIVER DUMPLING, POACHED WITH APPLE SAUER KRAUT	35	Relishes	10 Young Onions
Regout of Beef au Paprika en Casserole	40	Rice Olives	15 Melon Mangos
Lamb Hash in Cream with Green Peppers, Poached Egg	40	Sweet Pickles	10 French Sardines, per box
Virginia Ham Cakes with Fresh Mushrooms and Lye Ham	40	Dill Pickles	10 Chow Chow
Eggs, Scrambled with Shad Roe and Green Onions	45	Green Olives, Stuffed Olives	15 Marinated Herring in Sour Pickles
Baked Beans with Boiled Ham, Boston Brown Bread	35	10 Wine with Sliced Onions	20 Celery
Orange Marmalade and Buttered Toast	20	20 Caviar on Toast	40
ROAST LOIN OF VEAL, DEMI GLACE, DRESSING	45	Soups and Bouillons	
ROAST—Prime Ribs of Beef au Jus 5¢; with Rib	60	Chicken Ome	25 Shad Roe
Hot Roast Beef Sandwich 3¢; with Mashed Potatoes	35	20 Fillet of Halibut, Tomato Sauce	40
Oyster Plant in Cream 10	15	20 Kipped Herring	35
Baked Potato (12 to 2 and 5 to 8)	15	20 Smoked Whitefish	40
SANDWICH COMBINATION—Corned Beef and Pimento Cheese on Rye Bread with Beet Salad	25	20 Chicken Soup	30
Steamed Rice with Pitcher of Half and Half	25	20 Chicken Soup	30
SALAD—Celery, Apple and Nut	25	20 Tomato	20
COCOANUT CREAM PIE	15	Chops, Poultry, Etc.	
Indian Pudding	15	English Mutton Chop with Saratoga Chips	50
Parfait De Lait 20	20	Port Chops with French Fried Sweet Potatoes	50
Marshmallow Nut Sundae	20	Browned Corned Beef Hash with Fried Egg	40
Vanilla Ice Cream with Angel Cake	20	Lois Butt Steak with French Fried Potatoes	60
Cannelloni Cheese with Toasted Rye Bread	20	Little Pig Sausage	45
Wednesday, January 30, 1918	1-4	Veal Cutlets Breaded	50
Following Sandwiches Served on Oatmeal or Rye Bread		50 Pickled Young Chicken	65
Sandwiches		Minced Ham with Fried Egg	40
Special Club	50	Deviled Ham	30
Ham and Chicken Club Style	15	30 Swiss Cheese, Domestic	25
Pimento Cheese on Rye Bread	15	30 Swiss Cheese, Foreign	25
Ham 10; Corned Beef	25	30 American Cheese	25
Tomato 20; Roast Beef	25	40 Sliced Chicken or Turkey	50
Chicken 25; Chicken Salad	25	50 Philadelphia Cream Cheese	20
Sardine 25; Caviar	60	COTTAGE CHEESE WITH CHIVES AND RYE BREAD 25	
BREAD—OATMEAL, RYE, BOSTON BROWN, WITH BUTTER 10		Ham with Potato Salad	35
Eggs, Etc.		Deviled Ham	30
For Eggs, Bacon, Ham, Cereals, etc., ask for Breakfast Bill		Roast Beef	50
Pies and Cakes		Os Tongue	50
Baked Apple Dumpling with hard and Brandy Sauce 20		Corned Beef	40
Buckwheat or Rice Cakes	15	Assorted Cold Meats	50
with Vermont Syrup 15	15	Vegetables	
Gooseberry, Blueberry, Rhubarb, Apricot Apple, Peach, Coconut, Custard, Pumpkin or Lemon-Meringue Pie 10	15	Baked Potatoes 12 to 2	15
Since Pie Hot or Cold, 10¢; with Brandy Sauce	15	Boiled or Mashed Potatoes from 12 to 2 p. m.	15
Ice Cream, Fruits and Preserves		French Fried Potatoes	15
Vanilla Ice Cream	15	Fried Sweet Potatoes	15
Strawberry Ice Cream	15	Apparagus	25
Fresh Pineapple Ice	15	Succotash 15; String Beans	15
Chocolate Ice Cream	15	Stewed Tomatoes	15
Strawberry Sundae	20	Stewed Corn 15; June Peas	15
Drinks, Hot or Cold		Fried Egg Plant	15
Coffee, per Cup 10; per Pot 15	15	Salads	
Tea, per Pot 15	15	Combination Vegetable	25
Cocoa, per Pot 10	10	Aviation Fruit	15
Putum, per Cup 10	10	Head Lettuce French Dressing	20
Travelers Box Lunches 30¢		Letts and Tomato	25
Not Responsible for Loss or Exchange of Wearing Apparel or other Personal effects		15 Lettuce with Egg	25
DRUG STORE IN LOBBY—COMPLETE LINE OF TRAVELERS NEEDS		Tomato, Stuffed with Chicken	50
HARVEY'S SPECIAL BLEND COFFEE, PER POUND 40¢		Tomato, Stuffed with Celery	30
For Mineral and Soda Waters See Reverse Side		15 Tomato 25; Chicken	60
		15 Tuna Fish 40; Salmon	40
		15 Crab 50; Shrimp	50
		15 Asparagus Vinaigrette	25
		25 Cakes with Bacon 35; Ham	40
		20 Caramel or Layer Cake	10
		10 Charlotte Russe	10
		10 Marshmallow Roll	10
		15 Jelly Roll 10; Cream Puffs	10
		15 Baked Apple with Cream	15
		15 Apple Sauce	15
		15 Stewed Apple 10; Cream	15
		15 Prunes Stewed 10; Cream	15
		15 Preserved Pigs	20
		15 Apple Cider, per Mug	10
		15 Grape Juice	10
		15 Grape Juice Highball	15
		30 Sparkling Grape Juice	25
		Special Lunches to Order	

When America joined the fighting in World War I, the Fred Harvey company quickly joined the support efforts on the homefront. Fred Harvey, who ran the company, after his father Fred's death in 1901, negotiated with the War Department to feed troops en route to their training assignments. Kansas City's Union Station became a major stopover for troops, and hundreds of soldiers enjoyed Fred Harvey dining rooms across the country or ate a sack lunch from the Harvey Houses as they traveled to their destination.

As the war effort deepened, rationing became a critical concern for the Harvey Houses, which were trying to feed both the American soldiers and the general public. This menu illustrates how the Fred Harvey company responded to food rationing during the war. The company so known for its famous beefsteaks made major changes to their menus, offering "Meatless Mondays" and "Wheatless Wednesdays" in cooperation with the U.S. Food Administration's rationing requirements. You can see this menu and other original Fred Harvey-related artifacts and records on display in the exhibit *Fred Harvey: The Man, the Brand, and the American West* now currently showing at the National Archives.

Fred Harvey: The Man, the Brand, and the American West will be available for viewing through January 4, 2014. To schedule a group tour call 816-268-8013 or email mickey.ebert@nara.gov.

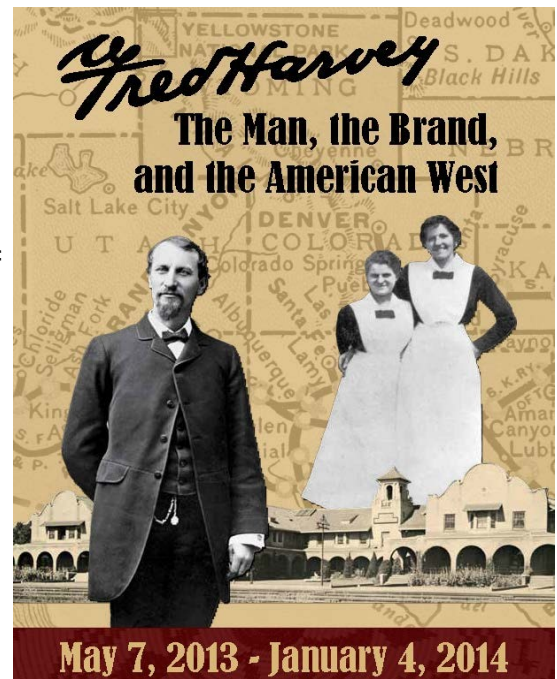
Left: Lunch Room Service Menu, January 30, 1918. Record Group 4, Records of the U.S. Food Administration.

Kansas City Museum and National Archives to Offer Trolley Tour

Due to popular demand, on **Saturday, September 7** from **9:00 a.m. - Noon** the Kansas City Museum, in partnership with the National Archives at Kansas City, will offer a **second Trolley Tour** on *The Life of Fred Harvey*. Tickets are required and can be purchased online at <http://kansascitymuseum.org/trolleytour.html>.

Travel back to 1880s Leavenworth and visit the Fred Harvey home with host and guide Dee Harris of the National Archives in Kansas City, and curator of *Fred Harvey: The Man, the Brand, and the American West*. Harris will explore Harvey's life from a dishwasher in New York to restaurateur operating the Harvey House chain of restaurants along the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad line. His wait staff, the immaculately dressed Harvey Girls, would become a part of Western and Hollywood lore. In Leavenworth, you will pass his daughter Sybil's home across the street and visit his gravesite at Mount Muncie Cemetery.

The tour includes transportation to and from Leavenworth, Kansas, and lunch from Harvey's at Union Station. Fred Harvey operated one of his Fred Harvey restaurants inside Union Station as well as the upscale Westport Room.



Preservation Matters: Dos and Don'ts, Digital Records and Disaster Response on Saturday, October 5 at the National Archives

Have you ever wondered how you would save your family heirlooms in the event of a disaster? Have you ever been overwhelmed by the sheer volume of digital files you have stored on your electronic devices? Have you ever worried you damaged that important document you had laminated? These and other preservation issues will be addressed at the *Preservation Matters* event on Saturday, October 5. Attend any or all of the morning workshops offering practical advice and tips on how to preserve your family heirlooms, photographs, documents, and digital files.

A *Preservation One-on-One Clinic* will be offered in the afternoon. When you reserve a 15-minute time slot at the *One-on-One Clinic*, you may bring in a single item and receive personal advice on how to preserve it.

This event is **by reservation only**. To reserve your spot, please call 816.268.8000 or email kansascity.archives@nara.gov.

Workshop Schedule:

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Preservation Myths: The Things We Do...and What We Should Do Instead
Sarah LeRoy, Archives Technician, National Archives at Kansas City

Have you ever opened a bag of priceless family records, only to find them torn, brittle, and damaged? Have you ever tried to fix the damage yourself by taping the tears, or laminating the pages in order to protect their condition? You may be surprised to learn that some of these techniques irreparably harm fragile documents. Learn how to best care for your paper-based records and traditional photographs before the damage occurs.

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Caring for Your Family Treasures
Tammy Williams, Archivist, Harry S. Truman Library and Museum

Are you hanging on to your wedding dress in the hopes that one day your daughter or granddaughter will wear it? What about all that family china and sterling silver flatware you use at Thanksgiving? Or your great-grandmother's linens? Learn how to care for and store your family treasures (and IF you should even keep them!), and make sure they last for the next generations!

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Preserving Your Digital Heritage
Stephen Spence, Archives Specialist, National Archives at Kansas City

In the past, your family's photographic collection probably consisted of prints made with a single family camera. In the 21st century, we've gone digital with our phones, tablets, computers, and cameras. Technology has made it easier to capture moments, but has complicated the process of storing them. Keeping track of and preserving your digital files on multiple devices can be overwhelming. This session will show you how to organize, centralize, and protect your collections for yourself and those to come.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All Wet! Responding to Floods, Leaks, and Other Damp Disasters
Joyce Burner, Archivist, National Archives at Kansas City

It's bound to happen. A pipe will burst or a leaky roof will drip, and family papers, books, and photos will be awash in water. Learn quick response tips to salvage sodden heirlooms, and stop or prevent mold damage. Pick up practical advice on spotting disasters just waiting to happen.



Above: This photograph depicts damage caused by "wear and tear." Staff will discuss ways in which to properly preserve photos.

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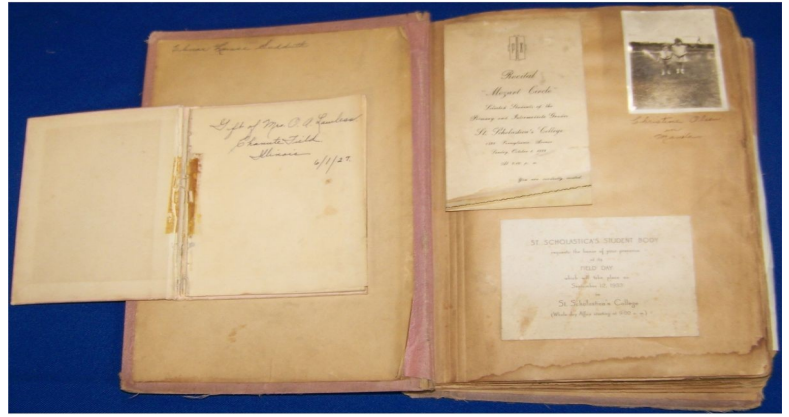
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12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Preservation One-on-One Clinic *by reservation only*

Reserve your 15-minute time slot to bring a single item to the *Preservation One-on-One* clinic, and receive personal advice on how to preserve it. To find out available times and to reserve your space, call 816.268.8000 or email kansascity.archives@nara.gov.

Right: This image depicts an old scrapbook of family mementoes. Staff from the National Archives will discuss preservation techniques for family photos and documents without causing damage to the items.



Are you on the National Archives at Kansas City electronic mail list?



The National Archives is going green. For the remainder of 2013 the Archives will only send out information regarding programs and workshops via email. If we don't have your address on file, please send an email with your preferred email address to kansascity.educate@nara.gov or call 816-268-8000. By providing your address, you grant the National Archives at Kansas City permission to send you information about upcoming exhibitions, special events, and programs. Per the Privacy Act of 1974, we will not share your personal information with third parties.

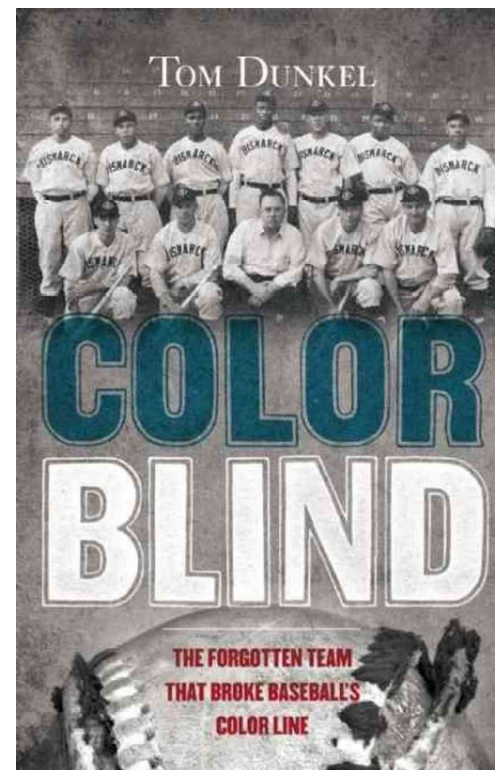
Tom Dunkel to Discuss *Color Blind: The Forgotten Team That Broke Baseball's Color Line* at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

On **Saturday, September 21** at **1:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City in partnership with the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, will host **Tom Dunkel** for a discussion and signing of his book *Color Blind: The Forgotten Team That Broke Baseball's Color Line*. Copies of *Color Blind* will be available for purchase in the museum gift shop.

During the Great Depression, out in drought stricken North Dakota, one of the most improbable teams in the history of baseball was put together by one of the sport's most unlikely champions. In Bismarck, a decade before Jackie Robinson broke into the Major Leagues, car dealer Neil Churchill signed the best players he could find, regardless of race, and fielded an integrated squad that took on all comers in spectacular fashion. When baseball swept America in the years after the Civil War, independent, semi-pro, and municipal leagues sprouted up everywhere. *Color Blind* focuses on the wild world of independent baseball, with its tough competition and novelty, from all-brother teams and a prison team (which only played home games, naturally), to one from a religious commune that sported Old Testament beards. Dunkel traces the rise of the Bismarck squad, and follows them through their highs and lows, focusing on the 1935 season, and the first National Semi-Pro Tournament in Wichita, Kansas.

The National Archives at Kansas City and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum have partnered to present the *Swing into History* program series this year. The focus is on baseball and its impact on American culture. The series will continue during the 2013 baseball season.

To make a reservation for this event call 816-268-8010 or email kansascity.educate@nara.gov. *Museum admission rates will apply. For Negro Leagues Baseball Museum hours, directions, and admission fees visit www.nlbm.com/s/hours.htm.



Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

Pushing for Equality

If you have been following the news surrounding the Supreme Court's repeal of parts of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) then you may have seen the names Michael McConnell and Jack Baker mentioned in the media. Michael McConnell and Jack Baker were involved in a series of court cases in the early 1970s suing for gay rights, including same-sex marriage.

In April 1970 Michael McConnell accepted a job as the head of cataloging at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus library. He quit his job as Acquisitions Librarian at Park College in Missouri and moved to Minnesota. On May 18th, he and his partner, a first year law student at the University of Minnesota named Jack Baker, applied for a marriage license at the Hennepin County Clerk's office. They were denied the marriage license, and the newspapers picked up the story. Even though the newspapers never mentioned McConnell's ties with the University, the Board of Regents withdrew the job offer "on the grounds that his personal conduct...is not consistent with the best interest of the University."

McConnell sued the Board in the U.S. District Court, and the court ruled in favor of McConnell. The Board of Regents appealed the decision and the matter was taken up by the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals. The case file for the

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 20,583

FILED
OCT 18 1971

ROBERT C. TUCKER
CLERK

JAMES MICHAEL McCONNELL,)
Appellee,)
vs.)
ELMER ANDERSON, et al.,)
Appellants.)

(Oct. 18, 1971)

Before MEHAFFY, ROSS and STEPHENSON, Circuit Judges.

STEPHENSON, Circuit Judge.

This case has its origin in a July 9, 1970 resolution of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents not to approve the application of James Michael McConnell to head, at the rank of Instructor, the cataloging division of the University's St. Paul campus library on the ground that his "personal conduct, as represented in the public and University news media, is not consistent with the best interest of the University." McConnell's complaint alleged that he was offered the division head appointment in April 1970; that he accepted the offer in May 1970, but that the offer was withdrawn,¹ pursuant to the foregoing resolution, after he and another male publicly applied for a marriage license at the Hennepin County, Minnesota Clerk's office.

On July 22, 1970, McConnell brought suit for injunctive relief in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, naming as defendants the individual members of the Board of Regents and Ralph H. Hopp, the University Librarian.

1. McConnell acknowledges that no contract of employment was ever finalized since the Board of Regents refused to approve his application.

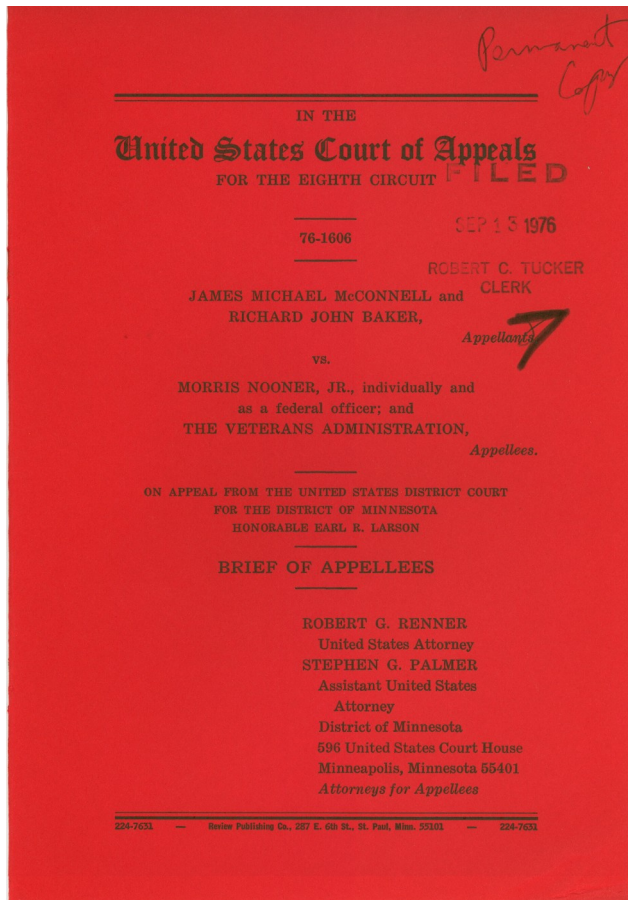
appellate case is part of the holdings of the National Archives of Kansas City. The judges reversed the decision of the District Court stating that this was a case in which the "prospective employee demands... the right to pursue an activist role in implementing his unconventional ideas concerning the societal status to be accorded homosexuals and, thereby, to foist tacit approval of this socially repugnant concept upon his employer... We know of no constitutional fiat or binding principle of decisional law which requires an employer to accede to such extravagant demands."

In August 1971, McConnell legally adopted Baker who legally changed his name to the more gender neutral Pat Lynn McConnell. The couple went to Blue Earth County, Minnesota and applied and received a marriage license. They were married by a Methodist minister on September 3, 1971. Because they were married, and because Jack Baker was a veteran, the couple asked the Veterans Administration (VA) for increased benefits since McConnell was his dependant spouse. When the VA denied their claim, McConnell and Baker sued. This time the U.S. District Court dismissed the case.

The couple appealed the dismissal to the Eight Circuit and this appellate case file is also part of the holdings of the National Archives at Kansas City. In October 1971, after the couple was already married, the Minnesota Supreme Court stated in a separate court case (Baker v. Nelson) that the institution of marriage was "a union of one man and woman."

Above: The U.S. Court of Appeals case document, filed October 18, 1971, for James Michael McConnell vs. Elmer Anderson et al. Anderson was listed a representative of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents which had revoked McConnell's job offer. Record Group 276, Records of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Pleadings Case Files, 1892-1993.

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Because of that statement, the Eighth Circuit upheld the dismissal saying, "the validity of the appellants' purported marriage turns largely upon Minnesota law."

Even after the Minnesota Supreme Court ruling, McConnell and Baker's marriage license was never revoked. They are still married and have been for the last forty two years.

The National Archives at Kansas City has many court cases dealing with Civil Rights in both Record Group 276, Records of the U.S. Court of Appeals and Record Group 21, Records of the District Courts of the United States. For more information email kansascity.archives@nara.gov or view the Online Public Access catalog at www.archives.gov/research/search.

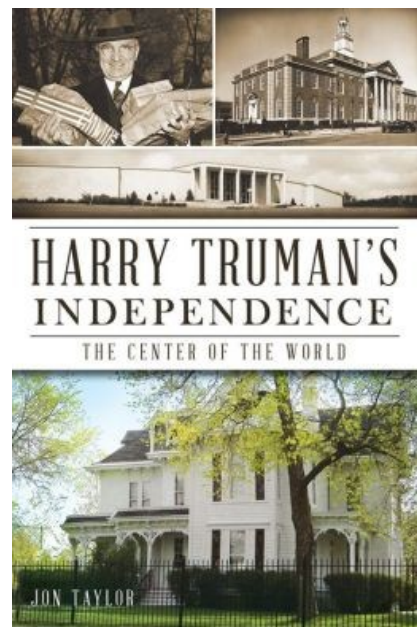
Right: A second U.S. Court of Appeals document, filed September 13, 1976, for James Michael McConnell and Richard John Baker vs. Morris Nooner, Jr. and the Veterans Administration. McConnell and Baker were appealing their U.S. District Court ruling over access to Veterans Administration benefits for married couples. Record Group 276, Records of the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Eight Circuit, Pleadings Case Files, 1892-1993.

Jon Taylor to Discuss *Harry Truman's Independence: The Center of the World* at the Jackson County Historic Truman Courthouse

On **Saturday, September 28 at 2:00 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City in partnership with the Jackson County Historical Society, will host **Jon Taylor** for a discussion and signing of his book *Harry Truman's Independence: The Center of the World*. This program will take place at the newly renovated Jackson County Historic Truman Courthouse on the square in Independence in the Brady Courtroom. Copies of *Harry Truman's Independence* will be available for purchase onsite.

Even after leaving presidential office at a time when America was in its ascendance to global power, Harry Truman would call Independence, Missouri, the "center of the world." It was already a town rich in the history of westward exploration and spiritual pilgrimage before he began sixty-four years of residence there, but the way it shaped Truman and was, in turn, shaped by him has defined Independence's legacy. That defining relationship is explored here by Truman expert Jon Taylor as it never has been before.

To make a reservation for this **free event** call 816-268-8010 or email kansascity.educate@nara.gov. Taylor will sign copies of his book after the discussion.



The National Archives at Kansas City is one of 15 facilities nationwide where the public has access to Federal archival records. It is home to historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s created or received by Federal agencies in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. For more information, call 816-268-8000, email kansascity.educate@nara.gov or visit www.archives.gov/kansas-city. Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/ationalarchiveskansascity.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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