



June History Happy Hours with the Truman Presidential Library and Museum

On **Friday, June 8 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**, the National Archives in partnership with the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum will host a *History Happy Hour* program. This program will feature staff archivist **Tammy Williams** who will discuss **Dear Bess, Love Harry**. The event will take place at the Truman Library, 500 West U.S. Highway 24, Independence, MO. The History Happy Hour is free for Truman Library members; paid museum admission applies for non-members. To make a reservation email Truman.events@nara.gov.

He first saw her in Sunday school at the age of six. "She had golden curls and... beautiful blue eyes," he recalled. They graduated from high school together in 1901, but went their separate ways until becoming reacquainted nine years later in 1910. Then Harry Truman began his first and longest campaign...to win the heart of Bess Wallace. Archivist Williams will tell the story of the Trumans love and devotion to each other through the letters they exchanged over their nine year courtship and 53-years of marriage.



Above: Harry Truman and Bess Wallace on their wedding day, June 28, 1919. Image courtesy of the Truman Library. National Archives Identifier 6778772

On **Friday, June 22 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**, the National Archives in partnership with the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum will host its second *History Happy Hour* program of the month. This program will feature **Dr. Jon Taylor** who will discuss **Harry and Tom**. The event will take place at Tom's Town Distilling Co., 1701 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. This History Happy Hour is \$10 per person, must be 21 to attend. [Reservations](#) are required; seats are limited.

One of the most complicated friendships during Harry Truman's life was his long-lasting relationship with Tom Pendergast, who became a Kansas City political kingpin in the early 1930s through his use of strong-arm tactics and personal wealth. Truman's success in politics was initially attributed to support from Pendergast. It was later in his career that this connection to the boss of Kansas City almost led to his political defeat as he had to overcome the impression that he was the "Senator from Pendergast." Historian Taylor will discuss their political alliance while guests enjoy a tasting of Tom's Town's award-winning spirits.



Left: President Truman and political boss Tom Pendergast. Image 98-39 courtesy of the Truman Library.

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Upcoming Events

Unless noted, all events are held at the National Archives 400 W. Pershing Road Kansas City, MO 64108

- **JUNE 8** - 4:00 P.M.
*HISTORY HAPPY HOUR: *DEAR BESS, LOVE HARRY*
- **JUNE 22** - 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.
SUMMER FUN TOURS
- **JUNE 22** - 4:00 P.M.
*HISTORY HAPPY HOUR: *HARRY AND TOM*
- **JUNE 24** - 2:00 P.M.
*AFTERNOON LECTURE: *AFRICAN AMERICANS IN TIMES OF WAR*
- **JUNE 29** - 10:00 A.M.
*EXHIBIT OPENING: *FOR LIBERTY: AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE IN WORLD WAR I*

*DENOTES ACTIVITY IS OFFSITE.

National Archives to Offer Free Friday Summer Fun Tours

This summer, National Archives public programs staff will offer Free Friday Summer Fun Tours of the facility and *We the People* exhibit. *We the People* highlights the millions of records that give insight into the lives of ordinary people. The 90-minute tour will provide visitors with an overview about records housed at the Archives.

Tour participants will also learn the history of the Adams-Express Building, which houses the National Archives at Kansas City, along with other features within the building. Tours will be offered on the following dates:

- Friday, June 22
- Friday, July 27
- Friday, August 17



Group tours must be scheduled 48 hours in advance and are limited to no more than 12 people per group. Two tour times are available on the dates noted above, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Tours require walking or standing for approximately 90-minutes. More information about group tours can be found [here](#). **Reservations are required**; call 816-268-8072 or email kansascity.educate@nara.gov.

Bernard Harris to Lecture at National World War I Museum and Memorial

On **Sunday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m.**, the National Archives in partnership with the National World War I Museum and Memorial, will host U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) **Bernard Harris** who will discuss *In the Know: African-Americans in Times of War*. The event will take place at the National World War I Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO.

Many African-Americans saw the war as an opportunity to redefine their U.S. citizenship and improve social, political and economic conditions. Harris for a discussion on African-American officers' training camps at Fort Des Moines and the complex challenges many soldiers faced abroad and at home during the war. This program is presented on occasion of Juneteenth and in partnership with the Greater Kansas City Black History Study Group. [Reservations](#) are requested for this **free program**.



Left: The 369th Infantry, known as the "Fighting 15th," back from France where they have covered themselves with glory, swing up Lenox Avenue, New York City, and receive a royal welcome. National Archives at College Park, Record Group 165, Records of the War Department 1860-1952, American Unofficial Collection of World War I photographs, 1917-1918, Colored Troops. National Archives Identifier 26431326

Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

A Summer Tradition

Temperatures creep upwards. Children count down to the last day of school. Baseball season is in full swing. All signs point to summer being fully upon us. The season comes with many familiar activities, sights, sounds, and, of course, smells. One of the most familiar smells associated with summer is of a cookout; hamburgers and hotdogs grilling over an open flame, in back yards and ballparks across the nation. As orders at grills everywhere are placed, a familiar question is universally asked: What do you want with that? Ketchup? Mustard? Relish? Whatever is chosen, a Heinz product is likely the answer to the request.

Though Heinz is a dominant player in the U.S. condiment industry, the early history of the company is mixed with success and failure. Henry Heinz was a natural entrepreneur. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1844, the son of immigrants, he began selling homegrown produce from an early age. He expanded his sales to include horseradish sauce and other canned goods, delivered by horse and wagon to local customers. Heinz's sales continued to grow, to the point that in 1869 he started his own company at age 25. Partnering with a friend, L. Clarence Noble, they formed the Heinz, Noble, and Company, which quickly became a regional, then national company. They purchased a vinegar plant in St. Louis, had contracts with farmers in Illinois and owned warehouses in St. Louis and Chicago, in addition to their factory in Pittsburgh. The company's most popular products included pickles, sauerkraut, and vinegar, along with their first product, horseradish sauce. In 1872, they began selling ketchup in both a walnut and tomato based variety. Heinz implemented innovations to set his company apart from competition, such as using clear glass jars, so customers could see the product they were buying, as well as inventory control to ensure that older products were sold first.

Innovation led to rapid success, which proved difficult to maintain, especially during the financially difficult period, spurred by the Panic of 1873. Credit was tight, and banks called in loans, creating a shortage of cash. Heinz, Noble, and Company struggled to pay its bills, balking on payments to its cucumber suppliers, and could not consistently pay its employees. Personal loans, mortgages of property, and the selling of warehouse stocks were not enough to

generate the needed cash to pay the company's bills. By December 1875, Heinz and Noble had no choice but to file for bankruptcy.

H. J. Heinz made mistakes that contributed to the bankruptcy, but he had also built a trusted and well-known brand. Heinz stuck to the

business and in 1876 formed the F & J Heinz Company, moving on from Noble, and working with his brother John and cousin Fredrick instead. Heinz continued to develop the products his company sold, and ketchup became a top seller for the company. Rapid expansion went smoother for Heinz with the second company, and, by the time Henry Heinz died in 1919, his company was well on its way to being the dominant American condiment company it is today. Heinz is enjoyed with cookouts everywhere across America.

The bankruptcy case file for the Heinz, Noble, and Company is part of the holdings of the National Archives at Kansas City, as case #2557 from the series "Bankruptcy Act of 1867 Case Files, 1867-1882" (NAID 562748). Kansas City is home to all of the accessioned bankruptcy case files in the National Archives, with bankruptcy records from the Bankruptcy Act of 1800 through the mid-1990s, and from every state in the United States. For more information about this case and others visit the [online catalog](#).



Above: Exhibit, Promissory Note. National Archives at Kansas City, Record Group 21, Records of the District Courts of the United States, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Term, Bankruptcy Act of 1867 Case Files, 1867-1882, *In the Matter of Heinz, Noble, and Company Bankruptcy* Case No. 2557. National Archives Identifier 562748.

Pittsburgh,

1877

BOUGHT OF
John M. Southworth
AND
Geo. B. Wightman.

HEINZ NOBLE & CO.
PROPRIETORS OF THE

Assignees of

IN BANKRUPTCY.

ANCHOR PICKLE & VINEGAR WORKS

ENGLISH STYLE
PICKLES,

Pittsburgh & St. Louis,
Anchor Table Sauce,

WHITE WINE AND CIDER
VINEGARS.

AMERICAN PICKLES IN WOOD AND GLASS, HORSE RADISH, CELERY SAUCE, CATSUPS, & C.

TERMS: days. Accounts not rendered when due subject to draft without notice.

Anchor Pickle & Vinegar Works

200 Bushels Corn (shelled)	50	100
7 Tons Poor Hay	14.	98
Corn Haddock in field (hulled)		20
		\$718

Stuff claimed as being on Saint
Farm near Chambersburg Dec 17th
1875 and used for feeding stock
during possession by Sheriff and
previous to occupation by Assignees and which
stock has been accounted for as on Saint Farm

Statement of assignees
J. M. Noble,
Geo. B. Wightman,

Above: Assignees Statement on Goods at Heinz Farm. National Archives at Kansas City, Record Group 21, Records of the District Courts of the United States, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Term, Bankruptcy Act of 1867 Case Files, 1867-1882, In the Matter of Heinz, Noble, and Company Bankruptcy Case No. 2557. National Archives Identifier 562748

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For Liberty: American Jewish Experience in WWI Exhibit to Open at National World War I Museum and Memorial

The National Archives at Kansas City will be participating as a program partner with the National World War I Museum and Memorial in the upcoming *For Liberty: American Jewish Experience in WWI* exhibit. The new exhibit opens to the public on **Friday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m.** at the National World War I Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO.

This traveling exhibit is hailed as “remarkably prescient” by the *New York Times*, this special exhibition examines the American Jewish battlefield and home front participation through a series of remarkable stories and objects. Featured items including Irving Berlin’s draft registration card and the handwritten draft of the Balfour Declaration, which eventually paved the way for the establishment of the Jewish state.

The exhibition runs June 29 - November 11, 2018, in the Wylie Gallery at the National World War I Museum and Memorial. For more information visit the exhibit [website](#).



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GENERAL INFORMATION: The National Archives is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on weekends and Federal holidays. Hours are subject to change due to special programs and weather. The National Archives is located at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108.

The National Archives at Kansas City 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.

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