

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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**To:** Diane Stoddard  
**Subject:** RE: for Jan 8 agenda

**From:** Barbara Higgins-Dover <[bhigginsdover@gmail.com](mailto:bhigginsdover@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 12:48 PM  
**To:** Diane Stoddard <[dstoddard@lawrenceks.org](mailto:dstoddard@lawrenceks.org)>  
**Subject:** Descriptors for Kansas RiverKings

The Kansas RiverKings Museum tells the story of a commercial fishing industry that began in Lawrence Kansas near 140 years ago. The story began approximately 1870 with the arrival of runaway slave, Jake Washington. The first fishing cabin, built by Jake, appeared just below/ east of the dam, not too far from the Railroad tracks. (The Railroad was instrumental in the halting of a lot of travel on the Kaw).

The history of Jake and all men like him is very important to Lawrence and Douglas county Kansas as they contributed to the commerce and rebuilding of our area, particularly after Quantrill burned Lawrence and the Civil War had ended. Their lives are also very controversial as they became river outlaws after fighting for their rights to use certain nets and hooks, eventually losing to Lewis Lyndsay Dyche and the Kansas legislature.

Here's the link to When Kings Reigned trailer, a film the museum produced in 2017.  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=mIEMoV-tBfw>

The Collection : the museum consists of five display cases, 30 small artifacts, five larger artifacts, text panels and images.

Current circumstances : the museum collection is at this time split and on display in two different locations, one in Perry Kansas and one at SpringHill Suites in Lawrence.

Note: please find some associated images attached

Barbara Higgins-Dover Ms. Ed.  
Founder and Director  
Kansas RiverKings Museum

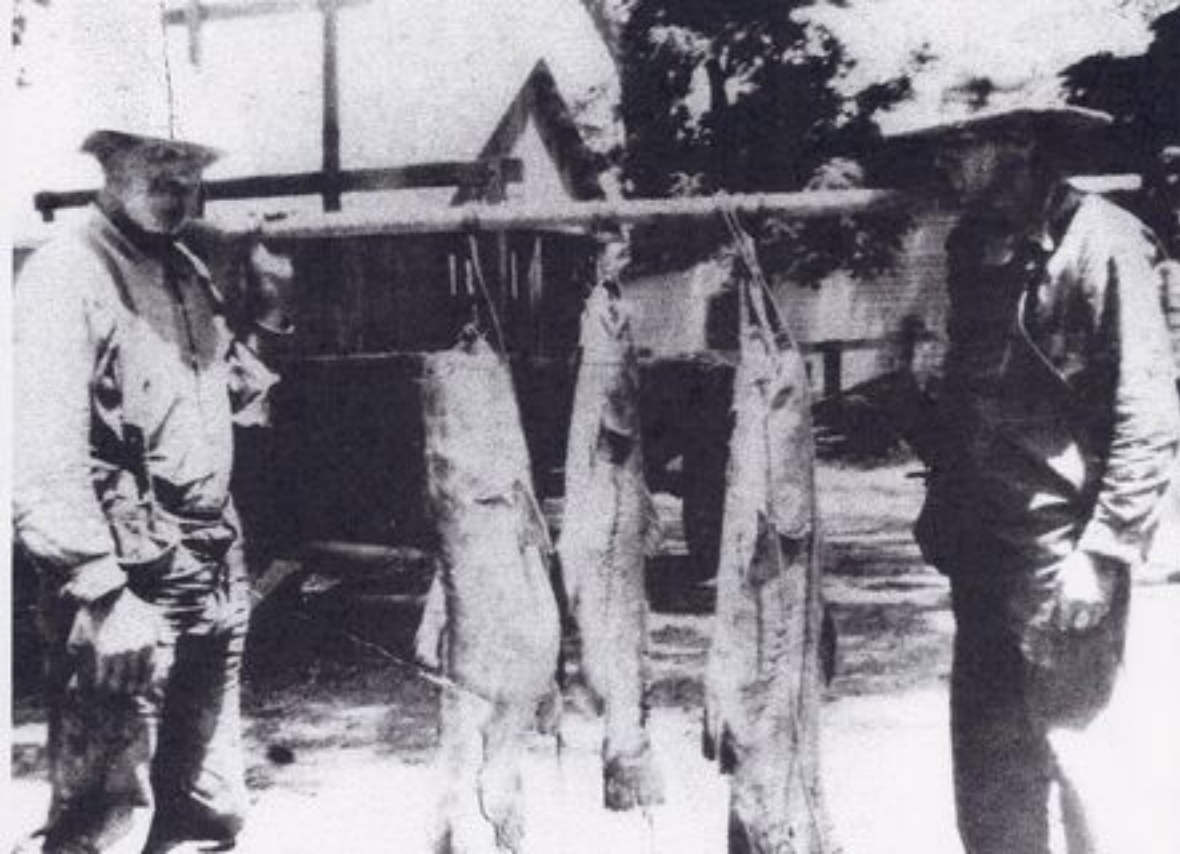




50. Boats on the Kaw.

Lawrence, Kansas.

A. Lawrence Photo.



COMING SPRING 2017

A photograph of two men standing on a riverbank. The man on the left is wearing a light-colored button-down shirt, a cap, and suspenders, and is holding a fishing lure. The man on the right is wearing a dark shirt, a straw hat, and denim overalls. The background shows a river and trees.

WHEN KINGS  
REIGNED

ABE BURNS & JAKE WASHINGTON

a true story about men who risked their lives on the Kansas River

starring CLARK LYLES, CRAIG WATSON, TOM SHEPARD, DANIEL DOVER

THE RIVERKINGS MUSEUM PRESENTS A KrK STUDIO PRODUCTION

executive producer BARBARA HIGGINS-DOVER

directors IAN BALLIANGER, ALISON DOVER

casting director LORI LYLES videographer MATTHEW HOWARD

[facebook.com/KansasRiverkings](https://facebook.com/KansasRiverkings)

*Kansas  
Riverkings  
Museum*



**STRANGE SPECIMEN**—Richard Higgins of 241 Maple holds the rare Burbot, or fresh water codfish, he caught with nets in the Missouri River near Leavenworth. Dr. Frank Cross of Kansas University says Burbot is abundant in Canada and occasionally straggle down the Missouri. Dr. Cross says they are a member of the marine codfish family. Higgins' specimen weighed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  pounds and measured  $25\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. (Journal

Kansas Riverkings  
Museum Exhibit Site  
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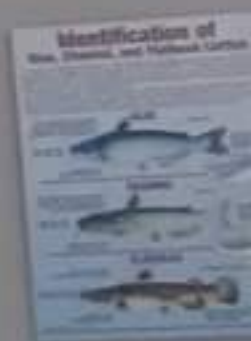
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## East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

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May 30, 2018

To: Tom Markus, Diane Stoddard, Carey Maynard Mooney,  
Stan Hernley

Re: Kansas RiverKings Museum Exhibition

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association enjoyed a presentation on the Kansas RiverKings Museum Exhibition from Barbara Higginson-Dover at one of our recent meetings. We discussed the idea of finding a permanent location within the City. A prominent location could be the Santa Fe Depot. We discussed the City donating a space inside the Depot for this effort. The Kansas RiverKings tells a story that is deeply tied to our Lawrence Riverfront and the industrialization of our town. There are several connections within this story to the old Depot. If permitted to utilize Depot space, those connections would be enhanced. It could be a perfect complement to a refurbished train station. Not much space would be required. The Kansas RiverKings Museum Exhibition can fit into a 10 x 10 foot area.

We encourage you to consider this proposal. The exhibit has been well received in temporary locations around the City and has also successfully toured the State. We think it would be a great fit at the Depot. ELNA would be willing to help facilitate any necessary collaboration or communication with neighbors.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Phil Collison  
President, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

CC: Barbara Higginson-Dover  
Steve Nowak