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**Project explores the shared stories of the Civil War  
on the Kansas and Missouri Border**

**Topeka, Kan.** — In commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Civil War, the Kansas Humanities Council and the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area announce "Shared Stories of the Civil War," a reader's theater project exploring the events – the shared stories – that occurred in Kansas and Missouri before and during the Civil War.

"Shared Stories of the Civil War" features reader's theater scripts compiled from historical letters, diaries, newspaper articles, and other primary source materials from the Civil War era. Instructions, reader's theater scripts, and discussion questions can be found on the Kansas Humanities Council's website, [www.kansashumanities.org](http://www.kansashumanities.org).

"These historical voices provide insight into how 19<sup>th</sup> century Americans struggled with defining the meaning of freedom and determining the future of our nation," said Julie Mulvihill, executive director of the Kansas Humanities Council.

The "Shared Stories of the Civil War" project is a partnership between the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area and the Kansas Humanities Council. "The Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area's mission is to build awareness of the struggles for freedom in eastern Kansas and western Missouri," shared Judy Billings, executive director of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. "Our organization is pleased to have the Kansas Humanities Council as a strong partner in projects that clearly move our mission forward."

For more information about "Shared Stories of the Civil War," contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785/357-0359 or visit [www.kansashumanities.org](http://www.kansashumanities.org).

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