

# RILEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## *Mary "Mother" Bickerdyke*

FREE PRESENTATION

*Sunday, September 20, 2015*

*2:00 pm*

*Manhattan Public Library*

Mary "Mother" Bickerdyke, Civil War nurse and advocate for the Union Soldier, will speak at the Manhattan Public Library, 629 Poyntz Avenue at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20th.

Lu Adams portrays Mother Bickerdyke in a historical presentation of this notable Kansan, for whom the Ellsworth Kansas Bickerdyke home, hospital, and cemetery are named.

This FREE program is presented by the Kansas Corral of the Westerners, an affiliate of Westerners International, which promotes research and enjoyment of the history of the American West. *Everyone is invited to attend.*

*Save the Date!*

## Riley County Historical Society Annual Dinner Meeting

The Riley County Historical Society will meet on Thursday, October 29, 2015. Cynthia Harris will speak about her new book, "Love and Kisses: Letters from George A. Campbell to His Wife, Bea, During WWII."

## Current Exhibits

"At Home with Nature: The Wildlife Photography of Jane Laman" located at the Meadowlark Hills Community Center.

"Summer Outside the City: Eureka Lake Resort and Electric Park" located at the Riley County Courthouse.

"Clarice Painter: Manhattan Music Maker" located at the Riley County Office Building.

Viewing hours are 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Monday – Friday for all exhibits.

# Kansas Preservation Conference

**Wednesday, October 7th & Thursday, October 8th**

Manhattan will host the 2015 Kansas Preservation Conference October 7th and 8th. The theme of the conference is "Stone Masonry Construction and Preservation." To register, or for more information, go to: [www.kpalliance.org](http://www.kpalliance.org). Full conference registration includes Wednesday tours, opening reception, keynote, banquet, and after hours networking; Thursday sessions and lunch = \$125.00.

You can register for the tours and/or banquet separately.

***All Riley County Historical Society members are welcome to attend the keynote lecture Wednesday, October 7th for FREE.***

(but must register to attend the conference or tours or banquet)

**Please call 785-565-6490 to let us know if you will attend the keynote.**

## **Keynote Speakers**

*The keynote will begin around 7:30 p.m.*

### **Tom Parish**

#### **"Subterranean Stone Structures in the Flint Hills"**

Born and raised in Manhattan, Kansas, Tom Parish earned his BFA in visual communication in 2003 and a MFA in photography and digital art in 2012 from Kansas State University. Parish's photography and research most often focuses on the remnants of people and places that have long since faded and are at risk of being eased. His love of history, a fascination with archeology and concern for environmental and cultural preservation are motivating forces for the artist. Parish currently lives and works in Emporia, Kansas, where he teaches photography at Emporia State University.

### **Jack Hofman**

Jack Hofman became engaged in archeological research in the Great Plains region in 1971. He attended the University of Oklahoma, University of Wyoming, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. He has taught archeology at the University of Kansas since 1991 including numerous field schools in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, and France. His primary research has focused on prehistoric pedestrian bison hunters in the southern and central plains areas. In recent years he has become increasingly involved in documenting the early historic archeological record of Euro-American settlement in the region.



Photograph courtesy of Tom Parish.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION TOURS!**

**Wednesday, October 7th**

**Tour Sites:**

Downtown Manhattan Historic District

Wolf House Museum

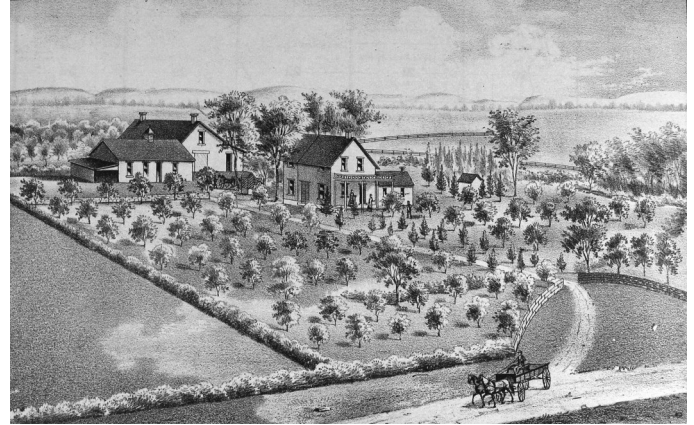
Sunset Cemetery

# Strong Hearts:

## The Henry Strong Family of Riley County

This exhibit, which opened September 1, 2015 and closes January 31, 2016, explores the history of the Henry Strong family and its associations with Riley County.

Abolitionists Henry and Elenora Strong arrived in Kansas Territory in the 1850's, settling just northeast of Manhattan. Generations have since contributed to the education, culture, and business of the community. Grandma Hoerner's Foods, Inc. was inspired by Henry Strong's granddaughter, Mabel Hoerner, and is owned by Henry's great-great grandson. The Henry Strong home at 1916 Beck Street, is now owned by great-great-great granddaughter, Rachelle Routh, and is known as The Strong Inn.



1881 plat map etching of the Strong farm.



The Strong House, 2007.

**Exhibit open hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday.**

***Admission is FREE.***

*Special thanks to Rachelle Routh and descendants of the Strong family for their generous loan of artifacts, making this exhibit possible.*

The exhibit "Strong Hearts: The Henry Strong Family of Riley County" has two parts, one at the Riley County Historical Museum and one at the Goodnow House State Historic Site, right next door to the museum. Goodnow House State Historic Site was the home of Isaac Goodnow, a Manhattan and Kansas State University founder. Henry Strong and Isaac Goodnow shared a great-great grandfather as well as their pioneering experiences in Kansas Territory.



Strong descendant, Rachelle Routh, with model of the Strong home.



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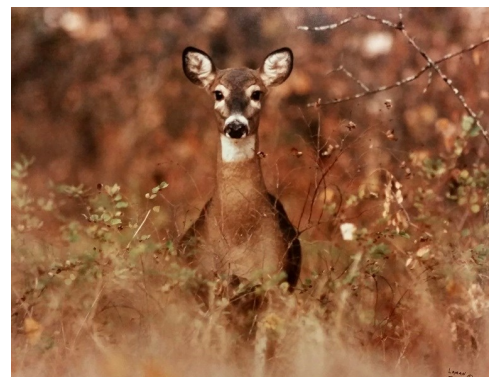
*Last Call!* Exhibit closes September 20, 2015!

Kansas State University graduate and long-time Riley County resident, Jane Laman, lived a life surrounded by nature through her pursuit of a career in professional dog training and wildlife photography. This exhibit features fifty of Laman's wildlife prints in the historic Wolf House Museum.

Located at the Wolf House Museum  
630 Fremont Street  
Manhattan, Kansas  
Open: Saturdays and Sundays 2:00—5:00

Companion exhibit located at  
Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community Center  
2121 Meadowlark Road  
Available for viewing Monday—Friday, regular business hours.

For more information, please call:  
Riley County Historical Museum  
(785)-565-6490



*Big Bony Doe, Jane Laman, October 1988.*