



On April 23rd, the documentary "When Kings Reign'd" produced in Lawrence, Kansas, will be shown.

The film begins with Jake Washington (a run-away slave) arriving in Lawrence Kansas just before the end of the Civil War. He sets up shop, building a fishing cabin on the banks of the Kaw River in Lawrence and is actively working the waters by 1870. The timeline of the riverkings runs from 1870-1970.

Barbara Higgins-Dover, the producer, will talk about the making of the movie and give us more insight into the history of the Kaw River and some of the men who made their living and their homes on the river.

Higgins-Dover shares this film and presents on the fascinating topic of commercial fishing on the Kaw River by men she calls "the Riverkings". They were a unique group of men who fished the Kaw and sold what they caught. They were also highly controversial figures fighting for their livelihood against the Kansas Legislature in early 20th century, making them heroic, river outlaws.

After the film screening, Higgins-Dover will share artifacts, images, and personal stories. Her life as the descendant of one of these men, makes her particularly qualified to speak on the subject matter.

There will be a Q and A to follow the film and talk.

**"When Kings Reign'd"**  
**April 23, 2019**

**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

**Tonganoxie Community  
Historical Society  
Site & Museum**

**210 West Washington St.  
Tonganoxie, KS 66086**



**Barbara Higgins-Dover**  
**Founder and executive director of  
the Kansas Riverkings Museum  
(in Lawrence and Perry)**

Higgins-Dover produced her first documentary film titled, "When Kings Reign'd" in 2017. It's an historical look into the early lives and ways that the Kaw River fed the people.

TCHS presents programs on the Fourth Tuesday of every month (except June and December).

These program meetings are held in the Reno Methodist Church on the museum site. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm and include a brief business meeting and an historical program.

All members of the community are welcome. The program is free; and refreshments are served after the program.