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**Presentation Explores Emancipated African Americans’ “Free State” Experiences**

**[Community Name] –** [Organization Name] in [Community Name] will host “Free Did Not Mean Welcome,” a presentation and discussion by Carmaletta Williams on [Date] at [Time] at [Location and Address of Presentation]. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program. Contact the [Host Organization Name] at [Phone Number] for more information. The program is made possible by Humanities Kansas.

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Millions of African Americans walked away from the South after Emancipation looking for freedom. For some it meant a journey to Kansas, a “free state.” Discover how many realized that for Black people in Kansas “Free” did not necessarily mean “Welcome.”

Carmaletta Williams is the Executive Director of the Black Archives of Mid-America.

“Free Did Not Mean Welcome”is part of Humanities Kansas's *Movement of Ideas* Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and workshops designed to share stories that inspire, spark conversations that inform, and generate insights that strengthen civic engagement.

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For more information about “Free Did Not Mean Welcome”in[Community] contact the [Host Organization] at [Phone Number] or visit [Website].

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