

Kansas Free Fair album

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This album contains photographs of the Kansas Free Fair in Topeka, Kansas. The Kansas State Fair Association was organized in 1880 with a representative from each county for the purpose of holding a statewide fair in Topeka. The first Kansas State Fair was held September 12-17, 1881. The Topeka fair became the Kansas Free Fair in 1915, then in 1958 the Mid America Fair, and in 1977 again was renamed to the Sunflower State Fair. The Shawnee County Fair continues to be held annually on the grounds, and the Kansas Expocentre, which opened in 1987 as a conference and event center, retains the remodeled Agricultural Hall, Heritage Hall, Livestock Pavilion and Exposition Hall (now known as Maner Conference Center) from the earlier fairgrounds. Many of these buildings are pictured in this album along with panoramic and interior views of the grounds, grandstands, arenas, tents, food stalls, parking lots and Ferris wheel; the Old Soldiers Reunion; G.A.R Reunion; troops from Ft. Leavenworth and Ft. Riley; parades and bands; horse and auto racing; woman pilot Katherine Stinson; the farmerettes; exhibitions of art work, quilts, livestock, cakes, stills confiscated during prohibition, commercial goods and government services; Cho-Cho the Health Clown, a Baby Clinic and Eugenics Clinic; 4-H and Boys and Girls club events; cow-milking and spelling contests; fireworks, and the fairgrounds covered in snow.

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Topeka

The Fair Grounds at Topeka During
The State Old Soldiers Reunion
1888.



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Grand Review U.S. Troops At The
State Old Soldiers Reunion At
Fair Grounds, Topeka, October
-1888-



Retreat After The Sham Fight At
The State Old Soldiers Reunion
Fair grounds, Topeka, Oct. 1888



Sham Battle Fair grounds During
The G.A.R. Reunion Oct. 1888. Ft.
Leavenworth and Ft. Riley Troops



Grand Street Parade On Kansas Ave.
During Reunion Week Oct. 1888.
Marshall's Band and Reform School
Drum Corps.



At The West End of Race Track
-1915-



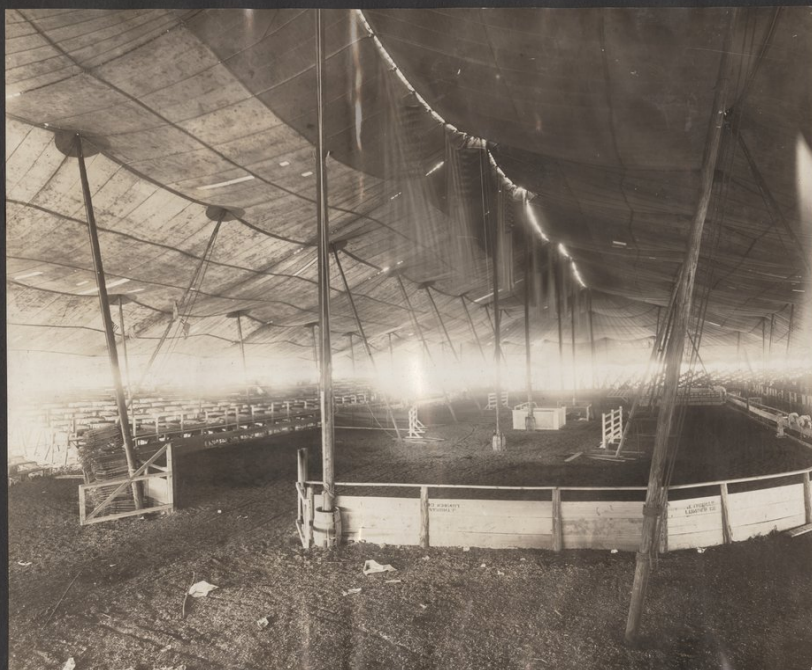
Center of Grounds Looking North
-1914-



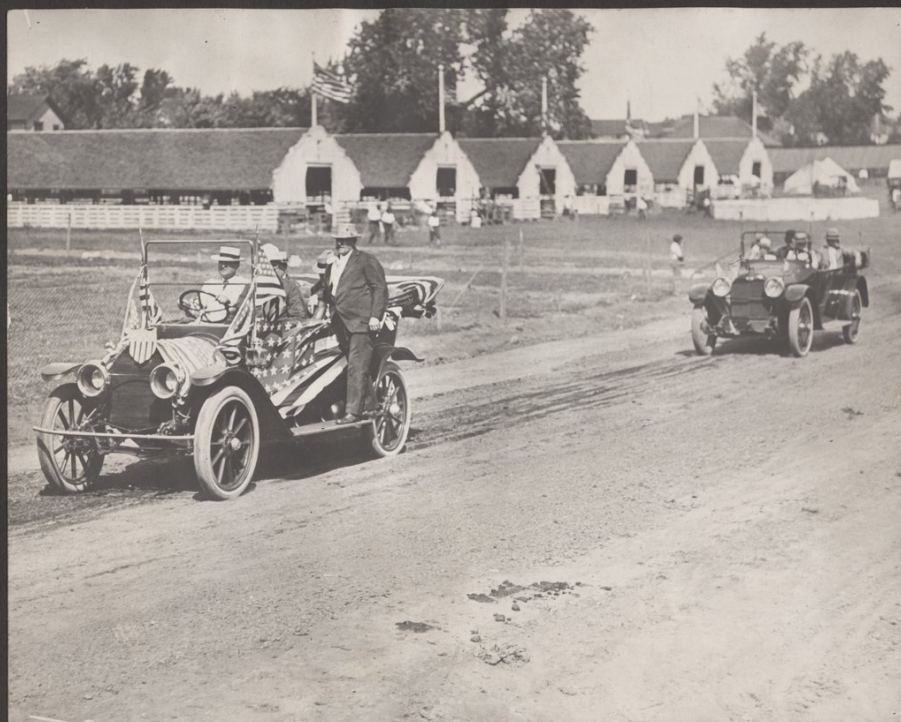
Grand Stand and Home Stretch
-1914-

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Horse Show Arena -1914-





White Line To Right of Judges Stand
Canvas Covering of Private Boxes
Facing Grand Stand -1914-



- Quarter Stretch Prepared For
Polo to Be Played By Ft. Riley
And Junction City Teams -1915-

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- North East Corner Of Turn Of
Road Into Midway -1915-



Canvass In Front Of Grand Stand
To Cover Horse Show Arena In Case
Of Rain -1915-



Horse Show Held In Afternoon-Too
Muddy For Races - 1915-
Canvass Not Spread When Rain Fell



Along The Homestretch Looking
East From Judges Stand
-1914-



-Concert By Marshall's Band
South of Agricultural Building
-1914-

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From The Band Stand South of The
Agricultural Building-Horse Show
Tent at Right --1914--

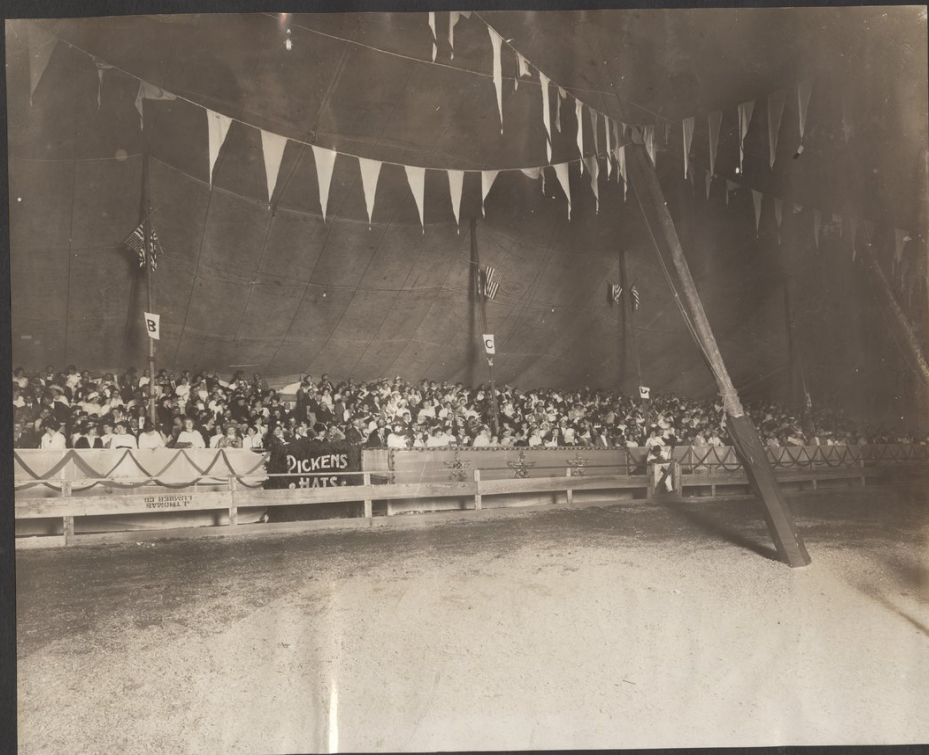
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Horse Show Tent at Left-1914-



West of Cattle Pavilion -1915-



Horse Show Arena -1914-





Parade Opening The Fair 1915



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-Looking North From Frame Grand
Stand Entrance On The Main Walk
-1915-



East Section of Motor Hall
Erected 1915

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Mrs. Mooers, Columbia Mo.,
Showing A Horse Show Entry -1916-

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A Fort Riley Cavalry Entry In
The Horse Show -1916-

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Miss Loula Long And One Of Her
Horse Show Entries -1916-

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Looking North From Grand Stand
Johnny J. Jones Shows On The
Midway --1916--

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Looking North From Grand Stand
Along Main Walk. The Last Fair
With "Wheels of Fortune" -1916-



Building Concrete Road
World State Fair -1916-

Stretch Of Demonstration Concrete
Road Built By Portland Cement
Association During Fair -1916-



Kansas Free Fair Scenes 1917



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Exhibits of Various U.S. Government
Departments At Washington-In
Government Bldg. Erected 1917-



Good Roads Exhibit In Agricultural Building -1917-



SCENES AT THE KANSAS FREE FAIR
-- 1917 --



Amelia Earhart who made an
Aeroplane Flight Saturday of
The 1917 Kansas Free Fair



A Record Saturday Crowd of Over
15,000 In Grand Stand And Quarter
Stretch on "Stinson Day" 1917



A View Of The Record Crowd During
Auto Races Preceding The Stinson
Flight -1917-

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