

Hispano Capitalistas and the Development of International Trade Along the Santa Fe Trail



2:00 pm June 25, 2022

Wyandotte County Museum
Inside Wyandotte County Park
631 N. 126th St. Bonner Springs, KS 66012

In 1821, Missouri became a state, and 2021 marked the 200th anniversary of Missouri's statehood, Kansas was still a territory. Both states played a role in developing commerce with Mexico. In that same year, Mexico became a nation having gained its independence from Spain. Mexico opened trade with the United States. Hispano and American entrepreneurs were ready and able to make the Santa Fe Trail a two-way international trade route and a conduit for cultural exchange between the two nations.

Historian-in-Residence at the Kansas City Museum and Board of Trustees member at Wyandotte County Historical Society and Museum, Dr. Gene T. Chávez will present a dynamic interactive discussion about the role of New Mexico's "Hispano capitalists".