2026-2027 TOPIC IDEA LIST: FROM THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI ARCHIVES

- The "Grange" Movement: The Grange movement was founded to help develop methods of agriculture, as well as to promote the social and economic needs of farmers in the United States.
    - **Fruitland Grange No. 611 Record Book (CG0016): Fruitland Grange No. 611 Record Book | The State Historical Society of Missouri**

- John boats and River Recreation: The John boat, flat-bottomed boat, emerged in the Ozarks as necessary means to travel the shallow riverways that crisscross through the state.
    - **Lynn Morrow, John Boats & Riverways Collection (RI523)**: Lynn Morrow, John Boats & Riverways Collection (R1523)

- Charles Claude Guthrie Sr.: Inventor and known for vascular suturing techniques.
    - **Charles Claude Guthrie Sr. Scientific Papers, 1898-1970 (C3108)**: Charles Claude Guthrie Sr. Scientific Papers | The State Historical Society of Missouri

- Howard Rusk: Known as the "father of rehabilitative medicine."
    - **Howard A. Rusk Papers, 1937-1991 (C3981)**: Howard A. Rusk Papers | The State Historical Society of Missouri

- Herman Schlundt: University of Missouri researcher known for his work on radioactivity, specifically refining radioactive metals from low-grade ore and industrial waste.
    - **Herman Schlundt Papers, 1913-1941 (C0015)**: Herman Schlundt Papers | The State Historical Society of Missouri

- Dr. John Sappington: Treatment of malaria.
    - **Sappington Family Papers, 1819-1895 (C0159)**: Sappington Family Papers | The State Historical Society of Missouri

- Frank Ackerman: Spent his career improving educational and employment opportunities for people with disabilities; one of his accomplishments was establishing the Special District for the Education and Training of Handicapped Children in St. Louis County.
    - **Frank Ackerman Papers, 1942-1972 (C3443)**: Frank Ackerman Papers | The State Historical Society of Missouri

- St. Louis Peace Information Center: Dedicated itself to inform the public about the Vietnam War and convince them to oppose American involvement in the war.
    - **St. Louis Peace Information Records, 1963-1976 (S0136)**: https://collections.shsmo.org/manuscripts/saint-louis/s0136

- James B. Tatum: Co-author of legislation establishing community colleges in the state of Missouri and founder of Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri, in 1961.
    - **James B. Tatum Papers (SP0122):** https://files.shsmo.org/manuscripts/springfield/SP0122.pdf

- Campbell 66 Express, Inc.: Founded by Frank Campbell in Springfield, Missouri in 1933, Campbell 66 Express operated 46 terminals across 19 states. Starting as an apprentice for Springfield Wagon Company, Frank Campbell was an innovator in the transportation industry.
    - **Campbell 66 Express, Inc., Collection (SP0121):** https://files.shsmo.org/manuscripts/springfield/SP0121.pdf

- Nell Donnelly: Kansas City businesswoman, cofounder of the Donelly Garment Company established in 1919. Focus on women's fashion at moderate pricing. One of the first self-made female millionaires.
    - **Ellen "Nell" Quinlan Donnelly Reed Papers (K0444)**: Ellen "Nell" Quinlan Donnelly Reed Papers, (K0444)

- Trans World Airlines (TWA): Airline that operated out of St. Louis and Kansas City. They represent advancements and innovations in commercial air travel.

    - **Trans World Airlines (TWA) Records (K0453)**: Trans World Airlines (TWA) Records, (K0453)
    - **TWA Magazine**: TWA Skyliner - Digitized Collections
- Rotoscope: Invented by Rowe Carney, Jr. of Rolla, Missouri and Tom Smith of Urbana, Missouri, the Rotoscope is a single camera, single projection system capable of taking and projecting a scope of 180 degrees on one reel of film.
    - **Rotoscope Collection (R1499)**: Rotoscope Collection

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