





**American Girl®
Dolls Share
St. Joseph History**



American Girl Dolls

- ◆ **Historical Characters**
- ◆ *Just Like You* dolls
- ◆ **Girl of the Year dolls**
- ◆ **Bitty Baby & Bitty Twins**

Historical Characters

- ◆ Kaya, 1764
- ◆ Felicity, 1774
- ◆ Josephina, 1824
- ◆ Kirsten, 1854
- ◆ Addy, 1864
- ◆ Samantha, 1904
- ◆ Rebecca, 1914
- ◆ Kit, 1934
- ◆ Molly, 1944
- ◆ Julie, 1974



Kaya, 1764

- ◆ Kaya's story of 1764 takes place before Lewis and Clark came West. However, her tribe did help the expedition reach the Pacific and cared for their horses over the winter. Kaya's children would have met Sacagawea and the men of the Corps of Discovery.



Tribes Trading in St. Joseph

- ◆ Pottawatomie
- ◆ Foxes (Musquaque)
- ◆ Kickapoo
- ◆ Iowa
- ◆ Otto
- ◆ Sac
- ◆ Omaha
- ◆ Sioux





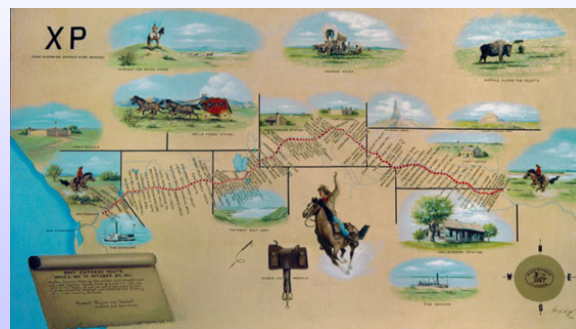
Sunbridge Hills

- ◆ Kaya's grandchildren might have traveled to St. Joseph to visit the sacred Sunbridge Hills and attend ceremonies and trading rendezvous'. Her tribe raised appaloosa horses..



Amelia & Pauline, 1859

- ◆ Local historic character dolls proposed by Doll Club
- ◆ The eight year old girls experience typical events of frontier St. Joseph in 1859 & 1860, including the first ride of the Pony Express.





Addy, 1864

- ◆ Addy and her mother escaped from slavery on the underground railroad and ended up in Philadelphia, PA.
- ◆ Addy's brother and father had been "sold South" and she had to leave her baby sister behind on the plantation with relatives.



Mid-1800's Life-style

- ◆ Addy sleeps in a rope bed in the unheated attic of the dressmaker her mother works for.
- ◆ She does go to school and has social events with people from her church and the Quaker Society.





Kirsten Swedish Heritage

- ◆ Kirsten and family immigrated from Sweden, traveled by covered wagon and tried to make a better life on the prairie.
- ◆ She could have spent the winter of 1854 in St. Joseph, waiting for Spring to join a wagon train headed West.



Pioneers in St. Joseph

- ◆ Kirsten's Swedish family was typical of the 1,000's of families who wintered here between 1843 and 1880..
- ◆ They would have gathered supplies such as: rice, flour, coffee, sugar, dry beans, tools and canvas for their Westward journey.





Samantha Worthington, 1904

- ◆ When Samantha was just a baby, in 1887, St. Joseph became the second city in the United States to have electric streetcars.
- ◆ Two years later, the city hosted the New Era Exposition, in hopes of being chosen as the site for a future World's Fair. A fire destroyed much of the fair and ended any hope of attracting a World's Fair.



Samantha in 1904

- ◆ Living in St. Joseph during its “gilded age” in 1904 would have been fun for girls whose families had money. Samantha may have lived in one of the mansions on Hall street.





Socially Elite in “Gilded Age”

- ◆ The calling card tray in the front hall of Samantha’s home would have had names such as: Ashton, Briggs, Enright, Fairleigh, Landis, Lemon, Logan, McCord, McDonald, Runci, Sheridan, Tootle, Weakly and Wyeth.



Kit and the Depression





Molly McIntire, 1944

- ◆ Molly may have attended Noyes School and had Miss Virginia Gardener as her 3rd and 4th grade teacher.
- ◆ She may have gone to the Prinz Dancing School, across from the YMCA.



Molly and WWII

- ◆ Molly's father, who is serving as a doctor in England during WWII, may have had friends assigned to Rosecrans Airport.
- ◆ Molly's mother may have worked at the Sun Garment or Nelly Don factor. She would have sewn military uniform shirts.





The Fun Went On...

- ◆ Molly and her friends would enjoy playing with jacks, paper dolls, jump ropes, roller skates, and life-size baby dolls.
- ◆ Saturday movies at the Missouri or Electric Theater would include news about the war and cartoons.



Sacrifices During WWII

Molly's family had ration stamps to purchase sugar, meat, gasoline and tires for the car.

Molly may have raised a victory garden to save canning materials for the war effort, but she hated turnips!

She would have participated in paper, rubber band and foil drives.





Julie in St. Joseph in 1974

- ◆ Julie may have shopped in the new East Hills Shopping Mall. Penny's, Hirsch's and Sears had many departments there.
- ◆ Julie's older sister may have attended Missouri Western State College. It had been a junior college.
- ◆ Julie and Ivy could have picnics at Krug Park and enjoy the Sunday evening concerts.



Enhance the Learning

- ◆ Girls learn from stories, clothing, accessories, furniture, games, movies and cook books.
- ◆ St. Joseph Museum enhances this learning with monthly American Girl® doll club meetings.
- ◆ These feature historic periods and include crafts, food and short history lessons.

