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## The Time to Invest in Nebraska's History is *Now!*

In 2006, when the new state Charitable Tax Credit became effective, Nebraska became one of the few states in the U.S. to offer a tax credit to individuals and businesses for charitable giving. The tax credit not only delivers attractive tax savings for Nebraskans, it also encourages support for many of the charitable organizations that work to address community needs throughout the state.

*The Nebraska Charitable Tax Credit is scheduled to "sunset" December 31, 2009, so now is the time to take advantage of this unique statewide program.* By participating in this program, planned gifts from individuals and cash gifts from corporations to the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation can qualify for an immediate state tax credit of up to \$5,000 per year!

What is a planned gift? It's simply a current commitment to donate to the NSHSF at some future time, usually upon death of the giver. Essentially what the Nebraska Charitable Tax Credit allows individuals to do is take a tax credit today for an irrevocable donation they won't make for many years.

A gift to the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation will help support the Society's efforts to acquire, preserve, and exhibit Nebraska's historical treasures. Your gift becomes a gift for all time . . . your tax-saving decision now can benefit generations of Nebraskans.

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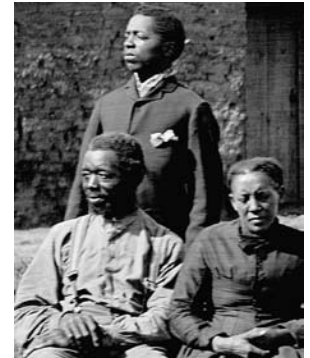
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The **James L. Sellers Award** is an example of how the NSHS Foundation assists Nebraskans in supporting history. Sellers was a distinguished historian and longtime chairman of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln history department. He also filled various important roles at the NSHS, serving as acting director, board member, and Society president.

Sellers' daughter, Catherine Sellers Angle, and her late husband John Angle worked with the Foundation to establish the Sellers Award—which includes a \$1,000 cash prize. It is given annually to the author of the best article in the previous year's volume of *Nebraska History*, as determined by a panel of scholars.

This year's award goes to Todd Guenther for "The Empire Builders: An African American Odyssey in Nebraska and Wyoming" (Winter 2008). The judges—Drs. Charles King, Mark Scherer, and Michael Tate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha history department—believe the essay "makes a vitally significant contribution to an extremely important topic in Nebraska and Great Plains history." ☐



Detail of portrait of Moses Speese family, Custer County, 1888, subject of Todd Guenther's award-winning essay, "The Empire Builders." NSHS RG2608:1345

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