New exhibit opens Friday!

What We Carried: Lincoln
Fareda Kader brought this photo of her parents when she fled Iraq. It is part of *What We Carried: Lincoln*, an exhibit that opens Friday, January 26, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at the Nebraska History Museum. Photographer Jim Lommasson and the Yazidi community created the exhibit as a photo-storytelling project. Yazidis are a Kurdish religious minority who have been targeted for genocide by ISIS. Lincoln is home to the largest population of Yazidis in the United States.

The project began in early 2017 when Lommasson participated in an exhibit on war at the Sheldon Museum of Art in Lincoln. While here he worked with Nebraska Mosaic (a class in the UNL College of Journalism) and the Yazidi community. *Keep reading*

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**Nebraska Historic Preservation Conference**

**March 2-3, 2018**

Here’s your chance to gather ideas, solutions, and inspiration to restore and preserve older homes and buildings. The Nebraska Historic Preservation Conference will be held March 2-3 at Metropolitan Community College’s Fort Omaha Campus. [Registration](#) opens February 2. The cost is $50, with discounts for Restoration Exchange and Nebraska State Historical
Society members. Keep reading

Special Issue of *Nebraska History*
Investigates "Engineer Cantonment"

How do you find a historic site that’s been lost for nearly 200 years? No one knew if the 1819-20 winter quarters of the Stephen Long Expedition still existed. Maybe it had been washed away by the shifting Missouri River. NSHS archeologists re-discovered the site in 2003.

A forthcoming special issue of *Nebraska History* tells the story of Engineer Cantonment and the Long Expedition. The culmination of multiple excavations and years of historical research, the Spring 2018 issue features the collaboration of Nebraska State Archeologist Rob Bozell and a team of archeologists. Keep reading
Treasures from the Nebraska History Museum

As we enter another month of winter, here are some cold-weather-related items from the Nebraska History Museum collections, legacies of winters past. Keep Reading

NSHS Marker App Features “Beef State” History

We’ve told you about our cool new historical marker app for Android/iOS devices. (And we mentioned that’s free, didn’t we?) It’s your handy guide to more than 500 state historical markers.

Our friends at the Nebraska Cattlemen Association are especially interested in the markers that related to Nebraska’s “Beef State” history—stories of cattle drives and early ranches, cowboys, and stockyards. We tell some of those stories in the January 2018 issue of Nebraska Cattleman. You can read it here (scroll to page 92).

And did you know that we also write a monthly history column for NEBRASKAland Magazine? Read about the time “Buffalo Bill” Cody almost
became a Nebraska state senator—see page 12 of the January/February 2018 issue.

**Upcoming events**

A German prisoner of war built this model sailing ship at POW camp in Nebraska. Learn more from Melissa Marsh, author of *Nebraska POW Camps: A History of World War II Prisoners in the Heartland*, at Noon Bites on February 5. [More events](#)