

## Kansas Bahá'í Timeline

1868 Dec	First newspaper article on Babi/Bahá'í Faith in Kansas – Leavenworth Times
1869 Apr	Joseph Hilty dies accidental death
1869	Barbara Hilty, widow, relocates family to Enterprise town site
1870	Barbara Hilty marries Jakob Ehram
1896 Nov 3	Herbert Ehram (son) dies suddenly, age 23
1896 Nov	Josephine Hilty (daughter, born 1869), returns to Chicago, for musical training
1897 Jan	Josephine returns home ill and stays
unknown	Josephine tells her mother about new religious teacher – Ibrahim Kheiralla
unknown	Barbara invites Kheiralla to visit Enterprise, KS
1897 July	Kheiralla arrives in Enterprise and begins teaching his class
1897 July	Nearly 200 KS newspaper items refer to the series of classes on secret religion
1897 Aug	Kheiralla leaves Kansas, without giving Greatest Name
1898 Sep	Josephine Hilty Kimmel is first Bahá'í in St Louis
1898	First Bahá'í in Kansas City, Kansas, later moves to Enterprise
1899	Barbara writes on behalf of “little band of believers” for more information
1899	John Abramson writes from Enterprise to Thornton Chase
1902	Correspondence between Wichita Bahá'ís and 'Abdu'l-Bahá, then Bahá'ís relocate
1905	Rose Hilty and Mary Miller, of Enterprise, sign petition to 'Abdu'l-Bahá
1906 Sep	Rose Hilty relocates from Enterprise to Topeka
1911	Correspondence between Barbara and Rose on article in <i>Everybody's</i>
1912 Apr	Elizabeth Fry and Elsbeth Renwanz (mother and daughter) from Enterprise attend national Bahá'í convention and meet 'Abdu'l-Bahá
1912 May	Barbara writes to Rose about Frey & Renwanz trip to Chicago
1914	First teaching efforts in Topeka in home of Catherine Weightman
1915	Bertha Hyde, second Bahá'í in Topeka, through family connections in Urbana, IL
1915	First Bahá'í in Lawrence, Kansas, soon moves away
1917	Barbara contributes to Bahai Temple Unity
1918 Dec	Topeka Bahá'í class writes to 'Abdu'l-Bahá, His reply lists their names
1919	Bertha Hyde, Topeka, signs petition to 'Abdu'l-Bahá
1919 Jul	Ruth Klos, Atchison, writes to 'Abdu'l-Bahá
1920	Two pilgrims(mother and daughter) write from Haifa to Bertha Hyde in Topeka
1920 May	Design of House of Worship in Enterprise and many other Kansas newspapers
1920 Dec	Jenabi Fazel, send by 'Abdu'l-Bahá' to America, speaks several days in Topeka
1921 Apr	Topeka Bahá'ís elect Treasurer, as urged by Committee of Nineteen
1921 Nov	Edward Clark, America City, writes to 'Abdu'l-Bahá
1921	Death of 'Abdu'l-Bahá in newspapers all across Kansas
1922	Bertha Hyde leaves Topeka
1924 Nov	Barbara Ehram dies, buried at front of Mt Hope Cemetery, Enterprise
1924	Bertha Hyde and Dr. John E. Kirkpatrick marry in Urbana, IL, settle in Olivet, MI
1931 Jan	Deathbed conversion of Dr. John E Kirkpatrick in Topeka
1934 Jun	Orcella Rexford speaks in Topeka, revives Bahá'í community, Ruth Moffett follows
1935 Apr	First attempt to elect Topeka Spiritual Assembly
1936 Apr	Recognized election of Topeka Spiritual Assembly

for further details see: *By Thy Strengthening Grace: the first one hundred years of the Bahá'í Faith in Topeka, 1906-2006.* ( [https://bahai-library.com/herrmann\\_strengthening\\_grace](https://bahai-library.com/herrmann_strengthening_grace) )