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## **Wornall/Majors Wins Judy Billings Most Valuable Project Award**

(Kansas City, Missouri)— Wornall/Majors House Museum (WMHM) was chosen as the recipient of Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area’s Judy Billings Most Valuable Project Award for new interpretive signage at the John Wornall House Museum.

WMHM utilized Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) grant funding to create additional signage at the John Wornall House to include the voices and stories of enslaved people living on the Wornall farmstead, increase greater understanding of the impact John Wornall had on early Kansas City history, and to explore the role of the house itself during the Civil War period.

This signage is part of the Wornall House’s permanent interpretation and can be viewed during normal museum hours: Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.

Judy Billings, Retired President and CEO of Destination Management, Inc. served as the founding Executive Director of FFNHA from 2006-2012 and was instrumental in advocating for National Heritage Area designation. To honor her work, FFNHA trustees established the Billings Most Valuable Project award, which honors outstanding projects committed to the advancement of FFNHA goals and adherence to FFNHA guiding principles.

### **About the organization:**

Wornall/Majors House Museums manages two of Kansas City’s most significant and dynamic historic structures: the John Wornall House (built 1858) and Alexander Majors House (built 1856). The two homes merged in 2011 to form one non-profit organization that preserves and protects these two local landmarks. The museums serve as the dynamic backdrop for events and community gatherings and tell an inclusive and accessible story about American mid-nineteenth century history.