March 9, 1899

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was March 9, 1899, the day the [State Historical Society of Missouri](http://shsmo.org/) was incorporated.

Talks of building such an entity began the previous year. It didn’t take long for the idea to blossom. Within months, the historical society had by-laws and a permanent home on the campus of the [University of Missouri-Columbia](http://missouri.edu/).

The legislation creating the historical society was signed into law on May 4, 1899.

Within two years, the society would begin to receive state funding. Its allocation for Fiscal Year 1902 was $4,500.

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(Sources: *Missouri Senate Journal* and State Historical Society webpage)