Alert
Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society

MHGS is Open Tuesday and Saturday, 9am-4pm. Wi-fi is available with knowledgeable volunteers to help you with your research and answer questions. We have yearly memberships and non-members can do research for a fee. (316) 264-3611 MHGS Website: http://mhgswichita.org

We’re Taking Our Show on the Road!
We’ve been honored to have been asked to speak for several groups so far this year—what a great opportunity to spread the word about MHGS!

—Our DNA experts, Paul Smith and Jim Scharnhorst, have given presentation on the use of DNA for genealogy for several genealogy groups in the area.

—Our Librarian, Julia Langel, and board member Jim Scharnhorst and Elaine Sunde have been invited to speak to several non-genealogy community groups. We’ve worked up a presentation about why people like to research their family history and how to get started that we hope is entertaining and informative even for people who don’t think they’ll ever “do genealogy.”

—And Julia and Lucille Williams spent a great afternoon with a newish genealogy group discussing our library and our activities.

We’ve been having a great time, and telling lots of people about the work we do and the fun we have.

Do you belong to a group that might be interested in finding out more about genealogy? (It’s amazing how many groups there are out there that need monthly programs.) We’d be happy to schedule a presentation!
Upcoming Programs & Library Events

Board Meeting. Saturday, August 8 @ 10:30am.

Genealogy DNA Special Interest Group. Saturday, August 8 @ 1pm to 2pm. Led by Paul Renner Smith. Discover the latest news in the field of Genealogical DNA study. This informed discussion group uses the newest information available to learn what DNA can tell us about our ancestors. Learn what different tests are available and where.

Genealogy on the Internet. Saturday, August 15 @ 10am to 11am. Led by Jim Scharnhorst. Genealogy research has embraced the computer as not only the most efficient way to organize data, but the quickest way to access historical records. The ongoing digitization of documents for preservation purposes makes them searchable, economical, and immediately available. Our meeting is for sharing the sites we find most useful, finding solutions to the problems that have developed, and learning what the future holds.

Daughters of the American Revolution Special Interest Group. This group which generally meets on the third Saturday of every month will not meet during the summer months of June, July, and August since our DAR chapters do not meet in the summer. We will start this group again on September 19 from 1pm to 2pm.

Afro-American Special Interest Group. Saturday, August 22 @ 1pm. Led by Jozel Smith Eckels. Interest group that encourages historical and genealogical study of families with special emphasis on African-Americans. This informal group seeks to learn more of the history and factors within the family stories that we have been given. We will demonstrate how to research your family tree with the goal of discovering and understanding your family history.

Check our website at mhgswichita.org periodically for up to date information.

New Books in MHGS Library

Through the Years with the Clodfelters: Sixteen Generations 1550-2000 - Elaine Fooshee
The Casper Glattfelder Assoc. of America: The First Hundred Years, 1906-2005 - Charles H Gladfelter
Newspaper Clippings from Hutchinson, KS; Cape Girardeau, MO, & Pratt, KS
Westward Into Nebraska - Greater Omaha Genealogical Society
Lempster, New Hampshire, Inhabitants from Incorporation in 1767 thru 1900 Fed. Census - Jessica W Stevens
Historic Towne of Smithville - William H. McMahon
New Mexico Genealogist - New Mexico Genealogical Society
Nebraska Ancestree - Nebraska State Genealogical Society
Mexican Immigrants in meatpacking areas of Kansas - Daniel E Aguilar
Poetry on the plains: J.S. Penny and the environment history of Fort Scott - Daron Blake
History, identity, art: visually expressing Nicodemus, Kansas’ identity - Leah Edwards
Milking the plains: movement of large dairy operations into southwestern Kansas - Lisa M B Harrington
Derby, Kansas: cold war boomtown - Margaret Robertson
A people’s religion: the populist impulse in early Kansas Pentecostalism, 1901-1904 - Jonathan B Root
Selfish intentions: Kansas women and divorce in nineteenth century America - Janeeal Schmidt
Morality and money: a look at how the respectable community battled the sporting community over prostitution in Kansas Cowtowns, 1867-1885 - Jessica K Smith
Another Way to Help MHGS Raise Money!

Do you shop at Dillons? You can help MHGS raise a little money! Just link your shoppers reward card to MHGS, and Dillons will make a contribution to MHGS every time you shop. You only have to do it once, it doesn’t change the prices you pay or interfere with your fuel points, and our electric bill will thank you . . .

To sign up:
1) Find your shoppers card
2) Go to Dillons.com, click on Community (below the search box up top), and select Community Rewards
3) Either sign in to your account, or create a new account
4) Enter your information, if it’s not already there. You’ll either need the number from your shoppers card or the phone number you linked it to.
5) Down at the bottom of the screen you’ll find a Community Rewards section. Our Organization Number is 48325.
6) Go shopping and be sure to use your card at checkout!

Be sure to show the checker your card BEFORE they start ringing you up.

Nice Gift From a Member

Member Bonnie Bacon has donated a copy of her book to the library. “William Lynn Carson & Ella T. Carson: Their Ancestors, Descendants, and Extended Family” is a very good example of a modern privately printed family book — a nice narrative section with crisp, clear photos; an extended list of sources; and pictures of original records. Even if you’re not related to the Carsons, you might want to stop by the library and get some ideas for how to put your research into print.

Help Wanted

I are looking for someone who would be interested in taking charge of our monthly publication, the Alert Newsletter. This is a volunteer position which does not take a lot of work each month. You do need to attend the Board Meeting each month so you will be up on MHGS news, projects, etc., so you can report on them in the newsletter. The newsletter is created in Publisher so if you have experience with that you are good to go and won’t have as much to learn. If not, it won’t take long to learn the process for creating, printing, mailing, posting to our website, and sending an email to those members who wish to be notified that the newsletter has been posted to the website. If interested, please contact Lucille Williams at alert@mhgswichita.org.

Items to remember:
Amazon Smile: You order items on Amazon.com and Midwest reaps the benefits by way of a donation.
MHGS Facebook Page: Go to facebook.com/mhgswichita and “like” us.
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