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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>

It's Time for a Fall Cleanup!

On Thursday, October 8, starting at 1pm, we will be giving the library a thorough cleaning, inside and out. Come help for the afternoon, or just dust for 15 minutes! We'll be dusting, vacuuming, steam-cleaning the carpets, washing windows (inside and on the porch — no ladders), and doing some yard work. Bring your gloves and help us get ready for the Open House on November 7 from 1 to 4pm!



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DAR Real Daughters

Did you know there were women in the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) who are called Real Daughters? Those were women who were actually the daughters of Revolutionary patriots. Kansas has seven Real Daughters who are buried in the state. In case you might have one of them in your ancestry here are the names:

Jane Sellers Nighswonger, buried in Ninnescah/Harrington Cemetery west of Clearwater;
Lucy Pratt Esterbrook, buried Lawrence;
Margaret Wright Brown, buried in Ohio;
Cynthia Sellers Buffington, buried Clearwater;
Terressa Emmons Hoyt, buried Lebo;
Frances Minerva Loveland, buried Soldier;
Nettie Burwell Henry, buried in Kansas.

Two Real Daughters from other states are buried in Kansas. There are six daughters of Revolutionary War soldiers and one widow of a soldier buried in Kansas. There is some information about some of them in Find-A-Grave with photos showing their Real Daughter markers. The markers can be attached to the headstone or on a stake near it.

Upcoming Programs & Library Events

Board Meeting. Saturday, October 10 @ 10:30am.

Genealogy DNA Special Interest Group. Saturday, October 10 @ 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, October 17 @ 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. Saturday, Oct. 17 @ 1pm-2pm. Led by Sandi Bush and Lucille Williams. Do you have ancestors who served in the American Revolution, either in a military unit or by providing service in another way? We can help you with the application process, show you what records you need to qualify for membership, and give you all the details.

Afro-American Special Interest Group. Saturday, October 24 @ 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.

White Chapel Cemetery Project. Mondays, 9am. Led by Paul Smith and Jim Scharnhorst. We're taking photos of the White Chapel Cemetery for BillionGraves. Bring your smartphone and a hat and meet at the cemetery, Oliver and 17th St.

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

New Books in the MHGS Library

Family Maps of Jefferson Co. Ill: Deluxe Edition with Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns, Cemeteries, etc.
St. Charles County Heritage
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly
Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly
National Genealogical Society Quarterly
Comanche County History: Comanche County, Kansas
Tombstone Reading Calvary Cemetery
St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Andale
Viola Cemetery tombstone readings: on 2263rd Street West (K49) near K42
The Civil War and the Five Civilized Tribes: A Study in Federal-Indian Relations
The life and legacy of Oliver Brown, the first listed plaintiff of Brown vs. Board of Education, Topeka, Kansas
Potawatomi Indians of the West
A Necessary Evil...the Post Sutler at Fort Larned and Fort Dodge, Kansas
The Negro in Oklahoma Territory 1889-1907: The Symbolism & Mythology of late 19th Century Expansionism in Kansas

Upcoming Events in our Area

Wichita Genealogical Society 4th Annual Conference “*Opening Up to New Discoveries*”

When: Saturday, October 10, 2015

Where: Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5015 E 29th St N., Wichita Kansas

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Doors open 8:15)

Featured Speakers: Diane C. Loosie and Michelle Enke

Registration: After Sept. 26 it is \$70 which includes syllabus, handouts, 2 raffle tickets, fabulous raffle prizes, light breakfast and lunch is included with paid registration.

Go to www.wichiagensoc.org for registration form and any other information.

2015 Cowtown Base Ball Festival

Saturday, October 3, 2015, 10am to 5pm (?)

Old Cowtown Museum, 1865 W Museum Blvd

Learn about the men who had their hand in the “cookie jar” to help build Base Ball in Wichita: Sol H. Kohn, C F. Gilbert, E. B. Jewett, L. N. Woodcock. W. A. Richey, T. L. Nixon and others through the 1870s and beyond.

Teams: Wichita Bull Stockings, Emporia White Stockings, Hodgeman County Nine, Topeka Westerns, and the Lincoln, NE Olympic Base Ball Club will be joining in for the Base Ball Festival as base ball was played in the 1870s.

For more information go to www.oldcowtown.org.

Historic Midtown Citizen’s Association

The HMCA Historic Walking Tour

Saturday, October 10, 11:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 11, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

They are in need of volunteers so if you can help please call Rachel Schober, tour chairperson at 250-7993, or email her at schoberrachel@yahoo.com. You can volunteer for traffic control, ticket sales, or house docents.

Come join the fun!

Searching for relatives of deceased soldier

Robby Prinsen Email: robbyprinsen@hotmail.com

Has adopted the grave of a soldier in Belgium called Michael N. Shay, Jr. Would like to find any living family members to get more information about him so they can add a face and stories to what is now a name on a tombstone. He was born 1918 and was from Sedgwick County, Kansas. Email if you have any information.

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