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# 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>

### 50th Anniversary Party for MHGS!

**When: Saturday, October 29**  
**Where: 1203 North Main, Wichita**  
**What time: 1pm to 4pm**



October is Family History Month so why not celebrate our 50th Anniversary by attending our anniversary party? It is for anyone and everyone so come celebrate with us!

There will be refreshments for everyone to enjoy. Come spend some time, visit, check out all the work and record moves in the library that Julia, Jim, and all their helpers have done. You might even decide you would like to do some volunteering to help out. We'll be showing off our new digital collections! Come see what's new!

**Save the Date and See You There!**

### More Library Additions from Julia

- Black-Ramsey Record - Edna Clymer Sample
- A fair and happy land - William A. Owen 1973
- When the Gripps Came West - Grace E. Shaw Gripp 1973
- Bibbie, the sunflower from Plymouth - Agnes Mable Monypeny 1963
- 16th Annual Fort Verde Day Program - 1972
- Rock Island (Blackhawk) Genealogical Society Quarterly - 2013-2015
- Branching Out from St. Clair County - 2013 Marissa Hist. & Gen. Soc.
- Branching Out from St. Clair County - 2015-2016
- Van Buren County, Territory of Iowa Marriages 1837-1843 - 1981
- Lorimor: The First Hundred Years - 1986
- Early Marriage Records of Warren County, Iowa & Warren County, Iola Tax List for 1855 - 1969
- The Story of Home on the Range - Kirk Mechem - 1969
- Echoes of Pawnee Rock - Margaret Perkins - 1908
- Harper County Connections - 2014-2015
- Hutchinson News Obituary Scrapbook - 1979 & Index (cont. page 3)



This program is made possible in part by the City of Wichita.

## Upcoming Programs & Library Events

**Lakeview Cemetery Photo Project. Monday mornings at 10am to 11:30am weather permitting.** This is led by Jim Scharnhorst and Paul Smith. Cemetery is located at 12100 East 13th Street in Wichita. Bring your cell phone or tablet with the BillionGraves app and help us document the cemetery. We won't be there if the weather is bad.

**Board Meeting. Saturday, October 8 @ 10:30am.**

**Genealogy DNA Special Interest Group. Saturday, October 8 @ 1pm to 2pm.** Led by Paul Renner Smith. Discover the latest news in the field of Genealogical DNA study. This informal 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.

**Power Up Your Genealogy. Tuesday, October 11 @ 1:30 to 3pm.** Led by Julia Langel & Twila Brown. Topic of discussion for October will be Interviewing Relatives. Come prepared to discuss and share your ideas.

**Genealogy on the Internet. Saturday, October 15 @ 10am.** 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, October 15 @ 1pm.** Led by Sandi Bush and Lucille Williams. We can help you with the application process, show you what records you need to qualify for membership, and give you all the details. We can also help if you are interested in the Sons of the American Revolution.

**Afro-American Special Interest Group. Saturday, October 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](http://mhgswichita.org) periodically for up-to-date information.**

### Missouri Birth Certificates for Adoptees

Adoptees in Missouri are now able to obtain their adoption records. Those born prior to 1941 in Missouri can access their adoption records by checking the website for the Bureau of Vital Records. Younger adoptees are still locked out. That will change on January 2, 2018, when those born after 1940, and who are at least 18 years old, will be able to request their original birth certificates.

The website to check is: [www.health.mo.gov](http://www.health.mo.gov). You can get the form for the application on the website and send that and \$15 to Bureau of Vital Records, P. O. Box 570, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0270. It may take a little time to receive a copy of the original certificate as they have to obtain it off site.

You can read the full story at <http://goo.gl/3zdULh>. This information was supplied by Dick Eastman in his daily newsletter on August 30.

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- Viola Kansas: A Journey Thru Time - 2015
- Inside war: the guerilla conflict in Missouri during the American Civil War - Michael Fellman - 1989
- Johnson County Centennial 1856-1956
- Early Marriages of Stark County, Ohio - 1986
- Scrapbook of Newspaper Obituaries and Birth Notices, Lebanon, Pennsylvania - 1970
- Home Place Prince William County - 1990
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Haymarket, VA, Parish Records 1837-1995, Baptisms, Marriages & Deaths - 1996  
Gayle M. Daniels
- This was Prince William - R. Jackson Ratcliffe - 1978
- City of Richmond, Virginia Wills 1782-1810 - Benjamin B. Weisiger - 1983
- Prince William County, Virginia, Residents: Marriages from Source Outside the County - Ronald Ray Turner 1993
- The great Peshtigo fire: an eyewitness account - Peter Pernin - 1996
- Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi - William John Petersen - 1968
- The Journal of Chickasaw history and culture - 2002 (2015 (01)S, 2015 (02)F, 2016 (01)S)
- The great rebellion: a history of the civil war in the United States - J[oe]l T[ylor] Headley - 1866 V1 & V2
- Shiloh National Military Park, Tennessee - Albert Dillahunt - 1961
- Davis, Francisco, Dickinson Families

**Wichita Genealogical Society Annual Conference October 8 at Hughes Metropolitan Complex  
"Kansans: Where Did They Come From"**

Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5015 E. 29th St., Wichita, Kansas

**Featured Speaker: Dr. Jay Price**, director of the Local & Community Program at WSU & as history department chair.

**Guest Speaker: Sarah Keckeisen**, Reference Librarian at the Kansas Historical Society.

**Guest Speaker: Michelle Enke**, Manager of the Wulfmeyer Genealogy at the Wichita Public Library.

**Guest Speaker: Mary Hursey**, Wichita Genealogical Society Chairperson for Classes and a board member.

**Panel Discussion of Early Kansas Immigration** - Barbara Wattman—Swedish immigrants; Eileen Davis—German immigrants; Melvin Epp—Mennonite immigrants

Conference topics:

Keynote: What Brought Them to Kansas and Why?	Dr. Jay Price
How to Find Your Ancestry in History	Dr. Jay Price
Immigration Reseouces 1850 to 1940	Michelle Enke
Kansas State Historical Society Genealogy Resources	Sarah Keckeisen
On the Move	Mary Hursey

Registration Information: \$60

Registration include syllabus, handouts, continental breakfast and lunch buffet.

For additional information and to download registration forms, see website: [www.wichitagensoc.org](http://www.wichitagensoc.org)

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