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Tuesday & Saturday

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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An often overlooked source for Sedgwick County genealogical data is The Daily Record. Haven't heard of it? Well, it's a paper that was used for many different kinds of legal publications. In fact, it was designated the official court paper of the District Court of Sedgwick County, Kansas. It can be found on microfilm in the genealogy section of the Wichita Public Library on rolls covering the years 1947 through 1998. The issues were usually from four to six pages in length and published Mondays through Saturdays.

Among the many kinds of data listed in the "Record" are court dockets, disposition of cases, filings, real estate transactions, mortgages, deed registrations, building permits, etc. Also, found are adoption case notifications as well as regular legal notices. Most of the data is arranged into columns. There are even listings in some years of Auto License plates and who got them.

BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR GENEALOGISTS, there are also vital records columns for Marriage Licenses, Births and Deaths in most issues. Many years even list individuals who have recently moved showing their new addresses. I have been able to use these columns to find new fathers' names and addresses along with newborn info; ages and addresses of people who died in our area; maiden names from marriage licenses; and changes of addresses and dates. Careful study of issues can reveal even more.

The price of mining this data is that it can take some time. There is no index for these issues and a researcher must look through a number of issues to find that special piece of info. Often, a listing does not appear until days or weeks after the event. For example, my own birth does not appear in print here until a month after my birthday. But it was there along with my name, my father's name and our address. Not every year has the same kinds of data, either. In later years, for instance, death info is not shown. A researcher has a bit of a learning curve here, but it usually well worth it!

By Rex Riley

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & LIBRARY EVENTS

WRITING A PROFILE OF YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR. Saturday Aug 5 @ 1:30. Led by Julia Langel. A workshop to get you started writing your family history. This month we'll start working on the effect of the war on the folks left back at home.

POWER UP YOUR GENEALOGY. Tuesday, Aug 8 @ 1:30 to 3 pm. Led by Julia Langel. Let's power up our research techniques! This month we'll be viewing a webinar on newspaper research.

GENEALOGY DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. Saturday, Aug 12 @ 1 pm to 2 pm. 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.

GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET. Saturday, Aug 19 @ 10 am. 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 problems that have developed, and learning what the future holds.

DAR/SAR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. Saturday Aug 19 @ 1 pm. Led by Sandi Bush and Lucille Williams. Get help with the application process, learn what records you need to qualify for membership, and find out all the details. We'll provide assistance for both the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

AFRO-AMERICAN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. Saturday Aug 26 @ 1 pm. 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.

JULIA'S LATEST BOOK ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

- History of Browns Grove & Burdett, Kansas R-210 PN 05
- Progress 200: Pawnee County R-210 PN 06
- Mc Cracken, Kansas History 1887-1987 R – 210 RH 03
- History of the Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science R-210 RL 13
- Kansas State University; A Pictorial History 1863-1963 R-210 RL 14
- The Hutchinson Spirit R-210 RN 18
- Positively Plainville R-210 RO 03
- Re-Echo 1887-1987 Centennial Edition: St. John, Hudson, Antrim R-210 SF 04
- The Tower 1956, 1957 R-210 SG 091
- The Chisholm Trail and the Birth of Wichita R-210 SG 194
- Trojan Shield 1975, 1976 R-210 SG 195
- St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Schulte, Kansas Centennial 1905-2005 R-210 SG 196

UPCOMING LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Wichita Genealogical Society Annual Conference “A Day with Ancestry.” Saturday, October 14, 2017, 8:00 am to 4 pm, Hughes Metroplex. The speaker will be Juliana Szucs from Ancestry.com. More information at www.wichitagensoc.org
- Chisholm Trail 150th Celebration, Delano/Wichita, Ks, October, 2017 –more info later.
- Genealogy Fair – Riley County Saturday August 19, 2017 10-3 Pottorf Hall, CiCo Park, Wreath and Kimball Ave. Manhattan, Kansas Call 785-565-6495

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our new members! And thanks to everyone who renewed their membership! (And if you haven't renewed yet, there's still time...)

GENEALOGY TIDBIT

Genealogy begins as an interest, then becomes a hobby, continues as an avocation, and in the last stages is an incurable disease.

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He who cares nothing about his ancestors will rarely achieve anything worthy of being remembered by his descendants.

Author unknown

DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Go to <https://www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

If you have already created an online account for your Plus Card, click “Sign In,” if not, click “Create an Account,” scroll to bottom of the page to the “Community Rewards” section, and enter organization number 48325. Use your plus card whenever you shop.

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