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13 REASONS YOU CAN'T BREAK DOWN YOUR WALLS

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Tuesday & Saturday

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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You're searching too specifically...It is common for names to be misspelled on old records, or incorrectly transcribed when placed online.

You're searching in all the wrong places...Genealogical and historical societies, county websites and regional guides are the place to start to educate yourself about what records are available.

You're not making use of the data you have...Use all the records you've collected and look for new information that you may have missed. Write down name variations, locations, dates, family members, neighbors, occupations, church affiliations, immigration, etc.

You haven't collected enough data...Fill out the individuals that you know

You're looking for the person you're looking for...Sometimes we need to stop looking for the person we're looking for and start looking around them instead. Stop looking for the parents and look for the sibling, neighbors, etc.

You're only looking in searchable record collections...There are many collections online that contain browsable only data.

You're looking in the wrong location- literally...county boundaries changed quite often through time. Your ancestors didn't move but the boundaries that they lived in changed.

You're only searching general collections...Search record collections with your ancestor's names rather than search the whole website.

You're not using enough genealogy sites...Find some websites that you haven't used before. Search on Cyndislist.

You're not power searching...Use the advanced search box.

You're only searching online...There are still many records that are not online. Try local historical and genealogical societies and libraries. You haven't asked for help...Join an online group or forum for help.

You're giving up too quickly...Get creative. Expand your efforts, ask for help and don't give up.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & LIBRARY EVENTS

WRITING A PROFILE OF YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR. Saturday, Nov 4 , Dec 2 @ 1:30. Led by Julia Langel. A workshop to get you started writing your family history. November we'll be working on illustrations, citations, and editing; December bring your profiles.

POWER UP YOUR GENEALOGY. Tuesday, Nov 14, Dec 12 @ 1:30 to 3 pm. Led by Julia Langel. Let's power up our research techniques! In Nov. we'll make our "To Do " list for genealogy during the holiday season. In Dec. we'll be analyzing photographs.

GENEALOGY DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. Saturday, Nov 11 , Dec 9 @ 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, Nov 18 , Dec 16 @ 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. ON HOLD FOR THE PRESENT. 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. NO MEETING IN NOV or DEC. 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

- Wichita High School West yearbook The Trail 1962, 1963, 1964 R-210 SG 207
- The Tiger 1958, 1959 R-210 SG 208
- Studies in Intelligence Online – link in catalog
- Rutherford County Historical Society Publications R-430 187 # 01, 19, 33-39
- What Mother Did, I Did Too: Kansas Quilt Traditions R-210 156
- Event Files VF 004 Freedom Train
- Parsons, Kansas Walking Tours R-210 LB 09
- Rand McNally Road Atlas 1978, 1979 A- 600 013
- Kansas Historical Markers R-210 155
- Southeastern Kansas Coal Mining Towns R-210 154
- Cemeteries and Graveyards of Rutherford County, Tennessee R-430 186
- Family Research in Monroe County, Ohio R-380 350 V 8
- Marriages of Sussex County, Virginia 1754-1810 R-470 388
- Index to Obituary Notices in the Richmond Enquirer May 9, 1804-1828 and Richmond Whig Jan 1824-38 R-470 387
- The Civil War: Black American Contributions to Union Intelligence Online – link in catalog

UPCOMING LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The History of Jesse Chisholm Sept 30th – Dec. 30th Mid-America All Indian Center.
- The Power Up Special Interest Group will be analyzing photos at the December and January meetings. Bring photos to share.

NEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP – RESEARCHING AND WRITING ABOUT WWI

If you haven't joined us for the Writing A Profile of your Civil War Ancestor workshops, you've missed a terrific genealogy adventure! It's surprising how fun and rewarding it is to work on the same project over several months, having the luxury to learn about a few resources, go away to play with them, share your discoveries with the group, then learn about a few new resources. We also agree that learning about the social context is far more fascinating than we expected.

We had so much fun that we're doing it again in 2018! We'll be exploring World War I, this time. Each participant will select an individual to focus on – a soldier, a nurse, an ambulance driver, an internee.

Each month we'll discuss an aspect of the war and the resources available for researching it. We'll also share the discoveries and challenges we encounter along the way. At the end of ten months, we'll have the materials needed to write an entertaining profile of our people of interest.

We'll also be taking a field trip to the World War I museum in Kansas City to research in their archive. ROAD TRIP!

Want to join us? Our first meeting will be January 20, at 1:30. We'll have a brief review of the war, talk about how to pick a person of interest, and discuss some of the main archives and websites we'll be using all year. Everything's free and non-members are welcome.

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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