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FRIENDS OF THE HISTORIC FRESH AIR BABY CAMP

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Library Hours:
Tuesday & Saturday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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This group is seeking funds to rehabilitate a building in Wichita's North Riverside Park. It is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places as the Fresh Air Baby Camp (1920). It's original function was as a summer hospital ward for infants. Later, it became known as the Girl Scout Little House because of its 80 year history as a troop activity center.

North Riverside Park, one of the four segments of the Riverside Park system, contains three historic buildings, Park Villa, the Comfort Station and the Baby Camp/Little House. Wichita was in danger of losing the Baby Camp due to the condition of the building.

A non profit group Friends of the Historic Fresh Air Baby Camp (FHFABC) was formed by concerned residents in order to restore this public recreation resource. These dedicated and committed volunteers as well as many supporters have managed to install a new tile roof similar to the original as well as new sewer and underground electric service.

The budget for completing restoration is \$172,000. This includes sheetrock, paint, doors, window and door trim, installation of custom storm windows, landscaping, front entry, sidewalk and handicap ramp.

Contributions are administered by the Wichita Parks Foundation, a 501© (3) nonprofit organization. Make checks payable to Wichita Parks Foundation ,with "Fresh Air Baby Camp" on the memo line, and mail to 1402 N. Garland Avenue, Wichita, Kansas 67203

Please help us restore this treasure.

DUPLICATE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

The library has been blessed with donations and as a result we have some duplicate copies for sale. Yearbooks are \$5.00 and genealogy books are priced individually. Books include family histories, history of counties and states.

So much information right at the library, come by and check it out.

JUST A REMINDER

Membership renewals are now past due. Please check to make sure you have renewed.

SOME WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR INCLUDE:

- a chairman for the building and grounds committee
- a legal size 4 drawer file cabinet.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & LIBRARY EVENTS

RESEARCHING AND WRITING ABOUT YOUR WORLD WAR I ANCESTOR. Saturday, May 19 FIELD TRIP to WWI museum in Kansas City. Led by Julia Langel. A workshop to get you started writing your family history.

POWER UP YOUR GENEALOGY. Tuesday, May 8 @ 1:30 to 3 pm. Led by Julia Langel. We'll be talking about how to use Facebook for genealogy.

GENEALOGY DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. Saturday, May 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.

PHOTO MYSTERIES, Tuesday, May 15 @1:30. Led by Rex Riley. Bring your photographs and let our photo detectives go to work to solve the unknown facts regarding the images.

GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET. Saturday, May 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.

AFRO-AMERICAN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. Saturday, May 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.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

American Women in World War I: They Also Served	R-670	263
The History of the Wichita Streetcars	R-210	SG 214
Artfully Done	R-210	SG 216
Elbert Beard Collection	VB Beard	V 01 A-E
Freedom by the Sword: the US Colored Troops	Online	-link in catalog

INTERESTED IN NATIVE AMERICAN GENEALOGY?

The Five Tribes Ancestry Conference “Understanding Native American genealogy among the Five Tribes” will be June 7-9, 2018 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, OK. For information, go to cherokeeheritage.org/cherokee-ancestry-conference/

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

PERSISTANCE: “ Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan ‘Press On’ has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.”

Quote by former President Calvin Coolidge to the New York Life Insurance Agents in 1932.

FREE ONLINE DATABASES THROUGH THE WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY AND STATE OF KANSAS

Online databases of digitized resources are terrific tools for researching in your pjs, but subscribing to all of the interesting ones can get expensive. Public libraries to the rescue!

Wichita Public Library: With a library card number, you can access NewsBank (digitized newspapers), the Wichita Eagle, Gale’s Genealogy Connect and others. If you go to the library, you can also access Ancestry.com and AmericanAncestors.com (the New England Historical & Genealogical Society.) Go to wichitalibrary.org/research

Kansas Library: As a Kansas resident, you have access to a variety of databases through the Kansas Library. Some of these duplicate the WPL list, and some are new. If you are logging on through, for example, your cable internet connection, you should be recognized automatically as a Kansas resident. If not, you’ll need a Kansas Library card number; you can get a Kansas Library card at any public library branch. Go to kslib.info/221/Online-Databases

Not a Wichita resident? Your public library probably has good stuff too! The Haysville Public Library offers free onsite access to Ancestry.com. Derby offers Ancestry.com, Fold3, Newspapers.com and Newsbank, and others.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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