

# MIDWEST HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## ALERT

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### HISTORY HUB- A MODEL FOR ARCHIVAL REFERENCE

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

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When the National Archives launched History Hub in January 2016, we hoped it would be a game-changing way to provide access to information and diverse sources of expertise. I'm pleased to share that what started out as an experimental project has become an active community of researchers and experts.

The idea for History Hub began with research into how organizations can best communicate with and serve their audiences. We discovered that our customers expect instantaneous feedback, self-service information retrieval, and personalized interactions with organizations. We were inspired by the success that technology companies have had with online support communities; these platforms invite connections between staff, customers, and enthusiasts who bring their own expertise to the forum. In a resource-constrained environment, we were also excited by the possibility of enabling many-to-many interactions, helping us to serve researchers more quickly and efficiently by harnessing the collective knowledge of internal and external experts. Informed by these insights and models, the National Archives decided to launch History Hub ([history.gov](http://history.gov)), a crowdsourcing platform for people interested in researching history. History Hub offers tools like discussion boards, blogs, and community pages to bring together experts and researchers interested in American history.

AOTUS Blog (The Blog of the Archivist of the United States)  
<https://aotus.blogs.archives.gov/2018/05/24/history-hub-a-21st-century-model-for-archival-reference/>

### EVEN MORE BOOKS 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. New donations have arrived just recently, much about Rhode Island. So much information right at the library, come by and check it out.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help index the Sedgwick County marriage books. We've set up a station on the main floor of the library and created a spreadsheet, so all you need to do is show up and type!

We are also starting a project to index some items at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum. There will be two parts to this – we'll take some quick digital images at the museum, and then we can transcribe at the library (and eventually from home.) We'll start with a City Court docket ledger from 1910-11, which covers all sorts of interesting cases, from mis-measuring cranberries to assault. Next, we'll work on a pair of ledgers from the Probate Court that track the cases of juveniles, mostly girls, who got in trouble or needed assistance in 1918-1919. These records are just blocks of handwritten text that we'll transcribe. If we don't run out of steam, they have tax records from 1872!

If you are interested in either of these projects, please come by the library or email Julia at [library@mhgswichita.org](mailto:library@mhgswichita.org)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & LIBRARY EVENTS

*RESEARCHING AND WRITING ABOUT YOUR WORLD WAR I ANCESTOR.* Saturday, July 21 @1:30 Led by Julia Langel. A workshop to get you started writing your family history.

*POWER UP YOUR GENEALOGY.* Tuesday, July 10 @ 1:30 to 3 pm. Led by Julia Langel. We'll be talking about reunions. Bring ideas for future sessions.

*GENEALOGY DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP.* Saturday, July 14 @ 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.

*PHOTO MYSTERIES,* Tuesday, July 17 @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, July 21 @ 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, July 28 @ 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.

## ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Chautauqua Co, Ks Genealogy Society Gen-Tree 1999	R-210	CQ 03
Ramona, Ks High School Class of 1941 50 th Anniversary 1991	R -210	MN 19
Post Rock Country	R-210	RH 04
Lionian Goddard High School 1994-97	R-210	SG 212
Crusader Kapaun- Mt Carmel High School 1991	R-210	SG 213

## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

I am who I am because they were who they were.  
I collect dead relatives and sometimes a live cousin.

The Searcher Summer 2017  
The Genie Bug 2/2014 Vol 43 # 1

## VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

A special program to celebrate America's Independence will be held on July 4, at 10:30 am. The speaker for the event will be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Free and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs please. The park is located just west of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Waco Streets and east of Westar Electric on Veterans Parkway. Parking is available in the west parking lot, or across the parkway as the business buildings are closed for the holiday. Handicap ramp from the street is located at the east end of the park.

## CELEBRATE AMERICA AT COWTOWN!

Celebrate Independence at Cowtown with good old fashioned fun! Watch vintage baseball, catch a gunfight, see the saloon girls, play carnival games and watch us crown the King and Queen of Cowtown! This year's Celebrate America promises to provide a good ol' time for everyone. Don't miss the lazy games of horseshoes, sack races, ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers and a beer garden for those lookin' to quench their thirst on the finest brew Cowtown has to offer.

MHGS will have a table at this event, so stop by and say hello! Saturday, June 20, 10am to 5pm. Regular admission prices.



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<b>GENEALOGY DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP</b>	<b>PHOTO MYSTERIES</b>
<b>Second Saturday @ 1:30</b> <b>Led by Paul Renner Smith</b>	<b>Third Tuesday @ 1:30</b> <b>Led by Rex Riley</b>
<b>POWER-UP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP</b>	<b>AFRO-AMERICAN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP</b>
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