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THE LOST TIME CAPSULE IS FOUND!

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Library Hours:

Tuesday & Saturday

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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We received a letter with pictures of our time capsule from Gary Gordon. Myron Janson (a member of the Wichita Historical Society) found the capsule in the basement of City Hall. It has a note on top stating that it will be opened in 2050. Perhaps a more permanent sign would be helpful! Gary also included a humorous (and fictitious) possible news story from 2043 stating a bomb from Viet Nam was found by workers cleaning the basement of old city hall. The bomb squad took it to the country and blew it up ----- Let's not let that happen. What a loss that would be. Many thanks to Myron Janson for saving the day!

VFW POST 112 OVER THERE POST

VFW Post 112 will honor Wichita World War One hero 2nd Lt. Erwin R Bleckley on the 100th anniversary of his death. The event will be Saturday October 6, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the Robert Dole VA Center 5500 E Kellogg Ave., Wichita, Kansas. For information contact: Greg Zuercher (316) 253-3806 Email: zgbz7@yahoo.com

WICHITA -SEDGWICK CO HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Did your ancestors live in Middle America during the turn of the century - - between the late 1880s and the early 1900s? Do you wonder what their home was like?

If so, you need to visit the Wichita/Sedgwick County Historical Museum, at William and South Main Streets. On the third floor you will find a unique exhibit "A Victorian Cottage" that is designed to create, as faithfully as possible, a lifestyle typical of the middle class of Wichita during the 1880s and 1890s. Many of the furnishings are from the museum's extensive collection, while the rest of the items were purchased specifically for the home. The "cottage" consists of the entryway, reception room, parlor, dining room, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and back porch.

The museum staff has taken the utmost care to provide a thoroughly researched and detailed interpretation of the interior design appropriate to the period.

Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays. While you're there, also enjoy learning about Wichita and surrounds from the 1870s to the 2000s.

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Phillip Blake produced his Wichita Memorials book in April 2004. Forty additional copies of this book entitled *They Paid the Price* have just been found. Blake did all of the photography and also wrote the manuscript. These signed copies are available for a donation of \$25 to Veteran's Memorial Park. Call MHGS (264-3611) or Francene (262-5780).

Barb Myer's book *Walking with the Wichita Pioneers*, about Highland cemetery, is also available here. The price is \$20. If you have family in this cemetery, you will find the book very interesting!

SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

DNA - What it is, Where to get it Done and How to use it for Genealogy November 3rd, 2018, Memorial Auditorium, Wellington. Presented by Michelle Enke, Manager of Special Collections, Wichita Advanced Learning Library.

Door prizes awarded throughout the day!

For more information—<http://ks-schgs.blogspot.com/p/fair.html> or www.ksschgs.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thanks to some very dedicated typists we are slowly getting the Sedgwick County marriage books indexed. If you are interested in this project, please come by the library or email Julia at library@mhgswichita.org.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & LIBRARY EVENTS

RESEARCHING AND WRITING ABOUT YOUR WORLD WAR I ANCESTOR. Saturday, Oct 20 @1:30. Led by Julia Langel. A workshop to get you started writing your family history.

POWER UP YOUR GENEALOGY. Tuesday, Oct 9 @ 1:30 to 3 pm. Led by Julia Langel. Twila Brown will be leading a discussion on how to find that elusive maiden name.

GENEALOGY DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. Saturday, Oct 13 @ 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, Oct 16 @1:30. Led by Rex Riley. Bring your mystery pictures and let our photo detectives go to work finding clues about the dates, places and people.

GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET. Saturday, Oct 13 @ 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, Oct 27 @ 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

The English origins of the “Mary & John” passengers	R-260 065
Historic sites of Warren County, Missouri	R-300 286
Marthasville, Missouri – Rich in History	R-300 287 V 01
The Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island	R-420 015
Elm Grove Cemetery Inscriptions, North Kingstown, Rhode Island	R-420 016
Washington Co, R.I. births and marriages from gravestone inscriptions (1688-1850)	R-420 017 V 03
Washington Co, R.I. births, 1760-1860 from death and marriage records	R-420 017 V 08,09

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Golden Rules of Genealogy (continued; borrowed from GotGenealogy.com)

9. Pass along your research. No matter how many decades you spend researching your family, your research will never be done. Plan on passing along your research to the next generation’s researchers. Leave excellent notes, cite all your sources, explain your shorthand...in essence, leave your research the way you’d have like to have found it.
10. Don’t die with your stories still in you. Giving credit to Dr. Wayne Dyer for his “Don’t die with your music still in you,” we want to remind you to tell the stories as completely and as accurately as possible. Genealogy isn’t about just doing research. Genealogy is about telling the stories and ensuring that your ancestor’s legacies live on for generations to come. Without the stories, the research won’t do anyone much good. The legacy of your ancestors rests in your capable hands. Doing the research is fine, but always remember that you have been chosen to tell their stories.
11. DNA is not a trump card. DNA is just one of many possible sources of information you can use to verify or deny a relationship. Human error occurs when the results are transcribed, thereby providing false information. DNA results should always be used in concert with other sources.
12. Anything you post online will be “borrowed” You need to accept the fact that any family information you post online will be “borrowed” or outright stolen, and you will probably not get credit for all your hard work. This is the nature of the beast...the internet. Get over it.

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