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MADONNA OF THE TRAIL

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Library Hours:

Tuesday & Saturday

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Madonna of the Trail is a series of 12 identical monuments dedicated to the spirit of pioneer women in the United States. The monuments were commissioned by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). They are located in each of the twelve states along the National Old Trails Road, which extended from Cumberland, Maryland to Upland, California.

These monuments were intended to provide a symbol of the courage and faith of the women whose strength and love aided so greatly in conquering the wilderness and establishing permanent homes.

The statues feature a pioneer woman striding forward, holding a baby in her left arm, while grasping a rifle in her right hand, with her small son clutching her skirt. The figures stand ten feet high and weigh five tons. With the base, the monuments are about 18 feet high. The twelve statues were put in place between July 1928 and April 1929.

The Kansas statue, which is located at the northeast corner of U.S. 56 and KS-177 in Council Grove, was put in place on September 7, 1928. Because the weather had taken a toll on the Madonna, the Kansas Society of DAR undertook the project to refurbish the statue. This project was completed this summer, and on her 90th birthday, the KSDAR rededicated our Madonna. If you get a chance to visit Council Grove, be sure to visit our ninety year old Madonna. She is quite impressive.

Twila Ackley Brown



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!

HELP PLEASE!

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, Nov 17 @1:30. Led by Julia Langel. Our last meeting!

POWER UP YOUR GENEALOGY. Tuesday, Nov 13 @ 1:30 to 3 pm. Led by Julia Langel Discussion of the websites Find-A-Grave and Billion Graves by Jim Scharnhorst and Eileen Cunningham.

GENEALOGY DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. Saturday, Nov 10 @ 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, Nov 20 @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.

AFRO-AMERICAN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP. NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER. 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

Newport County, Rhode Island marriages from probate records, 1647-1860	R-420 017	V 10
Births, 1590-1930, from Newport Common Burial Ground inscriptions	R-420 017	V 11
Newport County, Rhode Island births, 1751-1860 from death and marriage records (A-J)	R-420 017	V12
Newport County, Rhode Island births, 1751-1860 from death and marriage records (K-Z)	R-420 017	V13
Memoir concerning the French Settlements and Settlers in R.I. colony	R-420 018	
A history of Kingston, South Co, R.I. 1700-1900	R-420 019	
History of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations	R-420 020	V3
The first seventeen years—Virginia, 1607-1624	R-470 391	
Turff and Twigg (French settlers in Va.)	R-470 392	V1

SIX PLACES TO FIND FREE GENEALOGY COURSES

1. You Tube

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=genealogy+how-to

2. FamilySearch Learning Center

<https://familysearch.org/ask/landing?search=getting%20started&show=lessons&message=true>

3. Brigham Young University Independent Study

<https://isreg.byu.edu/site/courses/free.cfm>

4. UK National Archives Family History

<http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/category/family-history/>

5. Ancestry.com Learning Center

<https://www.ancestry.com/academy/courses/>

6. National Genealogical Society

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/educational_courses/online_courses/family_history_skills

Information provided by the Jefferson Co., Arkansas Genealogical Society

REMEMBER

When doing field research never use water-based pens. A few drops of rain can be lethal to your notes.

Courtesy Lee Genealogical Society, Fort Myers, Fla.

In 1953, Swanson overestimated the number of frozen turkeys that it would sell for Thanksgiving by 26 tons. The company decided to slice up the extra meat and repackage it –creating the first ever TV dinner.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Library will be CLOSED 11/24, 12/22,25,29 and 1/1

Library open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 to 4

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