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Tuesday & Saturday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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RESEARCHING IN MAY

There are two terrific opportunities this month to do a little on-site research.

Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, and although many people, including the woman who started the effort, think it has become too commercial, it does give us a moment to get the mothers in the family talking about their families. And when everyone is all dressed up, perhaps you could take a few three or four generation photos!

Decoration Day was first celebrated in 1868 to honor those who died defending their country during the Civil War. President James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery. In 1971 Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday celebrated on the last Monday in May.

This is a great day to research! There are usually lots of cemetery staff on hand to help you find your lost relatives. It is also a great day to obtain a map and the location of the grave of your lost ancestors.

Don't forget your camera or cell phone to document your find. Do remember to be cautious in rural cemeteries – sometimes there are snakes and other critters enjoying the quiet and sun. It has happened to me!

I was so engrossed in locating my relatives that I wasn't really aware of the world around me. Suddenly I heard the sound of a rattlesnake. My dad had always taught me to STOP, STAND STILL, and LOCATE the critter. So that is what I did and just about 20 feet in front of me on a warm granite marker was the culprit.

I slowly backed away from my spot and got back safely to my car. I still remember each time I visit that spot. Be careful!

Micki Stephans

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We have two very capable new volunteers helping with the research items. Come volunteer and learn more about the library as well.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & LIBRARY EVENTS

POWER UP YOUR GENEALOGY. Tuesday, May 14 @ 1:30 to 3 pm. Led by Julia Langel. This month we're watching a webinar on land records.

PHOTO MYSTERIES, Tuesday, May 21 @ 1:30 pm. 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 May. 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

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Thomas Gardner, Planter, and Some of his Descendants	G-G 081

CONFERENCES

- The National Genealogical Society 2019 Family History Conference is coming to St Charles, Missouri 8—11 May 2019. For additional information: . <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>
- Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference will be in Lincoln, KS, on June 8. <http://www.kcgs.us/2019-genealogy-conference/>

IN OUR ARCHIVE

Do you have photos or other items that you'd like to share with the world? You can donate the items, or just bring them in for digitizing, and we'll post the items online in our Digital Collections website for other researchers to use and enjoy.

Do you have some old photographs with questions? Who is this? When and Where was this photo taken? Bring the photos to the library and learn to scan and protect them as well as enjoying the hunt for answers. The scanning is free and you can take the photos home with you. We have a great time unravelling the mysteries.

For example, we found this photo in a collection of items related to the Nichols family – it's labeled "Carl Nichols." It's a Phillips station, and we know that the first one was built in 1927 (and is not this one.) Does anyone have any idea where and when it might have been taken?



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Library open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 to 4

Closed May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Call 316-264-3611 for information or to check on library closing.

POWER-UP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP	PHOTO MYSTERIES
Second Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Julia Langel	Third Tuesday @ 1:30 Led by Rex Riley
	AFRO-AMERICAN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP
	Fourth Saturday @ 1 pm Led by Jozel Smith Eckels

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