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UPDATE ON MARRIAGE BOOKS

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

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VICTORY !!!!

Jim Scharnhorst and Teresa Cansell have finished digitizing the marriage books! There are 150 volumes containing a total of 210,000 records dating from 1870 to 1984.

The books are still available for research in the library, but now, instead of hauling them upstairs to copy, we can print or email a digital image. (We don't have the technical ability to put them all online – yet.)

Unfortunately, indexing is much slower than digitizing, so most of these volumes are not yet indexed.

Volunteers are needed!!!



Teresa and Jim at the copy stand station in the basement.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & LIBRARY EVENTS

POWER UP YOUR GENEALOGY. Tuesday, Jan 14 @ 1:30 to 3 pm. Led by Julia Langel. This month we'll be watching a webinar about preserving personal collection.

PHOTO MYSTERIES, Tuesday, Jan 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. This group is on hiatus. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this group.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

History of a John Graybill family in America 1681-1981	G-G 084
A Historical Account of the Schneider/Snider/Snyder Family	G-S 158
Christian Andereck: 300 Years in America	G-A 054
Genealogies of the Lewis and kindred families	G-L 050
Lenox Sanitarium	R-210 SG 238
The Catlin Genealogy	G-C 141
City of Remembering: A History of Genealogy in New Orleans	R-230 008
Drawing Wichita	R-210 SG 237
The McCord Family: From Skye to Tennessee	G-M 106
Cemetery Inscriptions Spencer County, Indiana	R-190 226 V 12
Families are Forever: The James David Jackson/Martha Delia Gordon Family	G-J 033
The Slack Family	G-S 159
We Follow the Wagner Trail	G-W 128
I Remember: Life at our home on Lincoln Ave. above Pasadena	G-W 129
Clippings from a Cambria County, Pa Scrapbook, 1890-1935	R-410 373
Margaret Mary van De Kerkove Wagner Collection	VB Wagner V 06-19
Dorothy Woolfolk Woodroof Collection	VB Woodroof V 01-21
Naming Children in Early New England	online- link in catalog
Marguerite Dixon Warner Collection	online – link in catalog

CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Topeka Genealogical Society 2020 Heartland Family History Conference will be April 3 & 4. Our own Julia Langel will be giving a presentation on Saturday, the 4th. Gary Clark of Wichita Genealogical Society will also be presenting, as will Leo Oliva, a well-known Kansas historian. The keynote speaker will be John Colletta. Website: <https://tgstopeka.org>

GROCERY STORE STORY

William Henry Davis was the builder, owner, developer and proprietor of the Henry's Penny Saver Grocery Store located at the corner of 27th and N. Broadway in the 1920's. Henry was the butcher presiding over the long, narrow grocery-meat counter at the back of the store.

Henry had special ways of working with his customers. He purchased his shelf items from Farha, the local buyers, who would make weekly deliveries to this small grocery at the north end of Wichita on highway US 81. If a flat of canned beans could be sold, the store would reap the profit of 1 can – free! Henry would put a partial flat of cans by the front door, sign depicting the sale price, and with cans missing, it would look like the sale was going fine! Eye catching to future shoppers!

When a salesman entered the store, the first person he saw was the assistant, dressed nicely in white at the front counter. The salesman would give his pitch to the assistant – with Henry listening from the back of the store at the meat counter. After the pitch was completed, the assistant would tell him “You will have to talk with the owner about that. He's at the meat counter.” Of course, Henry now knew what that pitch would be and he could figure out what answer, question or deal he would present to the salesman.

The Stockyards Bank, the only North End bank at the time, would charge people 25 cents to cash their paychecks. For many, that was a day's wages. Henry would allow his shoppers to run a tab for their needs. He would cash their weekly paychecks for nothing, remove what was owed him, and give them the rest. He kept his customers, he got his money, all was fair and square.

Years later there was a Henry's Penny Saver Grocery line in Florida. He never did copyright the name, but Wichita had the FIRST “Henry's Penny Saver Grocery Store” in the USA!

By the way, Henry was Francene Sharp's father.

*The reason life works at all, is because not everyone
in your tribe is nuts on the same day*

Anne Lamott

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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 On hiatus

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