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## ALERT

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### FROM GENEALOGY ROUNDTABLE TO LADY WRESTLER!

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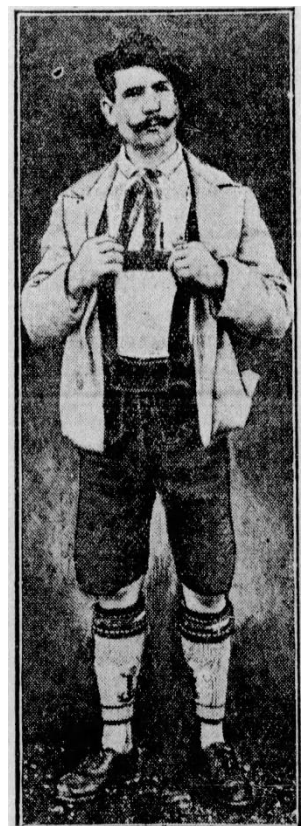
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I was impressed with the latest *NGS Magazine* issue (July-September 2022) and used an article on a mind mapping technique as the topic for the August Genealogy Roundtable meeting. I picked an obituary scrapbook at random and then found a couple of interesting obituaries to use for a practice exercise. And one of them led me and Rex down a serious rabbit hole!

Have you ever heard of Charles and Mollie Delivuk? Under the name Karl Von Delivuk, “champion wrestler of Austria,” Charlie wrestled around the country, especially on the east coast. Much of the news coverage mentions that he habitually strolled around town wearing his “Tyrolean costume, consisting of leather knee britches, green golf stockings, and Alpine hat, and with his flowing mustaches.” (Chicago Tribune, 12/2/1906) He claimed to have been a brewmaster and soldier in Vienna, before getting discovered by the “Russian Lion” Cyganiewich Tybsco. (Sioux City Journal, 4/21/1909) Delivuk wrestled in Wichita at Wonderland Park, losing to Charles Hackenschmidt on March 5, 1908. (Wichita Eagle, 3/5/1908) In the early 1910s, Charlie served as a color sergeant in the Second Kansas infantry in Mexico. (Wichita Eagle, 11/22/1916) After WWI, he traveled less for wrestling and spent more time teaching wrestling and physical fitness.



Karl von Delivuk, of Austria, who defeated Maupas for the wrestling championship of Canada last night.

Charles returned from a 1907 tour in Europe with a wife, Mollie, from his home town in Austria. Once in the US, Mollie learned how to wrestle and began her own wrestling career, frequently competing against men. She retired in 1927 (Wichita Eagle, 10/18/1957) In addition, she worked a few years for a butcher shop, cleaning up after hours; she used meat scraps to feed pigs and chickens, fixed and resold old wooden boxes and barrels, and boiled grease into soap for sale.

## WRESTLERS, CONTINUED

In the 1920s and 30s, the Delivuks worked together as housing developers; they designed, constructed, decorated and sold several houses in the neighborhood of Kellogg and Wichita streets. Both participated in both the design process and the physical labor of digging basements, pouring concrete and hanging wallpaper. (Wichita Eagle, 10/18/1957; Wichita Beacon, 4/2/1922)

Mollie died in October 1957 and Charlie died in January 1962. They had no children. (Wichita Eagle, 10/18/1957; Wichita Eagle, 1/24/1962)

Julia Langel

## NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY COLLECTION

G-D 086	Our Day family, 1597-1990
Online	Record of Massachusetts Volunteers 1861-1865
R-190 230	Marriage Affidavits and Certificates: Harrison County, Indiana 1809-1865
R-190 231	Records of Harrison County, Indiana, from Walter Beanblossom's Collection and Reprints from the 'Ancestral News'
R-190 232	A Collection of Harrison County, Indiana, Records
R-190 233	School Enumeration: Harrison County, Indiana 1846 and 1847
R-210 171	75 Years of KIOGA Leadership
R-210 BU 27	Midian Townsite, Butler County, Kansas: Results of Phase III Archeological Investigations at 14BU381
R-210 SG 285	Being Wichita Women
R-220 240 V1	BreakMeade Area Cemeteries Series
R-220 240 V2	BreakMeade Area Cemeteries Series
R-220 240 V3	BreakMeade Area Cemeteries Series

## PARKING LOT SIGN

If you have visited the library recently, you may have noticed a couple of fierce-looking signs noting that our parking lot is for “customers” only. We recently learned that although it is private property, if a totally-not-hypothetical truck breaks down and is essentially abandoned in our lot, we cannot have it towed at owner’s expense unless we have posted this type of sign. Jim reports that he was unable to find a sign that said “Parking for genealogists only,” so we were forced to make do with “customers.”

## WGS CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

The WGS conference will be held on October 8, 1922 at the Hughes Metroplex. Gena Philibert-Ortega will be the featured speaker; her presentations will cover the WPA, finding female ancestors, the US census, and finding your family's food history. MHGS will have a table there as usual.

For more information and a registration form, go to <https://wichitagensoc.org/page-18198>

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



John Salmon, Salmon Brothers Photography Studio, Mt. Hope, KS, "Child with Cat," Richard Basore Collection, *MHGS Digital Collections*, accessed August 27, 2022, <http://mhgswichita.org/om/items/show/10628>

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<b>Second Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm</b> <b>Led by Julia Langel</b>	<b>Fourth Tuesday @ 1:30 pm</b>  <b>Led by Twila Ackley Brown</b>
<b>PHOTO MYSTERIES</b>	
<b>Third Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm</b> <b>Led by Rex Riley</b>	

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