

MIDWEST HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ALERT

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ATTENTION MHGS MEMBERS!!!!!!

Annual members meeting will be held in March

Please mark Saturday, March 11, 2023 on your calendars. That is the date when Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society will be holding its Annual Members Meeting. The meeting will be at our library, 1203 N Main, Wichita, Kansas, starting at 1:00 p.m.

At this meeting, we will be conducting our usual elections and any other business that requires a vote by our membership. If it is possible for you to come, we would really like to see you; though, again this year, members will have the option to vote by proxy if they wish.

You will be receiving more information in the near future but meanwhile...SAVE THE DATE!!!

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Remember, our membership year ends on March 31. We have enclosed a renewal form for your convenience. You don't need to renew if you a) have a life membership or b) joined for the first time after January 1, 2023.

ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR ROOTSTECH 2023?

RootsTech, the free online genealogy conference put on by FamilySearch, will be March 2 – 4 this year. Although there will be an in-person component, those of us who can't travel to Salt Lake City next month can still watch hours and hours of first class genealogy education videos, including:

- General Session speakers, including singer Jordin Sparks.
- More than 150 on-demand videos on genealogy research techniques, new products, and inspirational stories. The presenters include most of the "big names" in genealogy, including Judy Russell, Diahn Southard, Lisa Louise Cooke, and many others. These videos will be available after March 4.
- Live-streamed presentations from the in-person conference, including presentations from most of the major genealogy companies, such as Ancestry, MyHeritage, etc. In past years, these companies have used these presentations to announce new products and features that will be rolled out during the coming year. These live-streamed videos will also be saved and available for viewing after March 4.

You can register for the virtual RootsTech, for free, at rootstech.org.

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Tuesday and Saturday
10 to 4 pm.

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NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY COLLECTION

Project Beauty Collection	VF Project Beauty
Sedgwick County, Ks Pioneer Certificate Files	VF 010 Hein
Labette County Community High School Class of 1938 50 th Reunion Booklet	R-210 LB 11
The Kettle 2015	R-040 046 V38
The Kettle 2016	R-040 046 V39
The Kettle 2017	R-040 046 V40
The Kettle 2018	R-040 046 V41
The Kettle 2019	R-040 046 V42
The Kettle 2020	R-040 046 V43
The Kettle 2021	R- 040 046 V44
Cooking Classics	R-210 SG 296
The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture 2020	R-631 072
The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture 2021	R-631 072
Chokma Chickasaw Magazine 2018 F	R-631 073
Chokma Chickasaw Magazine 2021 S	R-631 073
Chokma Chickasaw Magazine 2021 F	R-631 073
Chokma Chickasaw Magazine 2022 S	R-631 073
Winfield's Walnut Valley Festival 2022	R-210 CL 21
Dorothy Williams Wood Belden: Columns of a Consummate Journalist	R-210 SG 295
Wichita Haunts	R-210 SG 294
Strawn, Kansas USA 1872-1963	Online – link i 1969
African-American Life in Clay County	Online – link i 2014
Miltonvale: the western terminus of the narrow gauge, to 1910	Online – link 1956

WICHITA'S COWSKIN CREEK

“Perhaps the best known of four Cow Creeks in Kansas is the one flowing into the Arkansas at Hutchinson. This one was probably named for the buffalo by the Indians. It was called “Cold Water or Cow Creek “ by Joseph Brown, the surveyor. A branch of Cow Creek was called “Bull Crick,” where a traveler in 1821 said he had killed “Buffelow Bulls.” Cow Creek, in the area of the Quivira villages, was an important crossing on the Santa Fe Trail. There was for a time a station and a Cow Creek store at the crossing. P. 65

“In Ellsworth County a town with the prestigious name of Attica became Bosland. The railroad is said to have named it Bosland as a cattle terminal after the genus name ‘Bos.’ meaning ‘cow.’ One writer supposed the name was as ‘attractive to the cattle as the co-boss, co-boss, of the milkmaid to the cows.’ Bosland, however, became Wilson, named for Issac Wilson, an Iowa man who established the town, and not for Hiero T. Wilson, as some suggest.

“A stream a few miles west of Wichita was called Crooked Creek by the Indians. When a number of cattle on the Chisholm Trail died from Texas fever, they were skinned and their hides left to dry on the banks of the creek. Travelers then named the stream Cowskin. James R. Mead wrote about traveling to Cowskin Grove where ‘Dutch Bill’ Greiffenstein had his trading post. A post office there called Cowskin was later moved to Waco, a place named for the Waco Indians, Caddoans related to the Wichita.” P. 83-84

Taken from “Kansas Place.Names” by John Rydjord 1972

Retired Dean of Wichita State University Graduate School (1958)

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**Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

**A haystack full of needles. It's the threads I need.

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Please see the Google calendar or our Facebook page for details.

GENEALOGY ROUNDTABLE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP	DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Second Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Julia Langel	Fourth Tuesday @ 1:30 pm Led by Twila Ackley Brown
PHOTO MYSTERIES	
Third Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Rex Riley	

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