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MHGS IS GOING TO OPEN STREETS ICT!

Open Streets ICT is a series of events sponsored by the city Parks department to build "community, cultural identity, and social engagement." A stretch of a normally busy street (21st, Douglas, etc) is closed to vehicle traffic for a few hours on a Sunday afternoon and turned into a street fair. There are lots of vendor and exhibitor tents, dog walkers, families with strollers, bike riders, unicycle riders, street tacos, musicians and even a robot dog! (And no alcohol.)

The event in NoMar was a lot of fun, so MHGS and WGS have decided that we want to get in on the action.



The next event is on Douglas on Sunday, September 17 from 12-5. Douglas will be closed from College Hill to Delano from noon to 5pm. MHGS and WGS have rented a vendor space and plan put up a History Nerds tent (better name to be chosen later!) We're planning to have a hangout spot for history lovers to talk about Douglas Avenue history. We're also going to host a history scavenger hunt on social media.

Sound like fun? We need volunteers to organize both the tent and the scavenger hunt! We have one 10x10 canopy and we need another one. We'll also need a table and some chairs, a cooler, maybe some posters? For the scavenger hunt, we need help establishing the guidelines and creating clues pointing to historic spots along Douglas, and perhaps a couple of prizes.

Email Julia at library@mhgswichita.org for more information and to volunteer to help. And be sure to get out to Open Streets ICT in September and visit our tent!

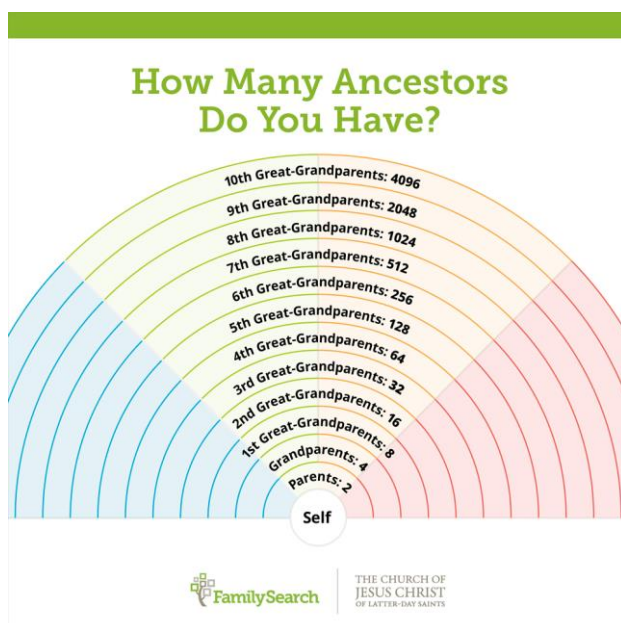
WHAT'S UP WITH OUR LIBRARY CATALOG?

We're having technical difficulties with our library catalog, so it's not available at the moment. In the meantime, you can try searching for the items that have been added in about the last ten years by doing a site-specific google search:
site:mhgswichita.org search term

WICHITA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The Wichita Genealogical Society conference will be Saturday, October 7, at the Hughes Metroplex. The speaker will be Cheri Hudson Passey, a professional genealogist, teacher and podcaster, who will be speaking on probate records, location research, city directories and the categories of genealogical evidence. The cost will be \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members, including lunch, if you register before September 10. MHGS will have a table there as usual. For more information: <https://wichitagensoc.org/page-18198>

ANCESTRAL MATHEMATICS



Just think! In 10 generations, you have 8,190 ancestors! So many stories, so many questions, so many discoveries to make!

USING THE AVERAGE HELPS

First marriages were usually between couples near the same age. Women generally outlived their husbands, but old widowers frequently married much younger women who had never been married before. (Remember those old Revolutionary War soldiers!).

Births generally occurred at two-year intervals. Frequently the first child was born a year after marriage. As a woman aged, the interval between births increased slightly. Childbearing generally ended about 45.

Families and neighbors generally migrated together from their old homes. Women rarely traveled alone.

Men usually married women from their neighborhood. If a seemingly “strange” woman turned up, check the man’s former home. Often men returned to their former residence to find a wife.

If you can’t find an old parent, chances are he ‘went west’ with a son. If you have an ancestor born around 1840, strongly consider the possibility of Civil War military service.

Studies show that after 1850, Ohio pioneers frequently moved to counties in other states on the same latitude as their home county in Ohio.

If your ancestor has a ‘virtue name’ (e.g. Patience, Silence, etc.), consider a New England heritage.

Children were often named for their grandparents, both male and female.

Frequently a middle name or even a first name was the mother’s or the grandmother’s maiden name, especially if the name is repeated through several related families.

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The Library will be closed on July 4, 2023

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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