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MEET THE CURRENT MHGS PRESIDENT

Ann Hathaway Boll is currently the board president of the MHGS. This is Ann's third stint as president during her three decades as an MHGS member. Ann's family moved from Norfolk, Virginia, to Wichita in 1963; she graduated from Wichita North High and holds a BBA in accounting from WSU. After graduation, she worked in information technology for Boeing/Spirit Aerosystems for 40 years. Ann was charged with writing software to run the multi-axis CNC machines on the shop floor. She got involved with genealogy when her father handed her the forms and information to join the Mayflower Society, which moved straight up her paternal line to Arthur Hathaway, who had married the granddaughter of Francis Cooke and Richard Warren. In doing research, Ann found very little information on the women who had married the Hathaway men, which triggered her to learn more about them. The challenge with this information is that it led Ann to join MHGS to work on her family roots! Ann's other Wichita research interests are the madams and prostitutes of 19th century Wichita and their taverns, nightclubs, dance clubs, and "chicken restaurants" of the late 1920s through the early 1950s. Ann stated, "Digging up dirt is fascinating!"

DID YOU KNOW?

St Gertrude of Nivelles, the patron saint of cats, shares the celebration date of March 17th annually with St Patrick. So, if you're a feline lover, give your furry friend an extra treat while wearing the green this year!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

We hope you have received your annual membership renewal letter reminding you to sign up for 2025. You'll receive a monthly newsletter and a quarterly publication, check out books, and vote in society elections. Your annual membership dues help pay the monthly bills, which keep the library going and underwrite projects currently underway for current and future researchers. If you haven't been to the library and live in or around Wichita, drop in on Saturday or Tuesday when the library is open for a tour.

NEW BOOKS

Call Number	Title	Info	Author	Date
R-671 001	The Cutting Edge		Heatley, C.J.	1986
R-669 007	Steichen at War		Phillips, Christopher	1987
R-669 006	195th Field Artillery Battalion Reunions			
R-669 005	Ploughshares in Swords: How Civilians and Caltech Helped Win WWII		Fiske, Thomas S.	2009
R-669 004	Return to Midway		Ballard, Robert D.	1999
R-669 003	Slide Rules and Submarines: American Scientists and Subsurface Warfare in World War II		Meigs, Montgomery C.	1990
R-669 002	Flags of our Fathers		Bradley, James	2000
R-669 001	4139 Fascinating Facts About WWII		McCombs, Don	1983
R-660 006	United States Submarines		Hinkle, David Randall	2004
R-660 005 D	Warships	Aircraft Carriers	Preston, Antony	1982
R-660 005 C	Warships	Submarines	Preston, Antony	1982
R-660 005 B	Warships	Battleships	Preston, Antony	1982
R-660 005 A	Warships	Destroyers	Preston, Antony	1982
R-660 004	Brave Men...Dark Waters: The Untold Story of the Navy Seals		Kelly, Orr	1992
R-630 074	Osage Indian Customs and Myths		Burns, Louis F.	1984
R-630 073	Osage Indian Bands and Clans		Burns, Louis F.	2001
R-600 111	Beta Sigma Phi Comfort Foods Cookbook		Blount, Mary Jane Beta Sigma Phi	1989
R-600 110	The Illustrated History of NASA		Groman, Jeff	1988
R-210 SG 319	Gems from the Wheat State		First Church of the Nazarene	1978
R-210 SG 318	Coloring Wichita		Corle, Ronda	2023
R-210 SG 317	Sedgwick, Kansas Through the Years		Loyd, Jim	2023
R-210 SG 316	Color Wright: Frank Lloyd Wright's Allen House		Corle, Ronda	2024
R-210 320 1964	Zoning Ordinance -- City of Wichita		City of Wichita	1964
Online -- link in catalog	Strawn, Kansas, USA, 1872-1963: 91 Years Worth Remembering		Keith, Verla I.	1969
Online -- link in catalog	The Crow Indians		Lowrie, Robert H.	1935

NEWS FOR YOU TO SHARE

This column allows our members to share old and new genealogy resources and opportunities. So, please feel free to submit your suggestions to alert@mhgswichita.org and share them with others.

Thanks to “Quaker Wizard” for alerting us to the National Archives volunteer opportunity. The primary requirement for this assignment is to read cursive handwriting and have internet access. Sounds intriguing. For more information, go to: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/can-you-read-this-cursive-handwriting-the-national-archives-wants-your-help-180985833/>

Julia, MHGS librarian, shared that the Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group (AI-SIG) had a great time at their first meeting. So much so they have already scheduled meetings in March and April. Would you like to learn more about exploring new tools and experimenting with AI in your genealogical research? If so, Julia invites you to bring your laptop and join the fun on March 11 and April 8 at 1:30 pm at the MHGS Library. The group is free and open to the public.

IRISH CORNER



St Patrick’s Day originated as a religious feast in the early 17th century to honor St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who is credited with bringing Christianity to the country. It was celebrated primarily in Ireland with church services and feasts. The mass emigration of Irish people, particularly during the Great Famine in the 19th century, played a significant role in spreading this celebration to other parts of the world.

The first St Patrick’s Day parade occurred in New York City in 1762, organized by Irish soldiers serving in the British army. Today, through commercialization and social media, St Patrick’s Day has grown into a global celebration observed by millions of people, regardless of their ethnic background.

St Patrick is believed to be buried at Downs Cathedral in Downpatrick, Ireland. While the Cathedral was once part of the Roman Catholic Church, it became part of the Church of Ireland following the Reformation and remains an Anglican cathedral. The grave is protected by a large boulder at the entrance of the graveyard. The church's foyer has a pictorial history and a remnant of St Patrick’s original Celtic cross.



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**MHGS Annual Meeting will be Saturday, March 8 at 1:30 at the Library
Membership renewals are due by April 1, 2025.**

Please see the Google calendar on our Facebook page for more information on local groups.

(All meetings are held at the MHGS office – 1203 N Main, Wichita, KS)

<p>ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP</p>	<p>FAMILY TREE MAKER SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP</p>
<p>Second Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Julia Langel</p>	<p>Third Saturday @ 2 pm (not every month) Led by Donna Londeen</p>
<p>PHOTO MYSTERIES</p>	<p>DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION</p>
<p>Third Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Rex Riley</p>	<p>Fourth Tuesday @ 1:30 pm Led by Twila Ackley Brown</p>

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