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LABOR DAY – A BRIEF LOOK BACK IN HISTORY



The celebration of Labor Day was initiated as a way to honor common American workers and labor unions. In the early 19th Century, many workers had jobs which required them to work every day of the week.

Thanks to labor unions which pushed employers hard to establish a regular work week and employee benefits.

The first unofficial Labor Day took place in New York City on September 5, 1882. By June 28, 1894, Labor Day became an official American holiday to be celebrated on the first Monday in September of each year.

According to *History.com*, President Grover Cleveland officially declared Labor Day a national holiday. While many cities had parades in honor of workers and their various trades, others continued to advocate for workers' rights. The Pullman Strike of 1894, marked one such fight when workers boycotted the railroads to fight for safe conditions, normal work schedules and living wages. Today many Americans look forward to an extra day off from work to enjoy family and friends with barbeque get-togethers. It's also seen as an official end to summer and the start of a new football season.

WICHITA GENEALOGY SOCIETY CONFERENCE OCTOBER 11

The Wichita Genealogy Society 2025 Conference will be Saturday, October 11. The featured speaker will be Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, who will talk about the War of 1812, migration paths, researching the women in your tree and pre-1850 census records. There's an early-bird discount until September 15! Find out more and register at <https://wichitagensoc.org/2025-Details-&-Schedule>

NEW BOOKS – MANY ADDED DURING THE SUMMER!

Call Number	Title	Series Info	AuthorR	Date
R-669 026	With Lawrence in Arabia		Thomas, Lowell	1967
R-669 025	They Were Expendable		White, W.L.	1942
R-669 024	The Battle for History: Refighting World War II		Keegan, John	1995
R-669 023	Titans of the Seas: the Development & Operations of Japanese & American Carrier Task Forces During World War II		Belote, James H.	1975

Call Number	Title	Series Info	Author	Date
R-669 022	The Winter Army: The World War II Odyssey of the 10 th Mountain Division, America's Elite Alpine Warriors		Isserman, Maurice	2019
R-669 021	The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors		Homfischer, James D.	2004
R-669 020	The Films of World War II		Morella, Joe	1973
R-669 019	Kasserine: First Blood		Whiting, Charles	1984
R-621 039	Wall of Empire: The Channel's 2000 Years of History		Bradford, Emle	1966
R-605 019 V177	New England Historical & Genealogical Register	V177 (2023)		
R-600 123	Great American Cattle Trails		Drago, Harry Sinclair	1965
R-600 119	Entrepreneurs of the Old West		Dary, David	1986
R-210 RN 22	Partridge Cemetery		French, Marson High	1963
R-210 594 2001	Feist Yellow Book	2001: South Central Kansas	Feist	
R-040 046 V 47	The Kettle	V 47 (2024)		
R-040 046 V 46	The Kettle	V 46 (2023)		
G-M 006	The Moores in Virginia 1684-1816		Schoene, Charles E.	1974
G-K 004	The Jacob P Krehbiel Family Record 1671-1976		Stucky, Harley J.	1976
G-B 182 V 1	Broyles Family Ties		Broyles, John Kenneth S.	1969

GENERATIONS IDENTIFIED BY BIRTH YEARS

Baby Boomers – 1946 to 1964
Millennials – 1981 to 1996

Generation X – 1965 to 1980
Generation Z – 1997 to 2012

STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for a Board Secretary, Treasurer and a social media coordinator.

The Secretary position is very simple. The Secretary attends the monthly board meeting (second Saturday, 10:30 a.m.), takes notes, distributes a draft copy of the minutes to board members before the next meeting, and places a final copy of the approved minutes in the permanent files. This is a voting board position.

The Treasurer also attends the monthly board meeting and prepares a monthly statement. The Treasurer pays the monthly bills (many are automated) and monitors our accounts. This is also a voting board position.

The social media coordinator is a new position for MHGS. We're looking for someone to come up with a plan for a systematic approach to our social media accounts, coordinate with others to write posts and monitor the results. This is non-voting board position.

INDEPENDENCE KS BOYS BAND ON WAGON IN FRONT OF INNES DEPARTMENT STORE

Snapshot of a tractor pulling a wagon carrying a boys band. Handwritten label on front says "Rubber tired Fordson & Boy Scout Band. International Rotary. Wichita 1921." From Bruce Walton.



Unknown Photographer, "Independence Kansas Boys Band on Wagon in Front of Innes Department Store," *MHGS Digital Collections*, accessed September 2, 2025, <https://mhgswichita.org/om/items/show/16603>.

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

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

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