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CELEBRATE FAMILY HISTORY MONTH



The Jean-Pierre Dominique Darré family from Bordes, France taken in 1909 before three of the daughters emigrated to the USA. The little girl in the dark dress on the back row was my grandmother.

Did you know that Family History Month has been celebrated annually in October for more than 20 years?

This is the perfect time of year to interview older generations to preserve your ancestors' stories, traditions, and heritage for future generations. It's a time to take advantage of new technology and other resources to connect with cousins who may still be living in the Old Country.

Two weeks after the devastating attack of 9/11/2001 in New York City, Congress designated the month of October to annually recognize the importance and popularity of genealogy research. Sponsored by Senator Orrin Hatch from Utah (home of the famous Family Search Library operated by The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, also known as the Mormon Church) the resolution was unanimously passed in the Senate.

So how will you celebrate your ancestry? Here are some suggestions to get you started. Call on an older relative that you haven't talked to for awhile; get out your old family album or better yet, upload your picture to your computer so you can periodically see your ancestors as a screensaver; visit an old ancestor's homestead if it isn't too far away or cost prohibitive; visit a genealogical library to explore the different resources available for free; join a genealogical society to learn more about researching your family history from others; share a family story that you experienced first hand with younger family members or write about it in your journal; or just take some time to visit an ancestor's grave and take some fresh flowers to brighten your day.

NEWS FOR YOU TO SHARE

Ann Boll, MHGS' Board Chairman has shared the following information regarding volunteer opportunities and upcoming community events. If you're interested in serving and want more information, please feel free to contact Julia at 316-264-3611 or go to their respective websites.

- 1) The Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society is looking for volunteers. There are currently two board positions open – secretary and treasurer. We are also looking for a new newsletter editor. If you like history, genealogy or just want to be a part of an experienced and dedicated group of volunteers assisting with families looking for ancestors, this is the place for you. (<https://mhgswichita.org>)
- 2) The Wichita Genealogy Society's 2025 Annual Conference is scheduled for October 11, 2025 from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex located at 29th North and Oliver. The featured speaker is Peggy Clements Lauritzen, who will cover four topics: America's Forgotten War – The War of 1812; America's Turnpikes, Rivers, and Canals – Migration Paths; Homespun and Calico – Researching our Foremothers and Ticked Off – Those Pesky Pre-1850 Census Tick Marks. MHGS is providing an information table and will be talking about our library and projects. Please go to their website for specifics. (www.wichitagensoc.org)
- 3) Open Streets ICT was fun! We weren't the most active booth (we need to learn to paint faces) but we spoke with several people who are interested in family or local history and hadn't known about MHGS, WGS and the McCormick School Museum.



NEW BOOKS

Call Number	Title	Series Info	Author	Date
G-B 182 V1-5	Broyles Family Ties		Broyles, John Kenneth Sr.	1969
G-B 183	The Borden Family		Burr, Anna	1981

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G-B 185	Defend the Valley: A Shenandoah Family in the Civil War		Colt, Margaretta Barton	1994
G-C 148	Mark Clark		Blumenson, Martin	1984
G-F 049 V1	American History as Seen Through the Eyes of the Fredrick Family 1700-1900	V1: 1750-1810 John Fedrick of Edgefield	Fredrick, John Spencer Sr.	2010
G-F 049 V2 B1	American History as Seen Through the Eyes of the Fedrick Family 1700-1900	V2 B1: Family of John S. Fedrick	Fredrick, John Spencer Sr.	2010
G-F 049 V2 B2	American History as Seen Through the Eyes of the Fedrick Family 1700-1900	V2 B2: Family of John S. Fedrick	Fredrick John Spencer Sr.	2010
G-F 050 2007	Fredrick Family Reunion Book	2007	Fredrick, John Spencer Sr.	
G-F 050 2008	Fredrick Family Reunion Book	2008	Fredrick, John Spencer Sr.	
G-G 096	Grant Takes Command		Catton, Bruce	1994
G-H 176	Lockhart Marvin Hall Family History, Devotionals and Cookbook			
G-L 055 NTBCO	Life of Gen. James H. Lane "The Liberator of Kansas"		Speer, John	1896
G-N 027	Chief Left Hand: Southern Arapaho		Coel, Margaret	1981
G-P 025	The Petty Papers	V01-11 (1976-1989)		
G-Q 001	Quantrill and the Border Wars		Connelley, William Elsey	1994
G-R 040	The Genealogy Book of the Clan Donnachaidh	V1-3	Thompson, James Wallace	1987
G-R 076	Riegel/Riggle Family History		Riggle, Leslie A.	1996

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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
<p>Second Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Julia Langel</p> <p>In October, we'll be looking at 3 cool tools: Comet, FamilySearch Full Text Search, and RootsMagic 11</p>	<p>Third Saturday @ 2 pm (not every month) Led by Donna Londeen</p>
PHOTO MYSTERIES	DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
<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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