

# MIDWEST HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## ALERT

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### Library hours

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10 to 4 pm.  
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### NEW ARCHIVAL & PRESERVATION TOOLS AT MHGS

We all have boxes of 8mm film, VHS tapes, DVDs, cassettes, and more that do not play well with our latest personal computers. Now you can enjoy and integrate those old archives into your history.

MHGS has created the “Digital Preservation Center in Melinda’s Corner.”

Melinda Fultz was a long-time volunteer with Midwest and was a registered member of the Chickasaw Nation. She contributed extensive knowledge and documents from her studies to MHGS. Fascinated by how technology has advanced genealogy research, we thought of honoring her by naming our Digital Preservation system after her. She passed away on July 27, 2023, leaving a lasting memory with MHGS.



The Preservation Center includes a variety of device readers that let you copy your historical memories to a removable drive, which you can then load and view on your PC or Mac. These include:

- Data transfers from floppy disks, CD/DVDs, memory cards, and more.
- Digitizing from VHS tapes, DVD, 8mm/Super8, and more.
- Genealogy Data transfer from PAF, GEDCOM, Ancestral Quest, Grams, Legacy, and Rootsmagic.

Use of the tools is free. No appointment needed but call first. Bring a USB drive to store the conversion(s); we also sell them.

### LOCAL AUTHOR EVENT MAY 12

Wichitan Mack Moore will be talking about publishing his memoirs *Almost Born on the 4th of July*, at the library on Tuesday, May 12, at 1:30. Come hear about his story and the process of writing and publishing a memoir.

## NOTES ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society held its annual meeting April 11, 2023. It was brought to order by President Ann Boll. Secretary, Treasurer, and Library reports were shared with the attendees. Other topics included:

- Ann Boll was reelected as president of the library.
- Ann put out a call for Treasurer, Secretary, and Public Relations director. Currently, Ann is acting Treasurer, and Julia Langel is acting Secretary and Public Relations chair. Please consider how you can help with MHGS, including accepting one of these positions.
- Membership was reported as steady.
- Julia announced the start of an Indian School research project.
- Additional volunteers are needed for the Social Media Chair and the Building and Grounds Chair. If you're interested in pursuing one of these positions, including the above mentioned Treasurer, Secretary or Public Relations chair please contact Julia Langel or Ann Boll. Their email addresses are available under the Board of Directors section of this newsletter. Position descriptions are posted on the MHGS website: [www.mhgswichita.org](http://www.mhgswichita.org).

## NEW BOOKS

Call Number	Title	Info	Author	Date
VF 001 Lembke	Surname Files: L	Lembke	xxx	
VF 001 Lecmanis	Surname Files: L	Lecmanis	xxx	
VF 001 Laessig	Surname Files: L	Laessig		
VB Hucker 01-13	Linda Wright Hucker Collection		Hucker, Linda Wright	
R-669 090	The War in the Desert		Collier, Richard	1977
R-669 089	Guderian: Creator of the Blitzkrieg		Macksey, Kenneth	1976
R-669 088	Alpine Elite: German Mountain Troops of World War II		Lucas, James	1980
R-669 018 WB 38	Wellington Bomber		Bishop, Edward	1974
R-669 018 WB 30	Lancaster Bomber		Tubbs, D. B	1972
R-669 018 PB 07	Night of the Long Knives		Tolstoy, Nikolai	1972
R-669 018 BB 30	Ploesti Oil Strike		Sweetman, John	1974
R-669 018 BB 13	The Defense of Moscow		Jukes, Geoffrey	1970
R-665 084	Illustrated Catalog of Civil War Military Goods		Schuyler, Hartley & Graham	1985
R-665 083	Southern Loyalists in the Civil War: The Southern Claims Commission		Mills, Gary B.	1994
R-662 032	Loyalists in the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War		Clark, Murtie June	1981
R-660 023	Wings for the Navy: A History of the Naval Aircraft Factory, 1917- 1956		Trimble, William F.	1990
R-660 022	The Rise of the Luftwaffe: Forging the Secret German Air Weapon		Mason, Herbert Molloy Jr.	1973

R-630 079	Indians of the Americas		Stirling, Matthew W.	1955
R-210 SG 359 1931	Atlas of Sedgwick County, Kansas	1931	Mueller & Coe	
R-210 SA 21 1964	The Oriole	1964	Kipp High School	
R-210 SA 13 1968	The Coyote	1968	Kansas Wesleyan University	
R-210 RN 23 1931	Atlas of Reno County, Kansas	1931	Mueller & Coe	
R-210 DK 07	The Gorilla	1965-67	Solomon High School	
R-210 195	Kansas Gold: Historical Notes and Heritage Recipes from the First Fifty Years of the Kansas Wheat Commission	Boswell, Marsha		2007
R-210 193	Trails of the Smoky Hill		Lee, Wayne C.	2008
R-210 192	Wild, Woolly & Wicked: The History of the Kansas Cow Towns and the Texas Cattle Trade	Drago, Harry Sinclair		1960
I-300 045	Digitizing Your Family History		McClure, Rhonda	2004
G-R 078	Rowlett: The First 225 Years		Rowlett, Darrell	1994
G-M 141	Almost Born on the 4th of July		Moore, Mack	2025
G-M 140	The Ancestors and Descendants of Oliver W. Macy		Brandon, John	1986
G-J 035	Picture Maker of the Old West: William H. Jackson		Jackson, Clarence S.	
G-H 180	Our Ancestral Heritage		Brown, Charlotte F.	1993
G-Gen 016	Colonial Americans of Royal and Noble Descent Alleged, Proven and Disproven	Scherzinger, Patricia Ann		1996
VF 001 Lembke	Surname Files: L	Lembke		
VF 001 Lecmanis	Surname Files: L	Lecmanis		
VF 001 Laessig	Surname Files: L	Laessig		
VB Hucker 01-13	Linda Wright Hucker Collection		Hucker, Linda Wright	

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

<b>GENEALOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP</b>	<b>FAMILY TREE MAKER SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP</b>
Second Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Julia Langel Topic in May: Local author Mack Moore	Third Saturday @ 2 pm (not every month) Led by Donna Londeen
<b>PHOTO MYSTERIES</b>	<b>DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION</b>
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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