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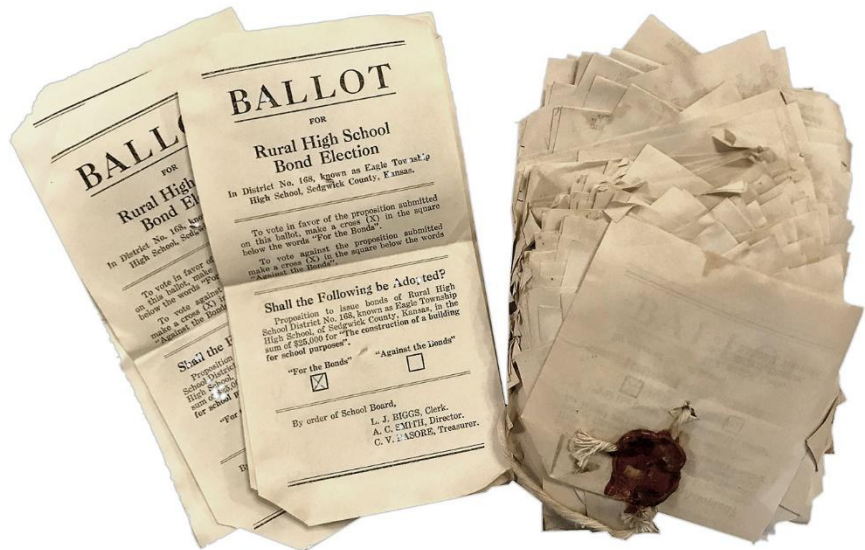
OFFICE HOURS RESTORED ALONG WITH NEW AC

Our air conditioning system was reinstalled on September 22nd, and our hours have returned to normal. As many of you know, the two units were stolen in early September, in the middle of the heat wave. Along with the new units, a 'cage' around them and a security camera focused on the units were installed. Our insurance covered most of the costs, though our outlay was still more than \$1,000. If you would like to help us out, see the donation link on our website home page. We thank our volunteers and members for their patience during this trying time.

BALLOT SECURITY — 1915 STYLE

We recently received a unique and timely set of c. 1915 voter ballots for our collection. They are from a school bond vote in Eagle Township, KS, probably for the Bentley High School, which was completed around 1920. Given the current attention to voter security, these were intriguing.

As a method of preventing or discouraging ballot tampering after tabulation, the 200+ paper ballots were stacked, a hole drilled through the stack, a string ran through the pile and tied, then a hot plastic/wax was melted on the knot with a seal embossing it.



Not only are they a historical treasure, but the officials also identified on the ballot were prominent Bentley area residents. They are L.J. Biggs, Clerk; A.C. Smith, Director; C.V. Basore, Treasurer. Such information, from an unsuspecting source, is useful in developing family histories. It is interesting, there were no voter names on the ballots. (A big thank you goes to Richard Basore for providing this collection.)

AROUND TOWN

October 24- 25 – Frontiers in Flight, an open house at McConnell Air Force Base, is featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. In addition, you can see vintage aircraft, military demonstrations, and interactive static displays. Free and open to the public. Visit their website for detail and schedules. <https://frontiersinflight.com/>

October – Did you know the **Visit Wichita** website (www.visitwichita.com) is always full of activities and events. Of course, Halloween is celebrated throughout the month leading up to Saturday October 31. Their *Events* web page is a great read: <https://www.visitwichita.com/blog/post/big-events-in-wichita-happening-in-october/>

NEW BOOKS

Call Number	Title	Info	Author	Date
A-210 108	Plat Map for Marion and Morris Counties, Kansas [1943]			1943
A-210 107	Greenwood County, Kansas Plat Map [1971]		Hibbard Abstract Company	1971
A-210 106	Comanche County, KS Plat Map			
A-210 105	Stevens County Map [1948]		Campbell, Ralph E.	1948
A-210 104	Stanton County, KS Plat Map			
A-210 103	Topographical Map of Sumner County [1890]		US Geological Survey	1910
A-210 102	1886 Map of Johnson County, Kansas		John P. Edwards	1985
A-210 101	Kansas Vital Statistics Registration Districts [1965]			1965
A-210 100	Kansas Ghost Towns and Historic Sites [1974]		Davidson, J. L.	1974
A-210 029 064	General HWY Map Kansas	Morris Co 1976	KS Dept of Trans.	1978
A-210 029 058	General HWY Map Kansas	Marshall Co. 1965	KS Dept of Trans.	1978
A-210 029 040	General HWY Map Kansas	Harvey Co. (1977)	KS Dept of Trans.	1978
A-210 029 040	General HWY Map Kansas	Harvey Co. (1970)	KS Dept of Trans.	1978
A-210 029 008	General HWY Map Kansas	Butler Co. (1985)	KS Dept of Trans.	1978
A-210 029 001	General HWY Map Kansas	Allen Co.	KS Dept of Trans.	1978
A-120 135	Cheney Reservoir Map [1965]		Sportscraft	1965
A-010 001 1974	Official Alabama HWY Map	1974	Alabama HHY Dept	
A-040 001 1984	Arkansas State HWY Map	1984	Alabama HWY Dept	
A-040 001 1987	Arkansas State HWY Map	1987	Alabama HWY Dept	
A-040 002 2000	Arkansas State Map [2000]	2000	Rand McNally	2000
A-050 001 1976	AAA Map of California	1976	American Auto Assoc	
A-050 001 1989	AAA Map of California	1989	American Automobile Assoc	
A-050 002	California: Points of Interest and Touring Map [1961]		Standard Oil Co of CA	1961
A-050 003	AAA Map of San Francisco [1979]		American Automobile Assoc	1979
A-050 004	Shell Street Guide of Los Angeles Central Section [1960]		Shell Oil	1960
A-050 005	Phillips 66 Map of CA [1971]		Phillips 66	1971

A-050 006 A-5	5 Maps Moron/Taft, Kern Co, CA [1909-1911]	5 Different Maps	
A-060 002 1960	North Carolina HWY Map	1960	North Carolina HWY Comm.
A-060 002 1973	North Carolina HWY Map	1973-74	North Carolina HWY Comm.
A-070 001 1974	South Carolina State HWY Map	1974	South Carolina State HWY Dept
A-070 001 1982	South Carolina State HWY Map	1982	South Carolina State HWY Dept
A-080 001 1974	Colorado Map	1974	Colorado Dept of HWYs
A-080 001 1975	Colorado Map	c 1975	Colorado Dept of HWYs
A-080 002	Colorado Map [1965]		Texaco 1965
A-080 003	Fina Map of Colorado [1972]		American Petrofina Co. of TX 1972
A-080 004	Map of Denver, Colorado Springs & Pueblo CO [1969]		Standard Oil 1969
A-080 005	Gunnison National Forest [1965]		US Forest Service 1965
A-080 006	Gunnison Basin Area [1984]		US Forest Service 1984
A-080 007	Gunnison Colorado Map and Brochure [c1985]		Gunnison Chamber of Commerce
A-080 008 1966	20 Circle Tour Trips, Gunnison, Colorado	1966	Gunnison Chamber of Commerce
A-080 008 1974	20 Circle Tour Trips, Gunnison, Colorado	74	Gunnison Chamber of Commerce
A-080 009	Baca County, Colorado Oil & Gas Map		F M Peterson Land Company
A-080 010	Clason's Map of Baca County, Colorado [c1910]		The Southwestern Land Company
A-090 001 1972	Map of Connecticut	1972-73	Connecticut Dept of Transportation
A-090 002	Map of Ancient Windham County, CT [c1874]		J JH Bufford's Sons Lith 1874
A-100 001 1974	North Dakota Official HWY Map	1974	North Dakota HWY Dept

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

GENEALOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP	FAMILY TREE MAKER SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP
Second Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Cancelled until further notice.	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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