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The Ark Valley Crossroads gets its name from the area surrounding Wichita. The *Ark Valley* is a noticeable valley carved by two rivers that meet in the center of the city: The Arkansas River and the Little Arkansas River. Wichita has always been a crossroads for people and commerce since its founding on cattle trails that stretched from Texas to railheads in our city. Still today, the river valley exists, and modern commerce crosses Kansas on major transportation roads and rails that bisect Wichita both northsouth and east-west.



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President's Message



Happy New Year! Welcome to our newest quarterly newsletter.

Did you make any genealogy new year's resolutions for 2024? Perhaps breaking through that one "brick wall" that you have had no success with? If you made any genealogy resolutions, we would love for you to share them with us. We would

enjoy sharing some member resolutions in our next newsletter with your fellow genealogists. Send them to info@wichitagensoc.org.

While this first newsletter of the new year is quite full of fascinating material, you may want to take the time to read the results of the member survey we did last year. To those that took the time to participate in the survey, we thank you. You provided us with beneficial information, and we are working to respond to your input as best we can.

If you are interested in using your genealogy passion to help benefit your society and fellow members, we could really use you as a volunteer on our Board as either a Director or a Program Chair. Every year, we have Directors and Chairpersons step down after providing valuable services, and we need to fill the many open positions. Please see pages 30 and 31 for more information. We need your help.

Have a great new year, and we wish you exciting new discoveries.

Fred Knoblauch, President <u>President@WichitaGenSoc.org</u> 316-218-2783

Fred A. Knoblauch

MyHeritage Wiki

On 11 December 2023, MyHeritage announced the new MyHeritage Wiki. It has been described as a ...new community-led online encyclopedia for genealogy and DNA." The Wiki has five main categories: Genealogy research by location, Genetic origins, Naming traditions, Primer on historical records, and Howto-guides. The Wiki articles were written by individuals from across the globe. There are articles ranging from individual record groups to how-to articles and haplogroups and more! The number of articles are growing by the day and MyHeritage is still actively recruiting new volunteers. MyHeritage has produced, and distributed on YouTube, a video explaining how to use the Wiki (https://youtu.be/Upliq2wMRPM). To explore the Wiki and learn more, please visit: www.myheritage.com/wiki.



New and Renewing WGS Members!

(Since our last newsletter)

Nancy Anderson Wanda Ashby Shelley Bradbury Julie Crawford Tommie Cremin Norma Farnsworth Collette Fenlason Deborah Heffley Kathleen Holm Jennifer Lewis Kelly Powers Hannah Rose Phyllis Schanbacher Anne Scott Rosetta Wiley

WGS Monthly Meeting

The Wichita Genealogical Society Invites You to Join Us for Our Upcoming Monthly Meeting

This meeting is open and free to all interested persons.

Finding the Farm and Its Records

This is a two-part presentation that includes interpreting old homestead documents, deed records, and plat maps to reveal location of ancestral homesteads, farms, and residences-including GPS driving instruction.

Presented by Gary Clark, a genealogist and tracker of illusive ancestors. A ten-year member of WGS and member of the Topeka Genealogical Society as well as the Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society.

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 1pm Wichita Advanced Learning Library Conference Center

"The Western," Greatest Texas Cattle Trail



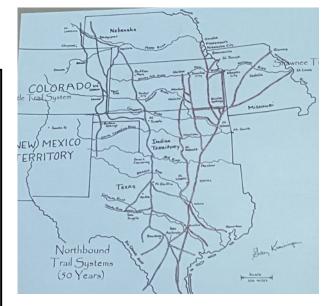
On Saturday, 18 November 2023 at the Advanced Learning Library Gary and Margaret Kraisinger (above) presented "The Western," Greatest Texas Cattle Trail, which is also the title of their self-published book. In 1967, the couple became curious about an unknown cattle trail near their home in Lane County, Kansas. Over the decades they began to research this trail. What resulted was a 360-page book in which they focused on the Western Trail that went from Indian Territory (Oklahoma) through Kansas and up to southwestern Nebraska. Their second book, a follow-up to this volume, The Western Cattle Trail, 1874-1897, mapped out the entire line from Texas to Canada, including showing the route before and after the Kansas quarantine of 1885. It has been deemed as one of the most comprehensive volumes on the cattle trail system and was the winner of the 2016 National Cowboy Hall of Fame's Wrangler Award and the Six Shooter Award from the Wild West History Association for 2016.

("About Gary and Margaret Kraisinger." Western Cattle Trail. Accessed September 27, 2023. https://www.westerncattletrail.net/about-gary-and-margaret-kraisinger/.)

Photos: "The Western Trail," "The Shawnee Trail," Northbound Trail Systems, "Texas-Montana Feeder Route," and "Shawnee-Arbuckle Trail, Chisholm Wagon Road, and Abilene/Chisholm Trails." Photographs courtesy of Pam Brillhart.











How It All Began: The Founding of the Wichita Genealogical Society

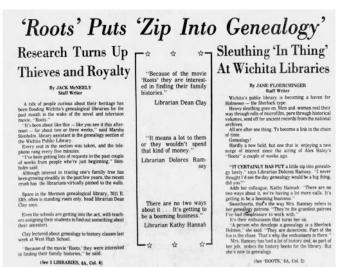
Wichita has always had a curiosity with genealogy since its founding. Scrolling through the early editions of Wichita newspapers there are numerous articles pertaining to genealogy. Some of them referenced the genealogy of now former presidents, royal family members, or well-known families of the time. Other articles discussed what exactly genealogy was or some of the national societies that existed at the time.

One of the first organizations to organize a chapter in Wichita was the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), which organized the Eunice Sterling Chapter in 1896 in Wichita when the national society was only six-years-old. Later, Mrs. Luella A. J. Kimball organized and became the president of the Kansas



LIFE MEMBER — Judge Kenneth C. Kimmel, 3909 E. Murdock, probate court judge pro tem, was given a lifetime membership in Midwest Genealogical Society Inc. in recognition of his service in directing the group and incorporating them this year. Mrs. Mary Schultz, president of the 4-month-old society, presented the membership.—(Staff Photo.)

("Life Member," The Wichita Eagle, May 28, 1966, https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-wichita-eagle/138780836/)



('Roots' Puts 'Zip Into Genealogy'," The Wichita Beacon, February 06, 1977, https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-wichita-eagle/138780619)

Chapter of the Colonial Dames of America in 1905 and served until her death in 1913. The Wichita Chapter of the D. A. R. would follow by organizing in 1916. As the years progressed more chapters of different lineage societies would organize.

By 1936, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints had organized its own Genealogical Society in Wichita. They would meet at 1857 South Wichita Monday evenings for "study class."

In 1966, the Midwest Genealogical Society, Inc., later renamed Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., was organized with the purpose of collecting and disseminating knowledge regarding genealogy; to promote interest and provide instruction in this field and to foster careful documentation and to issue publications. From its inception, the Midwest Genealogical Society has always maintained a library of its own, the original being maintained in the home of Louise Brehm. The organization has always provided Wichita with an assortment of presentations on an array of genealogical topics.

Starting in 1968, Midwest held its first annual genealogy workshop at the Park Villa at 10th and Bitting. The following year the workshop was moved to the Edgemoor Recreational Center at 9th and Edgemoor. The 1970 and 1971 workshops were held at the Starkey School while member Wilma Fry was holding genealogy classes at the Wichita Public Library. Starting in 1973 the annual workshop was held in the auditorium of the Wichita Public Library until the last workshop was held in 1988.

The late 80s were a big time for Midwest. Throughout their history they had never had a permanent home. Their members met in different members' homes, they met at the Wichita Public Library, they met in banks, they met in churches and even met at the YMCA. Their library was growing, their membership was growing, as was the attendance at their classes. In 1981, Midwest relocated to Old Cowtown although this did not last long and they quickly outgrew this space. In 1986, Midwest purchased a home and a lot for \$1 each. They moved the home and began renovating. The basement was the first to be built and opened as the Kansas room in 1986, but the new location at 1203 N. Main would not be fully open and complete until 1990. Midwest and its nearly 700 members and their library had a permanent home and began offering meetings and classes at this location.

Meanwhile, in 1986, according to Doris Weaver, "...about twenty of us had lunch together at the Empire House Restaurant in Cowtown and loosely organized our first series of [genealogy] classes." They worked with Richard Rademacher to hold these classes at the Wichita Public Library. All proceeds from these classes would then be used to purchase more materials for the Genealogy Department. The library appreciated the new materials and liked having the volunteers around to help people.

From these classes the Wichita Genealogical Society evolved. On 19 November 1987, John Handley, Gwen Harper, Doris Weaver, and Richard Rademacher signed the incorporation papers, officially creating the Wichita Genealogical Society (WGS). The first officers of WGS were: John Handley, Jr., President, Gwen Harper, 1st Vice President, Doris Weaver, 2nd Vice

President, Diane Scannell, Secretary, and Donald W. Read, Treasurer. A charter membership cost only \$10.00, but that cost increased the following June to \$12.50.

The first beginning genealogy class was offered at the library on 16 April 1988. It was a six-week, consecutive class that was held on Saturday. An intermediate class followed beginning 04 June. This format would continue until 2000 when they were moved to Tuesday nights. In 2001, they were reduced to four consecutive classes held Tuesday and Thursday nights over the span of a fortnight. In 2003 and 2004, the classes were held over the course of an entire day and attendees were told to bring a sack lunch. In 2005, the classes were increased to eight-week consecutive classes and were moved to Thursdays. Each week a different topic and a different presenter would share their expertise. In 2019, these classes were reduced to fourweek consecutive classes, but in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, classes came to a halt.

In November of 1988, Wichita Genealogical Society co-sponsored an all-day genealogical seminar with the Wichita Public Library which was held at the library from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. WGS began offering additional programs and presentations by February of 1989. From these beginnings the Wichita Genealogical Society has grown to include an annual conference and a quarterly publication that has been in publication since 1990.

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Charter Members Of the Wichita Genealogical Society

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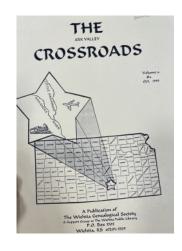
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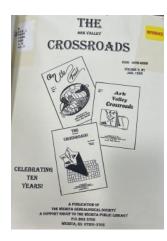
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The cover of the Ark Valley Crossroads has undergone changes over the years. Originally published as "On the Trail" 1990 (left). The cover, and the title were changed by the time of the publication of the 4th issue of the 4th volume in 1993 (middle). To celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Wichita Genealogical Society, a special cover design was created in 1998 (right).

Presidents of the Wichita Genealogical Society



John Handley 1987-1988

Founded the Wichita Genealogical Society in 1987.

(Eagle Staff, "John Handley," The Wichita Eagle, March 05, 1987, https:// www.newspapers.com/ article/the-wichitaeagle/701195729)

Jerry Wood 1989 James E. "Jim" Bradley 1989



Helped organize WGS and taught classes for eight years.

(Eagle Staff, "Doris Weaver," The Wichita Eagle, April 5, 1994, https:// www.newspapers.com/ article/the-wichitaeagle/697496752)



Gene Ewert 1991-1992

Taught some of the first technology classes for WGS.

James E. "Jim" Bradley 1993-1994

During his tenure, the Board acquired the 1920 Kansas Federal Census, purchased a word processor/typewriter, and the AVC was revamped and became quarterly. Mark McCall

Created an initiative to recruit volunteers, increase member participation, and established a volunteer recognition program.



The Maple Grove Cemetery Project, among others, was completed and went to publication. He worked with the Wichita Public Library to expand volunteer support.



Harold Decker 1996

Decker was vice-

Decker was vicepresident until Schumann resigned when he stepped in as president pro-tem.

Mike Ward 1997-1998

During his tenure, WGS purchased a number of books for the genealogy collection, on average there were 228 copies of the AVC mailed out quarterly, and volunteers helped with over 100 queries.



Sage Joyner 1999-2001

Homer Nester

Raymond Rees 2002-2003



Donna Berner 2004-2005

Eagle Staff, "Members of the Martha Loving Ferrel Chapter" The Wichita Eagle, June 11, 2006, https:// www.newspapers.com/ article/the-wichitaeagle/138833766/)

Sage Joyner 2006-2008



Marcia Newton 2009-2010



During her first term, WGS took its sixth trip to Salt Lake City where they were the first group to ever tour the Ancestry.com headquarters.

Linda King 2011-2014

During her tenure as president, the WGS Bylaws were updated twice in 2011 and 2013.



Tracy Tauber 2014-2015



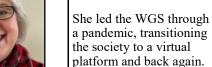
The membership was surveyed in Fall of 2014 and the decision was made to starting sending out the Ark Valley Crossroads electronically starting in January 2016.

Rosetta Wiley 2016-2019

Under her leadership, hundreds of hours of volunteer service were provided which included increasing the searchable databases on the web site.



Margaret Kline 2020-2022
She led the WG



Fred Knoblauch 2023-Present

The WGS Bylaws were updated and the membership was surveyed in June of 2023.





After serving ten consecutive terms as vicepresident, Helen Cole has decided not to pursue an eleventh term. She plans to continue to volunteer in other capacities for the Wichita Genealogical Society.

Remembering

Sage Joyner

Howard Sajon "Sage" Joyner was born of June 1939 in Fort Worth, Texas to Howard W. and Arista (Arnold) Joyner. He would go on to attend the University of Texas-Arlington, the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Missouri–Rolla. An engineer by trade, he served on the faculty of Wichita State University and the University of Kansas School of Medicine Wichita, before joining Raytheon Aircraft, where he retired.

He was active in the community, having volunteered and worked with a number of organizations including the Wichita Genealogical Society (WGS). He said he had been bitten by the genealogy bug back in high school, but never pursued this passion until later in life. He joined WGS only to jump right in starting with his first board position as treasurer in 1997. After that first appointment, he served one more term as treasurer and would go on to serve six terms as president over two different time periods. He served as a trip director on eight different occasions taking members to Salt Lake City, Independence, Missouri, and the Kansas State Library in Topeka. In these different roles with WGS Sage designed the very first WGS logo, revised, and later updated, the Bylaws, created a Strategic Plan, developed the WGS motto, wrote the WGS mission statements, and designed the first website. For his hard work, the WGS board awarded him with the Lifetime Membership Award and the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies (KCGS) awarded him with the KCGS Recognition Award for Outstanding Contributions and the KCGS Award for Outstanding Website.

Sage is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Ellen, his three daughters and sons-in-law, five grandchildren and other family members.

("Howard Sajon "Sage" Joyner." The Wichita Eagle, August 16, 2023. https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-wichita-eagle-obituary-for-howard-sa/138782963/.)

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Cash Basis Accounting Unaudited

WICHITA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY STATEMENT of REVENUE and EXPENSE

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For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2023

	A	CTUAL 2023	В	SUDGET 2023	LA	ST YEAR 2022
REVENUE						
CHARITY & GRANT	\$	2,483	\$	360	\$	1,111
CONFERENCE		5,682		7,500		5,669
DUES		3,830		6,780		3,565
EDUCATION & RESEARCH		780		550		395
MISCELLANEOUS		467	2	440	122	1
TOTAL REVENUE		13,242		15,630		10,741
EXPENSE						
BOARD EXPENSES		689		748		870
CONFERENCE EXPENSES		5,323		7,200		4,964
FEES EXPENSES		305		255		246
MISC. EXPENSES		2,755		3,120		8,810
PUBLICATION EXPENSES		810		572		453
SPEAKER FEE EXPENSES		450		900		750
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES		1,079		1,068		1,348
TOTAL EXPENSE		11,411		13,863		17,441
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS - Increase/(Decrease)	\$	1,831	\$	1,767	\$	(6,700)

WICHITA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT of NET ASSETS

As of December 31, 2023

	31-	Dec-2023	31-	Dec-2022	YTI	O Change
ASSETS						
CASH & CHECKING						
Checking Accounts	\$	3,470	\$	9,636	\$	(6,166)
Transfer Account, PayPal		39		-		39
Transfer Account, Capital Federal	_	-		500		(500)
TOTAL CASH & CHECKING		3,509		10,136		(6,627)
SAVINGS						
CD		10,380		10,000		380
Money Market Account		13,079		5,001		8,078
TOTAL SAVINGS		23,459		15,001		8,458
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	26,968	\$	25,137	\$	1,831
LIABILITIES						
Vendor Invoices (AP)		-		-		-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-1		-		-
NET ASSETS	\$	26,968	\$	25,137	\$	1,831

Results of the 2023 WGS Member Survey

Thank you to all WGS members who participated in our 2023 membership survey. You are appreciated.

The WGS Board of Directors wanted to hear directly from our members regarding their wishes for our society. The survey's intent was to solicit specific feedback that would help us improve monthly programs, classes, special interest groups, and the society in general.

We are pleased with over 60 responses to the survey, providing us with an up-to-date profile of members' interests and suggestions. Some of the results were posted in the July 2023 Ark Valley Crossroads' "Did you know..." section. Space limitations did not allow for publication of the complete survey until now. Below you shall find the survey results. If you're interested in the full responses to the "Other" options, we invite you to view them on the web site https://wichitagensoc.org/page-18210.

The program committee has finished analyzing the survey results and used this feedback to design the best and most relevant program presentations and other activities possible for 2024. At the end of the survey results, you'll find a copy of 2024 Monthly Programming Calendar. We hope to see you at these events!

1. What level of genealogy expertise do you feel you have?

I am fairly new to genealogy and welcome some help	9
I have been doing it for a while, but I can learn a lot more.	41
I can teach this stuff	12

2. Would you be interested in attending a round-table or breakout discussion after our monthly membership meeting presentations?

Definitely	4
Maybe, sounds interesting	33
Probably not.	20
Other	8

3. Would you be interested in traveling to genealogy research centers in other locations/states?

Yes, but by myself	9
Yes, with a group of other like-minded genealogists	29
Probably not.	21
Other	4

4. We currently have three Special Interest Groups (DNA, Technology, and Genealogy Talk). Do you have a request or an idea for another beneficial SIG?

Yes (Use other to elaborate)	2
Not at this time, but I'll think about it.	57
Other	6

5. If you are not attending our monthly presentation meetings, what is keeping you from attending (you may select more than one)?

Location is not convenient for me.	7
Saturday is not convenient for me.	10

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Time of day is not convenient for me.	2	
Length of meeting is too long.	0	
Social distancing concerns.	1	
Presenters not adequate.	3	
Does not apply because I am currently attending.	21	
Other	28	

6. Which product(s) do you use to develop your family tree (you may select more than one)?

Family Tree Maker	26
Legacy 9	7
Ancestry	43
RootsMagic	11
MyHeritage	13
FamilySearch Family Tree	25
Microsoft Excel	6
None	1
Other	7

7. Which resources do you use in conducting your genealogy research (you may select more than one)?

Ancestry FamilySearch MyHeritage Fold3	57 45 17 26
GenealogyBank	11
Newspapers.com	46
FindaGrave	55
Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society	20
Wichita Advanced Learning Library	20
National Archives and Records Administration	20
Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters	12
Courthouses	21
Other	6

United Kingdom	38
African American	2
Native American	7
German	26
French	4
Eastern European	8
Asian/Pacific Islander	0
Latin American/Caribbean	O
Nothing Specific	13
Other	9

9. Which of the following genealogy subjects are you most interested in learning (you may select more than one)?

Writing and publishing your genealogy	16
Organizing your research	24
Research Methodology	28

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Record Sources	28
Navigating Special Collections of the Advance	
Immigration	15
Migration across the United States	13
Digitizing and Archiving	19
DNA	17
Navigating National Archives	25
Nothing Specific	8
10. Which U.S. geographic area(s) are than one)?	of the most interest to you (you may select more
•	
All over	12
Kansas	26
Midwest	27
New England	26
Mid-Atlantic	13
South	14
West	3
Nothing Specific	4
Other	5
11. Which military topic are you interc	sted in (you may select more than one)?
Revolutionary War	34
Civil War	32
World War I	18
World War II	17
Korean	2
Vietnam	2
Nothing Specific	21
Other	2
2. Concerning DNA, please select one	or more items.
NT-1 Colombia I	0
Not interested.	8
I need help getting started.	6
I have taken the test.	31
I need help interpreting the results.	10
Other	8
of our members. Our survival depend	ciety has functioned due to the volunteer service s on it. If you have not volunteered to serve in a g you from doing so (you may select all that ap-
ply)?	
No one has personally asked me.	2
I worry that the time commitment is too great	
I don't feel I have the skill set to do so.	9
I do not have the energy to volunteer.	8
I am new to the society and need to learn mo	
before volunteering.	11
I currently volunteer.	11
Other	24
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2024 Wichita Genealogical Society Planning Calendar

		Member's Special Interest Groups (
	Monthly Programs	Genealogy Talk	DNA	T ech nology
Location	Conference Room B & C in ALL	Conf Room A	Zoom	Zoom
Day	3rd Saturday of Month	1st Monday	3rd Monday	3rd Wednesday
Time	Program 1-3 pm	6-7:00 pm	7:00-8:00 pm	7:00-8:00 pm
January 20	Finding the Farm & Its Records. By Gary Clark	Jan 2	Jan 15	Jan 17
February 17	A Creative Guide to Writing Your Family's Stories. By Kim Stanley	Feb 5	Feb 19	Feb 21
March 23	You've Taken the DNA Test, What's Next? By Connie Bishop (Note: Changed to 4 th Saturday)	Mar 4	Mar 18	Mar 20
April 20	Discover Your Family's Story at the Wichita Public Library. By Michelle Enke.	Apr 1	Apr 15	Apr 17
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- * Guide to Tracing Your African American Civil War Ancestor. (R 929.1 BRA)
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Monday, October 5, 1914

Miss Pattie SINGLETON, 28 years old, formerly employed for three years in the office of Morton-Simmons Company here, died at the home of her sister in Bliss, Ok., following a long illness. The body was taken to Mt. Sterling, Ill., for burial. Miss Singleton was a graduate of the Wichita Business College and resided here a number of years.

Mrs. W. Scott WILKIE, formerly of this city, died Sunday at her home in Eureka Springs, Ark., from typhoid fever. The body will be taken to Lebanon, Ind., for burial.

H. E. **DEWEY**, father of Mrs. Nellie D. Wilbur, of this city, died Friday at the home of a daughter in Lyons, Kan. Burial at Mound City, Kan.

Wesley **SLADEN**, 85 years old, died Sunday at his home, 575 Hendryx Avenue, as a result of a stroke of paralysis in June. He had been a resident of Wichita for thirty years. He is survived by his wife and nine married children. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday from the residence.

Tuesday, October 06, 1914

Richard H. Southwell Dead

He was a Resident of Wichita for Thirty-Six Years **Funeral Wednesday**

Richard H. SOUTHWELL, aged 71 years, died last night at 8:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Brooks, 431 South Oak Street. Mr. Southwell was an old settler of Wichita, having lived here for 36 tears, the greater part of which time he resided at the old homestead, 701 South Water Street. He leaves four daughters and two sons, his wife having died about two years ago. The daughters are Mrs. Frank E. Brooks, Mrs. George H. Burns, Mrs. C. P. House and Mrs. F. H. Fain, all of Wichita; and the two sons, Oscar

Southwell of this city and T. B. Southwell of Joplin, Mo. Mr. Southwell was born in Winchester, Ill., and the cause of his death was diabetes. The funeral will be held from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, 431 South Oak, at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. The remains will be laid to rest beside his wife in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Wednesday, October 7, 1914

William Bruner is dead

William BRUNER, 42 years old, who was shot through the stomach by Chas. F. Hudson following what Hudson says was an attack on him at the Arctic ice plant Thursday, died from his wounds at a hospital last night. His wife was with him.

A coroner's jury viewed the body this morning and surgeons made an examination at the order of the county attorney. An inquest will be held. The body is at the Flanagan & Bourman Chapel. It will be taken to Guthrie, Ok., for burial. Mr. Hudson, who was charged with intent to kill, is on bond.

Friday, October 9, 1914

Poison Cause of Death; O'Brien Funeral Saturday

Miss Zella O'BRIEN whose funeral will be held Saturday at 10 O'clock at the Flanagan & Bourman Chapel died as a result of taking bichloride of mercury tablets two weeks ago, according to a physician.

Miss O'Brien was taken from her room at 628 North Water Street to a hospital several days later.

D. J. O'Brien, brother of the deceased, resides at Keighly, Kan. Formerly he was employed by the City Ice Delivery Company here until compelled to give up the work because of rheumatism. Local authorities are not looking for the brother and are making no investigation. The brother has been here for several days. Instead of being buried three days ago as reported this morning, the body of Miss O'Brien will be buried in Maple Grove Cemetery Saturday.

Saturday, October 10, 1914

Wilbur Stites Dead

Wilbur **STITES**, 79 years old died at his home, 239 North St. Francis Avenue, after a long illness. He had been a Wichita resident since 1872. He and his brother, Henry N. Stites, for many years were prominent in Kansas realty affairs. They platted seven additions during the boom days of Wichita. The

funeral was held at 2 o'clock today at the residence. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Sunday, October 14, 1914

Zella Lucile, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond **GREENUP**, residing near Valley Center, died Tuesday at a hospital. The funeral was held today at the home of the parents. Burial at Valley Center.

Morris, 10-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram **PARKS**, died last night at the Parks home, 840 Eagle Street. The funeral was held at the home today. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Thursday, October 15, 1914

Harry Derhart **CLAR**, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Clar, died this morning after a long illness at the home of his parents, 520 Smythe Avenue. He had been failing rapidly in health for several months.

Harry went home from school ill three and a half years ago. Spinal trouble developed that resisted the efforts of specialists to check it. The nature of the illness has never been definitely ascertained. Mr. and Mrs. Clar, with the aid of the best surgeons and physicians, have battled to save the boy since the first day of the illness.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 3 o'clock at the residence.

Mr. Clar, the boy's father, for many years has been in the police service at Wichita as desk sergeant and in other positions. Mrs. Fred Clar and Mrs. William Maxwell, of St. Louis, will come to Wichita for the funeral.

Mrs. Emma **JACQUES**, 26 years old, the wife of O. L. Jacques, died at a hospital at 10:39 o'clock last night, leaving her husband and a 17-months-old daughter. She became ill from peritonitis Monday night. The funeral will be held Friday at 2:30 o'clock at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Eighteenth and Market Streets. Mrs. Jacques was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown, of 1737 North Lawrence Avenue. One brother and six sisters are living.

N. **CRAIG**, 36 years old, colored, died while mending a shoe at his home., 725 East Fifteenth Street, last night. The man's father has asked the coroner to have

medicine analyzed which Craig had been using.

Saturday, October 17, 1914

The body of James **JAMESON**, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jameson, 303 South Hydraulic Avenue, who was killed when he fell from a wagon onto a pitchfork at Atchison Thursday, was brought to Wichita last night. The funeral will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at Burton and Dodge Avenue Sunday at 1:30 o'clock. The body will be taken to Hutchinson for burial.

Thursday, October 22, 1914

Motorcycle Victim Dead

Joseph **DROUHARD**, 33 years old, died at a hospital here late Wednesday— the second victim of a motorcycle collision near Danville, Kan., Tuesday night. Death came to Drouhard following the amputation of his left leg which was doubly fractured and shattered. Charles Coleman, of Danville, rider of the other motorcycle was killed instantly. Drouhard was hurried to Wichita and there was hope for his recovery. His body was taken to Danville this morning by August Drouhard, his brother.

Saturday, October 24, 1914

Dr. Chas. Wesley **MCHUGH**, 74 years old, a retired physician died at the home of his son, W. H. McHugh, 1328 North Market Street, this morning after a long illness. He was the father also of A. F. McHugh, of this city. The body will be taken to Sedan for funeral Sunday.

Monday, October 26, 1914

Mrs. Minnie Omman

Fourteen days after the death of her favorite grandchild, Mrs. Minnie **OMMAN**, 66 years old, of 1218 South Main Street, was buried today following funeral this afternoon at the home of her daughter, 1340 South Topeka Avenue.

Mrs. Omman had not been well for a year. Lately there had been a gradual decline. When she learned of the death of Harry, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Clar, she said to her daughter: "I'm ready to go now."

The grandmother was very fond of the sick grandson. During the several years of his illness, she was at his bedside often and cheered him with fruit and flowers. Between the aging woman and the dying boy there was an unusual bond. Mrs. Omman's illness grew worse after the boy's death. Death came to her las Friday.

Wednesday, October 28, 1914

Mrs. Halloway Dead

Within a few days of her ninety-third birthday, Mrs. J. W. **HALLOWAY** died this morning at her daughter's home, 702 South Topeka Avenue, after her first illness in many years. Until two weeks ago, she had been able to walk around several blocks near her daughter's home. Her hearing and sight were not affected by her age.

Mrs. Halloway had been a Kansan for thirty years and a Wichita resident six years. She was the mother of Mrs. D. T. Armstrong, of this city. Another daughter, Mrs. F. L. Marsh, of Great Bend, Kan., was with her when death came. Her husband, a few years younger, survives her. The funeral will be held at Great Bend Thursday.

Col. J. W. Snyder Has Passed Away

Well Known Veteran of the Civil War.

Death Occurred at His Home on South Lawrence Avenue— End Had been Expected the Past Few Days

Death claimed Col. James **SNYDER**, 84 years old, one of the federal troops' most active officers during the Civil War, early this morning at his home, 711 South Lawrence Avenue. A stroke of paralysis on Monday a week ago ended in apoplexy and caused death.

With the veteran officer when death came were his wife and two sons, E. W. Snyder, president of the Manufacturers' National Bank at Leavenworth, Kan., and C. W. Snyder, president of the Topeka State Bank at the capital

Colonel Snyder was elected captain of the Ninth New York heavy artillery at the beginning of the Civil War and promoted for distinguished service successively to major, lieutenant colonel and finally of the regiment. He commanded it at Winchester, Cedar Creek, Cold Harbor and at the siege of Petersburg which preceded the surrender of Lee. It was at Petersburg before Richmond, that Colonel Snyder's artillery had its heavy service.

After the war Colonel Snyder was in grain business at Buffalo, N. Y. later following his sons to Kansas where he retired. He had been a Wichita resident fifteen years. Here, he was a member of the First Baptist Church. One sister survives him in Warrensburg, Mo. The funeral will be held at the residence Thursday at 2 o'clock, the G. A. R. officiating. Burial in Highland Cemetery.

Saturday, October 31, 1914

The funeral of W. B. **BUCK**, vice-president of the Rorabaugh Dry Goods Company, will be held Monday at 10 o'clock at the St. John's Episcopal Church, Dr. Percy T. Fenn officiating. The body will be in state at the residence, 302 North Topeka Avenue, to friends, from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock Sunday. The following will be pall-bearers: John Kelley, C. A. Magill, Geo. W. Robinson, C. G. Cohn, L. C. Wright, Paul Eaton, L. B. McCausland and George Diamond. Honorary pallbearers will be: Finlay Ross, P. J. Conklin, Judge C. V. Ferguson, P. V. Healy, William Beatty, M. A. McCleland, C. S. Daniels, B. L. Eaton, and O. B. Stocker.

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Special Interest Groups (SIG)- Members Only

Genealogy Talk

On the first Monday of each month a small group of WGS members meet for a *Genealogy Talk* in Conference Room A at the Advanced Learning Library in Wichita from 6-7 o'clock. Every member is invited to take part in this discussion. Members share their experiences they have had while doing their own research. Through these discussion new research is shared and members learn about new resources. It is a learning experience that is sure to help in your own endeavor to fill in those missing blanks.

WGS DNA SIG

Members meet the third Monday of each month via Zoom to discuss topics related to Genetic Genealogy and DNA. Past discussions have included the different types of tests available, the different testing companies, understanding your results, sorting your results, endogamy, and more! In addition to discussions, the group discusses different case studies that put into practice the subjects studied. There are no prerequisites, the group is open to any one of any skill level. To sign—up send an e-mail to education@wichitagensoc.org.

WGS Technology SIG

Members meet the third Wednesday of each month via Zoom to discuss all things technology related. Learn about current trends in technology, genealogy software that is available and how to use them, and digital archives and databases available to researchers today. Blogging, Apps, and more have all been discussed in the past! There are no prerequisites, the group is open to any one of any skill level. To sign—up send an e-mail to education@wichitagensoc.org.

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Monday, February 5

Genealogy Talk SIG-Members Only

6-7 pm, Conference Room A, Advanced Learning Library. If interested, send an email to Registrar@wichitagensoc.org

Monday, February 12

WGS Board Meeting, 6 pm, Hyde Conference Room, Advanced Learning Library

Monday, February 19

DNA SIG —Members Only

7-8 pm, Virtual. If interested, send an email to education@wichitagensoc.org

Wednesday, February 21

Technology SIG —Members Only

7-8 pm, Virtual. If interested, send an email to education@wichitagensoc.org

Saturday, February 17

WGS Quarterly Meeting — "A Creative Guide to Writing Your Family's Stories by Kim Stanley, 1 pm, Advanced Learning Library Conference Center.

Upcoming Events

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January 2024

Genealogy Talk SIG —Members Only

6-7 pm, Conference Room A, Advanced Learning Library, If interested, send an email to Registrar@wichitagensoc.org

Monday, March 11

WGS Board Meeting, 6 pm, Hyde Conference Room, Advanced Learning Library

Monday, March 18

DNA SIG —Members Only

7-8 pm, Virtual. If interested, send an email to education@wichitagensoc.org

Wednesday, March 20

Technology SIG —**Members Only**

7-8 pm, Virtual. If interested, send an email to education@wichitagensoc.org

Saturday, March 23

WGS Monthly Meeting — You've Taken the DNA Test, What's Next? by Connie Bishop, 1 pm, Advanced Learning Library Conference Center.

Monday, April 1

Genealogy Talk SIG —Members Only

6-7 pm, Conference Room A, Advanced Learning Library,. If interested, send an email to Registrar@wichitagensoc.org

Monday, April 8

WGS Board Meeting, 6 pm, Hyde Conference Room, Advanced Learning Library

Monday, April 15

DNA SIG —Members Only

7-8 pm, Virtual. If interested, send an email to education@wichitagensoc.org

Wednesday, April 17

Technology SIG —**Members Only**

7-8 pm, Virtual. If interested, send an email to education@wichitagensoc.org

Saturday, April 20

WGS Monthly Meeting — Discover Your Family's Story at the Wichita Public Library by Michelle Enke, 1 pm, Advanced Learning Library Conference Center.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

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FAMILY (must live at the same address - the rate is	\$10 for each individual) \$	35.00
PRINTED copy of the society's quarterly newsletter	(no cost for online digital version) \$	10.00
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Join the Wichita Genealogical Society

The Wichita Genealogical Society (WGS) is a very active group devoted to helping the genealogist and family historian find and record their roots, whether in Kansas or far off places.

WGS offers a broad range of presentations, classes, conferences, information and guidance for the novice to the experienced person looking for those elusive pieces of their history.

Membership includes:

- ⇒ Access to our quarterly publication, the *Ark Valley Crossroads*
- ⇒ Surname research
- ⇒ Monthly Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings

WGS holds public activities, open to members and non-members alike:

- ⇒ Monthly meetings with exciting speakers covering genealogical and historical topics
- ⇒ Annual conference with nationally-renowned and exciting speakers



Upcoming Conferences

January 24, 2024— African American Research Workshop— Oakland Family History Library— www.familysearch.org/en/ wiki/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library/ Learn-

ing_Center_Descriptions#African_American_Research_Work shop

February 5-7, 2024– Chinese Genealogy Workshop– Henry Tom– https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8kqq67lv4ffe971/ AABPFQHrFqmaDui7toVjmt3sa?dl=O

February 24, 2024– Fourth Annual Free Virtual Arizona Genealogy Day– https://azsos.libcal.com/calendar/starl/azgenday24

March 22, 2024–14th Annual Lemon Project Spring Symposium–https://events.wm.edu/even/view/lemonproject/239093

April 10-12, 2024— Rockin' Around Your Family Tree—2024 Ohio Genealogical Society Conference—http://www.ogs.org/

April 26, 2024 – Nebraska State Genealogical Society 2024 Conference – http://nsgs.org/index.php May 16-18, 2024—2024 National Genealogical Society (NGS) Virtual Family History Conference—https:// www.ngsgenealogy.org/conferences/

June 6-7, 2024 – Scotland – Symposium on Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy – https://sway.cloud.microsoft/OkqOHevhbZGeY3jg

June 6-8, 2024 PALAM 2024 National Conference presented by Palatines to America German Genealogy Society – https://www.palam.org/Conference-2024

June 28-29, 2024— The Ramapo Investigative Genetic Genealogy Conference (RIGG)-conference/

August 7-8, 2024—2024 American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Convention—https://ahsgr.org/event/2024-ahsgr-convention/

September 24-27, 2024— International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences— https://www.americanancestoers.org/icghs-2024/program

Volunteer Opportunities

Open Board Position Program Director

Program Event Planning

- Research & select monthly genealogy programs.
- * Publish a year calendar of programs.
- Coordinate equipment needs with presenter.
- Help presenter setup & introduce to audience.
- Setup information table, manage handouts.

Open Board Position **Vice President**

Member of Executive Committee

- * Conduct board meetings in absence of President.
- * Manage book donations fund.
- * Assist in large special projects.
- * Typically requires less than 6 hours per month.
- * Chair the Audit Committee.

Open Board Position Special Projects Director

Manage Research Projects

- Manage genealogy projects that will assist the genealogists in library and WGS database research.
- Conduct simple research requests submitted to WGS.

Open Board Position **Technology Director**

Webmaster & Systems Manager

- Manage & update WGS web pages as required.
- * Support Registrar with membership system.
- Support external contact mailing database.
- * Manage Zoom and Web system subscriptions.

See Detailed Descriptions: https://wichitagensoc.org/volunteers

Join Us

- Each position is a voting member of the WGS Board of Directors, which meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Advanced Learning Library, Wichita Public Library.
- Bring ideas to the board that may advance the Wichita Genealogical Society's goals and projects.
- Help us map the future and conduct the present.
- For more information, contact Fred Knoblauch, President at 316-218-2783 or e-mail at President@wichitagensoc.org.

WGS Volunteer Opportunities Want to get involved?

Since its inception in 1987, Wichita Genealogical Society has functioned solely on the volunteer services of its members. A three level structure of volunteers is what makes the WGS function:

- 1. **Elected Officers** Serve a two-year term, elected by the WGS membership in the fall preceding the annual calendar term and constitutes the Executive Board.
- 2. **Directors and Committee Chairs** Board members appointed by the president to manage specific and crucial functions.
- 3. **Project Volunteers** Selected from volunteers for specific projects that may be short term or recurring.

This concept has worked very well because of WGS' members' passion for genealogy and the opportunity to share their passion for the benefit of everyone. Each year a host of positions are posted that need to be filled. These positions become available for a number of reasons: end of term, resignation, health, other leadership roles, and other opportunities.

Please consider and apply for one of the vacant positions. For your convenience the open job positions and a brief description of that job has been posted to the WGS web site at: https://wichitagensoc.org/volunteers. Although each position is unique and has its own qualifications and requirements, there is one requirement that applies to all the positions, and that is commitment to attend the monthly board meeting. Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month starting at 6:00 PM at the Advanced Learning Library of the Wichita Public Library. Meetings typically last one hour.

The positions currently open are:

- Director of Historical Reporting
- Director of Programs
- Vice-President
- Special Projects Director
- Technology Director

If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact Fred Knoblauch, President, at president@wichitagensoc.org or 316.218.2783.

Open Board Position **Historian**

21st Century Version of Scrapbooking

- Collect WGS reports and documents and add them to a cloud-based system.
- * Create a monthly report of items saved.
- * Typically requires less than 4 hours per month.



WGS Puzzle

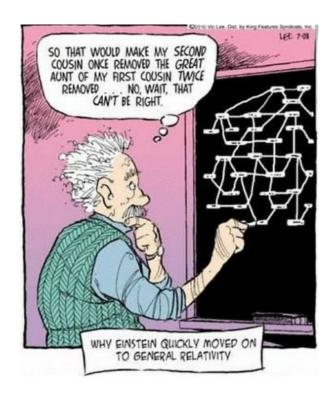
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