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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 north-south and east-west.

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President's Message



If you're like most genealogists, you have a relative that served and died in the armed forces defending our country and our liberties. Did you know that the online service Fold3 specializes in this specific area? Do you know how Fold3 got its name? Be sure to turn to

page 12 to read an in-depth article about the history and use of this online service if you want to research a relative that served in the military. With Memorial Day coming up at the end of May, now would be a wonderful time to conduct your research. Memorial Day honors those who died serving in the US military. What better way to honor your deceased relative?

Have you wondered why the Wichita Genealogical Society is performing at such a high level, with very high turnouts at the monthly library presentations and the annual conference? It is because of our members who volunteer their time to the Society. And we need more to assist us. Turn to page 27 to see how you can be of service to your Society and her members.

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of The Ark Valley Crossroads.

Fred Knoblauch, President
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Welcome

New and Renewing WGS Members!

(Since our last newsletter)

David Bowman
 James Byrum
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 Autumn Hearne
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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.

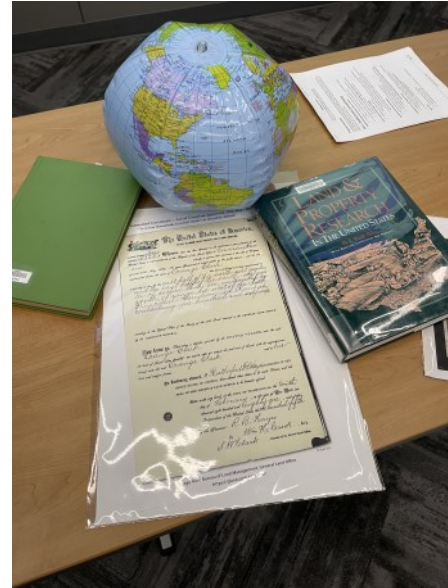
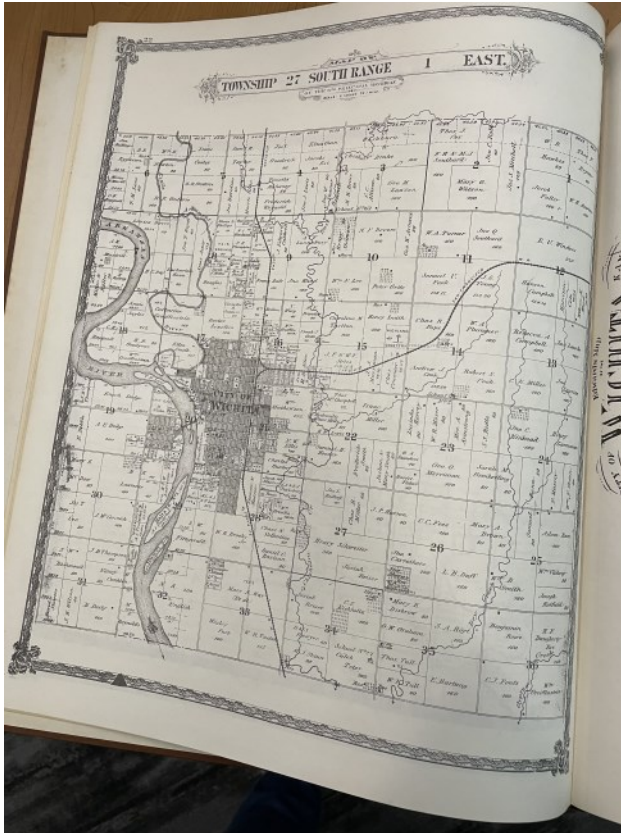
Ten Things to Know Before Starting Research in Germany!

Would you like to research your German ancestors but don't know how to start research in Germany? Then this presentation is perfect for you. You will learn everything you need to know about German history as well as church and state archives to get you started on the right track from the beginning.

Presented by Ursula C. Krause, a German genealogist with a law degree, is a former commercial lawyer who founded Rootseekers-Genealogical Research and More in 2009. Since that time she has worked as a Senior Genealogist for AncestryProGenealogists, founded My German Family, and worked for the television programs "Finding Your Roots," "Who Do You Think You Are," and "Every Family Has A Secret."

Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 1pm
Wichita Advanced Learning Library
Conference Center

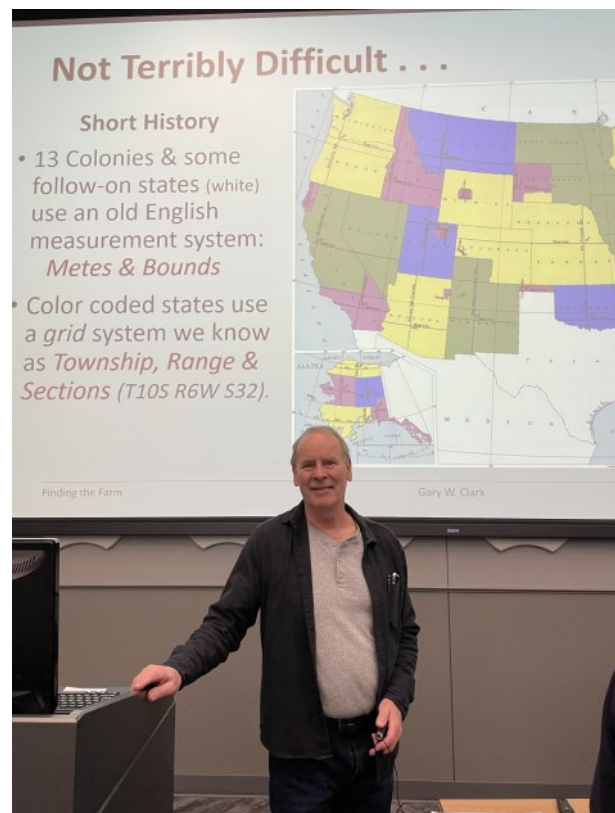
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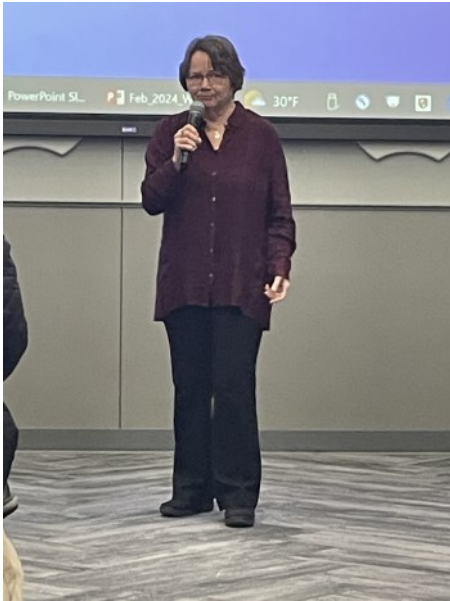
On Saturday, 20 January 2024 at the Advanced Learning Library Gary Clark (right) presented “Finding the Farm and Its Records.” This was a two-part presentation. In part one attendees learned how to interpret old homestead documents, deed records, and plat maps to determine the exact location of ancestral homesteads, farms, and residences. The second part focused on Homestead certificates and early land office logs. Gary discussed what a Homestead certificate and how to obtain a copy.

Gary Clark is a genealogist and tracker of illusive ancestors. A ten-year member of Wichita Genealogical Society and member of the Topeka Genealogical Society and the Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society.

Photographs courtesy of Pam Brillhart.

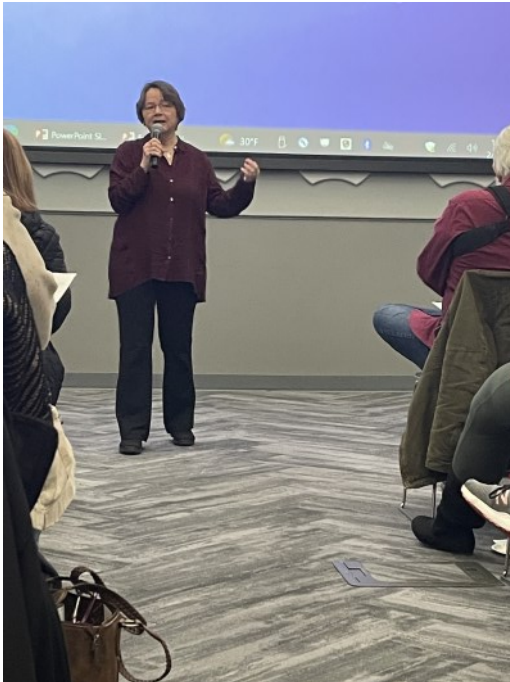


Writing Your Family's Stories



On 17 February 2024 at the Advanced Learning Library, Kim Stanley gave the presentation “A Creative Guide to Writing Your Family’s Stories.” This presentation provided tools to enrich genealogical research. By incorporating story and memory, readers will feel what it was like to be in that moment. She spoke about how to develop characters, describing places and events of importance, and finding the heart of the story in the interest of create that ‘irresistible’ read.

Kim Stanley is a professor of English and chair of the Department of Modern Languages at McPherson College. She teaches English and world literature, composition, poetry, and creative non-fiction. She is passionate about showing people how to use literature to talk and write about their lives. She has given different writing workshops and discussions in an assortment of venues ranging from public libraries to prisons over the last twenty-seven years for Humanities Kansas.



Have you taken photographs at any WGS event? If so, send them to the editor, education@wichitagensoc.org, to be considered for inclusion in the next copy of the *Ark Valley Crossroads*.

Photographs courtesy of Jason Felihkatubbe.

The National Personnel Records Center



“National Personnel Records Center,” National Archives. <https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel>

The National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis is part of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). It is the home of the United States’ military and civil service personnel-related records.

The idea of having a central repository for important documents and records is not a new one; however, the idea was not realized until 19 June 1934 when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed legislation which created the National Archives as an independent entity. The archive played an integral role during WWII because of their map collection of the European and Pacific Theaters. The same war that the archives aided challenged it in a way it had not been challenged before with a massive influx of documents and papers. This led to a reorganization and in June of 1949 the National Archives lost its independence, moving under the newly formed General Services Administration (GSA). In 1950 the Federal Records Act was passed which established a records management program for the different Federal agencies. It was at this time that the archives began establishing different centers across the United States to house federal records.

The National Personnel Records Center was born, the result of a transfer of the Overland building by Military services, which was in charge of Department of Defense military records to the GSA. The GSA consolidated operations and turned over administration to the National Archives. At the time that this occurred, military records were still being housed in different locations across the United States. By 1966, however, they had achieved their goal of housing all former military and civilian personnel records in one location and in May of that year, the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) was created.



Remains of a document salvaged after the Fire of 1973.

The Fire of 1973

12 July 1973 a fire destroyed much of the sixth floor of the NPRC’s Military Personnel Records building at Overland. It is estimated that 80% of all US Army personnel records for those discharged between 01 November 1912 and 01 January 1960 were destroyed and 75% of all US Air Force personnel records for those discharged between 25 September 1947 and 01 January 1964 were destroyed.

Records Housed at the NPRC

- According to the National Archives the following records are housed at the NPRC:
- US Army officers separated after 30 June 1917, and enlisted personnel separated after 31 October 1912.
- US Air Force officers and enlisted personnel separated after September 1947.
- US Navy officers separated after 1902 and enlisted personnel separated after 1885.
- US Marine Corps officers separated after 1895 and enlisted personnel separated after 1904.
- US Coast Guard officers separated after 1928 and enlisted personnel separated after 1914; civilian employees of Coast Guard predecessor agencies such as Revenue Cutter Service, Lifesaving Service, and Lighthouse Service, 1864-1919.

How to Obtain Records

Military records are open to the public 62 years after the veteran left service. Records that are 62 years or older may be requested by anyone for a copying fee.

Currently the cost to obtain an Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) is:

- 5 pages or less: \$25 flat fee
- 6 pages or more: \$70 flat fee.
- Persons of Exceptional Prominence: \$0.80 per page (\$20 minimum)

Records that are less than 62 years of age may be requested by the veteran themselves or their next of kin, who are defined as: Surviving spouse who has not remarried, Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Sister, or Brother. (Note: Next of kin must provide a copy of a death certificate, a letter from a funeral home, or a published obituary proving death of the veteran.) There is no cost for providing this information.

Prior to submitting the records request, the requestor is

asked to be able to provide the following bits of information:

- The veteran’s name at the time of service
- Service number or social security number
- Branch of Service
- Dates of Service
- Date and play of birth may be helpful, especially if the service number is not known.

If it is a request that involves a record that could have been involved in the Fire of 1973, then include:

- Place of discharge
- Last unit of assignment
- Place of entry into the service, if known.

To place your request, you may fill out, sign, and submit form SF-180, found at <https://www.archives.gov/files/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.pdf>, to: National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138 or file a request online.

Standard Form 180 (Rev. 07/2017) (Page 1)
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Authorized by law enforcement
Personnel address available OMB No. 5010-1020 Expires 04/30/2024

REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

Requests can be submitted online using eVetters at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>
To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the accompanying instructions before filing on this form. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN INK OR BLUE INK.

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SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Provide as much information as possible)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (last, first, full middle) 2. SOCIAL SECURITY # 3. DATE OF BIRTH 4. PLACE OF BIRTH

5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective record search, if a requestor does not know, he/she should enter:)

a. ACTIVE	b. RESERVE	c. NATIONAL GUARD	BRANCH OF SERVICE		DATE ENTERED	DATE RELEASED	OFFICER	ENLISTED	SERVICE NUMBER (If unknown, write "unknown")
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6. PLEASE LIST LAST FOUR-BY-FIVE STATIONS, IF KNOWN: 1. 2. 3. 4.

7. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? NO YES - MUST provide Date of Death if veteran is deceased

8. DID THIS PERSON RECEIVE FROM MILITARY SERVICE? NO YES

SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

1. CHECK THE ITEMS YOU ARE REQUESTING:

DD Form 214 or equivalent: Form in which service records are retained (Form of Separation). This form contains information used to verify military service. An UNDELETED DD Form 214 is generally required to determine (DQ) for benefits. If you request a DELETED copy, the following items will be checked out: authority for separation, reason for separation, readjustment disability code, separation (DD) Form 214, and, for separations after June 30, 1970, character of separation and date of discharge. Please note: request returns may be able to request DD Form 214 through mail contact by visiting: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

An UNDELETED copy will be sent UNLESS YOU SPECIFY A DELETED COPY by checking this box: I want a DELETED copy.

Official Military Personnel File (OMPF): The OMPF may include duty stations and assignments, training and qualifications, awards and decorations received, disciplinary actions, administrative records, substance and/or discharge information (including DD Form 214, Report of Separation, or equivalent), and other personnel actions. Detailed information about the veteran's participation in battles and their military engagements is NOT contained in the record.

Medical Records: Includes health (inpatient), extended ambulatory, and dental records. If inpatient hospitalization records are requested, please specify below: I request inpatient hospitalization records from _____ (facility), last treated on _____ (date). **NOTE:** Funds are required. If available, you may receive copies of inpatient (inpatient), outpatient reports, discharge summaries, etc. contained in the record.

Dental Records: Please check this box if ONLY dental records are needed from the medical record.

Other (Please Specify): _____

2. PURPOSE: (Providing information about the purpose of the request is voluntary. However, it may help to provide the best possible response and may result in a faster reply. Information provided will be used to make a decision to deny the request.)

Benefits (applicant) Employment VA Loan Programs Medical Genealogy Correction Personal Other (explain)

Explain here: _____

SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

1. REQUESTER NAME: _____

2. RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN: _____

3. I am the MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN identified in Section I, above. I am the VETERAN'S LEGAL OR NEXT OF KIN (MUST submit copy of Court Appointment or AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MUST submit copy of Subpoena Letter or Power of Attorney) I am the DECEASED VETERAN'S NEXT OF KIN (MUST submit Proof of Death. See item 4 on instructions.) OTHER (Specify): _____

4. SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO: (Please print or type. See item 4 on accompanying instructions.)

Name _____ Age: _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
Telephone (Area) _____ Fax Number _____

5. AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE: I declare that I am the legal next of kin, next of kin, or other next of kin of the veteran under the laws of the United States of America that the information in this Section I is true and correct and that I authorize the release of the requested information. (See item 2a on the accompanying instructions.)

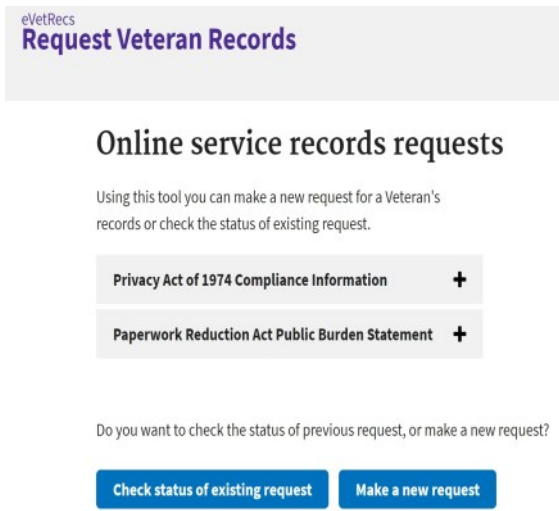
Print Name _____ Signature _____
Date _____
Signature Required - Do not print _____ Date _____

* This form is available at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.pdf> or the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) website. *

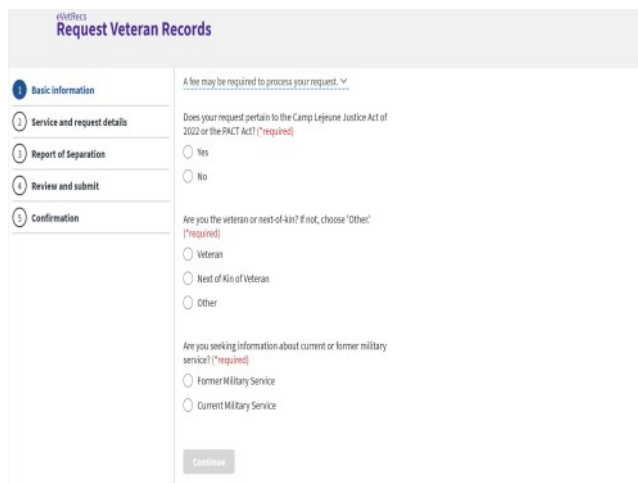
Form SF-180

The other option is to visit the eVetRecs web site and file your records request electronically.

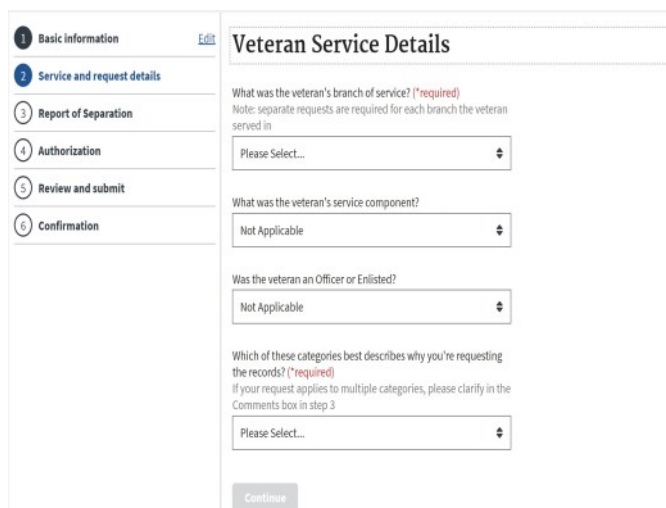
- 1) Visit <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteransRequest/home.html>.



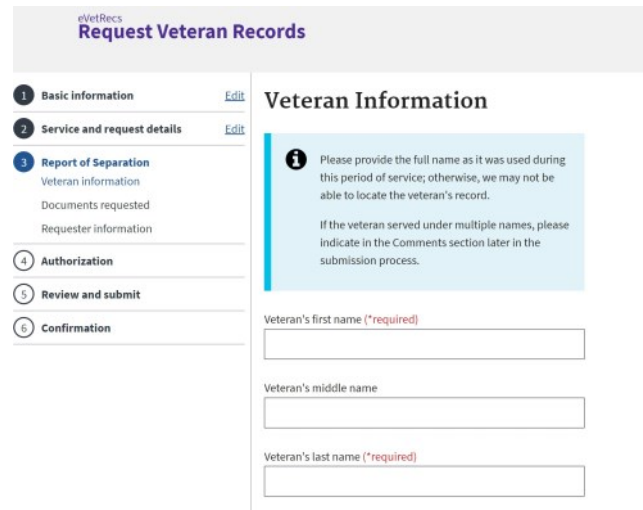
- 2) Click on “Make a new request.”



- 3) From this screen, one sees that there are only 5 steps to go. The first is asking three very simple questions. Answer those questions and you’ll be directed to the next screen.



- 4) From this screen, you’ll enter the branch of service, select whether the veteran was “active, reserved, or National Guard,” state whether they were an officer or enlisted, and finally, what describes why you’re requesting the records.



- 5) On the following screen, you’ll enter the veteran’s information: first, middle, and last name, Social Security Number, date of birth, place of birth, deceased or not, service number, date the veteran entered and exited service, and once you have finished entering this information, you’ll click the “Continue button.”

On the following screen, you'll submit your supporting documentation. For the veteran that is a signature and for the next of kin, the death certificate, published obituary, or letter from the funeral home. On the last screen, you'll have the chance to review your request before submitting everything. Finally, the last page is a confirmation page in which you'll be provide with a number. You will also be e-mailed this number. That confirmation e-mail, you'll want to hang onto because you can return to the eVetRecs web site at any time and check on the status of your request.

When your request is complete, you'll receive an e-mail stating this along with another long number, or pass key. You will need to keep this because files that are obtained are password protected. That number is used to open the locked file you have just been sent.

Processing Time

Once the records request has been submitted, the length of time to process the request varies. The NPRC states they receive 4,000-5,000 requests daily.

In this authors experience, the processing time has been between about a month and fourteen months. The shortest request was about a month and that was for my grandfather's file. He had served in the US Army in WWII. His file was one of the ones that had been destroyed by the 1973 fire so what I received from the NPRC was a two page letter explaining the situation along with a copy of a final disbursement which showed the final amount he was paid, his final unit number, along with his last post. On the other hand, when I requested my father's file, the process took much longer. I waited eleven months for the initial response, which was a redacted file, but included such things as his DD214, a photograph, his educational record while in the military, and a listing of his different posts and positions. I did have the option, and did pursue that option, to request the unredacted file, which is why it took fourteen months to receive the entire 135 page file which included all of the above, in addition to his original application filled out in his handwriting,

the results of his physical upon entering the military, a health history, the results of a physical at the end of his military service, a copy of telegraphs that were sent home when he was injured, and detailed copies of records stating his every movement.

Military Awards and Decorations

One item that is listed on the DD214 are the awards and decorations that that soldier has been awarded. It is possible to have those awards and decorations reissued. You'll file a request on eVetRecs (Medals are only requested online) and on the third screen where it asks for the purpose of the request you'll select "Military Awards/Decorations" as the reason. The NPRC will do a search and you'll be issued a letter stating that based on the record of your soldier, you're eligible to have the following awards issued to you. They will not reissue foreign awards or decorations, but they will provide you with the names and contact information of potential suppliers to order them from. In the case of my father, the two awards he received from the Republic of Vietnam, I've had to purchase those from one of these suppliers. The rest of his medals will be reissued.

Not anyone can request medals. The veteran themselves must make the request or their next of kin. For the Army, the next of kin is the surviving spouse, eldest child, father or mother, eldest sibling, or eldest grandchild. For the other branches of the military, the un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother, or sister may request the medals be reissued. For the veteran and the next of kin, medals are provided free of charge. With the US Army, they are purchased and sent to be engraved and sent out from the US Army TACOM in Philadelphia. Total turn around time as of this writing is about a year from the issuance of the letter stating that you're eligible for reissue.

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"Veterans' Service Records." The National Archives. August 28, 2023. <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records-standard-form-180.htm#nok>

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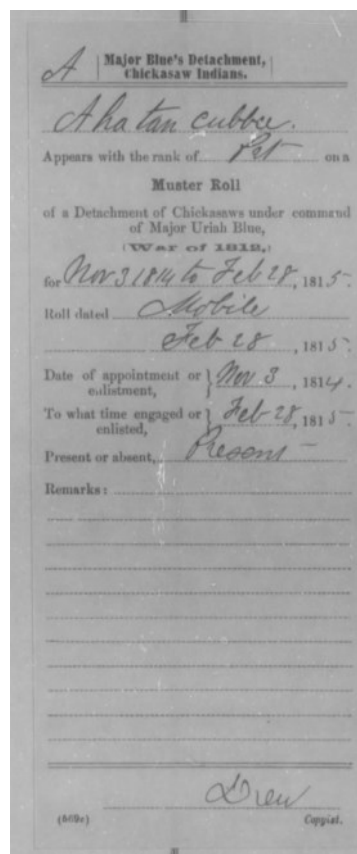


Fold3 was created by iArchives, which was founded in 1999 with the purpose to digitize historical newspapers and the like for the academic and library communities. Fold3 was originally founded as footnote.com in January of 2007 with over five million records. In October of 2010, Ancestry.com purchased iArchives, which included Footnote.com. The name was changed to Fold3 in a rebranding effort to establish itself as a repository for military records. The name Fold 3 was selected as a reference to the flag folding ceremony "...in which the third fold is made in honor and remember of veterans..."

Today Fold3 has many records. The banner across the top of their web page boasts 670 million records, the headline next to the menu says 645,200,749 records, the list all records shows 610 million records for the United States (US) alone, but clicking on the browse records reveals that there are 560+ million records. Needless to say, the concentration is on United States records. There are records from nearly every military conflict within the United States from the Revolutionary War to the Afghan War, but the largest collection, with nearly 300 million records is the US Civil War collection. In addition to the military collection, Fold3 has the Social Security Death Index, a Black History Collection, which overlaps with many of the other collections, a Native American collection, that includes the Dawes Packets, records from the Cherokee Indian Agency (TN), the Guion Miller Roll, and other Eastern Cherokee records, and overlap with other collections, some newspapers records, directories, and more. Though some of these records are unique to Fold3.com, not all are, as many records, or at least an index of some sort, can be found on Ancestry.com.

Though Fold3.com concentrates on the United States, they have record collections pertaining to nearly 100 different countries. The largest collections outside the United States come from the United Kingdom (UK), Germany, France, Canada, and Ireland. The UK collection has records pertaining to the US Revolutionary

War, the French Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars, the War of 1812, the Fenian Raids, the Boxer Rebellion, World War I and II. The focus, however, is World War I with over 55 million records. The German collection, however, focuses on World War II, though there are sporadic records from different conflicts. The French Collection, like the aforementioned, has an assortment of records, but concentrates on World War I. Canada on the other hand focuses on the War of 1812 and World War I, though they do have records from other conflicts, but they are limited. Canada is unique because as it is a Commonwealth country there is overlap between UK record groups and Canada. The Irish records are very similar, but interestingly enough, there are a number of overlaps between the Irish collection and the US collection.

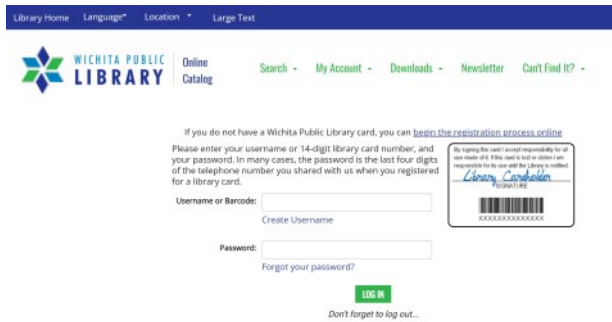


Muster Roll for Pvt. Aha Tan Cubbee of Major Blue's Detachment, Chickasaw Indians during the War of 1812 from 28 February 1815.

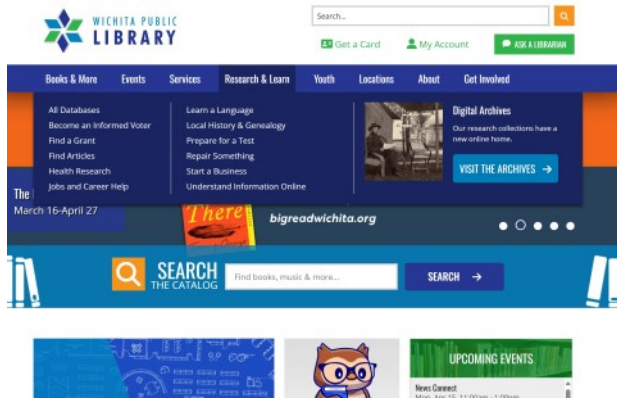
Using Fold3.com at the Wichita Public Library

The Wichita Public Library has a subscription to the library edition of Fold3.com. You do not have to be at the library to access Fold3.com. To access the site, go to the Wichita Public Library main page: <https://www.wichitalibrary.org> and follow the below steps.

1) Log into your Wichita Public Library account.



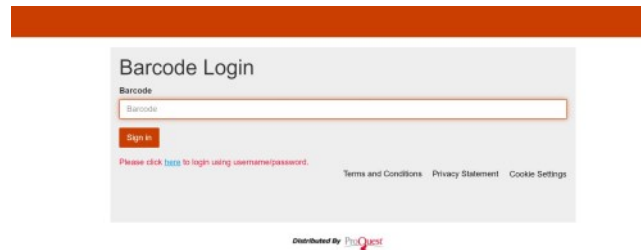
2) Go to the Wichita Public Library Main page and click on the Research & Learn tab at the top of the page. From there click on the Local History & Genealogy link.



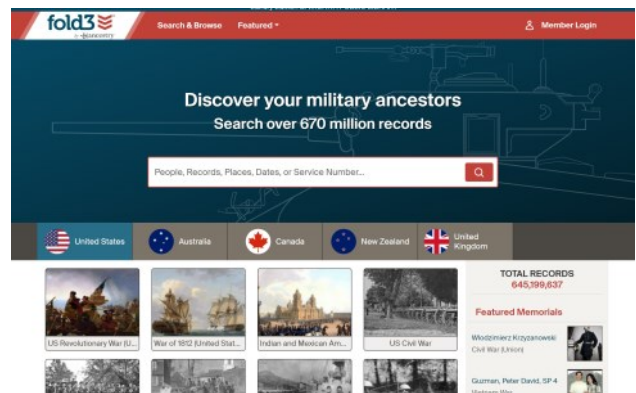
3) Once on the Local History & Genealogy page click on Genealogy. When the page has loaded, you shall see a link to Fold3 Library Edition at the end of the top row.



4) Once you click on Fold3 Library Edition, you'll be taken to another screen where you'll be prompted to enter the barcode from the back of your library card.



5) After you enter your barcode, you'll be taken to the Fold3 Library Edition main page, where you can click on a particular conflict or start entering search terms.



Wichita Public Library: Genealogy Acquisitions

Compiled by Michelle Enke, Manager of the Edward & Elizabeth Burns Historical Research Pavilion

A selected list of new books in the genealogy center of the Wichita Public Library from January thru March of 2024 Please visit the library's online catalog.

Family Histories (929.2)

- A Crocker Genealogy. (R 929.2 CROCKER Vol. 1)
- The Descendants of John Meridy Turner (1747-1815) of Fauquier County, Virginia. (R 929.2 TURNER)
- A Family History of Clinton Lee Swallow: Van Meter, DuBois, Kent, Whipple, Lee, Hitchcock, Hart, Swallow. (R 929.2 SWALLOW)
- A Genealogy of Runnels and Reynolds Families in America. (R 929.2 REYNOLDS)
- The Goldade Family History with Memories of the Village Selz and Russia. (R 929.2 GOLDADE)
- A History and Genealogy of the Neil, Smyth, Martin, Garman Families. (R 929.2 NEAL)
- The Jundt Family History with Memories of the Village Selz and Russia. (R 929.2 JUNDT)
- The Life of Peregrine White: the First Englishman Born in New England. (R 929.2 WHITE)
- Lambertson Leaves: Some of the Colorful "Foliage" on Our Lambertson-Brown-Thompson-Caswell Family Tree. (R 929.2 LAMBERT)
- Lambertson-Thompson Scrapbook. (R 929.2 LAMBERT Vol. 1-4)
- The Maas/Moss and Related Families: Catholic Germans from Russia and Romania. (R 929.2 MAAS)
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Selected Obituary Transcriptions

Thursday, September 3, 1914

Mrs. Tilly **LANDERS**, wife of A. B. **LANDERS**, an employe of the Wichita Furniture Company, died Wednesday afternoon at her home, 1235 Larimer Avenue, leaving her husband and two boys under 3 years old. Mrs. **LANDERS** was a member of the St. Paul Methodist Church. Funeral Friday at 2 o'clock at the residence. Dr. J. W. **SOMERVILLE** will be in charge. The body will be at the Lahey & Martin Chapel until Friday morning.

Monday, September 7, 1914

Mrs. Eliza J. **KNOTT**, 88 years old, mother of A. L. **KNOTT**, of the Knott Plumbing Company, died Sunday after a long illness at her home, 119 South Sedgwick Avenue. The funeral will be held at 5 o'clock this evening at the Mueller Chapel.

Fred E. **DELAY**, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs.

David **Delay**, of Wakita, Ok., died at a hospital here Sunday afternoon from appendicitis. Less than a year ago, Russell **Delay**, an 11-year-old brother, died here at a hospital from an intestinal trouble. The body of Fred will be taken to Wakita for funeral and burial.

Mrs. Minerva J. **HUDSON**, 77 years old, a widow, died Sunday at her home, 309 North Walnut Avenue. The funeral was held at the residence at 2:30 o'clock today. Mrs. **Hudson** was the mother of Mrs. J. H. Fuller, wife of Doctor Fuller, and of Mrs. O. J. Taylor, the wife of Doctor Taylor.

Wednesday, September 9, 1914

Mrs. Susan **MANS**, 78 years old, mother of Henry **MANS**, of Wichita, died late Tuesday at her home, 20 miles west of the city. She resided with her son, Michael **MANS**, and is survived by three others, John, Jacob and Sebastian **MANS**. The funeral will be held at Andale Thursday at 10 o'clock.

Shirley, four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. **MCCUNE**, of 1745 South Topeka Avenue was buried today in Highland Cemetery.

Thursday, September 10, 1914

Mrs. Sophia S. **BURTON**, 70 years old, a resident here a number of years, died this morning at her home, 307 South Seneca Street. Funeral Saturday at 10 o'clock at the residence. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Monday, September 14, 1914

George E. **KARN**, 38 years old, a farmer residing near Coldwater, Kan., died late Saturday at a hospital here following an operation. The body was taken to Troy, Kan., for funeral today at 2 o'clock. Burial in the Troy Cemetery. Mr. **KARN** is survived by his widow and four children, Lela, Harry, George and Ruth **KARN**.

Tuesday, September 15, 1914

REV. FREDERICK DOMINICK
DIES SUDDENLY AT HARPER

Harper, Kan., Sept 15.—The Rev. Frederick

DOMINICK, pastor of the German Christian Apostolic Church of this city, died here very suddenly with neuralgia of the heart at the age 52 years. Reverend DOMINICK had been pastor here for sixteen years. He is survived by his widow, three sons and five daughters. Reverend DOMINICK was a prosperous farmer, and when not conducting funerals or officiating at weddings gave his time during the week to his farming operations.

The funeral services will be held from the German Apostolic Church Wednesday, September 16, at 2 o'clock followed by funeral was held at 2 o'clock today at the residence. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery. interment in the German Apostolic Cemetery.

The funeral of George **MCTAGGART**, who died at his summer home in Manitou Sunday from pneumonia, will be held at the First Methodist Church at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The body will be in state at the residence, 840 North Lawrence Avenue, from 9 until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mr. MCTAGGART had been a Wichita resided since 1888. He was born in Dublin, Ind. His widow and two children, Raymond MCTAGGART and Mrs. John P. DAVIDSON, survive.

The funeral of Charles **GUENTHER**, 48 years old, who died Monday at a hospital from typhoid fever, will be held Thursday at 10 o'clock at the St. Francis Cathedral. Mr. GUENTHER had been a Wichita resident ten years. He owned 100 feet of ground and a restaurant at 2147 North Market Street. His wife and John GUENTHER, a brother residing in St. Louis, survive. He was a member of the Sons of Herrman and the German Military Society. The body is in state at Flanagan & Bourman Chapel.

Wednesday, September 16, 1914

On the birthday of her four-year-old daughter Margaret, Mrs. Helen Lynch **JOHNSON**, the wife of T. C. Johnson, a traveling man residing at the Tavender Hotel, died at a hospital following an operation. The funeral will be held at the St. Mary's Cathedral Friday at 10 o'clock. The body will be in state to friends at the Flanagan & Bourman Chapel until 9 o'clock Friday.

Louis, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. **CLAUGHTON**, died at 1604 East Murdock Avenue this morning. The funeral will be held Friday at the St.

Mary's Cathedral at 8:30 o'clock.

W. R. **RUDISILL**, 78 years old, died Tuesday at his home, 533 Pennsylvania Avenue, as a result of a stroke of paralysis. His widow and nine children survive. The funeral will be held from the residence Thursday at 10 o'clock. Burial in Highland Cemetery.

Thursday, September 17, 1914

William R. **REECE**, 18 years old, died at his home, two and one-half miles northeast of Goddard yesterday afternoon. He is survived by his mother, three brothers and two sisters. His father, Sylvester REECE, died four years ago. He was a pioneer of this county. The funeral will be held Friday at 2:30 o'clock at the Goddard Baptist church.

Monday, September 21, 1914

While Mowing Yard Became Fatally Ill

Henry **HASEMEYER**, nearly 70 years old, was attacked by apoplexy while pushing the lawn mower this morning. He staggered to the porch of his home and called to his wife and daughter. He was unconscious when they helped him within and dying when a physician arrived. Death came at 9:40 o'clock.

Mr. Hasemeyer resided at 1502 East Gilbert Street. He was a feed and grain dealer for many years. He came to America from Germany when 18 years old and to Wichita 27 years ago.

In spite of his age, he was seemingly strong and well. The attack was without warning. Although retired from active business, it was his custom to take considerable exercise in the morning. Usually he busied himself in the yard of his home or at the home of his son-in-law, Clifford V. Hunt, next door.

A daughter, Miss Lizzie Hasemeyer, resides in Denver. Henry Jr., a son is a dealer in rubber in the Philippine Islands, where he formerly was a soldier in the United States army.

It is probable the funeral will be held Wednesday. Mr. Hasemeyer was a member of the German Catholic Church. He had a wide acquaintance here.

DEATH OF MRS SARAH STOUT DUE TO NERVOUS SHOCK

A shock caused by the death of Jackson Stout, her husband, in February, resulted in the death of Mrs. Sarah **STOUT**, 74 years old, Sunday night at the home of her son, W. A. Stout, 1216 North St. Francis Avenue, after a gradual decline. Mr. and Mrs. Stout were Kansas pioneers. Jackson Stout was a railroad contractor of wide reputation.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at the residence of a daughter, Mrs. H. H. Kistler, 1214 North St. Francis Avenue. The following are other children of Mrs. Stout: W. A. Stout of Wichita; John Stout, of Montana; Mrs. George Plotner of Phillipsburg, Kan.; Mrs. J. W. Merry of Nebraska; Mrs. W. E. Bidwell of Arkansas and Mrs. N. N. Reznor of Denver.

Wednesday, September 23, 1914

Mrs. C. A. **COX**, 1117 South Martinson Avenue, died Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock. She was 54 years, three days old. She leaves a husband, a son and a daughter. The body will be taken to Braman, Ok., tonight for burial.

M. L. **HARE**, 60 years old, suffered an attack of Bright's disease shortly after coming to Wichita from his home at Glasco, Kan., to visit his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Coleman, and died this morning at the daughter's home, 814 Nims Avenue. The body will be taken to Glasco for funeral and burial.

Thursday, September 24, 1914

Frank **SMITH**, 53 years old, and employe of the E. J. Healy Live Stock Commission Company, died last night at his home, 2303 North Water Street, after an illness of two weeks. His wife and eight children survive. The body will be at the Flanagan & Bourman Chapel until 5 o'clock this evening when it will be sent to South Haven for burial. Friday at 10 o'clock.

Effie **STERRETT**, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sterrett, died this morning at her home, 731 South Market Street, after several months of illness. The funeral will be at the Mueller Chapel Friday at 2 o'clock.

Richard, the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. **SLYTER**, died at the home of the parents, 822 South Meade Avenue. The funeral was held at 4 o'clock today. Burial in Mapel Grove Cemetery.

Saturday, September 26, 1914

CAPTAIN BURGESS
EXPIRES SUDDENLY
HE IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM
Veteran of the Civil War and Widely Known for His
Work in G. A. R. Circles
Until His Health Failed.

Captain W. T. **BURGESS**, 78 years old, active in G. A. R. affairs at Wichita for thirty years, was found dead in bed this morning in a room he had occupied for two years at the Kansas Sanitarium. He retired last night seemingly as well as usual. Heart disease is believed the cause of death.

Captain BURGESS was a past commander of Eggleston Post, G. A. R. Until two years ago, when he retired because of failing health, he was a leader in the post work. He was known for his able speeches at G. A. R. meetings. He was widely acquainted particularly among old residents. The funeral arrangements await news from his only daughter, who resides in the East.

Captain BURGESS lived alone at Wichita for a number of years. He lost the sight of one eye a few years ago. While he was chipping wood or kindling a piece struck him in the eye.

The body is at the Mueller Chapel.

Monday, September 28, 1914

The funeral of Captain W. T. **BURGESS**, who was found dead in his bed Saturday morning, will be held at the Mueller Chapel Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock, the Eggleston Post officiating. Comrades of the deceased are asked to meet at the chapel before the hour of the funeral.

Wednesday, September 30, 1914

Mary V. **WILLIAMS**, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry E. WILLIAMS, died last night at her home, 133 Ohio Avenue, after an illness of four days. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

John W. **WARNER**, 52 years old, a wealthy resident of Augusta for many years, died here last night at a hospital, following a long illness. The body was sent today to Augusta for funeral and burial. Mr. WARNER was unmarried. He left two brothers and a sister residing near Augusta.

Upcoming Events

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 even 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 odd 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, May 6

Genealogy Talk SIG—Members Only

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

Monday, May 13

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

Monday, May 20

Technology SIG —Members Only

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

Wednesday, May 22

Native American SIG —Members Only

6-7 pm, Hyde Conference Center. *If interested, send an email to education@wichitagensoc.org*

Saturday, May 18

WGS Monthly Meeting — Ten Things to Know Before Starting Research in Germany! by Ursula C. Krause, 1 pm, Advanced Learning Library Conference Center.

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Monday, June 3

Genealogy Talk SIG —Members Only
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Monday, June 10

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Monday, June 17

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Wednesday, June 19

Native American SIG—Members Only
 6-7 pm, Hyde Conference Center. If interested, send an email to education@wichitagensoc.org

Saturday, June 15

WGS Monthly Meeting — Research Methods for Success by Jason Felihkatubbe, 1 pm, Advanced Learning Library Conference Center.

Monday, July 1

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Monday, July 8

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Monday, July 15

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Wednesday, July 17

Native American SIG —Members Only
 6-7 pm, Hyde Conference Center. If interested, send an email to education@wichitagensoc.org

Saturday, July 20

WGS Monthly Meeting — The Quest for Your English Ancestors by Clair Brisson-Banks, 1 pm, Advanced Learning Library Conference Center.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Complete this form and bring to a monthly meeting, or mail it to the above address, or register online.

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<input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> ORGANIZATION - Contact Name: _____	\$ 25.00
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TOTAL REMITTANCE (make your check payable to: Wichita Genealogical Society)	\$ _____

(If you elect to register online, you may use your credit card for payment)

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- PRESIDENT
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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

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)- <https://www.ramapo.edu/igg/conference/>

July 6, 2024– Secrets Beyond the Grave: What You Need to Know to Find Your Ancestor's Burial and Anatomy of a Death Certificate– Orange County California Genealogical Society- ocggs.com/mtg_event/calendar.html

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>

October 4, 2024– Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference: “Somos Tejas– We Are Texas” - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/44th-annual-texas-hispanic-genealogical-and-historical-conference-tickets-82328508117>

October 25-26, 2024– NorthStar Genealogy Conference– <https://mngs.org/>

Nov 1-2, 2024– Texas State Genealogical Society 2024 Family History Conference– <https://www.txsgs.org/2024-txsgs-family-history-conference/>

Volunteer Opportunities

Open Board Position Program Director

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#### *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 Historian

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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.

Open Board Position Special Projects Director

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#### *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

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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
- Library Liaison
- 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.



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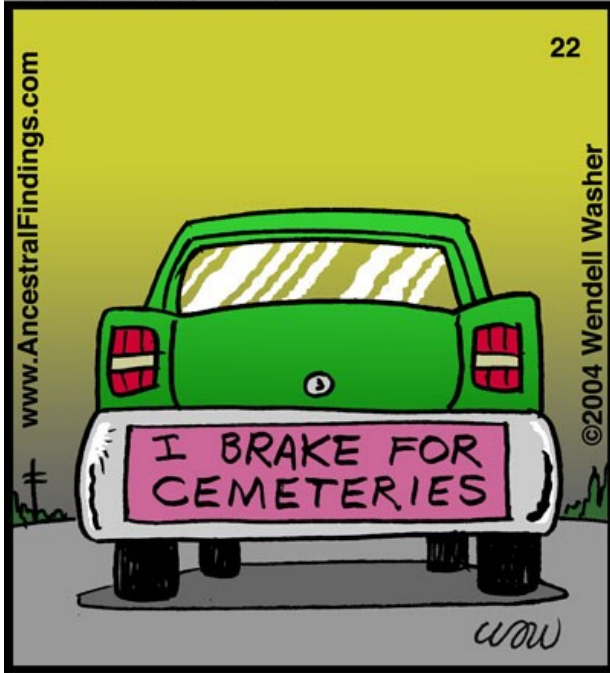
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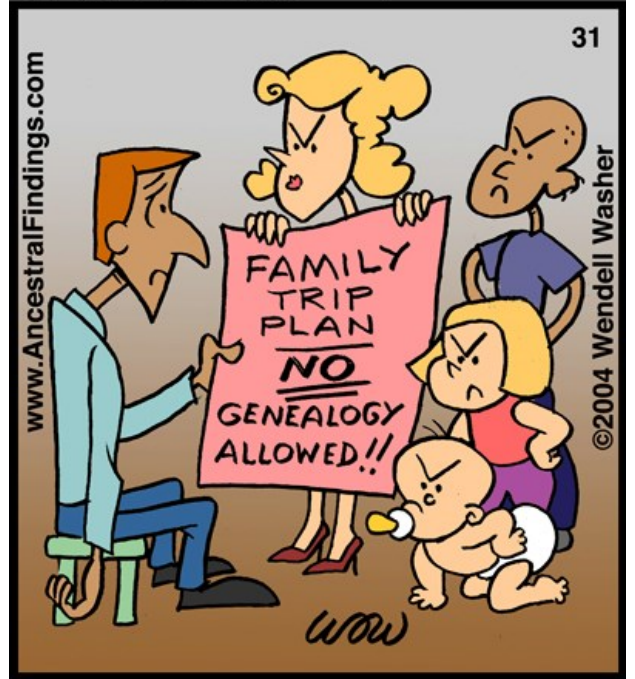
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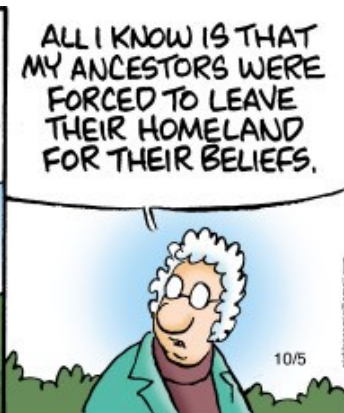
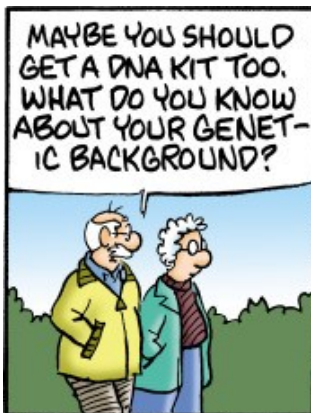
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