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Announcements

Lighting

As many of you may know, fluorescent lighting is going the way of the dinosaur. And so we must consider the future lighting options at the library. With over 50 light fixtures in the library, any change is going to come with a hefty price tag. While this is not an “immediate” need, we must begin looking at long-term strategies to keep the library a safe and productive environment for researchers. We will begin the process of evaluating our options in the upcoming months, so keep an eye out for more information in future editions.

Please Help

The library is always in need of volunteers. There is so much to do, and so few people to help.

Your volunteer work doesn't have to be helping other researchers—we can use whatever skills you have, as long as you are willing. Call today!

Kansas Historical Society Conference

Visit the 45th Annual Conference to hear D. Joshua Taylor speak on April 7 and 8, 2017. A nationally known genealogical researcher, author, and lecturer, Joshua has been featured on *Who Do You Think You Are?* and currently is a host on the Genealogy Roadshow, a PBS series.

Visit their website for more information: www.tgstopeka.org.



President's Corner

To me, there is nothing like a cold and dreary day to make me want to go to the library. I constantly marvel at the amount of information and sources that are held within these walls. It gives me great pride to know that we can help people in their quest to know their ancestors. Despite our best efforts, nobody can possibly know all of the items in our collection. If I could snap my fingers and wish for one thing, it would be that every name, in every book, in every room of the library be available via a search. It's possible. We've got a database built with that very idea in mind. But, alas, one person's time and effort will never get it done.

There are so many, many projects that I wish could be worked on: the membership cards from the American Legion, the *Messenger of Peace* booklets, the many periodicals and resources that are in the library—all of these holdings would be ever so more valuable if they were indexed. Forward we march, one name at a time, one page at a time, with the glowing hope that one day a researcher, a member, in 10, 20 or 50 years will break down their brick wall, because I spent the hour indexing an obituary. It's what keeps me going. And so into 2017 I march with renewed hope that someday my dream will be realized. And because I don't think the genie will be coming out of the bottle to grant my wish any time soon, I'd better get back to work!



Future of *The Journal*

We love our biannual editions of *The Journal*. We really do. However, we've run up against a roadblock in publishing *The Journal* in hard copy. Our prior printing company went out of business, and finding a suitable replacement has been challenging. There just isn't anybody who will do the work of folding and stapling for the same price. The nearest competition is nearly four times the cost! At that price, we cannot justify the expense.

The ads in *The Journal* help offset the price of its publication, but it is very difficult to get companies to invest their advertising dollars in us. Do you know a business owner who might be willing to place an ad? Our prices are very reasonable - \$25 for a business card size, \$50 for a quarter page, \$75 for a half page, and \$100 for a full page. Just three of the full page ads would offset the increased price of producing *The Journal*.

Please let us know if you can help. Without new advertisers or a new printing company to produce *The Journal*, we may have to consider two options: either going to an online-only format or discontinuing *The Journal* altogether.

Please do whatever you can to save *The Journal*.



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ing.

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\$30 in Canada and Mexico
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Library Hours:

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed./Thurs./Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Donations

Helen Richards

- *Yearbooks from NWMSU, Tower, 1947-1950*
- *Yearbook from Iowa State College, Bomb, 1951*
- *Yearbook from Kellerton High School, Kellerton IA, Tomahawk, 1956*
- *Alumni directory for NWMSU, 1997 and 2005*
- *Alumni directory for Grant City High School, 1885-1998*
- *Photograph of the Grant City Sale barn fire*

Darlene Burton

- *Odd Fellows Home, a history of the home in Liberty, MO*

Andrea McCoy

- *Yearbook from MWSU, Griffon, 2004*

Church Women United

- *Two boxes of miscellaneous items, including scrapbooks, minutes, memberships, books, etc. The group has disbanded and chosen the library to preserve their collection. Records span 1911-2016. The group represented all faiths for over a century.*

The Flower Society

- *21 scrapbooks representing the group's activities and membership information.*

Linda Leitch

- *Four folders of family trees*

Mike Summers

- *Yearbook from Christian Brothers, Aerie, 1963 and 1964*

Pat and Frank Ward

- *Scrapbook of WWII newspaper clippings, along with several hundred loose clippings that had been stored inside the scrapbook from the same era*
- *Collier's Photographic History of WWII book*

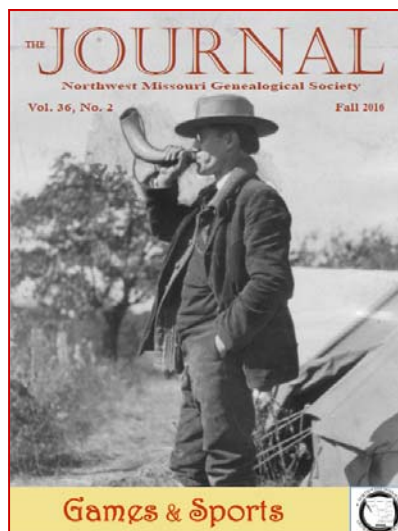
Sharon Thompson

- *Book, 100 Years of Boehringer Ingelheim 1885-1985*
- *Albany High School reunion papers from class of 1948*
- *Box of miscellaneous items, including pictures, funeral books, newspaper clippings, etc. that belonged to Phyllis Houston, who passed away in March 2016.* 🏠

Submissions for *The Journal*

It's that time again! The deadline for submissions for *The Journal* is February 15. Our next theme will be *Communications*. This theme might include letters, telegrams, telephones, travel for communication (i.e., Pony Express), mail on trains, semaphore, Morse code, childhood languages (e.g., Pig Latin), immigrant languages (German, Polish, Irish, etc.), sign language, whistling—absolutely anything having to do with communicating. Start gathering your stories and send them to us along with pictures of your ancestors, especially if they are involved in the communications.

We are always looking for the next theme, so if you have suggestions for a theme, please let us know! Future themes already chosen are Food and Transportation. We look forward to your suggestions and submissions!



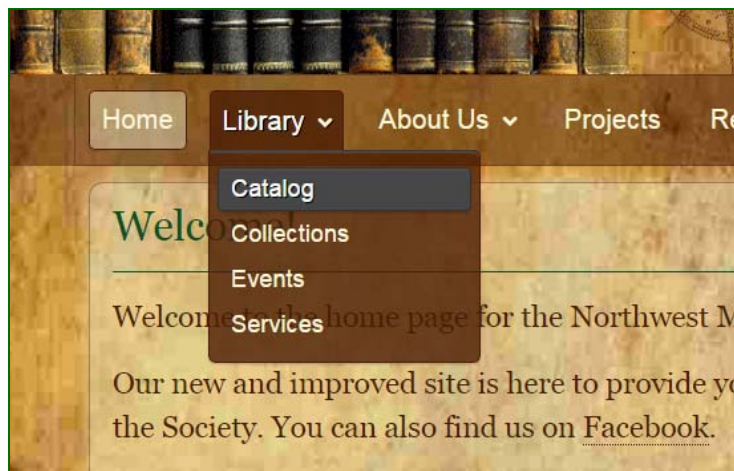
Our Website

Feedback from the survey we sent with the last newsletter has shown us that many members are not aware of the vast storehouse of information available on our website. One member wasn't even aware that we have a website! To bring our members up to speed on the information available online, we'll be taking a look at different parts of the website in this newsletter and upcoming issues.

Let's start with finding a list of what the library has. We have so many resources that the list is still in progress—volunteers have been working on the list for several years. We started with the most commonly used items for the 9 counties that the NWMGS serves, and we have continued to expand to include items relevant to all other Missouri counties. How do you find this growing list? It's easy! From the home page, click on Library, and then select Catalog from the menu.

As a reminder, our website has a *Members Only* section that includes the last 30+ years of *The Journal*, an excellent source of information, and the last several years of our newsletters. You can find some maps and other miscellaneous items in Members Only as well.

Remember that maintenance of your account is automated—if you do not log in at least once a year, your account will be deleted automatically, which helps us keep our accounts current without investing a volunteer's time. The password you select is encrypted, so nobody can see it or remind you what it is. If you don't recall the password, or if you've never registered before, please send an email and we'll get you a new password right away so that you can take advantage of all the website has to offer.



A WWII Scrapbook Saved

Contributed by Patricia Farley Ward

My husband, Frank Ward, worked at the St. Joseph News-Press in the pressroom for 10 years, until 1993 when we went full time with our own printing business, Ward Printing. For most of that time at the News-Press, he was the pressroom foreman on the night shift. One night, he spied a large, padded manila envelope in the trash can. He picked it up and looked inside to find a very

old scrapbook. It was filled with many local newspaper clippings

from WWII. They were all photos with story captions!

Frank couldn't believe that someone would throw away all those memories so he brought it home to show to me. We went through it and found my Dad, Jack Farley's four brothers, and a few others that we knew. We kept that scrapbook for the last 23 years. I just couldn't throw it away!

When my husband passed away in 2013, I moved to a different house and discovered this scrapbook again. While talking with my friend Pamela Montgomery about genealogy, I mentioned the scrapbook and she said the NWMGS would love it if I would donate it to the library in Frank's name. I told her I would be glad to do it because I know people would love to see their relatives and hear their stories.

The scrapbook has been indexed, and that index is available online at the NWMGS website so that you can easily see if your family is in it. You may even discover that at one time, it was on your own family's bookshelf!

Along with the scrapbook are hundreds of loose clippings, all indexed in envelopes and available for viewing at the library.



Frank Ward, preserver of memories.
1964-2013



NWMGS Calendar

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the NWMGS library: *Genealogy Show & Tell*

As passionate genealogists, we are always on the lookout for new sources, new ways to do things, and new ideas. The NWMGS is happy to begin a *new* Thursday evening series at the library called *Genealogy Show & Tell*. These will be evenings of informal discussion between members on various topics. There will be no formal “leader” of the group; instead, this will be a networking session to hear from others who may have experienced the same things you have. The topic for our first session on March 23 will be *Organization* - how do you keep everything straight?! Every genealogist has his or her own system, or lack thereof. What is your system, and what are your challenges? Come and share with others. Refer to this calendar OR see the one on the website for future dates and topics.

May 25: Share your favorite research sites - both online and off.

July 27: Tracing Immigrants - how did you get “over the pond”?

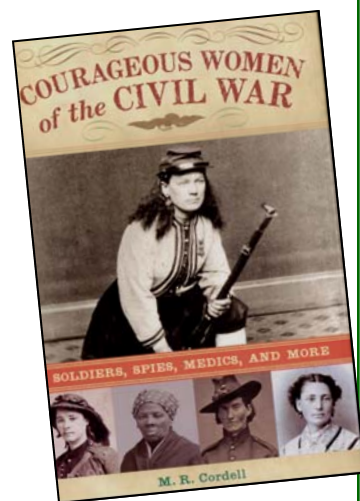
August 24: What made you start researching your family? And why do you continue?

October 26: Breaking down brick walls! Share your success story, commiserate on your failures to find success.

Thursday, April 27, 2017: *The Local Records Program; A Profile of preservation projects in St. Joseph from 1991-2016.* Presenter: Becky Carlson CA, Local Records Field Archivist for the Missouri State Archives.

Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the NWMGS library: *Genealogy - The Free Way*


Free. Melinda R. Cordell, author of the book *Courageous Women of the Civil War*, will be the speaker for our June 29 presentation.



Saturday, July 8, 2017: *John Philip Colleta, PhD*, will be the honored guest at our Fourth Annual Genealogy Conference. Again this year, the conference will be held at the beautiful Remington Nature Center in St. Joseph. For those of you who have not heard Dr. Colletta speak, you are in for a real treat. Knowledgeable, experienced and entertaining, John is one of America’s most popular genealogical lecturers. Residing in Washington, D.C. for twenty years, John laid the foundation for his genealogy career working half-time at the Library of Congress and teaching workshops at the National Archives.

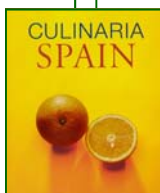
Today Dr. Colletta lectures nationally, teaches at local schools, and conducts programs for the Smithsonian Institution’s Resident Associate Program. He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (University of Georgia, Athens) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

Event time and all the details can be found on the website, along with a registration form. Paper registrations will be sent with the March newsletter and *The Journal*. Mark the date on your calendar, plan your vacation, and spend the day with us!

Saturday, February 4, 2017: *All Night Research Event* from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. The library will be open to all those who want to have a fun time and interact with fellow researchers, ask questions, and use the full resources of the NWMGS library. You can pay at the door, but please email us and let us know if you plan on attending so that we can plan for space and enough volunteers to help! Cost is \$15 per person and includes pizza, which we order about 8:00 p.m., or whenever everybody gets hungry. 

Books for Sale

If you love food, you will love these two books! To call them a “cookbook” would be an injustice. They have recipes, yes. But they are so much more. At over 450 pages



each, the books include a fabulous array of information about the culture, the people and the geographic area the ingredients are grown in. The books are only \$10 each, but are quite dense, thick and heavy, so shipping & handling will be \$7

each if you would like them mailed. We have a limited number of each, so if you are interested, be sure to get yours now. They would make a wonderful gift for the connoisseur on your list. 