

**SOUTHWEST NEBRASKA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

SWNGS is a non-profit organization formed in 1977 whose purpose is to create and foster interest in genealogy, preserve data and educate members. Membership is open to anyone. Dues are payable upon application. Membership runs January 1 thru December 31.

SWNGS meets the 1st Saturday of each month at 1:00 PM at our library located in the Merit Bldg., at 110 West C Street, Suite M3, McCook, Nebraska. Take elevator to "M" or stairs and turn right. Library is also open 3rd Saturday of each month 1 PM for research and 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings from 6 – 8 PM for research.

Attached is my check payable to **SWNGS** for dues: **\$25.00** Individual or **\$30.00** Family
\$20.00 Associate member (outside area) or **\$10.00** Student (elementary-college)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street Town State Zip

Email Address: _____

REMIT TO: SWNGS PO BOX 156 McCook NE 69001

PLEASE: ENCLOSE A SASE IF YOU WISH A MEMBERSHIP CARD MAILED TO YOU.

Membership Benefits:

- Help, support & friendship of like-minded folks.
- Research consultation. (1 hour free)
- Discounts on copies, research and classes.
- Attend monthly meetings and programs.
- Monthly minutes sent to your email.
- Local members may check out library books.
- Full access to SWNGS website + TNG.
- Use of SWNGS computers and printers.
- Quarterly newsletter via email.
- Email notification of upcoming events.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Networking with others.
- Help break down "brick walls".
- Get to know library resources.
- Participate in special projects.
- Hands-on training available.
- Library aids increase public access.
- Donate your family information.
- Help preserve local records.
- Share your area of expertise.
- Be a greeter, get involved.

SWNGS LIBRARY

SWNGS library contains anything and everything published on McCook and Red Willow County which includes original District Court Books, original Marriage applications and license, Index books for marriages, burials, probates and our own on-going project of Newspaper Abstract books from 1882 to present containing birth announcements, marriage write-ups, anniversaries, obituaries, family reunions, etc. McCook Polk City Directories, various census, including rural school census, many school yearbooks, various local church histories, Plat map books from 1905, 1923, 1958, 1979 and county directories 1965-1972, along with local military bio books and various booklets published on individual towns in Red Willow County.

SWNGS also concentrates heavily on the entire Southwest Nebraska community providing extensive research material for the additional counties of Furnas, Hitchcock, Hayes, Chase, Dundy and Frontier. All this plus some information on almost every other Nebraska county is available.

Our Surname book section contains many "old" Red Willow County names but also an "A to Z" allotment of various surname books published throughout the U.S. approximately 150+ books to date.

SWNGS has a good selection of books, over 400+, coming from and covering the entire United States. Add to that our world-wide collection, approaching 100+, covering German, Irish, English, etc. Our number of books is so vast that when located on the McCook Community College campus we helped their Von Riesen Library to become accredited.

Add to this books on subjects like, Pilgrims, Colonials, Churches, Census, Daughters of the American Revolution, History, Immigration, New England, Resources, War and our How to section which teaches genealogy views both simplified for elementary age children to adult beginners and even experienced researchers.

With our book count approaching the 2,000 + mark, it is easy to see why our SWNGS library is referred to as "the best little library between Lincoln and Denver".