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Learn how to research the history of your home on April 9

Ottawa, Kansas—The Franklin County Historical Society is hosting a program for those interested in researching the history of houses, buildings, and land. “Researching the History of Your Home and the People Who’ve Lived There” will be held Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. at Neosho County Community College.

“Your house doesn’t have to be grand or notorious to have an interesting history,” said Old Depot Museum Manager Diana Staresinic-Deane, who will lead the April 9 program. “You don’t even have to have a house. The land itself can have an amazing story. Franklin County’s rural areas have hosted numerous native and emigrant tribes, ghost towns, and transportation routes.”

The program will cover resources available online as well as how to conduct research at courthouses, libraries, and historical societies.

“Thanks to the digitization of newspapers, maps, U.S. Census records and other data, even researchers just getting started can successfully find a lot of information about a building or piece of land if they know where to look,” said Staresinic-Deane.

“Researching the History of Your Home and the People Who’ve Lived There” is offered as part of the Old Depot Museum’s current exhibit, *Historically Significant: How History Shapes Us, Our Communities, and Our Future*. The exhibit, which will be on display through May 14, includes a look at historic homes and businesses and how they impact our community. For more information, call (785) 242-1250.

Founded in 1937, the Franklin County Historical Society strives to preserve, present, and promote the history of Franklin County. The Old Depot Museum shares the history of trains in small towns as well as the history of Franklin County. It is part of the Franklin County Historical Society.

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