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Committee Spotlights

Society Activities

Seth H. Vogue

Editor

Are you up-to-date on the many activities and projects the Society's committees are involved in? No? Well, since everything is supposed to be up-to-date in Kansas City, I guess we better bring you up-to-date! The following paragraphs will provide a brief summary of what each committee has been doing lately or information they wish to share with our members.

Extractions

Judy Carlson

Extractions Chairperson

Members of the extraction committee are completing work on a new deed index, *Jackson County Missouri Deeds (1851-1857), Vol. III*.

We are still working on the Woodlawn Cemetery project.

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News from the President

Moving right along

Stephen Hough

Society President

I would like to apologize to the membership of JCGS for our failure to publish the *Pioneer Trails* and *Pioneer Wagon* as scheduled. Our recently appointed Publications Chairman was unable to fulfill the required duties and has been relieved of the publication responsibilities. We have not received the publication materials—submissions, P.O. Box key, rubber stamps, updated mailing list, assorted paperwork, etc.—from the former chairman. If you have submitted material for publication, please resubmit the information. We are working hard to ensure this publication is distributed to each member at the proper address.

If you or someone you know would like to assume any of the publication responsibilities, we would welcome the help. In the meantime, I will coordinate the activities—writing, printing and distribution—necessary for the publications to be provided to the members as promised when you joined the Society

Now, moving right along...

Nominating Committee Selected

The Society has chosen three members—Judy Carlson, Diana Hough, and Connie Mogg—to be on the nominating committee. The Society will be electing the President and 1st Vice-President (a.k.a. Programs Chairperson) this spring. Please forward nominations to this committee.

Family History Contest

I am pleased to announce the Society will have a 2008 Family History Contest. The contest will be

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If you would like to help spot check our printouts with tombstones at the cemetery give us a call. Our goal is to complete the final draft for printing before Fall.

Several members continue to compile obituaries from the *Kansa City Star* into monthly volumes. We also maintain a computerized index of these obituaries.

It has been suggested that the Salem Cemetery publication needs to be updated. There is also a possibility that we could begin a Mount Washington Cemetery project.

If you have any ideas for new projects or would like to join us in a current project, please contact the Extraction Committee at extractions@jcgs.org.

Library

Diana Hough

2nd Vice-President and Library Chairperson

This month we're spotlighting the society's collection of original Jackson County deeds. Dates range from the early and mid 1800s to as recent as the mid 1900s. Indexing is an ongoing volunteer project. It's estimated less than half have been indexed to date, and that it will take several years to complete. Deeds generally are thought of in connection with real estate, but some early deeds were also used for fascinating personal property transactions. In future issues, Connie Mogg, the volunteer currently working on this project, will write about some of her favorites. Although our collection is only a small fraction of all the deeds executed, they're a unique resource you don't want to miss.

When was the last time you visited the library? Please come by and let us know what you think of our changes.

The Library Committee can be reached at library@jcgs.org.

Membership

Marilyn Plowman

Past President and Membership Chairperson

Welcome new Life Member, Barbara Scanlon, and reinstated member, Dianna Latta. We also want to note the passing of Georgia Fox and Bill Hodges.

You may contact the Membership Committee at membership@jcgs.org.

Program

Debbie Mack

1st Vice-President and Program Chairperson

The speaker at our March General Meeting will be Linda Lewis. The topic of her presentation will be "What can you learn from a cemetery?" Ms. Lewis is a member of the Johnson County Kansas Genealogical Society. She has been working on a Johnson County Cemetery project for four years. She is a member of the Association of Gravestone Studies and last year won an award for her project.

For more information, contact the Program Committee at programs@jcgs.org.

Publications

Seth H. Vogue

Publications Chairperson

We encourage you to contribute items for publication in *The Pioneer Trails* newsletter. The editor needs to receive your information by the 10th of each month. Until further notice, please email your submissions to the editor at pioneer@jcgs.org or mail it to JCGS Editor, 1111 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO 64050-4399.

Research Assistance

Elva Osieck

Historian and Research Assistance Chairperson

Some recent research assistance requests include:

- Obituaries of Mary Baughman and Helen Simmons were requested by Betty Knecht of Topeka, KS
- Information on David Ketchum requested by Kathleen Rogalla of Prescott, AZ
- A request from Charles A. Fink of Kapowsin, WA on the Booher family
- Information on the death of Margaret Lucinda Brown requested by Janet S. Browne of San Luis Obispo, CA
- Ethel Barnes of Louisburg, KS asked for information on her Matthis and Solomon Reed, and Robert B. Johnston families
- Stephen A. Moore of Vernon, VT requested the obituary of Elwood Wayne Moore (d 1999)
- Information on Zella Cowger Collins was requested by Patricia Ware of Choctaw, OK

- A request from Jonathan Snyder of Sherman Oaks, CA for the will or probate of Myron C. Wade

If you have any questions email the Research Committee at research@jcgs.org.

Ways and Means

Vicki Reed

Ways and Means Chairperson

On March 15th, JCGS will be attending a one-day mini-conference being held at The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. We will have a table set up in the Visitor's Hall. Stephen, Diana, Carole, and myself will be attending.

This May, 14th-17th, JCGS will have a booth set up at the National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States and Family History Fair 2008. It will be held here in Kansas City, Missouri at the Hyatt-Crown Center. We will be selling books, charts, etc., throughout the four days. We could use a few more volunteers to man the table during the day.

These conferences are going to be fun and educational, and a great opportunity to introduce the Jackson County Genealogical Society to the public.

Best Choice Save-a-Label Program

Please remember to save those Best Choice labels. More specifically, save the bar code including the words 'Best Choice' above the code and the numbers below it. JCGS receives \$30 for every 1,000 labels submitted and an annual certificate worth another \$30.

Used Ink Cartridge Program (except Epson)

When you donate your used printer ink cartridges to the Society, we turn them in at OfficeMax for a \$3 credit toward our purchases. We have already saved over a \$100 on purchases.

Special Offers

Several companies—Ancestry, Everton's, and Family Tree Magazine—are offering discounts or other benefits to our members. Contact the Ways and Means Committee at sales@jcgs.org for more details.



sponsored by Jane Mallinson, founder and first President of JCGS. This year's theme will be "Preserving Family Stories." The subject of your entry can be anyone in your family tree, living or deceased. This is your opportunity to write a story using the suggestions from our recent guest speakers.

Family History Contest Rules

1. The Family History Contest is open to JCGS members only.
2. The entry must be the work of the person submitting it.
3. The entry must be typed, double-spaced and printed on one side of the paper only. Pages should be numbered and must be securely fastened together. The entry must be at least two pages long in addition to the title page.
4. Each entry must have a title page which includes the title, the author's name, address, telephone number, JCGS membership number and the date submitted.
5. If books, articles, online sources, and/or public records (e.g., census, marriage, and death records) are referred to, proper source citations must be given in footnotes, endnotes or in-text.
6. The deadline for submitting entries is the first Thursday in September 2008.
7. Judges will be persons who are not members of the JCGS.
8. Prizes will be awarded at the General Meeting in November 2008.
9. With the permission of the writer, entries may be published (edited if necessary) in *The Pioneer Wagon*.
10. Please send entries to JCGS Family History Contest, P.O. Box 2145, Independence, MO 64055.

For more information please contact Stephen Hough at (816) 254-5208 or at president@jcgs.org.



ON THE WEB AT JCGS.ORG

We are tickled pink to announce the birth of our web site. At jcs.org you will find a bulletin board of general information or announcements the Society receives; a general store where we list items for sale; and pages for the library, membership, publications (*Pioneer Trails & Pioneer Wagon*), programs, extractions (projects) and research assistance committees. We are already working on a number of improvements. We experienced a small glitch when the site was first published—the hit counter did not work. When our host fixed the counter for us the pages stopped working. Anyway, everything but the membership and research forms are working properly. The two forms will soon be replaced with PDF forms.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 03/01/08 - 10 a.m.
- 04/03/08 - 7 p.m.
- 05/01/08 - 7 p.m.
- 06/08 Annual Luncheon
- 07/08 - No Meeting
- 08/08 - No Meeting
- 09/04/08 - 7 p.m.
- 10/02/08 - 7 p.m.
- 11/06/08 - 7 p.m.
- 12/06/08 - 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- 02/28/08 - 7 p.m.
- 03/27/08 - 7 p.m.
- 04/24/08 - 7 p.m.
- 05/22/08 - 7 p.m.
- 06/26/08 - 7 p.m.
- 07/08 - No Meeting
- 08/28/08 - 7 p.m.
- 09/25/08 - 7 p.m.
- 10/23/08 - 7 p.m.
- 12/04/08 - 7 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 03/15/08 – SHSMO Conference
- 05/14-17/08 – NGS Conference
- 09/08 - Annual Book Sale

From the Mailbag

The January issue of the “Chicago and Alton Depot Express” contains information, and photos of Pella, IA; destination of their 21st excursion in May 2008. For more information on this group and their activities write to 3517 South Pleasant, Independence, Missouri, 64055.

Mary L. Hall sends information on several different publications currently available for Ness County, Kansas and of interest to genealogists. These publications are cemetery readings, histories of about 279 old stone buildings, early letters/articles, religious leaders, and doctors. If interested, please contact Mary at 403 S. Topeka, Ness City, Kansas, 67560, or (785) 798-3251.

Volunteer Opportunities

To be on the safe side, we require at least two people staff the library when it's open. Not only do we need substitute library workers, we also have projects in need of volunteers. Projects include, but are not limited to: indexing our collection of Abstract of Titles, inventorying and organizing the map collection, sorting and organizing the newspaper clipping collection, transcribing the box of September 1984 obituary index cards, sorting and organizing papers in several small family collections and scrapbooks, inventorying and updating our collection of family histories and yearbooks, inventorying and computerizing our collection of periodical titles, and other assorted alphabetizing and filing.

We really need volunteers to help in the library—as a substitute, or by volunteering one day a month (maybe just a few hours), or to work on one of our project. We have had a few volunteers for projects but none for the library in recent months.

Member Recognition

The Society will be receiving a Complimentary Registration to the NGS conference being held in Kansas City this May. This four day pass will include at least one luncheon or dinner and is valued at over \$200. It has been suggested that the Society hold a drawing for this pass. This is your chance to recognize a Society member whom you feel is deserving of this honor. Please submit your nomination to the Board before March 27th. The pass cannot be shared, so we would like to have nominees that would agree to attend each day if selected. We would also like the person selected to pass on information learned during a general meeting or through our publications. ❖

Publications for Sale

Cemetery Records

<i>Blue Springs Cemetery</i>	\$10.00
<i>Buckner Hill Cemetery</i>	10.00
<i>Jackson County Cemeteries - A 2002 Report</i> (cemetery names, locations and condition)	10.00
<i>Mound Grove Cemetery, 1902-1996</i> (1997)	50.00
<i>Recent Readings of Jackson County Cemeteries (45 small cemeteries) with Jackson Co. Death Records 1883-1895</i>	15.00
<i>Salem Cemetery</i>	8.00
<i>Woodlawn Cemetery</i>	Coming Soon!

Deeds

<i>Jackson County Missouri Deeds 1827 – 1845 – Volume I</i>	\$22.00
<i>Jackson County Missouri Deeds 1845 – 1851 – Volume II</i>	25.00
<i>Jackson County Missouri Deeds 1851 – 1857 – Volume III</i>	Coming Soon!

Marriage Records

<i>Marriage Records of Jackson Co. MO 1827-1881</i> (1995)	\$20.00
<i>Marriage Records of Jackson Co. MO 1881-1917</i> (Soft back - 2007)	26.00
<i>Marriage Records of Jackson Co. MO 1881-1917</i> (Hard back – 2007)	46.00
<i>Cumulative Brides Index to Marriage Records of Jackson Co. MO 1827-1881</i>	5.00

Probate/Will Records

<i>Jackson County Wills and Administrations [Independence Court House] 1828-1862</i>	\$15.00
<i>Jackson County Wills and Administrations [Independence Court House] 1862-1910</i>	34.00
<i>Jackson County Wills and Administrations, Kansas City, MO 1869-1910</i> (Two Volume Set)	59.00
<i>Jackson County Wills and Administrations [Kansas City, MO] 1899, 1910-1918</i>	29.00

Postage for the above books is \$3.00 for the first book & \$1.00 for each additional book.

Back Issues of *The Pioneer Wagon* (Quarterly)

Volume I-VI	\$1.50 per issue or \$5.00 per volume (4 issues)
Volume VII, VIII	2.00 per issue or \$7.50 per volume (4 issues)
Volume IX, X	3.00 per issue or \$10.00 per volume (4 issues)
Volume XI-XVIII	4.00 per issue or \$15.00 per volume (4 issues)

Prices are subject to change without notice and some issues may no longer be available.

To order publications or for additional information, write to:
JCGS Ways and Means Committee, P.O. Box 2145, Independence, MO 64055

ABOUT JCGS

OFFICERS (2007-2008)

President	Stephen Hough
1st Vice-President	Debbie Mack
2nd Vice-President	Diana Hough
Secretary	Teola Constance
Treasurer	Alice Wehmhoener

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual	15.00
Couple	17.50
Contributing Member	25.00
Life Member	150.00
Student	5.00

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your expiration date is noted on your newsletter address label. Please include a SASE with your renewal check so we can send your receipt and membership card.

WEBSITE

JCGS.org

Important Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Please send correspondence to the appropriate address.

Membership Dues and Renewals

JCGS Treasurer, P.O. Box 2145, Independence, MO 64055

General Correspondence (including Research Requests, and Ways & Means purchases)

JCGS, P.O. Box 2145, Independence, MO 64055

Pioneer Trails/Wagon and Exchange Publications

JCGS, P.O. Box 1133, Independence, MO 64051

JCGS Library

1111 W Pacific, Independence, MO 64050, Phone: 252-8128
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Illness or Death

Please report the illness of a member or the death of a member/family member to the Corresponding Secretary, Teola Constance, 1023 S. Forest, Independence MO 64050, or call (816) 252-4566 so we can send a card from the Society. ❖

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