

# THE PIONEER TRAILS

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## Committee Spotlights

*Society Activities*

**Seth H. Vogue**

*Editor*

The following summaries, of what each committee has been doing lately, serve to highlight the purpose and importance of the Jackson County Genealogical Society.

### Extractions

**Judy Carlson**

*Extractions Chairperson*

Members of the extraction committee have completed work on, *Jackson County Missouri Deeds (1851-1857), Vol. III*. Congratulations to Twylia Brand and her helpers.

We recently received a wealth of information from James Hinkle for our Salem Cemetery project. James has completed a considerable amount of the work necessary for a newer publication. We need volunteers to enter the information into a database. Volunteers will then be

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## News from the President

*Success in Columbia*

**Stephen Hough**

*Society President*

As I put the final touches on this *Pioneer Trails*, several members of our society are busy preparing the next *Pioneer Wagon*. Be sure to read all the committee spotlights and see what other things are being accomplished by our many volunteers. By the time you receive this newsletter spring will have arrived, and with it new opportunities for research and travel. I will share the results of a recent trip to Columbia in a moment. We are aware that some members are not receiving their newsletter in a timely manner. Our goal is to receive submissions by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month and have the newsletter in the mail ten days later. Unfortunately, some newsletters sit in your local post office for several days. I am pleased to report we were able to pick-up the publication materials from the former chairman.

### Election of President and 1st Vice-President

The Society's nominating committee—Judy Carlson, Diana Hough, and Connie Mogg—have received a nomination for Stephen Hough as President and one for Debbie Mack as 1st Vice-President. Please forward your nominations to this committee. The Society will be electing the President and 1st Vice-President (a.k.a. Programs Chairperson) at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting.

### Family History Day at MU

The State Historical Society of Missouri invited our society to be a vendor at their recent Records and Recollections: Family History Day, 2008 Mini-conference being held in their new conference room.

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needed to verify information at the cemetery.

Several members are now entering information to bring our *Kansas City Star* obituary indices up-to-date.

Contact this committee at [extractions@jcgs.org](mailto:extractions@jcgs.org).

## Library

### Diana Hough

*2nd Vice-President and Library Chairperson*

In spite of the less than favorable winter weather conditions, we had 225 names in the library guest book since January 1<sup>st</sup>. And this is not counting Amtrak passengers and others who forgot to sign in!

During the process of inventorying our collection of periodicals, we have identified a number of duplicates and have placed them on the rack by the door to the Missouri Room. Currently, most of these are from Missouri organizations, and although free, donations are always welcome.

Library Spotlight - The spotlight this month is on a truly unique and under-used microfilm collection—the Union of South Africa Government Gazette. Pretoria. This publication is the official government gazette of the Union of South Africa and contains acts, bills, proclamations, notices, patents, legal advertisements, etc. in both English and Afrikaans. We have volumes 1 through 74 (May 1910-Dec 1928). Separate indexes are followed by the actual volume. If you have, or suspect a South African connection, you will want to take a look at these microfilms.

Project News – Our thanks to Nancy Smith who recently completed sorting and organizing Geraldine Bell's genealogical research papers. These files include numerous surnames, etc. The Bell collection is now located in three drawers of a green filing cabinet at the west end of the library.

Our newest volunteer, Dianna Latta, is currently reorganizing, inventorying and validating our yearbook collection. When she is finished, our yearbooks should be more readily accessible.

Debbie Mack has joined me in inventorying and computerizing our collection of periodicals. To date, periodicals for those states (alphabetically) through Connecticut and periodicals for Missouri have been inventoried.

I am about half way through the tedious process of validating our computerized catalog of books. With the newer, donated computer and software program, it has become easier to search and identify the books we have. This catalog will also eventually contain our periodical inventory. We also need volunteers to update the CD and microfilm inventories.

Contact the Library Committee at [library@jcgs.org](mailto:library@jcgs.org).

## Membership

### Marilyn Plowman

*Past President and Membership Chairperson*

The Society wants to welcome Stephen and Diana Hough as new **Life Members**. They have been members since 1993 and 1992, respectively, and have decided this year to join the Society as Life Members. Welcome!

We are placing membership flyers in our own Library, in Mid-Continent Public Library, Genealogy Branch, and in the Jackson County Historical Society. If any members would have suggestions to other organizations that would welcome our flyers, please tell Marilyn Plowman, 816-796-3199. Thank you.

Contact this committee at [membership@jcgs.org](mailto:membership@jcgs.org).

## Program

### Debbie Mack

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and Program Chairperson*

The speaker at our General Meeting on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. will be Tammy Kelly. The topic of her presentation will be "Preserving Family Heirlooms." Ms. Kelly is an archivist from the Truman Library.

Contact this committee at [programs@jcgs.org](mailto:programs@jcgs.org).

## Publications

### Seth H. Vogue

*Publications Chairperson*

We have added two new organizations to our periodical exchange program—the San Antonio, TX Public Library and the Brown County, KS Genealogical Society. Our Society is also in the process of trading some of our Jackson County publications with Brown County.

Until further notice, please email your newsletter submissions, by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, to the editor at [pioneer@jcgs.org](mailto:pioneer@jcgs.org) or mail it to JCGS Editor, 1111 W.

Pacific Ave., Independence, MO 64050-4399.

## **Research Assistance**

### **Elva Osiek**

*Historian and Research Assistance Chairperson*

Some recent research assistance requests include:

- An obituary for Rosanna (Rose) (Triska) Hitchcock who died sometime between 1963-1979 is wanted by Marilyn Eckles of Moline, Illinois.
- Karen Treacy of Charlottesville, VA, is researching the Ashley family of Blue Springs, MO. She is especially interested in finding the date of death and an obituary for Elizabeth Ashley who died in 1896.
- A birth certificate for Michael G. Harman has been requested by Tommy Harman of Windom, TX. Michael was born Jan. 28, 1896 in Kansas City, MO.

Contact the Research Committee at [research@jcgs.org](mailto:research@jcgs.org).

## **Ways and Means**

### **Vicki Reed**

*Ways and Means Chairperson*

We are still working on setting up the booth for the National Convention. It should be very interesting and exciting.

I still need names for the Complimentary Pass. So please get your choices in as soon as possible; see Member Recognition on page 4.

Also, we are working on getting some bids for the T-shirts, caps, tote bags, and possibly mugs. We will be bringing these bids to the Board Meeting.

### **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.

Contact this committee at [sales@jcgs.org](mailto:sales@jcgs.org). ❖

Carole Anderson, Vicki Reed, Diana Hough and yours truly attended the March 15<sup>th</sup> event on the MU campus in Columbia, Missouri. We arrived at 8 a.m. and prepared our table, and ourselves, for the onslaught of attendees. Our table was next to that of the Missouri State Genealogical Association and we visited with their president, Martha Henderson. By the way, the visitor parking lot just south of the building is now a construction site. There are several handicap parking spaces but no general parking spaces remain. And the McDonalds just north of the building is closing.

The morning workshop was presented by Seth Smith, a Reference Specialist at the SHS, and his topic was "The Draper Manuscripts: Genealogical Gleanings." The Draper microfilm is housed in the same building at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection.

The afternoon workshop was presented by local columnist and nationally published writer, Cathy Salter, who spoke about the art of documenting personal experience. One good suggestion that Diana noted was to keep writing and save the editing for later.

This event was kind of a dry run for the National Genealogical Society conference which will be in Kansas City May 14-17. As it turned out, only two dozen people attended the workshops. However, we were able to sell several publications thus raising \$88 for JCGS; there was no cost to our society for participating. We learned quite a bit about being a good vendor and received many helpful suggestions, and encouragement.

There will be additional conferences, with larger attendance, that we believe could benefit our society by our participation. It is also good to network, if you will, with other organizations.

We learned from David Sapp that nearly 300 volunteers are needed for the conference this May in Kansas City. Working as a volunteer can gain you admission to some of the workshops. Go to [nsgenealogy.org](http://nsgenealogy.org) and select the "Call for Volunteers" link in the conference area; or contact the volunteer coordinator, Barbara Dale, at [bjpdale@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjpdale@sbcglobal.net).

Well, I hope you have started thinking about that family history contest entry you need to write, and I hope to see you at the monthly meetings. Thank you for your continued support. ❖

## ON THE WEB AT JCGS.ORG

At [jcs.org](http://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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### GENERAL MEETINGS

- 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

- 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

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

## From the Mailbag

The Topeka Genealogical Society is teaming up with the Kansas State Historical Society to present their 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogy Conference on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Kansas History Center. Featured is author Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, presenting “From Traditional Methods to Cutting Edge Science!” If you’re interested in genetic genealogy, this conference is for you. For more information call the Topeka Genealogical Society at 785-233-5762 or Nora Taylor at 785-286-1606 after 6 pm.

John Gariety, of Piney Flats, TN, sent two beautifully done family genealogies—the James Henry & Eliza Jane (Faubion) Richman Family of Oskaloosa, KS, and a Mary Ann Rowe-Gonser-Grayson Genealogy. Thank you, Mr. Gariety.

Our sincere apologies to whoever sent the package to PO Box 1133 last fall and had it returned for insufficient postage. This was due to a miscommunication on our part. Please try again.

## Volunteer Opportunities

As usual, our tireless volunteers continue to collect and index obituaries, deeds, respond to research requests, pay bills, send cards, staff the library and assist visitors, plus many other tasks too numerous to mention. More volunteers are needed to work on other worthwhile projects. If you can help, we would love to hear from you!

## Member Recognition – Final Call

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. The Society will hold a vote 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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. ❖

# Items 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

## 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)

Some issues may no longer be available.

## Apparel

Baseball Cap – Royal or light blue with white JCGS logo, with or without mesh-	\$5.00
Polo Shirt – Royal or light blue with white JCGS logo, 50/50 Poly/Cotton, WITH pocket, S-M-L-XL -	\$15.00
Polo Shirt – Royal or light blue with white JCGS logo, 50/50 Poly/Cotton, WITH pocket, 2 XL -	\$17.00
Polo Shirt – Royal or light blue with white JCGS logo, 50/50 Poly/Cotton, WITHOUT pocket, S-M-L-XL -	\$14.00
Polo Shirt – Royal or light blue with white JCGS logo, 50/50 Poly/Cotton, WITHOUT pocket, 2 XL -	\$16.00
T-Shirt – Royal or light blue with white JCGS logo, S-M-L-XL -	\$8.00
T-Shirt – Royal or light blue with white JCGS logo, 2 XL -	\$9.00

## Charts

4-15 Generation Charts, wide variety

## Misc.

Tote bag – tan w/black JCGS logo - \$7.50

Prices are subject to change without notice. Postage for the first item is \$4.00 then \$2.00 for each additional item. To purchase items or for additional information, visit the JCGS library, send an email to [sales@jcs.org](mailto:sales@jcs.org), or write to:  
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## 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. ❖