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Committee Spotlights

Society Activities

Seth H. Vogue

Editor

The following monthly updates have been received from or prepared for the various Society committees.

Extractions

VACANT

Extractions Chairperson

Reginald Stoner has resigned as one of the two volunteers currently collecting obituaries from the Kansas City Star. We truly appreciate all his past efforts and will sorely miss his dedication to this project. If there is anyone willing to take his place, PLEASE contact Stephen Hough.

Several of our weekly library volunteers are bringing the obituary indices up-to-date.

We have several extraction projects, BUT no volunteers.

Contact this committee at extractions@jcgs.org.

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News from the President

Success in Columbia

Stephen Hough

Society President

Dear members and friends, I hope this season has brought beauty and refreshing into your life. I also hope you have found some time to work on your family genealogy. Family and career demands, the Society responsibilities and an abundance of grass have interrupted my family research.

Good news, our wireless router is up and running in the library. And do remember to work on your Family History Contest entry. See issue #271 for rules, also available at www.jcgs.org/publications.htm.

Exchange Periodical

With sadness I report the demise of the Walla Walla [WA] Valley Genealogical Society. After 34 years, they had no choice but to disband; membership had fallen to 30 and they were unable to fill 3 of 4 offices for 2008. We will miss their "Blue Mountain Heritage" quarterly. Let's not let this happen to us.

Mid-Continent Public Library Invitation

The Mid-Continent Public Library Midwest Genealogy Center will have the official ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at 10:00 am. Our society has been invited to be a part of this exciting event. We will have a display table throughout the day for sharing information about the Society. This will not involve any sales. If you could help man the table for a portion of the day, please contact Stephen Hough.

Letter or Receipt for Donations

During the past year the subject of tax deductible donations has come up more than once. Here is a

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Library

Diana Hough

2nd Vice-President and Library Chairperson

Project News – Inventorying and computerizing our periodical titles continues. Alphabetically, those through Iowa, and those for Missouri, have been completed.

Volunteer Wanted – We have a number of small, informative articles/pamphlets. To be useful these need to be in the catalog and on the shelves. If anyone has experience assigning Dewey Decimal Numbers, we could really use your help with these.

Contact the Library Committee at library@jcgs.org.

Membership

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Membership Chairperson

The Society welcomes the following new members: Debra and Ken Aubuchon, Patricia Combs, Jan Davenport, Larry Faria, Marty Greene and Jack Casper, Anne Lane Miller, and Kay Mitchell.

We need a volunteer to fill this committee chair for the next year. Please contact Stephen Hough to volunteer.

Contact this committee at membership@jcgs.org.

Programs

Debbie Mack

1st Vice-President and Program Chairperson

The Annual Luncheon will be on June 7th at 1 p.m. in the Trails West Library (Kansas City Public Library), 11401 East 23rd street. The reservation form included with the April newsletter had an incorrect zip code; please send your reservation to JCGS Treasurer, PO Box 2145, Independence, MO 64055 or drop it off at the library. The program will focus on reports from members who attended the National Genealogical Society's conference in May.

Contact this committee at programs@jcgs.org.

Publications

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Publications Chairperson

We are in the process of updating our publications mailing label database. We have experienced a delay mailing the *Pioneer Trails* and *Pioneer Wagon* the past

three months due to outdated or incorrect mailing labels. In spite of our efforts, we are not confident that we have all of your information correct. Please take a moment and look at your mailing label to verify the spelling of your name, the membership number, and the expiration date for your membership.

If you notice an error please do not hesitate to send us an email or call us with the correct information. We apologize for any mistakes.

We seem to have lost contact with two of our members. If you know of the whereabouts of Betty Davis or Anna Meyer (Life Member) please let us know; their publications have been returned as unable to forward.

Sincere thanks to those members and friends who have contributed material for the monthly newsletter and the quarterly. We have already received enough material to fill half of the next quarterly. Submit an article to be printed in the *Pioneer Wagon* then you can tell your family and friends you are now a published author.

Until further notice, please email your newsletter submissions, by the 10th of each month, to the editor at 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:

- Michelle Post requested a marriage license for Lewis DALTON and Adeline YOUNGER March, 1851.
- Linda Daniel sent a picture found in an old album, hoping we could help identify the person. Look for the picture in a future *Pioneer Wagon*.
- Marilyn J. Eckles would appreciate a copy of an obituary for Roseanna Triska HITCHCOCK who died 1963-1979.

Contact the Research Committee at research@jcgs.org.

Ways and Means

Vicki Reed

Ways and Means Chairperson

We have had a busy month. First of all I want to thank

all of the volunteers who manned the booth with me at the National Genealogical Convention from May 14 - 17. I couldn't have done it without you. We truly had a wonderful time. We met so many new and wonderful people and learned so much. We got six new memberships and sold a lot of books. We raised a little over \$600; all in all a great success.

Upcoming Events:

Fourth of July: Selling soda pop and water at the depot during the festivities being held on the Community of Christ church grounds.

It has been suggested that the Society set up a booth at SantaCaliGon Days in Independence in September. This might be something to think about.

Book Sale: We will be working on setting this up. This will be in September.

Again, I want to give a Special Thank You to the volunteers that came down to the convention and helped man the booth: Carole Anderson, Connie Mogg, Judy Carlson, Elva Osiek, Winnie Case, Twylia Brand, Debbie and Lauren Mack. You are all wonderful!

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)

A BIG thank you to all who have donated used ink cartridges to the Society. We are saving a significant amount of money through your generous donations. Please keep them coming.

When you donate your used printer ink cartridges to the Society, we turn them in at Office Depot and OfficeMax for a \$3 credit toward our purchases.

Contact this committee at sales@jcgcs.org. ❖

From the (e) Mailbag

Wednesday, June 4th, the Johnson Co., KS, Library's program is "Resources for Grant Writers." Although free, advance registration is required and may be either by phone (913) 495-7514 or online jocolibrary.org. This program includes tips on finding grants, writing grants, budgeting grant money, and may be just the program your non-profit organization needs.

The Missouri State Genealogical Association is having a free one day event August 23 at the Boone County Electric Cooperative in Columbia, MO. Programs are "Show-Me How to get Started" by Janice Schultz, "Show-Me Land Records" by Dr. Bill Eddleman and "Show-Me Missouri Civil War Soldiers" by Tom Pearson as well as the MoSGA meeting and awards ceremony. Register for this interesting and informative day online at www.mosga.org.

Now is the time to make plans to attend the FGS "Footprints of Family History" to be held September 3-6 in Philadelphia, PA. Visit their website www.fgs.org for more information. Brochures for this event and some pamphlets from the NGS conference will be available at our June 7th luncheon.

This news from the Strawberry Hill Ethnic Cultural Society; March 1, their museum and cultural center at 720 North 4th St, Kansas City, KS, reopened for the season with an exhibit of Italian made accordions (thru April 27th). Unfortunately I received this information too late publicize. The museum is open weekends from noon to 5, call 913-371-3264 or 913-299-4795.

"Filling Leisure Hours: Essays from the MO Historical Review, 1906-2006" is the third volume in The State Historical Society of MO's Century of MO History Scholarship Series. Order it from the State Historical Society at 1020 Lowry St, Columbia, MO 65201.

Reserve your copy of "Yesterday and Today; A Pictorial History of Pike County, Missouri" by contacting Anna M. Henson, 12432 Pike 403, Bowling Green, MO 63334, (573) 324-2531.

The May issue of "All Aboard! The Chicago & Alton Express" newsletter includes pictures of their fun filled Bridges to Pella excursion as well as information on their June 8th program "Gateway to Adventure," by Peter Hansen on great railway station renovations in the US.

ON THE WEB AT JCGS.ORG

At JCGS.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

06/07/08 - 1 p.m. 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

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

09/08 - Annual Book Sale

brief summary of our policy. Material donations should be approved by the Executive Board if a tax letter or receipt is expected. Approved donations will receive a letter of acknowledgement on JCGS letterhead and signed by the president or treasurer. The Society does not assign a dollar value for any donation.

Reimbursement for Volunteer Expenses

This is another area where members can find themselves in an uncomfortable situation. Verify ahead of time that any expenses you incur as a volunteer will be reimbursed by the Society. Remember, many expenses can be deducted on your personal tax return.

Reimbursement for Budgeted Purchases

I proposed a detailed 2008 budget which was approved by the membership. Executive Board members, many of whom are also committee chairmen, may make purchases that fall within their respective budgets. Generally speaking, the purchases of "big ticket" items have been approved by the board or membership even when the money was budgeted for that item.

Reimbursement requires the completion of a form, provided by the treasurer, identifying the date of purchase, location, description of item, budget category and cost. Register receipts must be attached.

An audit committee reviews the books each June and presents their finding to the Society in September. If you have audit and/or bookkeeping experience, your service on the audit committee would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Stephen Hough.

Use of JCGS Facilities and Bulk Mail Permit

The Executive Board recently reviewed and updated the procedures for members requesting the use of the Society's facilities or bulk mailing permit. Members can rent the library for \$20 and use the bulk mailing permit for \$15 (plus postage), per occasion.

Members must complete the appropriate form, available at the library, and submit it to the board for approval. For additional information please contact Stephen Hough or Alice Wehmhoener.

Jackson County Election Board

The Jackson County Election Board needs workers for eastern Jackson County, Missouri. If you would like to make a little extra money working as an election judge give them a call: they will provide training. ❖

Items for Sale

Cemetery Records

Blue Springs Cemetery - \$10.00

Buckner Hill Cemetery - \$10.00

Jackson County Cemeteries - A 2002 Report (cemetery names, locations and condition) - \$10.00

Mound Grove Cemetery, 1902-1996 (1997) - \$50.00

Recent Readings of Jackson County Cemeteries (45 small cemeteries) with Jackson Co. Death Records 1883-1895 - \$15.00

Salem Cemetery - \$8.00

Woodlawn Cemetery - Coming Soon!

Deeds

Jackson County Missouri Deeds 1827 – 1845 – Volume I - \$22.00

Jackson County Missouri Deeds 1845 – 1851 – Volume II - \$25.00

Jackson County Missouri Deeds 1851 – 1857 – Volume III - Coming Soon!

Marriage Records

Marriage Records of Jackson Co. MO 1827-1881 (1995) - \$20.00

Marriage Records of Jackson Co. MO 1881-1917 (Soft back - 2007) - \$26.00

Marriage Records of Jackson Co. MO 1881-1917 (Hard back – 2007) - \$46.00

Cumulative Brides Index to Marriage Records of Jackson Co. MO 1827-1881 - \$5.00

Probate/Will Records

Jackson County Wills and Administrations [Independence Court House] 1828-1862 - \$15.00

Jackson County Wills and Administrations [Independence Court House] 1862-1910 - \$34.00

Jackson County Wills and Administrations, Kansas City, MO 1869-1910 (Two Volume Set) - \$59.00

Jackson County Wills and Administrations [Kansas City, MO] 1899, 1910-1918 - \$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@jcg.org, or write to:

JCGS Ways and Means Committee, P.O. Box 2145, Independence, MO 64055

Jackson County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 1133
Independence, MO 64051

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ABOUT JCGS

OFFICERS (2008-2009)

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. ❖