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Committee Spotlights

Society Activities

Help Wanted

Editor

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

Extractions

VACANT

Extractions Chairperson

We have not had anyone volunteer to lead this committee, nor has anyone volunteered to help Bill Hanaway compile the Kansas City Star obituary books.

Several obituary indices have been finished since our last newsletter; my thanks to Elva, Twylia and Victor.

The Woodlawn Cemetery project is on hold. I discovered the backup files were a Norton version 1E, which Microsoft bought and used in their Windows 3.1 and DOS 6. The files cannot be used until they are restored

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News from the President

Rising to the Challenges

Stephen Hough

Society President

As the summer season draws to a close, I am hoping you found some time for relaxation and the activities you enjoy. For many in the Society there has been no let-up from duties and things demanding our time and energy. I hope you will support our efforts by attending meetings and volunteering occasionally.

We continue to hear of financial challenges impacting genealogy and historical societies across the country. I have noticed the ebb and flow of memberships in various organizations and wonder what we might do to adjust to the changes that are impacting societies like ours. How do we grow in quantity and quality?

I believe we can learn some things from my pastoral experience and research. The vast majority of new members are the result of a personal invitation from a friend or family member. People are more apt to join if the current members are friendly, if becoming a member meets a need or interest, and the organization's leaders have a vision and maintain high ethical standards, especially in the area of finances.

I want to encourage you to personally recruit new members, always strive to be friendly and helpful to visitors, produce publications, etc. that fulfill a need or meet an interest, and let's have leadership that desires to make JCGS the best run not-for-profit organization in the metropolitan area.

Ops, Annual Luncheon Leftover

I forgot to thank Lois Allen, in our last newsletter, for conducting the installation of new officers at the Society's annual luncheon. Thank you for doing this

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using the same program.

Jackson County Deed Book III and the Kansas City Municipal Cemetery notebook were approved for publication and have been delivered to the printer.

Contact the committee at jcgstrails@yahoo.com.

Library

Diana Hough

2nd Vice-President and Library Chairperson

Between January 1 and August 18, over 790 names were written in the library sign-in book; many visitors did not sign the book. Even on the hottest of days, we have had visitors.

Debbie is outdistancing me on the project to inventory and computerize our periodical collection. Alphabetically she's filling out sheets for the O states, while I still have data to enter for Massachusetts! As of today there are 7,812 periodical issues in our database.

Alan and Dianna Latta recently donated 45 issues (1998-2002) of "Preservation Press," a publication dedicated to local historical preservation and heritage (thank you!). Of special interest is its House of the Month feature. They identified missing issues of June 1998, April, May and June 1999, June 2000, August 2001, and February, July, September, October and December 2002. If anyone has these issues, we would truly appreciate copies.

If you have not been in lately, be sure to take a look at the new book area by the south door. There are three shelves of books there that have recently been numbered and added to the library catalog. Most of these are not "new" books, but donated items that had been around for some time either needing final sorting, binders, Dewey numbers, or most importantly, shelf space! Stephen's addition of 60 plus linear feet of new shelving last summer provided us with the desperately needed shelf space. There are still a couple of small stacks left, but hopefully those won't take long to process.

On top of one of the bookcases in our Ways and Means area, is a thick white notebook filled with an impressive variety of reasonably priced blank forms. The majority of these are 8 ½ x 11 inches and include both useful and beautifully decorated forms; e.g., set of three (birth, death and marriage) decorated Bible pages

(\$4), 5 generation pedigree charts with various backgrounds (Mayflower, barn, wagon, house, etc. \$1.50), vital statistic worksheets (\$.25), form letters covering a variety of situations (\$.75), a great research check list (\$.20), forms for almost any abstract need (deeds, Bible, newspaper, city directories, marriage, military, pension, estate, personal positions, wills, and more! \$.50), forms to record cemetery data (one includes space for a photo), forms to plot township and section grid maps (\$1.50), personalized migration map forms (\$.50-1.50), Tax lists (\$.50), obituary record forms (\$.50), etc. These are only some of the forms I observed in the first half of the book. There are more forms and maps in the rest of the book. And, don't forget, we also have a nice collection of large charts.

Contact the committee at jcgslibrary@yahoo.com.

Membership

James Houston

Membership Coordinator

The Society welcomes the following new member: Shirley Hayes of Pryor, OK. There are no new Life Members. No member illness or death has been reported to the Society.

Contact coordinator at jcgsmembership@yahoo.com.

Programs

Debbie Mack

1st Vice-President and Program Chairperson

The theme for our 2008-2009 general meetings will be "Searching the Whole World Over." Our first fall meeting will be on September 4th at 7 p.m.

Contact the committee at jcgsprogram@yahoo.com.

Publications

VACANT

Publications Chairperson

My thanks to Debbie Mack and her team of volunteers for their work on the summer issue of the *Pioneer Wagon*. Send your quarterly submissions to Debbie at jcgswagon@yahoo.com.

Please email newsletter submissions, by the 10th of each month, to the editor at jcgstrails@yahoo.com or mail it to JCGS Editor, 1111 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO 64050-4399.

HINT: email (being able to copy and paste) saves us time when we do not need to retype your submission!

Research Assistance

Elva Osiek

Historian and Research Assistance Chairperson

Some recent research assistance requests include:

- Nothing reported this month.

Contact the committee at jcgsresearch@yahoo.com.

Ways and Means

Vicki Reed

Ways and Means Chairperson

We set-up tables outside the depot on the Fourth of July and sold \$19.75 in soda pop and water to all the folks who attended the fireworks display.

No total for other Ways and Means sales this month.

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.

We DO NOT accept Best Choice containers that we must clean; they will be thrown out.

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 vickireed@rocketmail.com.

Final Note: Wireless Research at Library

If you are planning on doing some research at the library and would like to have wireless access to the internet, please contact Stephen to acquire the necessary WEP security key.



From the Mailbag

The Ozarks Genealogical Society's fall conference will be held September 12-13 in Springfield, Missouri. This year's theme is "Paths to the Past" and features noted author, historian and librarian Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. More information is available at their website: <http://www.ozarksgs.org>

The Chicago and Alton Depot of Independence, Missouri is having a fall tour titled "The Best of St. Louis." Their flyer has many pictures and shows a three day schedule full of fun activities and great food! They have had some interesting displays over the summer months; beaded purses in June, Uncle Sam dolls in July, and hand carved animals, wood burnings and lathe turned bowls in August.

The Fountains at Greenbrier provides a schedule of their monthly activities and special events which we post on our bulletin board. Did you know they have a genealogy club? It meets once a month on Thursday afternoons and visitors are invited.

The Smoky Valley Genealogical Society has had to discontinue printing and mailing their *Tree Climber* publication due to rising costs. Future *Tree Climber* information will be posted on their web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~Kssvgs/SalineCountyKansas.html>.

This just in:

I am working on a project Labor Day weekend. I am teaching people about genealogy at the Kansas City Irish Fest. I am looking for 1 or 2 people who know how to search using the computer. If you would be interested please contact me. This would be a great way to let people know about your organization. Last year we had 85,000 attend over the 3 day event. It is held at Crown Center.

www.kcirishfest.com

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Heritage Committee

Kansas City Irish Fest

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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

09/11-14/08 - Annual Book Sale

at the last minute.

Midwest Genealogy Center

The MCPL Midwest Genealogy Center is seeking volunteers to greet visitors, assist them with research, and give tours of the facility. If you would like to volunteer please contact Angela McComas at 816-252-7228.

Audit and Budget

Only one person responded to my request for volunteers to serve on the Audit Committee. After waiting a few weeks I twisted two arms so this important requirement will be accomplished. Due to the delay, the audit will not be completed before the September general meeting.

I have again this year requested information that would help the Budget Committee produce a new budget quickly and accurately. The computerized information has not been received and the budget will not be completed before the September general meeting.

Annual Book Sale

The 28th Annual JCGS Book Sale will be September 11th thru 14th at 119 W. Lexington in Independence. Hours are Thursday thru Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

If you can help during the sale please contact Vicki Reed, the Ways and Means Chairperson, who will add your name and time to the schedule; vickireed@rocketmail.com.

Family History Contest Deadline

The Family History Contest deadline for entries is September 4th. We have only received two entries thus far.

Library Bulletin Boards

We stumbled upon a great back to school sale and purchased two 24x36 bulletin boards for the library. The boards were installed on the ends of the periodical shelves. One has news from various societies and the other has event information, e.g., the Fountains calendar of events.

Library Furnace and Ducts

The City had a contractor look at the duct work and fix gaps at the vents. There were no openings above the ceiling.❖

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- OUT OF STOCK

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

Misc.

4-15 Generation Charts, wide variety

Magnet with picture of depot including address, telephone number, web address - \$1.00

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, email vickireed@rocketmail.com, or write to:

JCGS Ways and Means Committee, P.O. Box 1133, Independence, MO 64051

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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 visit us online at JCGS.org.

General Correspondence (including Extractions, Library, Membership, Programs, Research Requests, and Ways & Means purchases)

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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.

