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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

Twylia Brand

Extractions Chairperson

The Extraction committee is starting to take shape. Three have inquired after the meeting in October. Of course we have some who have helped on the 3rd Deed Book who express interest, by use of twisting arms!

The draft copy of the Deed book has been published and is in the Library for perusal and checking for errors, etc.

We are delving into Woodlawn Cemetery hoping to get an idea of how this can go forward.

City Hall has not responded to our letter requesting access

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News from the President

Items of Interest

Stephen Hough

Society President

Family History Contest

The Family History Contest entries have been judged and arrangements are being made to recognize the winners.

Proposed Amendments to Society Bylaws

In accordance with Article X. Amendment of Bylaws we are publishing the following proposed changes to be voted on at the December 6th regular meeting.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect all dues; assign all membership numbers; give the President, Membership Chairman and Publications Chairman a list of those members who have paid and those who have not paid; shall keep a record of monies received and disbursed; shall deposit the funds in a federally insured institution approved by the Executive Board; shall disburse monies at the direction of the President or the Executive Board; and shall be a member of the budget committee. The Treasurers' records shall be audited annually or within thirty days upon the resignation of the Treasurer. The books shall be closed May 31 and audited by June 30 and a report made at the September meeting.

AMEND BY STRIKING OUT "shall collect all dues; assign all membership numbers; give the President, Membership Chairman and Publications Chairman a list of those members who have paid and those who have not paid;"

PROPOSED TO READ:

Section 5. The Treasurer shall keep a record of

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to some Burial Permits and death information for Jackson County.

Contact the committee at webmaster@jcgsg.org.

Library

Diana Hough

2nd Vice-President and Library Chairperson

Debbie has finished the states and is working on the magazines with a national focus; still well ahead of me in the project to computerize our periodical inventory. I've finishing entering data thru Oklahoma. Our database now contains 9,218 periodical issues.

Debbie continues to find duplicates which are free to anyone who'd like to have them, including other societies or libraries. In the near future we'd like to make a list of the duplicates available and post it on our website. Next time you're in the library be sure you take a look at what's available.

Jean Swihart answered Connie's plea for a volunteer to file the completed deed index cards—thank you Jean! Her help gives Connie time to process even more deeds, a benefit to all of us.

Barbara Scanlan is also a recent volunteer. She came in last Tuesday and filed most of the reference books on the "new" shelves; typed cards for book pockets, affixed the pockets and their due date sheets for about a third of the other books on the three "new" shelves. At her current rate, she'll have the remainder of the books ready to shelve in another week or two—impressive! Thank you, Barbara.

There's no need for volunteers to commit long term. A few hours here and a few hours there can make a huge difference to the society. Please consider volunteering, we need you!

Library Landscaping

The Beautification Committee of Independence is unable to maintain all of the flower beds around the depot. If you would be interested in adopting one of the two small berms near the parking lot (flowers, etc. provided by the city) please contact Stephen or Diana.

Library Visitors

Among recent library visitors were: Christine Berg, researching Della or Fern Thompson/Thomson; Pat LeCents of Largo, FL, researching Malter(er); Tim

Apgar; Dale Clavin; Niel Johnson; and Gloria Miller. I apologize if I've spelled anyone's name wrong.

Contact the committee at jcgslibrary@yahoo.com.

Membership

James Houston

Membership Coordinator

There were no new members reported. The Society recognizes Janice Gaylord of Atlanta who renewed as a Life Member.

Contact coordinator at jcgsmembership@yahoo.com.

Programs

Debbie Mack

1st Vice-President and Program Chairperson

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, November 6th at 7 pm. Our speaker for this meeting will be JCGS member Barbara McTygue Scanlon. Barbara will be speaking on Irish genealogy. Barbara and her husband Ed helped found the Kansas City Irish Festival held every Labor Day weekend at Crown Center. Barbara has been to Ireland several times working on her family history. She will bring several of her resource books with her to discuss.

We will also have refreshments and door prizes.

Contact the committee at jcgspgrams@yahoo.com.

Publications

VACANT

Publications Chairperson

Please email newsletter submissions, by the 10th of each month, to the editor at jcgstrails@yahoo.com and quarterly submissions to Debbie, a.s.a.p., at jcgswagon@yahoo.com or mail them 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:

- Nothing reported this month.

Contact the committee at jcgresearch@yahoo.com.

Ways and Means

Vicki Reed

Ways and Means Chairperson

No sales were reported this month.

Best Choice Save-a-Label Program

Please remember to save those Best Choice labels, i.e., the bar code including the words 'Best Choice' above the code and the numbers below it. We can receive \$30 for every 1,000 labels plus an annual \$30 certificate.

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—we turn them in at Office Depot and OfficeMax for a \$3 credit toward our purchases.

Contact this committee at vickireed@rocketmail.com.

Among the Deeds by Connie Mogg

Deed of Trust #177 489A conveys: 1 bay horse 15 ½ hands high; 1 bay horse with four white feet about 15 ½ hands high and about 10 years-old; and one light two-horse wagon from A.W. RODGERS to W. N. O. MONROE, trustee for the use and benefit of Rubin S. OWEN. This deed is dated 18 November 1874, and the amount charged was \$95.00.

In Deed of Mortgage #69 035 dated August 1856, Johnston & Martha LYKINS of the City of Kansas sells 36,000 square feet of land in Section 6 Township 49 Range 33 to Chester HUBBARD. The description of the land places it east of the land of William H.R. SIPKINS which was bought from Rachel CARLIN.

George W. RHOADES purchased personal property from James E. KERR in Deed of Mortgage #69 002 dated 5 February 1849. The property included: 3 large Santafe Waggons now at the blacksmith shop of William RAY in Jackson County and 18 yoke of cattle at the Clay County house of William H. KERR. This note was secured by a note involving John ERVIN dated February 1848 and was witnessed by: William H. KERR and Charles E. STRODE.



From the Mailbag

The annual Multicultural Exchange will be held Tuesday, October 21 at the Sheraton Kansas City Sports Complex. For more information go to VisitKC.com

From the Chicago and Alton Depot comes news of two future trips; a Mississippi River Cruise in the spring, and a fall excursion to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Also October features Priest of Pallas displays and photos of the June purse display and the September silver spoons and mortars & pestles displays.

Another Loss

“The Sangamon Co. Genealogical Society will be closing its doors as of 31 December 2008. This is to inform you that the October 2008 *Circuit Rider* will be our last exchange with you.

On behalf of the SCGS Board, I would like to THANK YOU for exchanging with our society over the years.

Lori Little

Registrar”

Change of Address

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

1901 S 12th Ave

Union Gap, WA 98903



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

- 11/06/08 – 7 p.m.
- 12/06/08 – 10 a.m.
- 02/09 – 10 a.m.
- 03/09 – 10 a.m.
- 04/09 – 7 p.m.
- 05/09 – 7 p.m.
- 06/09 – 1 p.m. Annual Luncheon
- 07/09 – No meeting
- 08/09 – No meeting
- 09/09 – 7 p.m.
- 10/09 – 7 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- 10/23/08 - 7 p.m.
- 12/04/08 - 7 p.m.
- 01/09 – 7 p.m.
- 02/09 – 7 p.m.
- 03/09 – 7 p.m.
- 04/09 – 7 p.m.
- 05/09 – 7 p.m.
- 06/09 - 7 p.m.
- 07/09- No Meeting
- 08/09 - 7 p.m.
- 09/09 - 7 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 09/09 - Annual Book Sale

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ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEE

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 7. The Membership Committee shall receive all new member applications with the membership number assigned by the Treasurer and shall prepare and maintain an up-to-date members list providing the same to the President, Treasurer, Publications Chairman and Executive Board. The Membership Chairman shall notify members whose dues are not paid as stated in Article III Section 2.

AMEND BY STRIKING OUT “all new member applications with the membership number assigned by the Treasurer” **AND INSERTING** "all dues and new member applications; assign all membership numbers”

PROPOSED TO READ:

Section 7. The Membership Committee shall receive all dues and new member applications; assign all membership numbers; and shall prepare and maintain an up-to-date members list providing the same to the President, Treasurer, Publications Chairman and Executive Board. The Membership Chairman shall notify members whose dues are not paid as stated in Article III Section

RATIONAL: This is more in line with monies received by other committees and also will relieve some of the burden of the Memberships from the Treasurer. We have a Membership Committee and they can do this.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees: Program, Library and Materials, Bylaws, Audit, Extractions, Membership, Publications, Publicity, Research Assistance, Ways and Means, and such other standing committees deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Society.

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AMEND BY STRIKING OUT "Extractions and Publicity"

PROPOSED TO READ:

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees: Program, Library and Materials, Bylaws, Audit, Membership, Publications, Research Assistance, Ways and Means, and such other standing committees deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Society.

PROPOSED: DELETE SECTION 6 AND 9 AND RENUMBER THE REST OF THE SECTIONS.

RATIONAL: Currently there is no Publicity chairman and any committee that needs publicity does their own. Also newspapers are not as friendly for this kind of publicity as they used to be.

STANDING RULES

CURRENTLY READS:

1. Upon the death of a member, suitable material shall be purchased in his or her memory. A certificate shall be presented to the family indicating that such material has been placed in our Society library. If the material is a book a memorial book plate will be placed on the inside front cover of the book with the members name. All such material shall be purchased with money from the general fund.

AMEND BY STRIKING OUT "A certificate shall be presented" AND INSERTING "The material to be chosen by the Library Committee and that committee shall send a letter"

PROPOSED TO READ:

1. Upon the death of a member, suitable material shall be purchased in his or her memory. The material to be chosen by the Library Committee and that committee shall send a letter to the family indicating that such material has been placed in our Society library. If the material is a book a memorial book plate will be placed on the inside front cover of the book with the members name. All such material shall be purchased with money from the general fund.

RATIONAL: Sometimes the family of the deceased are not able to attend our meeting and also there needs to be direction as to whom will choose the material and send the letter.

CURRENTLY READS:

3. There shall be a budget Committee composed of the Treasurer, Publications Chairman, Library and Materials Chairman and Ways and Means Chairman. The Budget will be presented at the September Executive Board meeting for adoption.

AMEND BY STRIKING OUT "September" AND INSERTING "October"

PROPOSED TO READ:

3. There shall be a Budget Committee composed of the Treasurer, Publications Chairman, Library and Materials Chairman and Ways and Means Chairman. The Budget will be presented at the October Executive Board meeting for adoption.

RATIONAL: The new budget is subject to the income from the September used book sale.

CURRENTLY READS:

4. Each officer and chairman, except the Treasurer, shall maintain a procedure book and present it and records pertinent to the office to the retiring president at the annual meeting in the election year. The newly elected President shall distribute the procedure books to the new officers and chairman.

AMEND BY STRIKING OUT "except the Treasurer"

PROPOSED TO READ:

4. Each officer and chairman shall maintain a procedure book and present it and records pertinent to the office to the retiring president at the annual meeting in the election year. The newly elected President shall distribute the procedure books to the new officers and chairman.

RATIONAL: All officers and committee chairman should have and maintain procedure books.



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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 visit us online at JCGS.org.

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

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

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.

