

THE PIONEER TRAILS

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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 in an effort to keep our members up-to-date on Society activities and volunteer opportunities.

Programs

Debbie Mack

1st Vice-President and Program Chairperson

Our next general meeting will be Saturday morning, February 7th at 10 a.m. A brief business meeting will precede the program.

Our guest speaker this month is Angela McComas, who will be talking on Research Databases. We will have refreshments and door prizes following the program.

Contact the committee at jcgspprograms@yahoo.com.

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News from the President

Items of Interest

Stephen Hough

Society President

There was no Nov/Dec 2008 newsletter since I was on the road for seventeen days.

It is time for the Society to begin the annual process to elect new officers. A nominating committee will be selected at the February 7th meeting. The members will be electing a 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer this April.

Bylaws Changed

Several changes to the bylaws were approved by our membership at the December general meeting. A copy of the bylaws will be available on the Society web site (JCGS.org) in the membership section.

Member Dues

The membership chairman, James Houston, will receive all payments from now on. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please direct them to him.

Family History Contest

The winners of the Family History Contest were announced at the December general meeting. First place went to Marietta Boenker, second place to Connie Mogg, and ribbons for honorable mention went to Teola Constance, Mary Nastasi, and James Hinkle who was not present.

Resignation of Treasurer

The JCGS Treasurer, Alice Wehmhoener, resigned in December after many years of service to the Society. An audit committee is performing an audit in accordance with the Society Bylaws. ❖

Extractions

Various

Extractions Chairpersons

Members of one of the Extraction Committees are planning to work Mondays at City Hall extracting some Death Records and Burial Permits. Some from 1880's on to 1890's and some records are as late as the 1950's. We are excited. If you would be interested in this project, please contact the Library 252-8128 to get details. We have to have appointments to do this in order that we do not conflict with their daily routine.

Help is always appreciated. Twylia Brand

Contact the committees at webmaster@jcgs.org.

Library

Diana Hough

2nd Vice-President and Library Chairperson

Library Projects

As promised, below is the list of "books" we've created from V.G. Johnson's papers. These contain various combinations of her teaching materials and handouts, and/or materials she'd collected. Her DNA and Reunion books also include materials from James Houston and Lois Allen respectively.

- V G's Scrapbook--First Ladies - Ref973.92 J638f
- V G's Scrapbook--Parliamentarian Procedures - Ref328.1 J638p
- V G's Scrapbook--Pioneer Women - Ref978.02 J638pw
- V G's Beginning Genealogy Book - Ref372.83 J638
- V G's Black Research Book - Ref929.1088 J638
- V G's Census Book - Ref929.1 J638
- V G's Conference Notes Book - Ref929.1 J638cn
- V G's DNA & Family Medical History Book - Ref576.5 J638
- V G's Family Reunion Book - Ref394.2 J638r
- V G's Foreign Research Book - Ref929.3 J638f
- V G's Immigration Book - Ref304.8 J638i
- V G's Interesting Anecdotes Book - Ref929.1 J638a
- V G's Lineage Societies Book - Ref929.3 J638ls
- V G's Military Book - Ref355.3 J638
- V G's Names Book - Ref929.4 J638na
- V G's Newspaper Research Book - Ref929.1 J638n
- V G's Oral History Book - Ref907.2 J638o
- V G's Orphan Train Book - Ref362.734 J638
- V G's Resource Book - Ref929.1072 J638
- V G's Writing Book Ref929.1 J638w

The project to computerize our inventory of periodicals is virtually done! The database currently contains information on 12,729 separate issues. Now we need to determine how best to shelve theses and make labels. A number of duplicates were identified and are in need of new homes. Often these aren't just the occasional issue, but may cover several consecutive years. Could your local library or genealogical society use these? Although free, we will need payment of shipping and postage costs. In the next issue or so I'll try to publish a brief list of what's available.

Updating our library book database is about 99% complete with a current inventory of 3,129 books. After the remaining books are entered, duplicate entries and errors will need to be identified and corrected, then an inventory taken.

Volunteer(s) Wanted

If you can type on an electric typewriter and spare a few hours, I need you! This short term project is to type the call number, title and author on a library checkout card. These are the cards inserted in the pockets of the books society members can check out. There are two shelves of new books needing cards typed. And, as usual, we have other projects that need volunteers.

Library Spotlight

This month the spotlight is on one of JCGS' own publications--**Mound Grove Cemetery (1902-1996)**. Originally the official burial grounds of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS), people of all faiths are buried in this cemetery. Since the first burial in 1904 there have been more than 14,900 additional burials. This book contains so much more than just headstone readings. Information from the headstones has been combined with data from the burial records. Names of lot owners, next-of-kin, and responsible persons are also included. Indexed, 1997, 712 pages, \$50.00.

Contact the committee at jcgslibrary@yahoo.com.

Membership

James Houston

Membership Coordinator

The Society welcomes the following new members: Joe D. Mack of Grandview, MO and Karen Steely of

Vancouver, WA. There are no new Life Members.

No cards were sent to members due to illness or death.

Contact coordinator at jcgsmembership@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:

- Dr. P.M. Foster, Jr. requested information about Jerry Bush Foster, Sr. and resources dealing with African Americans in Johnson and Lafayette Counties.

Contact the committee at jcgsresearch@yahoo.com.

Ways and Means

Vicki Reed

Ways and Means Chairperson

In 2008, we received orders for our books and materials from the Lawton, OK Public Library, the Pueblo County-City Library in Pueblo, CO, from Bookmark, Inc. in Olathe, KS, and the Topeka, KS Historical Society. We also received orders from individuals in Arizona, Oklahoma, and Texas. At the convention in May 2008 we sold quite a few items to individuals from all over the country. All in all, I think we did really well and hope to do even better this year.

Best Choice Save-a-Label Program

We recently submitted 1,000 labels plus a certificate we received for participating last year. We will receive \$30 for the labels and another \$30 for the certificate.

Used Ink Cartridge Program (except Epson)

Please keep those used ink cartridges coming; we turn them in at Office Depot and OfficeMax for a \$3 credit toward our purchases.

Contact this committee at vickireed@rocketmail.com.



FROM THE MAILBAG

This section will return in the next issue.

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

01/2009 – No Meeting
02/07/2009 – 10 a.m.
03/07/2009 – 10 a.m.
04/02/2009 – 7 p.m.
05/07/2009 – 7 p.m.
06/06/2009 – 1 p.m. Annual Luncheon
07/2009 – No Meeting
08/2009 – No Meeting
09/03/2009 – 7 p.m.
10/01/2009 – 7 p.m.
11/05/2009 – 7 p.m.
12/05/2009 – 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

01/22/2009 – 7 p.m.
02/26/2009 – 7 p.m.
03/26/2009 – 7 p.m.
04/23/2009 – 7 p.m.
05/28/2009 – 7 p.m.
06/25/2009 – 7 p.m.
07/2009 – No Meeting
08/27/2009 – 7 p.m.
09/24/2009 – 7 p.m.
10/22/2009 – 7 p.m.
12/10/2009 – 7 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

09/2009 – Annual Book Sale



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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	Vacant

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.

