

# 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

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

Our next general meeting will be Thursday, April 2nd at 7 p.m. A brief business meeting will precede the program. The program subject and speaker have not been set. The May meeting will be for member sharing. Refreshments and door prizes will follow the programs. Please forward suggestions for next year's programs to Debbie Mack.

Contact the committee at [jcgsproms@yahoo.com](mailto:jcgsproms@yahoo.com).

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## News from the President

*Items of Interest*

### Stephen Hough

*Society President*

#### *Election of New Officers*

The members will be electing a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer at the April general meeting. The following names have been submitted by the Nominating Committee: for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Diana Hough; for Secretary, Vicki Reed; and for Treasurer, Judy Carlson.

#### *Corresponding Secretary*

Carole Anderson has volunteered to assume the Corresponding Secretary duties in June.

#### *Donations for New Copy Machine*

The members have voted to purchase a new copier for the library. Bill Hanaway and James Houston will present recommendations after their research. The copier will be purchased through member donations.

#### *Truman Heartland Community Foundation*

The members have voted to close our account with THCF. Unfortunately, I was unable to close this account until we resolve several issues with the IRS. I expect this issue to be resolved by the June meeting.

#### *Treasurer's Income/Expense Report*

Income:

January - \$409  
February - \$1, 079.27

Expenses:

January - \$996.37  
February - \$1,009.80

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## **Extractions**

### **Various**

#### *Extractions Chairpersons*

Members of one extraction committee are working at the Independence City Hall extracting old Death Records and Burial Permits.

Members of another extraction committee are reconciling various records for the Woodlawn Cemetery publication.

Contact the committees at [webmaster@jcgs.org](mailto:webmaster@jcgs.org).

## **Library**

### **Diana Hough**

#### *2nd Vice-President and Library Chairperson*

### **Library Projects**

Since our last issue, over a linear foot of our duplicate periodicals needing a new home have been adopted by the Topeka Genealogical Society. In return, we will receive back issues of their quarterly we are missing and some of their duplicate periodicals. My thanks go to Gary Toms, a librarian at the Midwest Genealogy Center, for “introducing” us. Now to find homes for the other 2-3 linear feet!

Stephen installed two new shelves above the Kansas City Star/Times newspaper obituary books. This adds six feet of much needed shelf space. Three magazine boxes per shelf were also added in an effort to keep the books upright and easier to use. More boxes would be even better.

The library checkout cards have been typed for the two shelves of new books and the books have been shelved. Even though that project has been completed, there are still numerous volunteer opportunities! Please consider volunteering; even a couple of hours a month would help.

### **Library Spotlight**

This month the spotlight is on a new JCGS publication—“**Burial Records Kansas City Municipal Cemeteries at Leeds 1934-1965**” Indexed, \$15.00. Over 150 pages include an introduction and every name index by Victor P. Meador, a map and photocopies of the original records. Recorded by section; A (white) contains 1,231 names and B (negro) 1608. The interment date; grave and

permit number; age, sex and race, and usually the cause of death is listed for each name. Kansas City purchased the property outside the eastern city limits in 1907 and as early as 1909 part of it was being used as a burial ground for some of the less fortunate. Apparently no records exist for the early burials and the cemeteries themselves have almost totally disappeared.

Contact the committee at [jcgslibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:jcgslibrary@yahoo.com).

## **Membership**

### **James Houston**

#### *Membership Coordinator*

Two get well cards were sent to members in March. Life Member John R. Woods passed away in October following a motorcycle accident.

There are no new members since our last newsletter. A number of membership renewals are delinquent.

### **Membership Renewals**

Your expiration date is noted on your newsletter address label. Please include a SASE with your renewal payment if you would like a receipt.

Contact coordinator at [jcgsmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:jcgsmembership@yahoo.com).

## **Publications**

### **VACANT**

#### *Publications Chairperson*

Please email newsletter submissions, by the 10th of each month, to [jcgstrails@yahoo.com](mailto:jcgstrails@yahoo.com) and quarterly submissions to [jcgswagon@yahoo.com](mailto: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:

- Stephen P. BURKE of Macomb, IL wants confirmation that Hiram M. LEE and his wife Elizabeth J. (Logan) LEE are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo.
- Geraldine Mc DERMOTT of Loves Park, IL wants the obituary of Thomas Joseph McDERMOTT, who died 10 December 1982 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo.

Contact the committee at [jcgsresearch@yahoo.com](mailto:jcgsresearch@yahoo.com).

## Ways and Means

### Vicki Reed

*Ways and Means Chairperson*

The search for a building suitable for the annual used book sale has begun. And, volunteers are needed to man the JCGS table at the NARA Union Station Dedication on May 23<sup>rd</sup> between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Fund Raisers

We recently received \$60 from the Best Choice save-a-label program. We continue to save money by recycling your used ink cartridges (except Epson).

Contact this committee at [vickireed@rocketmail.com](mailto:vickireed@rocketmail.com).

### From the Mailbag

Dennis Northcott, PO Box 11801, St. Louis, MO 63105 sent information on three books he has published containing records on the deaths of over 90,000 Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) members. To see if your Civil War relative is listed visit [www.ngpublications.com](http://www.ngpublications.com). His website contains more information and a printable order form or we have several at the JCGS library. ❖

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

*Please visit us online at [JCGS.org](http://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.

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## ABOUT JCGS

### OFFICERS (2008-2009)

President	Stephen Hough
1st Vice-President	Debbie Mack
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

## 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 & 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

- 05/23/09 – NARA at Union Station
- 09/2009 – Annual Book Sale

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