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Committee Spotlights

Society Activities

Stephen Hough

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

Vacant

1st Vice-President and Program Chairperson

Our Program Chairperson, Debbie Mack, resigned prior to our May meeting and the board has yet to find a replacement.

Our next general meeting—Antique [Rail] Road Show—will be Thursday, September 3rd at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring a family heirloom for an appraisal. Refreshments, door prizes and a brief business meeting will follow the program.

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News from the President

Items of Interest

Stephen Hough

Society President

Annual Luncheon

Twenty-eight members attended the annual luncheon at The Fountains. I have received many positive comments about the food and the program by Mary Celeste.

National Train Day

We had an open house with special displays for National Train Day in May and 42 visitors signed the library sign-in book (more than fifty attended).

Kansas City Irish Fest – Volunteers Wanted

Would you like to share your love of genealogy with others?

Barbara Scanlon is looking for some volunteers for the Kansas City Irish Fest on September 4, 5, and 6 held at Crown Center—Friday 4:30-8, Saturday 10:30-3 and 2:30-7, and Sunday 10:30-3 and 2:30-7.

People attending the Irish Fest are wondering how to get started with their genealogy. There will be two computers there to help them start their research.

Call Barbara Scanlon at (816) 361-3148.

Truman Heartland Community Foundation

The members voted to rescind the previous vote to close our account with THCF.

Book Sale Information

Please watch the web site (JCGS.org) for dates and location.

Facebook.com

If you have a Facebook account you can now join the group “Jackson County (MO) Genealogical Society” to receive and share information.

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A special thanks to Dianna Latta for suggesting Mary Celeste for our Annual Luncheon.

Contact the committee at jcgsprograms@yahoo.com.

Extraction Projects

Various

Extractions Chairpersons

Twylia reports that the project involving the City Hall Death Certificates—from late 1800s through 1910—is coming close to being ready for proofing.

The Woodlawn Cemetery project is quite another matter. Lots of problems and a lack of 'cemetery readings' have put big boulders in the way for completion of this job. Work continues two days a week at the Library to get this project accomplished.

The third Deed Book is very close to publication.

Twylia Brand, Victor Meador and Elva Osiek have been diligently working on the obituary indexes and report they are all caught up.

Contact the committees at webmaster@jcgs.org.

Library

Diana Hough

2nd Vice-President and Library Chairperson

Library Donations

Some much appreciated recent donations include “The Gleam” (William Chrisman) yearbooks, 1938, 1944, 1945 and 1949 from Reggie Stoner; a 1987 Lee’s Summit Yearbook “Reflector” from Mary Alice Stranigan; Jacksonville Genealogy Journals (1979-1996), Star Genealogical Journal and miscellaneous newsletters from May Lou Wilder; Leslie Snyder’s father’s Dikeman Family Collection; and we’re eagerly looking forward to receiving over 800 volumes from Pat Surber’s library. Pat already donated Daughter’s of the American Revolution Magazines dating back to the 1920s.

Library Projects

We added over 220 linear feet of new library shelf space by having the society purchase ten matching metal shelf units (used) to replace the two wood units in the back of the room and the two inefficient display shelves next to both doors. The library was then rearranged to better utilize floor space by merging

reference books with circulating books in Dewey Decimal order. The Missouri periodicals have been moved from the Missouri room and shelved in the main library with other periodicals. The two wood shelf units were moved to the Missouri Room giving much needed shelf space there. Materials from various other areas of the library will be organized on these. Stephen thoroughly cleaned the Ways and Means room and, with some help from Vicki Reed, better organized those materials. The older Pioneer Wagons need re-boxing. The two inefficient display shelves (plus one in storage) and four shelves were advertised on Craig’s List and sold for \$75. Also advertised on Craig’s List were our excess microfilm (one at \$25) and microfiche readers (two at \$10 each). If you’re interested in purchasing either, please let us know.

Stephen and I trimmed trees and brush on both sides of the fence on the east side of the parking lot. Two berms were weeded and the parking lot tidied up.

Connie Mogg is dedicated to indexing our collection of original deeds and has added lots of new cards to the index. James Houston was a big help assembling and setting up the new shelves and, on very short notice, Bill Hanaway crafted metal plates to place under the legs. Thanks to and all our library volunteers!

Currently our database of books contains 3,164 titles and the periodicals database contains 12,729 issues.

As always—Volunteers Needed! Please help if you can.

Library Spotlight

This month we’re showcasing three wonderful new books compiled by Chuck Townsend and Lee Ward: *Cato & Speaks Chapel & Speaks Memorial Chapels Listing of burials from 1936-2008* (338 pages); *John & Chase Henthorn Funeral Home Reppert Funeral Home Reppert-Brown Funeral Home Buckner, MO Listing of Burials 1877-1998* (60 pages); and *Index of Burials for Webb Funeral Home, Oak Grove, MO 1921-1978 G. B. Webb Funeral Home Blue Springs, MO 1903-1972 Webb-Freer Funeral Home Blue Springs, MO 1972-1978* (26 pages). Each book contains columns for name, birth and death dates, and the cemetery of interment. These reference only books are currently on the new book shelf and numbered 977.841 S208, 977.841 H877 and 977.841 W129 respectively.

Library Visitors

Between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009, 1,144 names were written in our library sign-in book (includes multiple occurrences). Some recent visitors include: Steve and Hope Barrowls (?) of Radcliff, KY who were researching her ancestor, Lyman Wight; Larry Grah of Garden City, MO who is researching his father's family; Dani McGowan of Spokane, WA researching Crawford; Juanita Clemons of San Diego, CA researching Marshall; Armin Schannuth of Independence, MO researching Stone, Crisp and Murray; Kay Woody of Odessa, MO researching Smith and Anderson; Mary Lou Wilder of Independence, MO researching Tindall and Carney; and John Morris researching the Cummins Cemetery.

Contact the committee at 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.

Publications

Stephen Hough

Publications Chairperson

Please email newsletter submissions, by the 7th of each month, to jcgseeditor@yahoo.com and quarterly submissions to jcgseeditor@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:

- Shirley Kamakani (K-46), of Parkville, MO

requested death/probate information for some of her Stillwell family members; especially Peola, Margaret, Zarilda and Malinda Jane.

- Susan Kudrinko requested cemetery records for Joseph Thomas, Charles J. Jenkins and Ida O. Taylor.
- Diane Clemmons of Clearwater FL requested information on several Peebles buried in Forest Hills Cemetery.
- Cheryl C. Huff requested an obituary for Jonathan George, who died 9 September 1907.
- David H. Sweeney requested the June 1872 birth date for Carrie Sophia Dutton.
- Davis Adams of Chester, England requested help finding Reuben Curry family members after 1888.

Contact the committee at webmaster@jcg.org.

Ways and Means

Vicki Reed

Ways and Means Chairperson

We had a table at the dedication of the National Archives Building on Memorial Day Weekend. It was a lot of fun and we met a lot of new people and renewed some old friendships made at the National Convention last year. I would like to thank Carole Anderson, Teola Constance, and Twylia Brand for coming down and helping with the table. We didn't sell a lot but we enjoyed ourselves. When you can, go down to the National Archives. It is really nice and a whole lot bigger.

On July 4th we were out in front of the depot selling pop and enjoying all the festivities. Come and see the spectacular fireworks display next year.

We are working on the Book Sale and at this point, I am still rounding up my volunteers. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer. We are also working on obtaining a building for the sale.

Fund Raisers

Don't forget to bring us your Best Choice barcodes with numbers for the save-a-label program.

We continue to save money by recycling your used ink cartridges (except Epson).

Contact this committee at vickireed@rocketmail.com.



From the Mailbag

The Howard County (MO) Genealogical Society announces the publication of **Walnut Ridge Cemetery** (75 pages), compiled by Patsy Houts Miller for \$25 plus \$5 postage and handling. Information on about 2,000 burials is given and includes name; block, lot and space maps; birth and death dates, parents, spouse, and children if available. Send orders to 201 South Main St., Fayette, MO 65248 or email historyfamily2005@yahoo.com for more information.

The Missouri Genealogical Association is having its 2009 Annual Conference August 7-8 in Jefferson City. For more information, visit www.mosga.org or call 816-252-7228.

The Chicago & Alton Depot's May issue features their recent Amana-Kalona excursion and includes lots of photos. Also included is a list of current members.

September 2-5, in Little Rock, Arkansas, the Federation of Genealogical Societies' presents "Passages through Time." For information go to www.fgs.org

Money Matters

Judy Carlson

Treasurer

Annual Financial Summary

Income/Expense by Category
6/1/2008 through 5/31/2009

INCOME

Adjustment	-12.25
Annual Luncheon	291.00
Best Choice	60.00
Computer Copy	13.50
Copier	102.75
Coupon	21.50
Discount	91.85
Donation	436.24
Dues	1,670.00
Gift Card	31.32
Interest Inc	419.73
Bank of the West	188.93
UCCU	12.67
UMB	218.13
Memorial	90.00
Microfilm Copy	5.00
Other Inc	459.00

Pop & Water	241.30
Publication	1,197.50
Recycled Ink Cartridge	60.00
Refund	191.50
Reimbursement	390.00
Research	112.19
Reward Card	83.48
Unknown	53.70
Used Books	5,651.96
TOTAL INCOME	11,661.27

EXPENSES

Advertising	248.90
Auto	88.14
Fuel	34.43
Lease	53.71
Bank Charge	42.84
Analysis Service	22.84
Safety Deposit Box	20.00
Cash	300.00
Computer	126.90
Hardware	81.90
Software	45.00
Corporation	20.00
Annual Registration	10.00
Change of Registered Agent	10.00
Dining	72.76
Annual Dinner	72.76
Equipment	67.99
Error	0.05
Furniture & Decor	785.76
Groceries	149.96
Pop & Water	149.96
Insurance	325.00
Memorial Book	196.00
Misc.	100.00
Printing	1,418.00
Printing Book	83.00
Misc	52.00
Newsletter	258.20
Quarterly	1,024.80
Rent	2,759.46
Depot	2,470.00
Storage	289.46
Speaker Fee	75.00
Supplies	1,096.02
Ink	109.94
Mail	22.00

Paper	75.98
Toner	281.62
Other Supplies	606.48
Tax	68.02
Personal Property	68.02
USPS	977.64
Bulk Mail Permit	180.00
Bulk Mail Postage	524.87
PO Box	136.00
Postage	136.77
Utilities	5,168.88
Electric	1,680.82
Gas	1,895.13
Internet	263.88
Telephone	470.24
Water & Sewer	858.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,087.32
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,426.05

The Truman Heartland Community Foundation balance on 05/31/09 was \$8,013.01.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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.

Reporting an Illness or Death

Please report the illness of a member or the death of a member/family member to the Corresponding Secretary, Carole Anderson, at jcgs1express@rocketmail.com or call (816) 763-3171 so we can send a card from the Society.



ABOUT JCGS

OFFICERS (2009-2010)

President	Stephen Hough
1st Vice-President	Vacant
2 nd Vice-President	Diana Hough
Secretary	Vicki Reed
Treasurer	Judy Carlson

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 – 1:30 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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