**NEWS FROM THE PREZ**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Topeka Genealogical Society. I’m sure it was just a couple of months ago we started 2018. The year has flown by. How is your research going? Do you need a boost? Check out our web site: www.tgstopeka.org. In the next couple of months, we hope to have a majority of our classes on line for you to view and enroll. A few items coming up for your consideration:

1. Check out our January Program at Topeka Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL). “Remember the TSCPL is closed if 501 schools are closed. Yes, it is time for “SNOW”. The date is January 24 at 7:00 PM.

2. TGS has decided to have 4 workshops in 2019. These will be free and open to the public and members. The Skill Builder Classes that were previously held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, will not be held in 2019.

The first TGS workshop will be February 16, 2019 at 10 AM to 1:00 PM. The workshop’s title is “Completing and Verifying Your Documents for the Kansas Mayflower Society”. The Historian and Governor of the Kansas Mayflower Society will help with the workshop. The definition of a workshop vs skill builder - a workshop is hands on and you will complete one or more tasks rather than learn a skill. You should prepare in advance and bring to the workshop these documents - the first three generations of birth, death and marriage records including your own. These records are provided by the state that the event took place. Very little substitution is allowed in preparing the application for the Mayflower Society. If you have any questions on this workshop please contact your president at: tgstopeka.president@gmail.com. If you need a little help send me a request on TGS Gmail account. Our library holds a complete set minus Volume 9 of the first 6 generations from the Pilgrims of the Mayflower. It is the only complete and updated set in the Northeast area. For example, my own line is documented in the Silver Book from 1800 back to 1620. So, if I was researching to see if I qualify, I would start with myself and work back to 1800. My first three
Did you know that TGS has hundreds of publications of Shawnee County records, other Kansas records, and records from across the country? Click here to see what we have to offer.

An inlaw is someone who has married into your family; an outlaw is an inlaw who resists letting you do their genealogy!

JAN. 24th MONTHLY PROGRAM -
"RESEARCHING YOUR HOME & THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE"

TGS's January Monthly Program will be presented by Diana Staresinic-Deane, who is the Executive Dir. of the Franklin County Historical Society and the Old Depot Museum in Ottawa. "Researching Your Home and the People Who Lived There" is being brought to us by Humanities Kansas. Researching a property (whether an old home, a new business, or a section of pastureland) can do more than tell us the history of a space. It can also help us build a human connection to the people who came before us and the history they experienced. This presentation will help participants consider creative ways to study documents and assemble a meaningful narrative with information found through research. Hope you will attend this program -
- Jan. 24th 7:00-8:30 PM, at the Topeka Shawnee Public Library.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

These are Board level positions requiring attending Board meetings once a month:

Education Committee - Do you have ideas for genealogy workshop topics that would be of broad interest? Help us continue to build and strengthen our educational offerings. Time requirement is variable.

Finance Committee - If you have worked in business or banking and are familiar with forecasting budgets and revenues, or worked in insurance or real estate or have a bookkeeping background, then you might be the right person for this committee.

Publicity Committee - This group makes and puts out brochures in the Topeka area for our classes and for membership. The group posts what is going on at TGS in our outreach media, manages our Facebook page, both public and members only. We would like to have more exposure on Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest. We are looking to expand our online presence.

Research and Records Preservation - overseer, direct and perform duties related to research services and record preservation projects.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Marty Flanagan at tgstopeka.president@gmail.com or janiceashby3131@yahoo.com

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM DNA & BRICK WALL SIGS

Both the DNA & Brick Wall special interest groups got together on Dec.10th for their First Annual Holiday Party. They met for a short meeting on the X-Factor (DNA) & watched a video explaining various types of indexing you may come across while researching FamilySearch.org's catalog. All of the attendees brought food to share & had a great time visiting.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR TGS's 47th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Save the date for our 47th Annual Conference, Friday and Saturday, April 5 & 6, 2019 at the Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS. Our featured keynote speaker on Saturday will be Michael J. Hall who is Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer at FamilySearch, headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. Friday morning will consist of a personal research option with breakout sessions in the afternoon.

IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As a reminder you can renew or join on our website by clicking on “Membership – Join Us”, then choose “online join” and follow the guidance. It’s that simple! Remember: To renew online please await the reminder email notice which should be sent to you around the end of November. Should you try renewing before receiving your notice it will only accept you as a new member.

If you prefer, you can print a membership form on our website by clicking on “Membership – Join Us”, scroll to the bottom of the page and choose “Personal Membership Form” and print. You also have the option of stopping by the TGS Library for a printed form.

Membership dues are the same as last year and due by December 31. We look forward to another great year! Thank you for your membership in TGS!

-Nancy Appelhanz, Membership Chair