COMING UP AT TGS

Saturday, July 21
"Finding Genealogical Treasures in the Columbian Title Company Records"
T(Saturday Skillbuilder)
T10:00 am to 11:00 am
TGS Library, 2717 SE Indiana Ave.

Did you know that the Topeka Genealogical Society's library collection includes more than 800 volumes of original records from the Columbian Title Company in Topeka, and that copies of these records do not exist anywhere else? Although their primary purpose was to document ownership and title encumbrances for real estate in the Topeka area, their pages are filled with rich genealogical information. Learn how to use the TGS-built index to these volumes, and see examples of what can be found within their pages.

Presented by Barb LaClair.

Thursday, July 26
"Homesteading, Settling the West"
(Monthly Program)
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library

Ken Leonard from the Johnson County Genealogical Society will present the history of the homestead movement and discuss information found in homestead application files.

Program is free, and open to the Public. No registration required.

Aug. 3, 9:30 AM - Family History Writers Special Interest Group, TGS
Aug. 4 - TGS LIBRARY CLOSED
Aug. 4, 12:00-3:00 PM - Annual TGS Member Meeting & Picnic, Brookwood Covenant Church
Aug. 9, 9:30 AM - Family Tree Maker/Computer Genealogy SIG, at TGS
Aug. 9, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting, at TGS
Aug. 13, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG, at TGS
Aug. 13, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG, at TGS
Aug. 18, 10:00 AM - Saturday Skillbuilder, "Getting Results with Google Search", TGS

Sept. 3 - TGS LIBRARY CLOSED (Labor Day)
Sept. 7, 9:30 AM - Family History Writers SIG, at TGS
Sept. 10, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG, at TGS
Sept. 10, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG, at TGS
Sept. 13, 9:30 AM - Family Tree Maker/Computer Genealogy SIG, at TGS
Sept. 13, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting, at TGS
Sept. 15, 10:00 AM - Saturday Skillbuilder, "Using the American Ancestors Databases", TGS
Sept. 16, 2:00 PM - Computer Genealogy SIG (was PAF), contact Eileen Davis at 785.235.5845 for more info.

Sept. 27, 7:00 PM - Monthly Program, "Josiah McAfee: A Colorful Character!", Topeka Public
NEWS FROM THE PREZ

Check out all the comings and goings for TGS in the next couple of months. Skillbuilders are set for July, August, September, October, and November. July the topic is finding genealogical treasures in the Columbian Title Company records. August topic is getting results with Google search. September the topic is how to use American Ancestors which is a data base TGS subscribes for their membership. October is how to use the Silver Books for looking up your Mayflower ancestors. November has not been chosen (tell an officer what you would like to learn). We may not have a Skillbuilder in December.

The next four months at TSCPL will be inspired subjects. Plan on attending. I know you will not be disappointed. The July Monthly Program we'll have a guest speaker from the Johnson County Genealogical Society and the topic is land records and settling the West at TSCPL. In August, our own Cindy Cruz will lead the Monthly Program at TSCPL on how to use our web site and see the new videos for your learning. Be prepared to take notes.

All Skillbuilders, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and Programs at TSCL are for members and non-members. So, invite a friend or neighbor to come with you. Please post on your Facebook page or send an email to your friends all the events TGS supports. Please help TGS get the word out.

I hope you are planning on coming to our annual TGS Members Meeting and Picnic. It is August 4 at 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM -- great food, great entertainment, a look at the TGS member survey, slate of officers, and our financial report. I hope to see you there.

In August our Brick Wall class with learn about Irish and British research. It is on August 13, from 1 to 3 PM.

We have added two more Classes scheduled in November and we will start another round of DNA classes starting the end of August. Stay tuned for the information; the Classes will be on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

I hope your summer has been fun with family reunions and picnics. It has gone by to fast for me. I have enjoyed meeting new cousins and researching and of course DNA finds. Take care and see you August 4.

- Marty Flanagan

TOPEKA GIVES - DONORS SUPPORT TGS

A huge Thank You to all who participated in Topeka Gives 2018, and to Sandy Kassebaum for coordinating arrangements for TGS’s table at the event. We received a total of $2,482.54 in donations and matching funds from this event, which will be used to improve and upgrade our classroom/training area.

If you were not able to participate in the Topeka Gives day of giving, but would like to support TGS in our efforts, you may make donations directly to us at any time by either mailing in a check with "donation" noted in the memo field, or making an online donation from the "Donate" page on our website.

We appreciate your ongoing support. As a reminder, we are an all-volunteer non-profit organization, supported solely through membership dues and donations - we do not receive any tax support from our local government. Your contributions help us to continue to operate and improve our services.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS UPDATE

Over 95% of the library volunteers have taken the training on how to use the HoverCam. We now have flash drives (2gb) for sale $5 if you want to save images from the HoverCam. The library is fully staffed. You will
see some new volunteers around the library. Please welcome Mary Ann Weimer, Carol Mallory and Joann Clark. Thank you to Val Ireland for her service.

- Alma Baker

**TGS ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC**

August 4, 2018
Brookwood Covenant Church
3601 SW 33rd Street
12:00 noon

Directions: 29th Street to Arnold Street, south on Arnold to 33rd,
Right on 33rd to Church. Enter the Church from the North

Chicken, drink and table service will be furnished.
Bring your favorite vegetable, salad or dessert to share.

**PROGRAM**

The 8th Kansas Infantry, a Civil War Regiment
BILL McFARLAND
Come learn the Regiment’s story through the use of photographs
and stories of individual soldiers who served. Bill taught history
for over 40 years in the public school system and was named
a Kansas Master Teacher. He is also a Civil War reenactor with
a group that portrays the 8th Kansas Infantry.

RSVP - appreciated, but not mandatory -- janiceashby3131@yahoo.com

The TGS Library will be closed August 4, 2018.

**SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE**

The Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate of candidates for the positions open in 2019:

Vice-President                            Barbara LaClair
Corresponding Secretary            Nancy Brock
Treasurer                                  Bernadine Boyer

There will be the opportunity at the Annual Meeting on August 4 for members to submit a name for
candidacy for a position. If you will not be at the annual meeting, please contact me to have your name
submitted. You can email me at janiceashby3131@yahoo.com. After the annual meeting the ballot will be
sent to members by a blast email or mailed. Further instructions will be provided with the final ballot.

The process will be completed by the September meeting on September 27th, 2018.
- Janice Ashby, Cindy Cruz, Barbara LaClair

**TGS SHIRTS**

Steps to purchase a TGS logo shirt have changed a little. You may still turn your order into the Society
although checks must be made out to Embroidery Plus. Visit the library or the TGS website to obtain an
order form for more information or contact Nancy Appelhanz at 785-925-0651 or membership@tgstopeka.org
Photo from July 7th Class with Barb LaClair - "Using Land Records in Genealogical Research"

**OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & RESEARCH:**

**Topeka Genealogical Society** - website; TGS Library; Special Interest Groups; Skillbuilders; Classes; & Events; go to [https://tgstopeka.org/](https://tgstopeka.org/) and find out more.

**Topeka Shawnee County Public Library** - Genealogy Center on 2nd floor; check out their newsletter/website & sign up for genealogy & computer classes at [https://tscpl.org/](https://tscpl.org/).

**Midwest Genealogy Center** - website, online genealogy databases (with membership), library, events, & classes; check out their website - [https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/](https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/)

**Wichita Genealogical Society is conducting a research trip to St. Louis, MO & Fort Wayne, IN**

Sept. 8-16; Arrangements can be made to pick up travelers in Emporia & Kansas City area!! For more details- [https://wichitagensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=63](https://wichitagensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=63)