COMING UP AT TGS

Don't miss our Monthly Program, "First Territorial Capital of Kansas," by Paul Bahnmeier
The meeting is this Thursday, July 28, at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library
at 7:00 - hope to see you there!

August 1, 9:30 am --- DNA Special Interest Group, TGS Memorial Library
August 2, 9:30 am --- Brick Wall Special Interest Group, TGS Memorial Library
August 6, 11:00 am --- TGS Members Picnic (see article below for details)
August 11, 9:30 am --- Family Treemaker/Computer Genealogy Group, TGS Mem. Library
August 11, 1:00 pm --- Family History Writers' Group, TGS Memorial Library
August 11, 3:00 pm --- TGS Board Meeting, TGS Memorial Library
August 25, 7:00 pm --- Monthly Program, "The History of Schools," by Jerry & Helen Miller, TSCPL

September 6, 9:30 am --- Brick Wall Special Interest Group, TGS Memorial Library
September 8, 9:30 am --- Family Treemaker/Computer Genealogy Group, TGS Mem. Library
September 8, 1:00 pm --- Family History Writers’ Group, TGS Memorial Library
September 12, 9:30 am --- DNA Special Interest Group, TGS Memorial Library
September 18, 2:00 pm --- Computer Users Group (was PAF Group), TGS Memorial Library
September 22, 7:00 pm --- Monthly Program, “Friendship Quilts” by Sandy Kassebaum, TSCPL

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

How is your research going this summer? If you belong to our closed Facebook Page for members only, please share your successes – what did you find? I know I get excited to hear your stories. If you are a TGS Member and would like to join, here are the steps. First, on your Facebook page at the top of the page is a search window. Second, put in TGS members only. Third, click on the join button. When I get notified that someone has asked to join, I will check to see if they are a member and click agree if they are. We share web pages and hints for you to use on your own research. I hope to see you soon. No one can share what you post and no one can see your post except those members who are in our closed group, TGS members only.

Update from the Board - In August you will have access at TGS to NEGHS's web site for your research. This is the premier site for New England research. Also, we are changing our hours for research in September. Hours will remain the same except, we will be open all day on SATURDAY FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. How exciting! You can spend all day at TGS on Saturdays for research! Bring your lunch and let the fun begin. Let us know if you like this change.

UPDATE ON CLASSES for August - DNA (DIG) – DNA Interest Group will meet on August 1 at 9:30 AM. We have a new group of folks who signed up for the DNA class on July 22, 2016. I will invite those taking the class to consider coming in August and be a part of our DIG.

The Brick Wall Sig wanted to try something new. We are meeting at Washburn University’s Mabee Library. We will meet in Room 205 at 9:00 AM. We will have a tour on what is available, learn how to use their computer...
system, and learn how to get a library card. Suggestions from Martha Imparato, WU Library - be prepared to
electronic objects you find or download to a USB drive.

Your president took a short trip in Kansas to St Paul, Erie, and Girard to track down her Kansas connection. I was so
excited to find cousins who still live in the area. I was able to take pictures of the homesteads of 3 lines and find
proof they were the first land owners who purchased their land from the US Government. It was cool to see Patents
and find the first recorded deed. I found the grave of my 2nd great grandmother, but it is in the middle of pasture and
wooded area. I think I will wait until November. Do snakes hibernate by November?

See you at our TGS monthly program at TSCPL on July 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM to learn about The First Territorial
Capital of KS from Paul Bahnmaier.

Marty Flanagan

LECOMPTON, THE FIRST TERRITORIAL CAPITAL

Paul Bahnmeier, the president of the Lecompton Historical Society, will present our July program on our first Kansas Territorial Capital and its part in the conflict between pro-slavery and anti-slavery forces. Every Kansan should know about this important part of our history!

DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC!

The Annual Topeka Genealogical Society Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at the Brookwood Covenant Church, 3601 SW 33rd Street, in Topeka. The planning committee has arranged for a potluck dinner to be served at noon, followed by a special program entitled, “On the Road with Sarah Jane” to be presented by siblings Jill Frese and Joel Meyer.

Barbeque pork, buns, drinks and table service will be provided by TGS. Members are asked to provide a side dish for the dinner. Reservations would be appreciated, but not required. Please RSVP via your July TGS meeting at TSCPL or respond to Alma Baker at 785-273-7921 or baker4211@sbcglobal.net.

Jill and Joel are experienced genealogists and authors who have presented numerous programs concerning genealogy in Kansas. Their picnic presentation is subtitled, “How to Bring Your Ancestor Alive Using Accumulated Documents and Stories.” This delightful tale will be delivered in period costume, as the story of Sara Jane’s journey to Oklahoma Territory by covered wagon is retold.

Directions to Brookwood Covenant Church are 29th Street to Arnold Street, south on Arnold to 33rd, right on 33rd to 3601 SW 33rd Street. Enter the church from the north door facing 33rd Street.

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend this special event! It will be a great opportunity to become better acquainted with other TGS members who share your zeal for recording family history. How can you possibly pass up delicious food, delightful fellowship and a captivating program? We hope to see you there!

WATCH OUT FOR GENEALOGY SCAMS!

Several scams have popped up recently by online companies that charge $45.99 to $69.99 to provide information that is available at no charge elsewhere on the Web. One such company is Genealogy-Developments and others are FamilyDiscovery.com and GenLocator.com. When complaints pile up, these companies will disappear and then reappear under a new name. Dick Eastman, in his Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, recommends that you
check his newsletter for articles, or Cyndi’s List [http://www.cyndislist.com/myths.html#Consumer](http://www.cyndislist.com/myths.html#Consumer) before spending money on a "genealogy service."

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

The Midwest Genealogy Center at 3440 S. Lee's Summit Rd. in Independence, MO offers great classes for genealogists. All classes are free but registration is required. Call 816-252-7228 or go online at [http://www.mymcpl.org/events](http://www.mymcpl.org/events) to register. Some of the upcoming offerings are: Using Findmypast on August 4, Using FamilySearch on August 9, Beginning Ancestry Library Edition on August 11, Walkabout at MGC on August 12, Using ILL for Genealogy on August 20, Using HeritageQuest on August 24, and the Story of the Orphan Trains on September 2.

**TGS MEMBERS PICNIC** - August 6th, 11:00-3:00

**TASTE OF KANSAS** - September 16-17. The Kansas Historical Foundation is sponsoring this bus trip following the footsteps of John Brown. More information [here](http://www.mymcpl.org/events).

**OCTOBER 22** - If you missed seeing Lisa Louise Cooke at our conference, you can catch her next October at the Johnson County Genealogical Society's annual seminar in Overland Park. More information [here](http://www.mymcpl.org/events).

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