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Monthly Program Meetings
are held on the 4th Thursday
of the month at the Topeka
and Shawnee County Public
Library at 1515 SW 10th
Street.

TGS Library Hours:
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. &
Saturday 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CALL FIRST IN BAD
WEATHER – CHECK FOR
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

IN THE NEWS:
March 9, 2017

COMING UP AT TGS

Our monthly program meeting is this Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 pm
at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library.
Anne Hawkins, historian and teacher at Washburn University, will discuss little-known operatives
who risked their lives helping guide enslaved people to freedom on the Underground Railroad.
We hope to see everyone there!

February 23, 7:00 -- Monthly Program: The Underground Railway in Kansas, TSCPL
February 25, 9:00 -- Native American Genealogy Class, TGS Memorial Library - registration here
March 3, 10:00 -- Basic DNA for Novices, TGS Memorial Library
March 6, 9:30 -- Intermediate DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS Memorial Library
March 7, 9:30 -- Brick Wall Session, TGS Memorial Library
March 9, 9:30 -- Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS Memorial Library
March 9, 1:00 -- Family History Writers’ Group, TGS Memorial Library
March 9, 3:00 -- TGS Board Meeting, TGS Memorial Library
March 17, 10:00 -- Basic DNA for Novices, TGS Memorial Library
March 19, 2:00 -- PAF/Ancestral Quest Group, TGS Memorial Library
March 22-24 -- TGS Garage Sale
March 23, 7:00 -- Monthly Program: The Osage Indians and the Catholic Osage Mission, TSCPL
March 24, 12:00 - Beginner DIG, TGS Memorial Library
April 3, 9:30 -- Intermediate DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS Memorial Library
April 4, 9:30 -- Brick Wall Session, TGS Memorial Library
April 7-8 - TGS Annual Conference (Library closed on Saturday, April 8)
April 13, 9:30 -- Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS Memorial Library
April 13, 1:00 -- Family History Writers’ Group, TGS Memorial Library
April 13, 3:00 -- TGS Board Meeting, TGS Memorial Library
April 20, 12:00 - Beginner DIG, TGS Memorial Library
April 26, 7:00 - Introduction to Family History & Genealogy Class - register here
April 27 - No Program Meeting in April

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

The weather has turned my head, heart and body to spring. Did you do research this winter? I certainly was
distracted with mine. OK, here we go, so much is happening in the next 30 days.

Check out TGS web page at www.tgstopeka.org. Please explore and send hints for improvement or
compliments on our web page to me. Karen Robertson is our web master and is doing a great job. You have
many classes to choose and it will be hard to pick just one. I hope to see you at one soon. Our skill builder
classes on a Saturday each month have been well received. The Skill Builder on March 18 at 10 AM is Y-
DNA with Rich McReynolds. This skill builder will give you an overview of what Y is all about and what you
can do with it.
Renew or join today!

Click [here](#).

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.

Our Program meeting, Thursday night, February 23, promises to be an enlightening and historical learning experience for all of us.

Have you signed the petition to request the Genealogy Road Show to come to Topeka? It is really simple. First, type in [www.tscpl.org](http://www.tscpl.org) and then go to genealogy. At the bottom of the page, there is a link to sign up. Please consider doing this because it would be an awesome experience for all Topeka genealogists.

Volunteers are needed for these positions. Admin Committee Chair, Library Scheduler/Coordinator, and our special building committee. I promise these jobs will not overwhelm you. They can be tailored to your schedule and needs. Please, please consider volunteering. Contact me at [marty.flanagan@outlook.com](mailto:marty.flanagan@outlook.com).

If you have trouble logging on to the members’ only part of our web page, you must contact Nancy or email me and we will get you on. As we grow, we will use this part of our web page for many items. Remember we have two Facebook pages, one is public and the other is for members only. You must request membership to the members only as it is a closed group. In your search bar, type TGS members only and click on join. It may take a day or two for acceptance. Please go to our Public page and share on your Facebook page. This is free advertising for us. If you hit like, that lets Facebook know we have an active audience. Do this often in each month.

TGS is planning on a refresher skill builder on Facebook. Learn how to make this social media to work for your research and do it safely. Stay tuned for more information on this skill builder.

Marty Flanagan

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**OUR CONFERENCE IS GETTING CLOSER!**

Registrations are coming in at a fast pace for our annual conference April 7 & 8, so you are urged to register soon before the event fills. You can register online through Eventbrite at this [link](#) or you can download and mail in a registration form [here](#). More details and a schedule for the event can be found with the printable registration form.

Well-known genealogist Joshua Taylor will be the keynote speaker, with the theme of "Beyond Belief, the Wealth of Genealogy." His topics in the four sessions will be:

- New Tools and Ideas in Research
- Essential Technology for Genealogy
- Printed Legends and Missing Footnotes
- Putting It All Together

The conference will also include break-out sessions, vendors, and door prizes. Don't miss it!

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**DON'T MISS TOPEKA GIVES!**

Plan now to help leverage community funds for TGS at the Topeka Gives event June 6. All donations will be proportionally matched (last year by approximately 18%). Try this:

Put aside $20 for TGS each of the next 4 months. Donate June 6. Match will be added and donation to TGS will be nearly $100. Multiply times your TGS friends. Oh, what that could do!! The TGS Board is planning to use the money raised through Topeka Gives to purchase an overhead scanner - a photo of the model we are buying will be shared soon.

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**ADS COULD HOLD INFORMATION OF FORMER SLAVES**
In his online genealogy newsletter, Dick Eastman calls attention to a project by Villanova University and Mother Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia which will make classified ads like this one easily accessible. The goal of “Last Seen: Finding Family After Slavery” is to build an online database of these snapshots from history, which hold names of former slaves, owners, traders, plantation locations, and relatives gone missing. You can read more about it in this article from the Philadelphia Inquirer. The database itself can be found here.

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THESE EVENTS

The Midwest Genealogy Center’s Spring Seminar will be held Saturday, March 4th, 9:00am-4:00pm. The featured speaker will be Judy Russell, “The Legal Genealogist”

The seminar will be held at Adam’s Pointe Conference Center
1400 NE Coronado Dr.
Blue Springs, MO 64014

Lunch will be provided. Register now at Eventbrite.com!


Download registration information and flyer here.