COMING UP AT TGS

May 9, 9:30 AM - Computer Genealogy & Software SIG, topic- discuss/demo some of the “10 most useful genealogy mobile apps” rec. in the Mar/Apr Family Tree Magazine, at TGS
May 9, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting, at TGS
May 14, TUES, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG, topic- “Review new tools on My HeritageDNA & AncestryDNA”, at TGS
May 14, TUES, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG, topic- “Surprise!”, at TGS
May 18, 1:00 PM - (Class) “Cemetery Research Workshop”, class will begin at TGS & then move to the historic Topeka Cemetery for hands-on practice, register here
May 19, 2:00 PM - Computer Genealogy SIG, contact Eileen Davis at 785.235.5845 for more info.
May 23, 7:00 PM - (Monthly Program) “Why DNA? Is it Right for You?”, presented by Marty Flanagan, at TSCPL
May 27 - TGS LIBRARY CLOSED
June 8, 1:00 PM – (Workshop) “Creative Ways to Share Your Family History”, FREE but please still register here, at TGS
June 10, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG, topic- to be announced, at TGS
June 10, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG, topic- to be announced, at TGS
June 13, 9:30 AM - Computer Genealogy & Software SIG, topic- to be announced, at TGS
June 13, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting, at TGS
June 27, 7:00 PM - (Monthly Program) “Using the Kansas State Historical Society Library and Archives”, by Sara Keckeisen, at TSCPL

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

I want to thank all who attended our conference this year. TGS is very grateful for your continued support for our society and the many programs throughout the year.

So, what’s new at TGS? The BOD has decided to fix the leak on the roof rather than replace the flat roof at this time. The cost will be about $800. It does not solve the problem and we just kicked the can down a few more months. Your BOD is meeting with an outside facilitator to develop a leadership plan for TGS. We will share the results in May. Your BOD would like to know what your plans are for genealogy research. Are we meeting your needs? If not let us know how we can.

We are in need of volunteers. If you have a couple of hours every month to help TGS, please contact me at: tgstopeka.president@gmail.com

Our SIGS are free and open to the public. Why not invite a friend and have some fun? Remember no monthly program at TSCPL this month. Have you checked out our web page? The most up-to-date information is at your fingertips. Changes are coming to the Web page so keep checking. Are you using Facebook? You should be. I’m able to keep up with all the changes in the DNA community on my Facebook groups. Changes come every week, so if you are not subscribing to a blog and receiving emails or a member of a special group on Facebook you will not know all the changes that have occurred and you will fall behind. DIG will be reviewing the changes on Ancestry and if time allows, we will check out a couple of other DNA companies who have had changes too.

I’ve been busy working on lineage reports for a couple of new societies. I’m also working on the paper trail for a cousin with a line back to the Mayflower. I have another adoption I’m working on. What are you doing with your research? Do something different and get your enthusiasm back. Plan on coming to our Brick Wall. I guarantee a few hints to look under the proverbial rabbit hole. See you soon.

- Marty Flanagan, President

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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,
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.

Family Reunions are upon us!
Let us help you get your family tree in order.

Join us! click here

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

These are Board level positions requiring attending Board meetings once a month.
If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Marty Flanagan at tgstopetea.president@gmail.com or janiceashby3131@yahoo.com.

UPDATE FROM TGS's 47th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TGS experienced one of the best conferences ever at our recent meeting, April 5 - 6, at Kansas Historical Society. One hundred thirty-eight people attended the 1 1/2 day event featuring four outstanding breakout speakers on Friday in parallel to the Brick Wall Consultations, a first-ever offering for TGS. Our featured speaker Michael J. Hall from FamilySearch consulted with four TGS members who submitted their Brick Wall problems a couple months ago. It proved to be such a popular activity that we will be talking about some follow-up programming for following up on those documented problems.

On Saturday, Mr. Hall spoke on military records, land records and newspaper records for Kansas ancestors, as well as how to unravel the truth behind family stories. Finally, we heard about some new features on FamilySearch.org and a few tips and tricks for more effective searches. Friday night we enjoyed our first Meet 'n Mingle after the conference and were able to personally meet with our out-of-town guests.

Probably one of the highlights of the entire conference was the connection that was made among the participants. People discovered others with same surname ancestors, and reconnected with those they haven’t seen for many years. Sharing our research, stories and passion is what it’s all about!

Be sure to join us next year, April 2 - 4, 2020 at our new venue- Capitol Plaza Hotel and Maner Conference Center. Our featured speaker will be John P. Coletta, popular national speaker and genealogical expert. Many new features and activities are planned for two full days of conference activities plus optional evening gatherings. Keep watching for news as we kick into gear for 2020 planning in May.

- Jenny Coss, Conference Chairperson
TGS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
If you haven't renewed your membership please consider doing so right away. Your membership ended December 31, 2018. If you have already renewed….THANK YOU!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO JOIN!

You can visit the TGS website and download and print a paper copy, visit the library to pay your membership or you can renew online by logging in to your account and follow the guidance.

If you are having trouble logging in please contact me at: membership@tgstopeka.org
We have a great year planned and hope you will join us. Thank you for your membership in TGS!

-Nancy Appelhanz, Membership Chair