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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 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.

CALL FIRST IN BAD WEATHER – CHECK FOR HOLIDAYS & CLOSINGS

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NEWS & VIEWS

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COMING UP AT TGS

Thursday, March 28
Railroads: The Industry that Shaped Kansas (Monthly Program)
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
Presented by Leo E. Oliva, a Kansas Humanities Speakers’ Bureau presenter.
Kansas History and the railroads are intertwined. To understand the lives of early settlers, you must know the part played by railroads.
Program is free, and open to the Public. No registration required.

Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 6
2019 TGS Annual Conference
Fri- 12:00 to 4:30 pm; Sat- 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Kansas Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Street, Topeka
See our Annual Conference Page for more details. Download registration form below, or register online.

Apr. 6 - TGS LIBRARY CLOSED (due to TGS Annual Conf.)
Apr. 8, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG, topic- GedMatch/Genesis, at TGS
"[in-between DNA & Brick Wall] *eat lunch at the TSCPL’s Cafe or on your own
Apr. 8, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG, topic- (field trip) Practice our skills at TSCPL using FamilySearch films, at TSCPL- 2nd floor/Genealogy Rm; *bring laptops & your brick wall/genealogy problem
Apr. 11, 9:30 AM - Computer Genealogy & Software SIG, topic- to be announced, at TGS
Apr. 11, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting, at TGS
Apr. 20, 1:00 PM - (Class) “Using Newspapers in Genealogical Research”, at TGS register here

May 9, 9:30 AM - Computer Genealogy & Software SIG, topic-to be announced, at TGS
May 9, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting, at TGS
May 13, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG, topic-Review new tools on MyHeritageDNA & AncestryDNA, at TGS
May 13, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG, topic-Newspaper research, 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

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

This is going to be short and sweet. It has been a very busy weather system this winter and starting with the flooding with our neighbors to the north. Everyone knows what is north goes south. I hope spring rains do not caused additional flooding for the Midwest.

We are working on the roof trying to lock in the best use of TGS monies to fix the leaking
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.

roof. We will keep you posted but at this point the BOD has not make a decision.

I do hope you are planning on attending our conference. I guarantee if you do not attend you will regret hearing just how Family Search.org works to help us research our family from every country in the world. This data base is the largest genealogical records in the world and it is free. Are you using it in the best way?

DNA has been a happening event over the last month. Changes in every company has everyone how to use it to their best. I plan in April to go over a review of all the changes and how you can use these to your advantage. I will also be introducing how to solve the massive data you receive from DNA matches (this is your family) and how to write an analysis of proof. I’ve had a road block with my great grandmother’s parents. I think I may have broke or at least chipped away a piece of this puzzle.

It is time to come out and mingle with like-minded folks. The program at the Topeka Public Library on March 28 will be a good one. Check our web site at www.tgstopeka.org or visit us on Facebook at Topeka Genealogical Society. Please like us and share our information on your Facebook page. This helps up get the information out. We have a closed group for TGS members only where we share all information genealogical related. It is called TGS Members only. Just request a join and one of our administrators will approve. See you soon.

- Mary Flanagan, TGS 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, 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** - 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 tgstopeka.president@gmail.com or janiceashby3131@yahoo.com.

APRIL 5th & 6th - TGS’s 47th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference will take place on April 5 and 6th, at the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka. We will have breakout sessions on Friday afternoon, and a full day with our keynote speaker Michael J. Hall on Saturday. Mr. Hall has Kansas roots and is the Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer at FamilySearch, and we’re really looking forward to hearing his presentations! His presentation topics will be:

- Over the Flint Hills and Over the Plains: The Value of Military Records and Newspapers
- Inspiring Family Stories: Finding the Grain of Truth
- Ad Astra Per Aspera: Kansas Land Records
- A Little of This and a Little of That: Effectively Using FamilySearch.org
Do you have mysterious, unknown family members? Come join us and let us help you unlock this mystery.

Join us! click here

It's not too late to register (some Friday sessions are full, but you can register for any of the remaining open sessions; always room to attend on Saturday).

For more details about the conference schedule and breakout session selections, see the TGS website or the attached conference brochure/registration form. Register by mail using the downloadable form, or CLICK HERE to register online.

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!

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

WHAT’S NEW IN GENEALOGY & DNA – ROOTSTECH 2019

Have you heard about all of the “new” features that were announced at RootsTech 2019? You can educate yourself & learn about many genealogy research topics and new features by viewing 2019 RootsTech Sessions (videos on genealogy & DNA) for free: https://www.rootstech.org/category/2019-rootstech-sessions

There were three new features added to Ancestry.com & AncestryDNA:


There were two new features added to MyHeritage DNA:

1. AutoClusters - https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2019/02/28/new-myheritage-dna-tools/ a new genetic genealogy tool that groups together DNA Matches that likely descend from common ancestors in a compelling visual chart. This easy-to-use tool helps you explore your DNA Matches more efficiently in groups rather than as numerous individuals, and gain insights about branches in your family tree.
information from all the MyHeritage collections of historical records and family tree profiles, to offer theories on how DNA Matches might be related. So instead of having your tree matched only against a matches’ tree to see where the link might be, this system crawls through records and other trees to see if a link can be found.

THE “NEW” GEDMATCH.COM - GENESIS

If you are already on GedMatch.com or want to be, you need to find out about the “new version", called “Genesis”. If you previously uploaded your raw DNA data onto GedMatch.com, all of the DNA Kits have already been transferred to Genesis (you don’t need to do anything; you will still have the same Kit #). If you haven’t uploaded to GedMatch.com yet, or plan to upload – you can only upload to Genesis (you will have a random two letters & seven numbers for your Kit #).

For more information on Genesis, you can attend our upcoming TGS's DNA special interest group meeting on April 8th at 9:30 at TGS’s Library - the topic will be “GedMatch.com & Genesis”. You can also click on the following websites:
https://blog.kittycooper.com/ - March 19, Feb. 11, Dec. 20 blogs;
http://whoareyoumadeof.com/blog/2018/12/21/gedmatch-genesis-tutorial-for-beginners/;
https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2018/12/16/genesis-at-gedmatch/