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COMING UP AT TGS

Thursday, August 22
"Researching Your WWI Ancestors" (Monthly Program)
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library

Once you have found your ancestor’s draft card, where should you look next? This presentation about the history of the Great War will discuss both military personnel and civilian resources. Danni Altman-Newell from the Kansas City area is an expert in this field and will be presenting the program.

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

Sept. 2 - TGS Library CLOSED

Sept. 7, 9:00 AM - (Class/Workshop) "The DNA Companies to Answer Questions About Your Brick Walls", at TGS Lib, register HERE before Aug. 26th (also select your lunch option)

Sept. 9, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG Group, topic - "LivingDNA & MyHeritageDNA", at TGS Lib.
Sept. 9, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG Group, topic - "Review on How to Search/Research on Ancestry.com", at TGS Lib.

Sept. 12, 9:30 AM - Computer Genealogy & Software Interest SIG Group, topic - "Online Legacy/Remembrance Creation Websites such as Forever, Lasting Legacy & others", at TGS Lib.
Sept. 12, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting

Sept. 14, 1:00 PM - (Class/Workshop) "Using Probate Records in Genealogical Research", register HERE, at TGS Lib.

Sept. 15, 2:00 PM - Computer Genealogy SIG Group, contact Eileen Davis at 785-235-5845 for more info.

Sept. 26, 7:00 PM - (Monthly Program) "Breaking Down Brick Walls", at TSCPL

Oct. 6, 1:00 PM - (Class/Workshop) "Lineage Societies Workshop", register HERE, at TGS Lib.

Oct. 13, 1:00-4:00 PM - TGS Open House, at TGS Lib.

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

A big thank you to the Member Picnic committee. Everyone enjoyed learning about Germans from Russia and the wonderful history of St. Joseph. It is a wonderful landmark of our city. The food was excellent. We really have great cooks in our group. If you did not attend, I hope you will make it next year.
I’m giving my last DNA paid class on September 7 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. TGS is providing a box lunch. It is a working lunch. We will cover in depth Family Tree DNA and My Heritage DNA. I will demonstrate how to use Living DNA and whether it is right for you. There must be 5 in the class or it will be cancelled. Money paid for this class will be returned to the participant. The absolute deadline for this class is August 26, 2019 COB. If you mail in your registration to our PO BOX address, you MUST contact me via email to let me know. Our Corresponding Secretary only goes to the PO Box once a week. I need the information to determine box lunches to order and to prepare handouts. At this time, I have only one person enrolled. If you have any questions, please call me.

See you at TSCPL for our monthly program on August 22. One of our members is presenting WWI Ancestors.

I’m asked on occasion why test your DNA. I already know my tree. Here is my reason. Those 4th cousins or beyond who have tested may have missing information you want. This was brought home to me just this week. I had a new match who looks to be in her twenties, but I reached out because she was matching all my paternal matches. Her tree was not complete. I shared that she is a great DNA match and for her to look at my tree. Guess what, she has a picture of my third great grandparents. No one in our family had this photo. She received the picture from her great grandmother. Of course, I did a happy dance. I’m sharing this picture with you because I want to share my happiness.

- Marty Flanagan, President

TWILIGHT TALK AT HISTORIC TOPEKA CEMETERY - A SOCIAL & SKILLBUILDER EVENT FOR TGS MEMBERS!

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 6:30- 8:00 PM
Topeka Cemetery Office

If you haven’t heard Superintendent, Lisa Sandmeyer, speak about the “buried treasure” hidden in the Historic Topeka Cemetery, you are in for a lovely treat! Lisa will provide
instructions for using the 160 years of burial records located at the cemetery and offer search tips for using the website database and smartphone GPS grave locator. Her vast knowledge of interesting tidbits of Topeka history will bring the residents of the cemetery “to life.” The program will be held in the comfort of the cemetery office building which was the former home of the cemetery founder, Dr. Franklin Crane. The evening will include refreshments, social time, and an opportunity to enjoy a self-guided stroll on the grounds at sunset.

The office is most easily accessed off of SE 10th Street by turning south at the first gate into the cemetery, located immediately east of Lafayette Street. Please join us!

PICS FROM TGS’s ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING & PICNIC

TGS’s Annual Member Meeting & Picnic was held on Aug. 3rd at the Brookwood Covenant Church. There was a good crowd that attended and plenty of delicious food. We would like to thank Paul Metzenthin for giving us an interesting history timeline about “Little Russia”, the northeast Topeka neighborhood and its German history.

VOTING FOR TGS OFFICERS FOR 2020-2022

The slate of officers are: (President) Barbara LaClair, (Recording Sec.) Janice Ashby, and (Director at Large) Julie Bernhardt.

The election ballots for new officers starting in January 2020 have been sent out. If you did not receive one, and you are a member, I will have a few ballots at our meeting at the Topeka Public Library on August 22. Ballots can be mailed back to TGS, postmarked
no later than September 15. Please be sure to print your name in the space provided or it will not be counted. You can also bring it by the TGS library during normal working hours and put it in the ballot box there, or bring it to the Monthly Program on September 26 at the public library where votes will be counted and announced.

- Janice Ashby, Nominating Committee

NEW PUBLICATIONS RELEASE- KS PIONEERS VOLUMES II & III

We are very excited to announce the release of two new publications, Kansas Pioneers Volumes II and III. These books are a continuation of the popular Kansas Pioneers Volume I that TGS published in 1976. The new volumes include an additional 261 stories of early Kansas pioneers and settlers. In addition to genealogical information, the stories provide fascinating glimpses of life in early Kansas.

Copies of the books may be purchased for $34.95 each + tax. Online orders may be placed through our marketplace at Lulu.com http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/TGSTopeka, or copies may be purchased at the TGS Library (2717 SE Indiana) during operating hours.

ASK GEN-I

Q: Can you explain about the different kinds of charts people use to show their family tree? I’m confused by all the different names!

A: The most common chart, and probably the “standard” among family historians is the Pedigree Chart. The Pedigree Chart reads left to right, normally starting with you as the home person but it could be anyone. The Pedigree Chart shows each generation bloodlines and displays only direct-line ancestors. Pedigree charts do not show siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles or other extended relatives. An example of a pedigree chart here shows five generations and includes space for birth, marriage, and death dates and places. (chart below is from Family Tree Magazine)

Other variations on the Pedigree Chart include places to list adoptive or step relationships. Many will simply list the names of the parents and birth to death date range for each individual.

Use the Family Group Sheet to expand information about individuals and include spouses and children. Fill out a Family Group Sheet for each family group (a man,
woman and their children). If an individual had children from multiple marriages or partnerships, fill out a sheet for each marriage and list the children from that union.

All of the online genealogy computer programs and websites produce Pedigree Charts and allow the user flexibility to go back multiple generations “zooming” in to trace a specific bloodline. Pedigree charts from Ancestry, Family Search, MyHeritage as well as computer- resident programs such as Reunion and FamilyTreeMaker show the enhancements of portrait photos and color schemes with the option of linking expanded information.

The TGS website has a number of forms that can be downloaded including Pedigree Charts, Family Group Sheets and other helps. Look under the Research Tools & Tips.

Another good source for free downloadable charts is Family Tree Magazine. Also the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL) has paper charts available. National Genealogical Society (NGS) has both Pedigree and Family Group Sheets which can be downloaded to your computer and filled out on your computer, as opposed to printing the paper and filling them out by hand.

Other types of charts such as Descendant Charts, Fan Charts, Bow Tie Charts and Relationship Charts are all useful for specific purposes. There are too many to list here, but start with the Pedigree Chart and Family Group Sheet and go from there.

To submit your questions - contact Jenny Coss.

**ATTENTION ALL TGS VOLUNTEERS!**

We have implemented a new system, effective immediately, to record the many hours contributed by our wonderful volunteers, and we need your help.

We have tried to design a system that will be simple for everyone to use. There will be three ways to record your volunteer activity – just pick the one that works best for you:

1) Sign in and record your work hours on the register at the TGS Library desk when you come to the library to work,
2) Download and print an activity log from the volunteer page on our TGS website. Fill it in as you work throughout the month, and then turn it in to the TGS library by the end of each month, OR,
3) Use the link on our volunteer page to access the online volunteer activity tracking system and enter your time there. ([https://tinyurl.com/tgsvolunteers](https://tinyurl.com/tgsvolunteers))

Please record any time that you spend doing any type of work on behalf of TGS. Don’t
include times when you are attending classes, programs or SIGS as a participant unless you helped to develop the content or are presenting the program - we’ll ask you to sign in on a separate register for that.

We thank everyone in advance for supporting this effort, and look forward to being able to share with everyone the total contributions made by our amazing volunteers!

Thanks, Barb LaClair

AREA EVENTS

- Topeka Shawnee County Public Library - click HERE for their upcoming events/calendar for computer & genealogy classes
- Midwest Genealogy Center - click HERE for their upcoming genealogy classes/workshops
- Spring Seminar at Midwest Genealogy Center - March 28, 2020; 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; featuring George G. Morgan & Drew Smith

RENEW MEMBERSHIP & ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN TGS !!!

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership to TGS. If you haven’t renewed yet, or you’re not a TGS member yet, please do so. Please also encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to join - the more, the merrier!  click HERE to join or renew

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