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Library Hours

Tues & Thurs 10 am to 4 pm
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2 to 5 pm
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Upcoming Events

Basic Genealogy Class

This is a class (no computers) for people beginning genealogy research or needing a refresher on basics. There are five sessions including basic strategies and skills for researching your family tree.

All sessions are at the society's library at 2005 Claflin. The series meets October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 9 am to 11:30 am. (Saturdays) There is no fee and the

class is open to members and nonmembers. To enroll, call the library at 785-565-6495 or enroll at the library. Deadline is October 1.

For those interested in research on the Internet, there will be two sessions, November 7 and 14, same location and time.

For information about the class, contact: Le Juan Shrimplin lejuan@kansas.net 785-776-5904.

NARA Tour Oct. 6

The Kansas City NARA tour leaves from the RCGS parking lot 7 am Oct. 6. If you sign up to go, please check the list of films available and let Jan Wickman know which one you want them to have on hand.

The archives have records of Federal Court cases from Midwestern states, microfilms of Rev. War, Civil War, WW I, WW II, Indian conflicts and much more.

case you need computer access to data files on-line or on the internet.

So, if you are about ready for harvest, don't forget the RCGS Library has experienced personnel who will be glad to assist and provide guidance for your research.

President Jim Bradley

President's Letter

If I were to pick a theme for this message it would have to be harvest. Parts of harvest have come and gone while other parts are still here, and there are more coming! What I have seen or heard, the harvest has surprised numerous people—you know the ones that make predictions. I believe these people could find gloom in a summer sunrise. Enough said!

Have you "harvested" any relatives recently? Is your research going okay? If not, maybe a trip to the RCGS Research Library would be in order. There are research resources there that might allow you a harvest or explode a brick wall. There are great Librarians that are ready and willing to assist you and get you started. We staff the library with a Computer Assistant, or CA, in

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Sherry Butler is the New Riley County Genealogical Society Research Librarian

Since mid-2008, our faithful member and researcher Libby Wolffing has been unable to continue. We thank Libby for her valuable service.

Sherry Butler has assumed the Research Librarian duties and has so far answered 55 requests. We have also

received \$270.75 in contributions. After postage expenses were deducted, we realized \$218.30 in 2008

Genealogical research is a valuable member benefit. New out-of-town members receive one hour of research free. Due to the large amount of time in-

involved and the costs of printing and mailing, we charge a small fee for our research. We invite you to make use of this valuable service for researching your family tree.

'Fun Facts about Early Manhattan' Presented by Lowell Jack at RCGS Program in the Old Depot



Audience listens to Lowell Jack speak at old depot June 14



Wann Towers speaks with Lowell Jack at RCGS program

A Conversation with Dwight Platt...

Last week, at my 104-year-old aunt's funeral in North Newton, I had the privilege of sitting with Dr. Dwight Platt and his wife Lavonne. Here is an email I received from Dr. Platt:

Judy,

It was so good to get your email. Yes, Jeremiah Evarts Platt was my great great uncle. We were at the ceremony dedicating the Platt house but have not been back since. I would certainly like to get information about future programs. I will try to arrange for a visit the next time I come to Manhattan. I think my sister, Zona Galle, visited in the summer of 2007. Thanks for contacting me.

Dwight Platt

By Judy Regehr

Help Wanted

RCGS needs two new Board members:

Building and Grounds Coordinator

and

Library Coordinator

Join us in serving our members. Contact a RCGS Board member if interested. See phone numbers on page 4 of this newsletter.

35th Annual Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies Conference

Several RCGS members traveled to Wichita on June 20 for the 35th Annual KCGS Conference.

Megan Smolenyak-Smolenyak spoke on “Trace Your Roots with DNA” and related topics.

Two local members serve on the State Board for 2009-2010 — Janeice Crossan as President and Mabel Goehring as Treasurer.

Membership year is July 1 to June 30. Dues are \$15 per year. For further information on KCGS, see their website at:

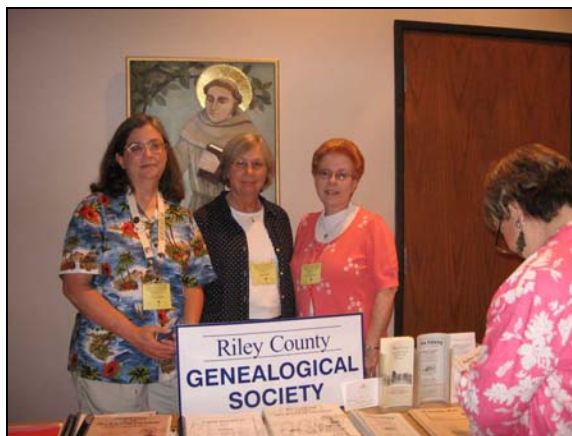
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Janeice Crossan, KCGS President



Mabel Goehring works at KCGS Registration



RCGS Materials Displayed at KCGS Conference
Carol Regehr, Judy Regehr, Nancy Williams

FIND A GRAVE

There is a website called:

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

This website can be useful for locating your ancestors’ graves.

You will probably want to start searching for a person by choosing:

Find Graves

- Search 36 million grave records

After choosing this option, check the following box if you are not sure of the exact format a name was entered:

Do partial name search on surname

Otherwise, the search

will only look for exact matches.

There may be an obituary and pictures of the grave or cemetery. This information can be valuable for tracing your family tree and finding others interested in your ancestor.

There are other searches you can do. You can also enter information. Experiment!

NOTE: Ignore the advertisement at the top of the page asking you to “Type In Your Name & Get Your Instant Family Tree!”

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Reminder RCGS Annual meeting:

The RCGS Annual meeting is Monday, November 9

Zeandale Community Church.

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