

# FYI

## For Your Information



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## Check out the new RCGS web site!

RCGS launched their new web site this month! The new look is found at the old web location:

<http://www.rileycgs.com>

Here are some things you can do there:

- Buy publications. We now have an

online bookstore. You may pay with a credit card.

- Join RCGS or renew your membership online.
- Order personalized genealogical research.
- Find current and

past copies of this newsletter.

- See a list of our current classes and events.
- Check the RCGS Master Calendar
- Many other services are available! Check us out!

## RCGS offers a variety of publications for sale

RCGS has publications of genealogical interest for sale. They are not available from any other source.

You can purchase the following types of publications from our Online Store or by filling out an order blank:

- Newspaper abstracts for Riley, Pottawatomie, and other counties
- Censuses from Riley, Pottawatomie, and other counties

- Various books for family history research
- Cemetery readings
- Kansas Kin issues

The Society is particularly pleased to offer local newspaper indexes. If you want to find out what a Manhattan relative of yours was doing in 1917, for example, you could consult Sy Ekart's alphabetical index to the items printed in the Manhattan Nationalist newspaper at that time.

This is much easier than tracking down the microfiche of that newspaper.

Take a look at our Online Store and browse our selections:

[http://www.rileycgs.com/store/store\\_sub.cfm?Category\\_ID=3](http://www.rileycgs.com/store/store_sub.cfm?Category_ID=3)

We offer several popular books of local interest — including histories of people buried in

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the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Flush, the St. Patrick's on the Elbo in Pottawatomie County, and books on pioneer settlers in the area.

Publications Distribution, Nancy Webb

Publications Chair, Judy Regehr

## Upcoming Events

**August 20 Round Table.** This group meets every third Friday at 10:00 am at Bluestem Bistro to share family research stories and tips. All are welcome. Contact Rebecca Rose at 537-8495 for further information.

**Beginning Genealogy Class.** Wednesday evenings, 7:00-9:30 pm

September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6 (5 sessions) RCGS Library. To register, call the library at 785.565.6495 or in person at the library.

**September 19** William Keel, *German Ancestry in Kansas*, 2:00 pm Meadowlark Retirement Center Meeting Room.

**October 17** Charlotte Shawver will present *Courthouse Records* at 2:00 pm at the Manhattan Public Library.

**November 8** Annual Meeting and Dinner. Program by Jim Sharp, *An American Soldier as Eyewitness to the Nuremberg Trials*, 6:30 pm, Zeandale Church.

## RCGS members attend Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies conference



The annual KCGS conference featured Maureen Taylor as speaker. Her first session was, "Identifying and Dating Family Photographs." Ms. Taylor gave basic tips for dating photographs by identifying clothing, back ground and furniture.

Sample questions to answer for identification:

- What do you know about the image
- Who was its previous

owner

- Are there stories associated with the photo
- Why was it taken
- When was it taken
- Who are the people in the photo, if you know

If you can't identify the picture, show the picture to relatives or post it on your website

Taylor concluded her sessions with scrapbooking of your photographs. Be creative. She explained how to use your family history to tell the story behind the pictures. She did note to verify your family research and of course "Cite your sources."

## RCGS has a busy summer....



Waiting for fried chicken



Ancestry.com Webinar at the library — always something to learn

## Sign up for a demonstration of genealogy software, Clooz and AniMap

What are these?

**Clooz** is called “the electronic filing cabinet for genealogical records.” This is a system to file and retrieve source documents. The program is a cost item. The website for this program is:

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

**AniMap** is a software program that will answer questions, such as

what county was a relative born in. Because county boundaries change, this software can be a big help. It also shows on a state map the location of towns, cemeteries, courthouses and more! The program is a cost item. The website for this program is:

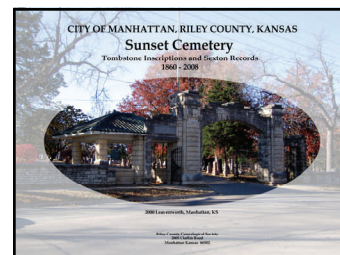
[www.goldbug.com/AniMap.html](http://www.goldbug.com/AniMap.html)

Make an appointment

for a demonstration!

Le Juan Shrimplin has used these two software programs for several years. She will be available to demonstrate either or both on a one-to-one basis. Appointments are available when the RCGS library is closed. For information or to make an appointment, please call 785.776.5904 or email:

[lejuan@kansas.net](mailto:lejuan@kansas.net)



Sunset Cemetery book available for purchase in the online bookstore.

## 2010 Beginning Genealogy Class

Don't know where to start? Are you ready for a refresher course? Enroll in the RCGS beginning genealogy class. Since the proper way to begin research is with yourself, the course will cover genealogy research from the present back to 1900. The course will consist of five sessions, no computers. In addition, there will be two Internet sessions.

The course will concentrate on analyzing documents:

- What useful information is in the

document?

- Using this information, what is next!

The five sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00-9:30 at the society's library September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6. Areas to be covered are Pedigree and Family Group Sheets, Vital Records, Census, Newspapers, and Cemeteries.

At this time, Le Juan has not decided what form the Internet sessions will take, as a class or individually. The sessions will cover free and fee sites.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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The cost to nonmembers is \$20. There is no cost to members. Nonmembers make checks out to RCGS. To register, call the library at 785.565.6495 or in person at the library. The library has limited space, so pre-enrollment is suggested.

Those enrolled by September 1, will receive the September 8 handout, by mail, before the class starts.

### From Library Coordinator, Wann Towers:

RCGS now has a **Master Calendar** in the Librarian's Notebook. To avoid conflicts, chairmen of committees and teachers should make note in the Master Calendar of meetings and classes scheduled outside regular library hours. We hope the library will see increased use this fall.

**Wanted** — Anyone interested in typing catalog cards?

They can be done on the computer and run through the printer one at a time. Time commitment is approximately six hours a month.

Call Wann  
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Sunday, September 19, 2:00 pm

***German Ancestry in Kansas***

at Meadowlark Hills Meeting Room

Join us there!

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