

# FYI

## For Your Information



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## Upcoming Activities at RCGS

- **March 19** 2:00 St. Patrick's Parade
- **March 20** What 's New at the Family History Center? —Ila Morrill
- **March 26** Clean-up day at RCGS. 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. All helpers welcomed!
- **April 17** Tracing African American Ancestry by Threlkeld Howard
- **May 15** Kansas Memories — Darla Stone
- **June 12** What 's at the National Archives Branch in KC? – Sherry Butler
- **June 18** KS Council of Genealogical Societies Conference
- **July 10** Copyright Laws – Richard Seaton
- **Sept 18** Welcome to the Melting Pot — Isaias J. McCaffery (KS Humanities Program Speaker)
- **Oct. 2** Family History Research Clues in the Cemetery- Cheryl Collins, Riley County Historical Society
- **Nov. 17** 18th Century Health and Medicine –Graham Rose

## June Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies conference in Manhattan

Ann Staley of Jacksonville, Florida, will be the featured speaker at the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies on June 18 at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz, in Manhattan. Ms. Staley will present four sessions:

1. Basic Genealogical Note-Keeping System

2. Organization: Computer Assisted
3. Claws or Clues — Scratching for the Elusive Ancestor!
4. What do I do with all this STUFF? Mission: Organization.

Ann Staley has been researching her family since 1980 from Alabama, Mississippi, and Virginia to France,

England, and Germany. Attached is a conference brochure with complete information and a registration form.



## Acquisitions focusing on Kansas counties

The Acquisitions committee has decided to add to our collection of books about the counties of Kansas. We did a survey and decided to concentrate on Anderson, Miami, Allen and Stafford Counties. We also added three books on Missouri Counties: Boone, Callaway, and Chariton.

In addition to the purchasing new books, we are going to attempt to put a folder in every county of Kansas with the Digital resources that are available on the computer.

The new books we purchased are now on the “new book” shelf. Stop in and look at them.

Have you sent in your annual RCGS membership form? You can also join or renew online by clicking: [https://secure.netstorekeeper.com/rileygs/join\\_rcgs.cfm?t=r](https://secure.netstorekeeper.com/rileygs/join_rcgs.cfm?t=r)

## Organizational meeting March 2

Are you interested in furthering your genealogy skills? What to do? Come to the organization meeting on March 2 at 7:00-8:30 pm at the Groesbeck Meeting Room in the Manhattan Public Library.

Who will be there? In addition to Jill Frese and Le Juan Shrimplin, any one interested, both members of the Riley County Genealogical Society, the classes of

2009 and 2010. Oh, by all means the public is welcome!

There are two items that will be addressed:

1. The organization of the “Organizing Research Documents” class. Organization is very important. If you can’t find your document .... (You finish this statement)
2. The evening roundtable. This is a gathering

of people interested in an opportunity to do the “show and tell” bit, to get ideas on breaking down brick walls, and find out where to look, various places to do research. These are just a few ideas of what can be addressed.

Please come! You don’t want to miss out! If you haven’t had the opportunity to meet Jill, you are in for an exciting evening.

## Where is the Special Hiding Place in the Platt House?

See answer at the end of this story.

We call them orphan stories:

- For instance a list of burials in a small cemetery in Pennsylvania may be found in a Washington State periodical.
- An 1895 tax list of your Ohio community may be found in an Arizona society publication.
- A very complete family history book researched and written by someone you never heard of — about your family name.
- The well known Portrait and Biographical History of many coun-

ties sometimes covers two or more counties.

The book can be put in only one place. Abstracts of births, deaths, marriages and obituaries in newspapers from Pottawatomie, Wabauensee, and Riley

counties can be put on the shelf in one county location. You may be missing valuable information. There is help in finding the answers to your research questions.

The RCGS Card Catalog. It can help you find hidden stories.



Audience members listen intently to Jim Sherow talk about the Oregon Trail Sunday, February 13. Nearly 50 people enjoyed this program.

## Meet new RCGS Board member Joe Ott



Joe Ott has joined the RCGS Board. He will handle Buildings and Grounds. Joe has scheduled a clean-up day at the Genealogy Library on March 26

from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We invite you to show your support for Joe by coming out to help for all or part of this time.

As Building and Grounds chair person, Joe is responsible for keeping the Platt House and grounds in working order. This includes the heating system, house repairs, etc. We are delighted to have Joe on the Board.



Walkers are welcome for the St. Pat's Parade Saturday, March 19, 2011. RCGS has a float this year. Parade starts at 2:00 pm. This is a short walk through Aggieville. We have matching green neck scarves for everyone. Just come on out that day and find our group on the park road. Questions? Call Patty Wadick 539-6009.

## Listen to RCGS on internet radio

Riley County Genealogical Society will begin broadcasting on Konza internet radio:

[www.konzaradio.org](http://www.konzaradio.org)

The 30-minute programs begin at 1:30 pm. The first broadcast is March 3 and again on March 17. The radio program will include various topics of interest to genealogists. Watch for more information.

You can get internet radio on your computer or your smart phone. Many broadcasts will be available as podcasts, which can be accessed at any time after the original broadcast.

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If you click the "Like" button on our page, you can get notification of our upcoming programs.

## Clay County sponsors trip to Fort Wayne Indiana Genealogy Center

You are invited to participate in a bus trip to the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This center houses over 370,000 printed volumes, 590,000 microfilms, military records, city directories, census records, passenger lists, and much more.

The trip is March 13 to 19. The cost is \$805 single occupancy or \$565 double occupancy. Deadline for reservations is February 13. To register:

[cmuseum@twinvalley.net](mailto:cmuseum@twinvalley.net)

Or call:

785-632-3786



Marcia Fox speaks on, "Genealogical Resources at the State Historical Society and Library" on January 23.

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We hope to see you

March 20 at Manhattan Public Library.

Ila Morrill speaks on

“What’s New at the Family History Center?”

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