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Welcome to Your KGS Newsletter

At the Second Saturday Family History Workshop held on 11 December 2010, Kentucky Genealogical Society (KGS) President Mike Peters appealed to the membership for volunteers. The call for people of various talents was broadcast. I, Paul Gregory, answered that call and agreed to help with the KGS Newsletter.

Having worked in publishing and being a member in various organizations I feel the major focus of the *KGS Newsletter* should be to inform our membership of recently occurring news and upcoming events. While *Bluegrass Roots* is our more academic or scholarly publication the KGS Newsletter will focus on keeping the membership in touch with current and future events.

I would like to keep the format not only easy to read, but also easy to produce. As time permits I will try and “dress up” the newsletter in the future. But my main focus is to be timely. We are striving for the newsletter to become 100% electronically delivered. However, at this point we still need to produce a newsletter that will accommodate postal mailing and dial-up electronic delivery, as well as via high speed internet connections.

One last point...as a member of KGS, this is YOUR newsletter. Help me make it what you want. Your input and feedback will make this a more informative news publication. Feel free to email me at: newsletter@kygs.org

Submitted by Paul Gregory

Message From The KGS Board

We sincerely apologize for the ongoing delay

in producing the final three 2010 issues of the KGS quarterly *Bluegrass Roots*; we are currently in the process of publishing a combined Summer/Fall/Winter edition of *Bluegrass Roots* for 2010. In light of this delay, all KGS members who had paid for the 2010 membership year will have their membership term automatically extended by an additional year to December 31, 2011, at no cost. All 2010 members who have pre-paid their dues beyond the 2010 year will also have their membership term extended by an additional year at no cost. All 2010 KGS members should check the mailing label when their Summer/Fall/Winter 2010 issue of *Bluegrass Roots* arrives to verify that their membership expiration date reflects this extension.

Message From *Bluegrass Roots*

Hello fellow genealogists! I'm Johnna Waldon, the new co-editor of *Bluegrass Roots* (BGR). I should be sending out the first 2011 edition of BGR sometime in early April. Brian Harney is putting the finishing touches on a combined Summer/Fall/Winter 2010 Edition. I, along with Lori Poole, co-editor, are looking for a few more volunteers to help with editing the publication. If you are interested, please contact me either at the address below or at Second Saturday Workshops. As the new editors of *Bluegrass Roots*, Lori and I would like to take a moment to ask for your help. We want to know what you want published. We want to provide something that you can use, not just what we think you want. Please send us your suggestions – or even better send us material to be published.

Some of the things we are looking for are articles, lists relevant to Kentucky, research hints, things to include in the calendar, reviews of libraries, repositories, and genealogical societies. Send us what you have. Please remember we do not pay for submissions. Johnna Waldon email address: bluegrassroots@kygs.org

Elizabeth Shown Mills to Speak at 2011 KGS Seminar

The Kentucky Genealogical Society is pleased to announce the guest speaker for the 2011 Annual Seminar is the renowned genealogist and lecturer Elizabeth Shown Mills. The author of twelve books, Ms. Mills may best be known for essential titles *Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian* (Baltimore: GPC, 1997) and *Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors Lecturers, and Librarians* (Baltimore: PGC, 2001). Seminar attendees are certain to gain a higher knowledge of research as Ms. Mills has served on the faculty of Samford University Library's Institute since 1979, where she developed the groundbreaking Advanced Methodology Course.

The August meeting of the Society is traditionally held the first Saturday in August. At this meeting the KGS Annual Seminar is held and attracts a larger crowd than the Society's regular monthly Second Saturday workshops. The seminar is designed to attract well informed speakers to lecture on topics related to the field of genealogy, and which will assist the genealogist, professional and amateur, to become better researchers.

The seminar is planned for Saturday, 6 August 2011. Please note this is a first Saturday and not a second Saturday. The event will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 405 Wilkinson Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. A block of rooms is being held at a KGS rate of \$84 per night. More details will follow. Interested vendors can contact Doyle Mills at wd4hxe@gmail.com.

KGS/KHS Family History Workshops

Family History Workshops are held the second Saturday of each month at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, 100 West Broadway in Frankfort, KY. Each month, the workshop format will be:

10:30 am to 11:30 am—KGS Program

11:30 am to 12:30 pm—optional box lunch

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm—KHS Program

1:45 pm to 3:00 pm—optional KTIG Program

The workshops are free, but registration by noon of the preceding Friday is required. An optional box lunch may be reserved, if requested at the time of registration, for \$6 (payable at the door). To register, call the KHS Library reference desk at 502-564-1792, ext. 4460, or email refdesk@ky.gov.

Second Saturday – 12 February 2011

10:30 am - "Migration Patterns into Kentucky"

Don Rightmyer, editor of *Kentucky Ancestors*, will discuss the routes people took moving into Kentucky during the early settlement period, and the role migration played in the Commonwealth's early history.

12:30 pm - "Seduction, Deception & Enticement: Historical Déjà vu – The 'Old Court/New Court' Controversy in Kentucky"

Nearly 200 years ago, a financial crisis in Kentucky threatened to launch the state's own civil war, and the issues behind this controversy explain why many citizens of the time suffered significant reversals of fortune, moved away, and perhaps disappeared from the historical record. If terms such as "sound banking," "fiscal reorganization and stabilization," "tight credit" and "debt relief" sound familiar in 21st Century America, come join Lynne Hollingsworth of the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation as she describes how this crisis affected Kentuckians then and the lasting reverberations it continues to cause today.

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm – Kentucky Technology In Genealogy

The February program for Kentucky Technology In Genealogy (KTIG) will be a presentation of the popular Legacy™ software. KGS President Mike Peters will be the presenter and lead the discussion.

Second Saturday – 12 March 2011

10:30 am to 1:30 pm - "Genealogy 101 and 102"

Join instructor Deborah Lord Campisano as she offers guidance on beginning your family history research, determining a research objective and preparing a research strategy

for solving your family history mysteries. The morning session will cover the basics of getting started, while the afternoon program will describe effective research techniques and resources. Case-study examples will provide guidance on how to be most effective in using a variety of records.

Even if you think you might be past this level, why not plan on bringing a novice genealogist to lunch. Introduce them to genealogy on the state level with a topic that they will find useful.

Don't miss the KGS/KHS March Second Saturday workshop! A drawing will be held for members of the Kentucky Genealogical Society (you must have your KGS membership card which you will receive in the new edition of *Bluegrass Roots*). The winner will receive a free 3 month Ancestry.com membership.

Future Workshop Topics for 2011

April 9: Cemetery Preservation and Documentation

May 14: "How to Care For and Protect Documents and Manuscripts" and "How to Care For and Protect Artifacts"

June 11: "How to Document Eligibility for Lineage Societies" and "One-to-One Breakouts with Representatives of Lineage Societies"

July 9: "Overcoming Genealogical Brick Walls: A Panel Discussion" and "Answers to Your Brick Wall Questions" (**Submit your questions by April 1st. Please direct your questions to kygs@aol.com, which should be 200 words or less, and should briefly describe what research has already been done.**)

African American Genealogy Group of Kentucky - AAGGKY

Please join the recently formed AAGG for its second meeting at the Scott County Public Library on 19 February 2011 at 2:00pm. Shirl Marks will be presenting on Stonetown Haven, a restoration project that she and her family have been working on for many years. A planning meeting will follow the presentation. Please e-mail for more information and meeting times: aaggky@gmail.com

Northern Kentucky History Day

The College of Arts & Science of Northern Kentucky University will be hosting their 18th

Annual History Day Saturday 19 March 2011. The theme will be "German-Americans in the Civil War from Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky." Don Heinrich Tolzmann, President of the German-American Citizens League and Curator of the German Heritage Museum, will present two workshops on the topic. For additional information review their website:

<http://www.nku.edu/~hisgeo/projects/historyday/hdschedule.php>

Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference

The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) will be hosting their 50th Annual Conference 31 March to 2 April 2011 at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio. Titled *Genealogy Through The Centuries* the conference will be opened by keynote speaker David E. Rencher from FamilySearch. Over 60 sessions will be presented in the three-day conference. For additional information review their website:

www.OGS.org

National Genealogical Society Family Conference

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) Family Conference will be held in Charleston, South Carolina on 11 - 14 May 2011. The theme for 2011 will be "Where the Past is Still Present." The South Carolina Genealogical Society will be the local host society. The conference will be held in the Charleston Area Convention Center and is only 20 minutes away from Charleston's historic district. For additional information review their website: www.NGSgenealogy.org

Cumberland Gap Genealogy Jamboree

By the time Kentucky was admitted to the Union more than 100,000 people had used the Wilderness Trail to gain access to the Bluegrass country. The Cumberland Gap Genealogy Jamboree (CGGJ) will be held at the Cumberland Gap National Park in Tennessee on 9 - 12 June 2011. A roster of ten speakers is assembled and lectures will be in the Theater of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park Visitor's Center. For more information contact Mark Treadway (sparky@netmichigan.net) or visit their website: www.wil-syl.com/jamboree3/

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois on 7 - 10 September 2011. This year's conference "Pathways to the Heartland" offers an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in researching their family history. The event will take place at the Prairie Capital Convention Center. For additional information visit their website: www.FGS.org

Louisville Genealogical Society (LGS) Family History Seminar & Book Fair

After a hugely successful 2010 Seminar featuring Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak the LGS announces their 2011 Seminar. The headline speaker will be John T. Humphrey, CG, who is recognized nationally and internationally for his contributions to German genealogy. This year's seminar will take place 15 October 2011. For additional information visit their website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kylgs/seminar2.html

Getting To Know Our Members

In this part of the *KGS Newsletter* we want to take time to introduce a KGS member. These short bios can be on anyone in the KGS membership. This is simply a way of helping us build connections between each other in the society. This month's feature member is Russell Wright.

Russell Wright is a native of Franklin County and a ninth-generation Kentuckian. He has been attending Second Saturday workshops since January of 2007. Russell is presently a Director at Large of the Kentucky Genealogical Society and is chairman of the Finance Committee.

Russell is retired from Kentucky State Government having spent over thirty-five years with the state Transportation Cabinet. He retired as an Audit Manager. He earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Kentucky State University. He is now self-employed as a tax practitioner.

Russell has many family lines in central Kentucky dating back several years before Kentucky achieved statehood. He also has lineage that extends to the northeastern part of the Commonwealth. His love of Kentucky History has led him to genealogical research

as well as service as a volunteer docent at the Old Kentucky State Capitol in Frankfort. He participates in talking books (books for those who are blind or partially blind) as a reader for the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives. In addition to these activities Russell is presently Vice-President of the Friends of the Paul Sawyier Public Library.

Russell and his wife Jan have two adult sons. He attends and is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Frankfort.

KGS Membership Cards

Please watch for your next edition of *Bluegrass Roots*, which will have your 2011 KGS Membership Cards on the back cover. You will need to have this card with you whenever proof of your membership is needed, for example for admissions, discounts and raffle drawings.

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