



Registration

2022 Heartland Family History Conference

Hosted by the Topeka (Kansas) Genealogical Society



Friday - Saturday, May 13-14, 2022
Topeka, Kansas

The Topeka Genealogical Society is very excited to be returning to an in-person conference for 2022!

Featured Speaker: Denise Levenick, "The Family Curator"

In every family, someone ends up with "the stuff." Denise was a family historian and schoolteacher, not an archivist, when she inherited her grandmother's trunk filled with old photos, papers, and memorabilia. She couldn't find a guidebook for preserving family keepsakes, so she adapted professional archival techniques for the family situation and created "The Family Curator" to share what she has learned about scanning, organizing, and preserving family treasures. This process has grown into two published books – step-by-step guides for managing and caring for family keepsakes, and a new career in writing and lecturing at genealogical events.

Denise currently lives in an old house in Pasadena, California with a growing archive of family keepsakes. She has roots in Kansas, Illinois, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Germany and loves researching in old courthouses and town halls.



Denise may be presenting virtually, with time for live Q&A following each of her presentations.

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

Maner Conference Center & Hotel Topeka at City Center
1717 SW Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

FRIDAY SCHEDULE, May 13, 2022

Breakout Sessions and Workshops

8:00 - 9:00am	Registration, Mingling, Exhibit Hall open Visit Exhibitors
9:00 - 9:30am	Welcome & Announcements
9:30 - 10:30am	BREAKOUT SESSION 1 - Choose one 1) Raising Genealogists: Teaching Children About Ancestry (McAllister) - <i>Shawnee</i> 2) Using eBay, Etsy & CardCow to Break Down Genealogical Brick Walls (Dudek) - <i>River</i> 3) Photograph Colorization and Enhancement for the Genealogist (Clark) - <i>Bison</i> 4) I Have a Civil War Ancestor.... Now What? (Rhinehart) - <i>Homestead</i> 5) Disaster Proofing Your Research - Workshop, Part 1 (Cochran) - <i>Wheat</i>
10:30 - 11:00am	Break, Browse Exhibitors
11:00 - 12:00 noon	BREAKOUT SESSION 2 - Choose one 1) Planning a Genealogical Jaunt to See the Family Sites (Brinsko) - <i>Shawnee</i> 2) Follow the Records and See Where They Go! (Townsend) - <i>River</i> 3) Discover Your Native American Ancestors through Indian Censuses (Egbert) - <i>Bison</i> 4) Using Y-DNA and Big Y to Advance Your Research (York) - <i>Homestead</i> 5) Disaster Proofing Your Research – Workshop, continued (Cochran) - <i>Wheat</i>
12:00 - 1:30pm	Networking Luncheon, Exhibit Hall open
1:30 - 2:30pm	BREAKOUT SESSION 3 - Choose one 1) I Love to Tell the Story: Preserving Your Family History (Brinsko) - <i>Shawnee</i> 2) Homesteading Records Discovery Utilizing Land Records for Family History (Fairchild) - <i>River</i> 3) Overlooked Local Genealogy Resources (Fenwick) - <i>Bison</i> 4) Manage Your Digital Files (Langel) - <i>Homestead</i> 5) Preserving Your Past in Heritage Albums – Workshop, Part 1 (McAllister) - <i>Wheat</i>
2:30 - 3:00pm	Break, Browse Exhibitors
3:00 - 4:00pm	BREAKOUT SESSION 4 - Choose one 1) Grandma Said What? Gathering and Verifying Your Family's Oral History (Cochran) - <i>Shawnee</i> 2) Mixers and Shakers – Tracing Bartending, Saloonkeeping and Tavernkeeping Ancestors (Dudek) - <i>River</i> 3) A Genealogist's Guide to Sanborn Maps (Spencer) - <i>Bison</i> 4) Save Your Research from the Dumpster When You're Gone (Langel) - <i>Homestead</i> 5) Preserving Your Past in Heritage Albums – Workshop, continued (McAllister) - <i>Wheat</i>
4:00 - 4:15pm	Short Break
4:15 - 5:15pm	BREAKOUT SESSION 5 - Choose one 1) Applying Investigative Skills from the Financial Crime World to Genealogy (Townsend) - <i>Shawnee</i> 2) Records of People of Color (Felder) - <i>River</i> 3) Cowboy Up: The Life of a Real Cowboy (York) - <i>Bison</i> 4) Brick Wall Busters (Swett) - <i>Homestead</i> 5) Gravestone Cleaning and Preservation (Clark) - <i>Wheat</i>
5:30 - 6:30pm	Informal 'Mix and Mingle' gathering, in the Hotel Atrium and Bar area

Note: Except for workshops, which require pre-registration, admission to all breakout sessions will be on a first-come, first-seated basis. Doors to sessions will be closed when meeting rooms fill to capacity. Plan to arrive early for sessions you especially want to hear.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Enjoy the convenience and networking opportunities of staying on-site at the Conference Hotel! A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a special Conference Rate at the Hotel Topeka at City Center, which adjoins the Maner Conference Center. Rooms rates will be \$95/night for single or double, \$105/night for triple, and \$115/night for quad rates (plus applicable taxes). To reserve rooms, call the hotel at (785) 431-7200 and ask for group code **"FAM22"** to obtain the special rates. To make a reservation online, go to

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/13576?groupID=3364800#/guestsandrooms> .

SATURDAY SCHEDULE, May 14, 2022

Featured Speaker- Denise Levenick, the Family Curator

(Denise may be presenting virtually, with time for live Q&A at the end of each session)

(All sessions will take place in the Shawnee Room)

8:00 - 9:00am	Registration, Mingling, Exhibit Hall open Visit Exhibitors
9:00 - 9:30am	Welcome and Announcements
9:30 - 10:30am	<i>Preserving the Past: Archiving and Digitizing Your Family Keepsakes</i>
10:30 - 11:00am	Break, Browse Exhibitors
11:00 - 12:00noon	<i>Archival Storage Strategies and Solutions</i>
12:00 - 1:30pm	Networking Luncheon – Exhibit Hall Open
1:30 - 2:30pm	<i>Hot DAM! Digital Asset Management for Genealogists</i>
2:30 - 3:00pm	Break, Browse Exhibitors
3:00 - 3:15pm	Announce Door Prize and Raffle Winners
3:15 - 4:15pm	<i>Family History Projects for the Digital Age</i>

For more detail on speakers and presentation descriptions, please see our conference website, <https://heartlandfhc.org>

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN TOPEKA OR NEARBY

The Topeka Genealogical Society Memorial Library, 2717 SE Indiana Ave. Special Conference hours: open Wednesday May 11, 1 - 4pm; Thursday May 12, 10am - 5pm. Closed on Friday and Saturday during the Conference. More than 11,000 books and 700 periodical titles representing all states. 785-233-5762, www.tgstopeka.org. Library catalog online.

The Kansas Historical Society Center for Historical Research/ State Archives, 6425 SW 6th Street. Hours Open by appointment: 9am - 12pm or 1 - 4pm Wed-Fri; Last Saturday of the Month 9am - noon. Resources include state and local Kansas government records, newspaper collection, state censuses, county histories and biographies, historic photographs and maps. 785-272-8681, ext. 117, www.kshs.org

Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Street. Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-9 pm, Saturday 9 am-6 pm, and Sunday 12 noon - 9 pm. Genealogy and local history collection, located in Topeka Room on 2nd floor. 785-580-4400, www.tscpl.org

Museum of the Kansas National Guard –The museum has a wide variety of print, document and multimedia sources for doing research on the Kansas National Guard, including unit rosters, soldier records, photographs, movies and personal accounts. 1255 SE Airport Drive. Open Mon-Sat, 10am - 4pm. 785-862-1020. <http://www.kansasguardmuseum.org/>

Midwest Genealogy Center - One of the top 10 Genealogy Research Centers in the U.S! 3440 S Lee's Summit Rd, Independence, MO. Open Mon-Sat 10am - 8pm, Sun 1 - 8pm. 816-252-7228. <https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>

Things to Do While in Topeka – Stay and Play!

Places of Historic Interest

Kansas State Capitol – 8th Avenue between Harrison & Van Buren Streets. Open 8am - 5pm M-F, 10am - 4pm Sat. <https://www.kshs.org/p/kansas-state-capitol-plan-your-visit/18649>

Kansas Museum of History – 6425 SW 6th Street. Open 9am - 5pm Tues-Sat, 1pm - 5pm Sun. <https://www.kshs.org/p/plan-your-visit/15465>

Historic John & Mary Ritchie House- 1116 SE Madison St. (Early territorial Kansas settlers, abolitionist, house was a station on the Underground Railroad and is considered to be Topeka's oldest home) Tours Tue, Wed, Thur 9am - 1pm. 785-234-6097 <https://historicritchiehouse.wixsite.com/historicritchiehouse>

Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education, National Historic Site – 1515 SE Monroe St. Open 9am - 5pm Tues-Sat. 785 354-4273 <https://www.nps.gov/brvb/index.htm>

Old Prairie Town and Botanical Gardens at Ward-Meade Park - A 5.5-acre open-air museum, park and historic site. 124 NW Fillmore St. Open 8am - Dusk; closed Mondays. 785-251-2989 <http://parks.snco.us/Facilities/Facility/Details/28>

Great Overland Station – A beautifully restored historic Train Depot, now a Railroad Heritage Museum. 701 N. Kansas Ave. Open Tue-Sat 10am-4pm.

Combat Air Museum – View displays of historic combat aircraft and artifacts. 1255 SE Airport Drive. Open Mon-Sat 9am – 4:30pm, Sun Noon - 4:30pm. 785-862-3303 <http://www.combatairmuseum.org/>

Other Area Attractions

NOTO Arts & Entertainment District - Arts, antiques, restaurants & bars. Historic District occupies several city blocks on Kansas Avenue, north of the Kansas River. <https://explorenoto.org/>

Evel Knievel Museum – 2047 SW Topeka Blvd. Open 10am - 5pm Tu-Fri, 9am - 5pm Sat, Noon - 5pm Sun. 785-215-6205 <http://evelknievelmuseum.com/>

Ted Ensley Gardens, Lake Shawnee– A 37.5 acre botanical garden, located on the west side of Lake Shawnee. Beautiful and tranquil setting with meandering paths and seating areas. Arboretum features 120 varieties of trees. Tulips in spring, blossom timing dependent upon weather.

Tulip Time Festival - Usually in April, peak dates vary dependent upon weather conditions. Enjoy a colorful display of thousands of tulips in bloom at the Ted Ensley Gardens at Lake Shawnee and at Old Prairie Town and Ward-Meade Park.

2022 HEARTLAND FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

A **separate form is needed for each conference registrant**; feel free to make additional copies of this page.

All conference registrations include lunches on the day(s) of conference registration, choice of 23 breakout sessions and 2 workshops, free admission to exhibitor area, and access to a downloadable digital syllabus (includes all speaker handouts). Printed copies of the conference syllabus may be pre-purchased for an additional fee (advance orders only).

NOTE: Conference Registration fees are non-refundable unless the Conference must be cancelled by the Topeka Genealogical Society due to Covid. In that case, all registration fees will be refunded, minus a \$5 processing fee.

<i>One person per registration form, please</i>	REGISTRATION PAYMENT	Amount
Name _____ (as you want it to appear on your badge)	Full Conference – Both Days TGS Member = \$100 Non-member = \$120	
Address _____	Friday Only TGS Member = \$60 Non-member = \$70	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Saturday Only TGS Member = \$60 Non-member = \$70	
Phone (_____) _____	If postmarked after April 1, 2022 - Add \$20	
E-Mail _____	Printed Syllabus = \$25.00 (Optional – must be ordered by April 15, 2022)	
Not a member? Join today and register for the Conference at member rates. Name(s) of joining member(s)	TGS Membership ____ Individual membership = \$30 ____ Joint membership = \$40 (2 individuals at same address) ____ Student membership = \$10 (25 years or younger)	
1. _____ 2. _____		
Contribute to the Conference Scholarship Fund (optional). Funds will be used to assist individuals who would like to attend, but are unable to pay the registration costs.	Scholarship Donation Amount (optional)	
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	
WORKSHOP PRE-REGISTRATION – no additional fee, but must pre-register. Space is limited. (Each workshop will take the place of 2 breakout session timeslots) Check the workshop(s) that you want to register for: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> _____ Disaster Proofing Your Research _____ Preserving Your Past in Heritage Albums </div>		
DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? Please note here: <div style="height: 40px;"></div>		
Advance registration closes on May 1, 2022. All mailed registrations must be received by that date. If space permits, walk-in registrations will be accepted at the event. Mail printed registration form and payment to: <div style="text-align: center;"> Heartland Family History Conference c/o Topeka Genealogical Society PO Box 4048 Topeka, KS 66604-4048 </div>		



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