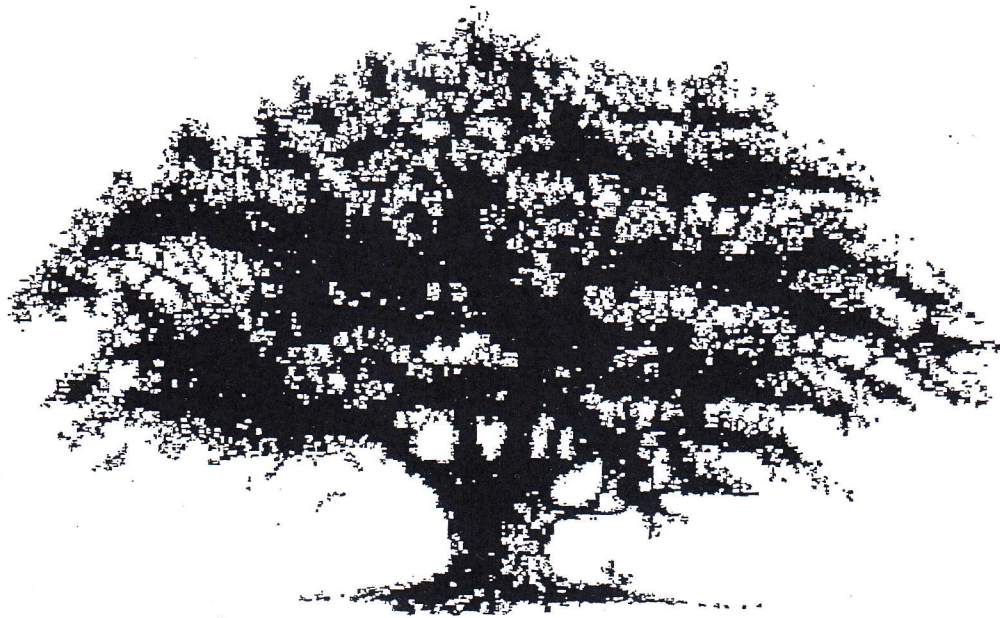


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President's Message

Happy, Happy Spring!

I think I can speak for all of us when I say that I'm happy that Winter is over! Of course, Spring brings with it lawns and flowerbeds to clean, leaves to rake, and flowers to plant. Let's hope that we can squeeze in a few minutes a day for our favorite hobby.....genealogy!

I want to thank all of the members for paying their dues! Each year, we lose a few members due to folks moving, dying, or just generally losing interest. Our members keep our society afloat. SVGS has been an organized group for 48 years! It's only due to the generosity of our members in donating their time to work in the library, donating books or periodicals, and even donating money that we can keep our doors open! Thank You!!!!

I wish that I had good news to tell you about our SVGS website. It's been almost 6 months since Ancestry.com took all of the Rootsweb websites down. I send Ancestry an email every month asking when they will bring back our (and many other societies across the US) website. So far, I have no definitive answer. Putting up a new website would entail lots of work for someone familiar with how websites are built and big bucks to pay for software and then fees to host the website. So, Ancestry.com has the upper hand and continues to hold many genealogy websites "hostage" until they decide when or if to bring them back online. I wish I had better news.

We only have two more monthly meetings before we take our "summer vacation." At the April meeting, we will watch one of the new Rootstech webinars about finding your Irish ancestors in the Catholic church records. Our May meeting will bring us a program on researching World War II military records at the Eisenhower Library in Abilene.

Again, Thank You for your support!

Mary Jane McIntire,
Pres. SVGS

Some Salina Land Abstracts

Below, you will find an example of the wonderful database created by Linda Taylor and Kathy McCullough. These two women spent hours and hours going thru the hundreds of land abstract files that are part of the SVGS collection. The land abstract files came from the old C.W. Lynn Abstract Company. The process to get to the point where we have a searchable index has taken years! First, the files had to be sorted into the various city additions, then each file had to be looked at to find the correct legal description. Finally, Linda and Kathy (with the help of our local Register of Deeds Office) matched the legal description with the current street address. This was no easy task!

We do not have the land abstract for each city property. We only have the ones that were done by the C.W. Lynn Abstract Company. The first column is the "Addition." The second column is the "Street Address." The third column is the "legal description." This is a valuable resource for those with Salina ancestors! We hope to put the index online when we are able.

Below is an example of the index:

Atherton-Phillips	611 N 13th	E50', Lot 2
Atherton-Phillips	632 E Ash	W25' Lot 2, E 25' Lot 4
Atherton-Phillips	630 E Ash	W50' Lot 4
Atherton-Phillips	622 E Ash	W25' Lot 6, E 25' Lot 8
Bailey Heights	1413 Roach St.	Block 1, Lot 1
Bailey Heights	825 E Kirwin Ave	Block 1, Lot 6
Bachtold	880 S 9th	Lot 23, Block 9
Beebe	501 S 9th	Block 6, W 100' Lot 3
Beebe	502 S 8th	Block 6, Pt Lot 4
Beebe	511 S 9th	S 33 1/2' of W 75', Lot 6, Block 6
Beebe	453 S 9th	Block 6, E 130' Lot 7 & 8
Beebe	519 S 9th	Block 6, Pt Lot 8
Beebe	526 S 8th	Block 6, E 108' Lot 10
Beebe	530 S 8th	Block 6, E 115' Lot 11
Beebe	531 S 9th	Block 6, W 100' Lot 12
Beebe	533 S 9th	Block 6, Pt Lot 13
Replat of Beebe's 2nd	117 E. Prescott	Block 1, Lot 16
Replat of Beebe's 2nd	542 S. 7th	Block 2, Pt Lot 2
Replat of Beebe's 2nd	601 S. 2nd	Block 3, Pts Lots 1 & 2
Replat of Beebe's 2nd	455 S. 5th St.	Block 3, S 50' Lot 2
Replat of Beebe's 2nd	315 Center St.	Block 3, Lot 7
Bel Air	160 Bel Air Dr.	Lot 6
Belmont	2150 Wesley	Blk 4, S1' Lot 10, All Lot 11
Belmont	2131 Quincy	Block 4, Lot 25
Belmont	2277 Roach St.	Block 12, Pt Lot 18
Belmont	2306 Mayfair Dr.	Block 21, Pt Lot 1
Beverly Manor	1400 S. 10th	Lot 1, Blk 1, Blks 1, 2 & 3
Beverly Manor	1414 S. 10th	Block 1, Lot 5
Beverly Manor	500 W. Kirwin	Block 1, Lot 6
Beverly Manor	1512 Pershing	Blocks 4 & 5, Pt Lots 3,4,5 Block 5
Beverly Manor	1508 Pershing	Block 5, Pts Lots 3 & 4
Beverly Manor 1-2-3	1413 S. 11th St.	Block 1, lot 9
Beverly Manor 1-2-3	1421 Pershing St.	Block 2, lot 7
Beverly Manor 1-2-3	1417 Pershing St.	Lot 8, Block 2, Block 1, 2, 3
Beverly Manor 1-2-3	1409 Pershing St.	Block 2, Lot 10
Beverly Manor 1-2-3	1412 S. 11th St.	Block 2, Lot 4
Beverly Manor 1-2-3	1408 Pershing St.	Block 3, Lot 3

PROPER NAMES

Nothing, not even a person's name, escaped the ambitious abbreviators. When you look at many of the following abbreviations, you'll probably wonder why the writer just didn't go ahead and spell the word completely. I've often asked that question myself, but the only reasonable answer I can get is that "it was the style of the times."

Aaron—Aarⁿ
 Abraham—Abra^m
 Andrew—Andr^w, And^w
 Arthur—Art^r, Arth^r
 Barbara—Barba^a
 Benjamin—Benj^a, Benjⁿ, Benj:
 Charles—Cha^s, Char^s
 Christopher—X^r, Xopher, Xofer
 Daniel—Dan^l
 David—Dav^d
 Ebenezer—Eben^r
 Franklin—Franklⁿ, Frankⁿ, Frank:
 Frederick—Fredck, Fredr^k
 George—Geo[;], G^o
 Gilbert—Gilbt, Gilrt
 Hannah—Hañah
 James—Ja^s, Jas:
 Jeremiah—Jera^a, Jerem^a, Jer:
 Johathan—Jonathⁿ, Jonⁿ, Jon:
 John—Jno[;], Jno
 Joseph—Jos, Jos:
 Leonard—Leon^d
 Margaret—Margt^t
 Nathan—Nathⁿ
 Nathaniel—Nath^l, nathan^l
 Patrick—Patr^k
 Richard—Rich^d, Rich:
 Robert—Rob^t, Rob:
 Samuel—Sam^l, Sam:
 Stephen—Stephⁿ

Thomas—Tho^s, Tho (Note: drawing a line through a series of letters was another early way of indicating an abbreviation.)

Vincent—Vinc^t, Vinc^{nt}
 Virginia—Virg^a, Virg:
 Wilford—Wilfd, Wilf:
 William—Will^m, W^m, Will:
 Zachariah—Zach^a, Zachar^a, Zach:

SYMBOLS

"The Researchers Guide to American Genealogy" lists some symbols that are commonly used by professional genealogists. While they are a kind of "shorthand" to reduce the volume of copying while you are researching, their main value to you will be to recognize their meaning as you are exploring genealogies that have already been completed.

*	—	born
(*)	—	born illegitimate
×	—	baptized or christened
⊞	—	baptized or christened
~	—	baptized or christened
○	—	betrothed
∞	—	married
○/○	—	divorced
○—○	—	common law marriage
+	—	died
÷	—	died
□	—	buried
□	—	buried
+ +	—	no further issue
(+)	—	no further issue

The following was located in the Osborne County, Kansas

Leaves of Lineage

December 2016

Why the Sunflower State?

In a response to an inquiry why Kansas is called the Sunflower State, a 1911 issue of the Kansas City Times says:

Kansas is called the Sunflower State because of the abundance of sunflowers. On September 2, 1880, Nobel L. Prentis wrote to the Atchinson Champion: "The capital square is surrounded by a dense growth, rods in width, of rampant sunflowers. They grown as big, rank and yellow as if they were forty miles from a house. The sunflower ought to be made the emblem of our state. Nothing checks it or kills it. It is always 'happy as a big sunflower'. Grasshoppers have never held the edge on it, and in droughty time when everything else wilts and throws up its hands, the sunflower continues business at the old stand. It probably has some private arrangement with Nature for securing 'aid'."

By a state law passed in 1903, "The Sunflower State" was adopted as the nickname of Kansas. This was introduced by G.P. Morehouse, a state senator.

New Book in the Smoky Hill Museum Store

Many people who have lived in Salina for a number of years will recognize the name "August Bondi." If you kids played baseball in Salina, you'll remember "Bondi Field."

The Smoky Hill Museum Store has a new book, **Firebrand**, by Aaron Branhart, about the man who played a large part in Salina's history. The book sells for \$14.95 plus tax.

The following was written about Mr. Bondi and published in "**A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans**," Vol. III, 1919.

For anyone interested in Salina history, the new book **Firebrand** tells Mr. Bondi's story.

AUGUST BONDI was a splendid figure in the annals of Kansas for fully half a century, and has been fitly described as soldier and patriot and one of the immortal followers of John Brown.

From the city of culture and of old world civilization, Vienna, Austria, it is a far cry to the plains of Kansas where were performed those deeds which will ring down through history. August Bondi was born at Vienna July 21, 1833, a son of Hart Emanuel and Martha (Frankl) Bondi, who were also natives of Vienna. His father was a Jewish manufacturer of cotton goods. August Bondi was educated at the Catholic College of the Order of Piarists. He also had a private tutor. At the age of ten he was admitted to an institution of normal grade, and in 1847 began the study of the English language. When fourteen he became a member of the Academic League and fought under Kossuth during the Hungarian war for liberty. He had just been admitted to the University of Vienna, but his participation in the war caused him to be exiled.

On September 6, 1848, he started for the United States with his parents, and they landed at New Orleans on the 10th of November. From there a boat brought them up the Mississippi to St. Louis, where he landed November 23. After a few months of employment as a typo in St. Louis, he taught school a year in that city, and another year was employed as a teacher in Texas. He became a naturalized American citizen on July 21, 1854. For one year he was in the clothing business at St. Louis.

A practice which August Bondi began early and kept up to the end of his days was the writing of a diary. From this record it is possible to trace with absolute accuracy his varied relationship with many important affairs and events. From this diary it is learned that he arrived in Kansas May 26, 1855. He was from the first an intense anti-slavery partisan. From St. Louis he had gone up the river on the steamer Polar Star to Kansas City, which point he reached April 2, and on April 4 he arrived at Lawrence. After two weeks at Lawrence he made a trip through the eastern section to acquaint himself with affairs on the border. With a partner he squatted on a claim on the Mosquito branch of the Pottawatomie in Franklin County. There in the fall of 1855 he became acquainted with John Brown. He opened a general store at Lawrence, and that was one of the first places of business there. He kept it until 1856.

After the burning of Lawrence he joined the company of John Brown, Jr. When this force disbanded he joined John Brown, Sr., and took part in the engagement at Black Jack, and was with Brown in his different raids along the border until the final

fight at Ossawatimie in September, 1856. During the border warfare his own property was destroyed by Quantrell's men, and some years later the Federal Government allowed him \$1,000 in damages.

In February, 1857, he laid out the Town of Greeley in Anderson County and was appointed postmaster in the same year, holding the office just a year. From that time to the outbreak of the Civil war he kept the underground railway station at Greeley. In 1858 he was appointed enrolling officer for Kansas Territory for the Eighth Brigade in Anderson County.

On April 29, 1861, he took the oath of allegiance and on December 23, 1861, enlisted in Company K of the Fifth Kansas Cavalry, and during his service of three years was present in nearly all the engagements in which the regiment took part. In 1862 he became commissary sergeant and later first sergeant. Several times he was wounded, and on September 14, 1864, sustained a grave injury and was made prisoner by the Confederates near Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and was left for dead on the battlefield. On November 10, 1864, he was discharged at Leavenworth.

For a short time Mr. Bondi conducted a grocery store at Leavenworth, but in 1866 located at Salina, where he also opened a store. From the first he was closely identified with the public life of the town and county. He served as probate judge of Saline County from 1876 to 1878 was register clerk in the United States Land Office in 1879, was also police judge and in 1880 was member of the commission to appraise the old Fort Harker Military Reservation. In 1884 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Trustees of Charitable Institutions. He held many other offices. For three years during President Cleveland's last term he was postmaster of Salina. In 1896 he was admitted to the practice of law. He was an active member and contributor to the Kansas State Historical Society, and his thorough scholarship made his recollections especially available for historical material. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1898 Mr. Bondi went back to revisit his old birthplace in Vienna. While visiting the German consul in the city of St. Louis he fell dead on the street September 30, 1907.

On June 28, 1860, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, August Bondi married Miss Henrietta Einstein. She was born in Germany October 15, 1833, a daughter of Israel and Sophia (Kettner) Einstein. Mrs. Bondi died at Salina August 24, 1900. The fruit of their union were ten children, eight daughters and two sons. Rosa R., born April 28, 1861, married Jacob Bower on June 28, 1884, and they now live at Mattoon, Illinois, their four children being Sarah, Ethel, Albert and Jules. Helene, the second child, was born November 27, 1865, and died August 27, 1866. Ella, born December 14, 1866, was married January 15, 1893, to Frank Schulloff, and they reside at Mattoon, Illinois, and have a child Florence. Isidore Israel, born April 29, 1868, was married July 26, 1911, to Tennie Suzak, and he has had three children, Helen, August Mendle, and Caroline Martha, the last being deceased. Emma, born December 17, 1869, married January 5, 1898, Leo Sinn, and they reside at Ke-wanee, Illinois. Minnie Esther, born February 22, 1871, was married January 22, 1896, to Sigmund Stiefel. Mr. Stiefel was born January 17, 1871, in Germany, and for many years was the leading dry goods merchant at Salina, where he died January 19, 1911. He was an active member of Salina Lodge No. 718, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mrs. Stiefel whose home is at 441 South Santa Fe Avenue in Salina, has two children, Henrietta Bondi, born October 27, 1900, and Benedict Frankl, born August 15, 1903. Hart Emanuel, the next child younger than Mrs. Stiefel, was born March 5, 1873, was married July 21, 1905, to Miss Cora Strouse, and their two children are Henrietta Carrol and Leon August. Lillian, born October 8, 1874, married January 24, 1904, Adolph Hess. Lydia, born July 16, 1876, was married August 22, 1905, to Julius Cohn, and they have one child, Joseph Bondi. Josephine Sophia, born February 23, 1879, married June 1, 1912, Isidore Vehon, and they live at Salina.

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Saturday, June 2, 2018

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 to 9:00	Registration
9:00 to 9:15	Welcome & Introductions
9:15 to 10:15	Trina Ware <i>What Secrets Can A Pen Stroke Hold?</i>
10:15 to 10:30	Break
10:30 to 11:30	Trina Ware <i>Magnify The Truth!</i>
11:30 to 12:00	Barbara Mulvihill <i>Genealogy Resources In Salina</i>
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch Break <i>Italian Lunch catered by Martinelli's</i>
12:30 to 1:00	Lunch Session with Trina Ware Real-Life Examples <i>Bring Your Ancestor Handwriting</i> <i>Samples</i>
1:00 to 1:30	KCGS Annual Meeting <i>Everyone is Welcome to Attend</i>
And/Or	Individual Sessions with Trina Ware
1:30 to 2:30	Sherri Camp <i>FamilySearch Tips and Tricks</i>
2:30 to 2:45	Break
2:45 to 3:45	Sherri Camp <i>Kansas Records & Where to Find Them</i>

SESSION 1

What Secrets Can A Pen Stroke Hold?

This session will dive pen first into a brief history of Handwriting Analysis coming to the US, after which you will learn the powerful and informative difference between looking at the signature vs. writing.

Wrapping up the hour, we will take an interesting look into writer's the relationships with parents and siblings.

SESSION 2

Magnify The Truth!

Bring Your Magnifying Glass!

This hour will teach you:

1. How to pick out a lie and the intent behind it!
2. Basic authentication of a written document
3. How to find body weakness or pain of the writer



BRING an ancestor's handwriting sample with you to the conference! Trina can do a brief, no-cost analysis for you.

She also offers a wonderful full personality profile on your ancestor for a fee, which you can arrange with her at the conference.

SESSION 3

FamilySearch Tips and Tricks

Since FamilySearch has terminated their microfilm ordering system, what records are now available to genealogists and how do we access them?

In this session, Genealogy Librarian, Sherri Camp, will share tips and tricks to help genealogists find documents on FamilySearch and learn alternatives to the microfilm ordering system.

SESSION 4

Kansas Records and Where to Find Them

Kansas is considered a western state in genealogical records research. Where do we find Kansas records and how extensive are they?

As a FamilySearch Affiliate, the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library has access to thousands of records that have been digitized and are available at the Library.

In this session, Genealogy Librarian Sherri Camp will show us what records are available to help find Kansas records at FamilySearch and the Topeka Library.

Follow Sherri's Genealogy Blog at:
<http://tscpl.org/tag/genealogy>

Sherri Camp

Your afternoon keynote speaker is **Sherri Camp**, who works as the Genealogy Librarian at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library. Sherri is an engaging and knowledgeable speaker who has a vast understanding of the Genealogical resources that are needed by, and available to, Kansas genealogists.

"It's fun!" Sherri says. "It's solving mysteries and proving those old stories that were passed down from generations ago. When you can put a name and a face together with a place, in context of the other people who lived at the same time, it's like solving a puzzle."



Sherri points out that family history is also a part of the wider scope of human history and that by learning about our heritage we learn how we are part of the continuum of time and where we fit into the picture. "When we tell family history we tell the microhistory of our cities, states, and our country," Sherri says. "It puts history into context and makes the struggles and the triumphs real. It teaches us compassion, it gives us strength, and helps us to feel proud of who we are and where we come from."

Trina Ware

Your morning keynote speaker is **Trina Ware**, owner of **Golden Key Graphology**. Trina uses the science of Handwriting Analysis to accurately decipher the personality of the writer. This is useful in our genealogical research to add "personality" and character to our ancestors who are known only by the impersonal documents associated with them.

Trina has been a forensic handwriting expert for over 15 years and has spoken at Universities, Museums, Libraries, and Historical and Genealogical groups.

More about Trina:

Trina lives in Papillion, Nebraska with her husband of 25 years, 2 daughters, and 2 lovely birds. Trina's office is in the historic downtown district of Ralston, Nebraska, where she works on helping people to know themselves and others on a deeper level.

Golden Key Graphology was born 8 years ago when Trina found an old journal written by her great-grandmother Dora Hornby. This dusty notebook-style journal was found in a trunk of time capsule-like treasures. Lovingly pinned to a corn cob was a list of uses and another note pinned to a piece of colorful material told how this was her favorite childhood dress. However, the greatest treasure was actually the writing contained in that journal, on those notes, and also on some recipe cards. After carefully analyzing each piece, Trina discovered that her great-grandma was compassionate, dignified, loved to learn, and had a complex relationship with her parents. All of this was enthusiastically confirmed by those who knew Dora and so the business had begun!

2018 KCGS Annual Conference

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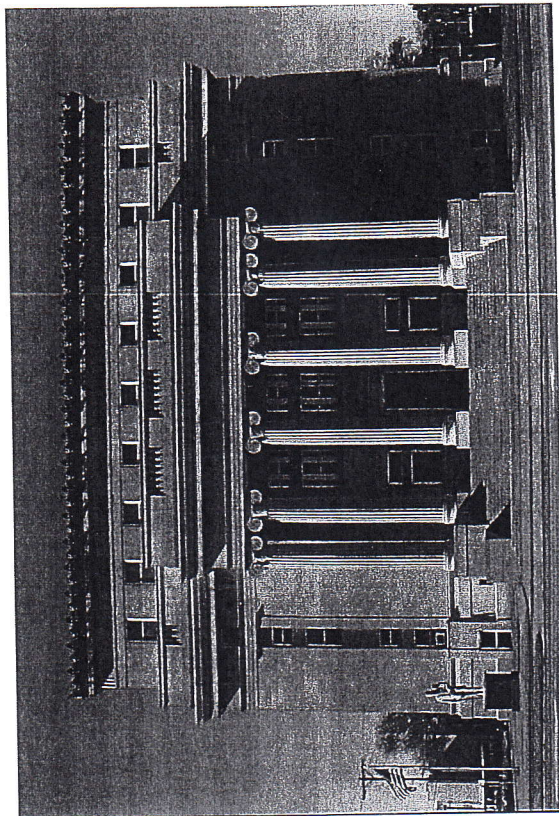
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✓ Enclosed is my \$55.00 registration fee by May 23.

Mail To: KCGS PO Box 3858 Topeka KS 66604

THE VENUE

This year's conference will be held at the historic Salina Masonic Temple. Built in 1927, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was designed by William T. Schmitt and is built of Indiana limestone and Tennessee marble.



This beautiful building measures 125 feet by 170 feet and is acclaimed for its Neo-Classical features. This venue has been called "one of the most unique and exciting locations in Kansas."

Salina Masonic Center
336 S. Santa Fe
Salina KS 67401

Directions: I-135 South of I-70. Take the Crawford Street exit and travel east past Broadway, 9th Street, and Highland Ave. Turn left (North) on S. Santa Fe Avenue. A few blocks north, just past the Hospital, you cross South Street. The Masonic Temple is on your left.