

GHS&L Newsletter

Notes from the President's Desk:



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Hi Everyone –

As promised, the **Registration Form** for the GHS&L Conference and Annual Meeting is enclosed. Please download the form, complete it, and send your checks to GHS&L (see form) by June 9, 2022. The Conference/Meeting will be held at the charming Stoney Creek Hotel, 18011 Bass Pro Drive, Independence, MO.



We are considering Thursday, June 23rd as a travel day. While the Board will hold a meeting that afternoon, the rest of you are free to roam – and I encourage you to do so. You are on your own for dinner, but that evening (7 PM) we will have a gathering at the hotel (Wood Room) to get acquainted – or reacquainted – with our Gann cousins. Light refreshments.

The Registration Package will contain the Program as well as brochures on local sites and restaurants--there are several restaurants in/around the hotel. You can pick up your package at the gathering Thursday evening or before the meetings begin on Friday at the Wood Room of the Stoney Creek Hotel.

To make your reservations, call Stoney Creek at 816-908-9600/9610 or go to "<https://www.stoneycreekhoteles.com/hotel/travel/independence/>." The Group Code is "**GANN2022**." The basic room is for two (2) queen beds for \$109 per night, not including tax and incidentals. This rate is comparable to others in the area. We reserved a number of rooms – **they are going fast!** So, if you want to stay at Stoney Creek, please make your plans soon. In the event we run out of rooms, there are several other nice hotels in the immediate area. We chose this location because it is near the Midwest Genealogy Center, i.e., our library affiliate, so if you choose to stay elsewhere, you may want to look for other hotels near the library.

The Conference begins Friday morning at 9 AM at Stoney Creek. We have several speakers that day, including **Kelly Johnston**, a Cartographer sponsored by the Missouri Humanities, and **Jeannae Segura Brown**, President of the National Frontier Trails Museum. You'll also get an update on our DNA work and learn about some new family connections. Then, we'll tour the Midwest Genealogy Center, home of the Gann Collection. **Saturday** will continue with a presentation on recent efforts to identify the first Gann immigrant to colonial America as well as an update on DNA efforts to trace our origins. And we'll give you some guidance in filling out those darn DAR/SAR applications! After lunch, time for the **Annual GHS&L Meeting**.

And of course we're having a Banquet Saturday evening! We hope everyone will come and bring their significant others....kids included. We'll have great food and a very entertaining guest speaker, **Joyce Slater**, Executive Director of the River and Prairie Storyweavers, and Artistic Director of the KC Storytelling Festival, who's going to tell us some "Ozark Tales." You're going to enjoy it – I promise!

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