

Patricia Adams

Clan MacTavish Genealogist

Patricia Adams was born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas, graduating from Washington High School in 1964. She spent most of her earlier professional life in secretarial and management positions for companies outside of the education field, joining the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools in 1987. While employed by the school district, she has held secretarial positions and created their Technology HELP Center. Currently working as Technical Assistant in the department of Federal Programs and Grants, she is also the District Historian for the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, developing and maintaining web sites for both.

<http://www.kckps.org/disthistory/>

Mrs. Adams has been an Adult Education teacher at the area technical school for a number of years, teaching computer software, the Internet, and genealogy. She is currently teaching a 7-week evening class on the History of Kansas City, Kansas at the area vocational technical school.

Patricia has written numerous SOP manuals for the companies by whom she was employed. After joining the school district, she developed a training manual when e-mail was first introduced in the KCKs Public Schools, saving the district thousands of dollars in training costs. She has written guides/manuals in the past for use by teachers in the classroom (i.e., Smart software instructional manual). Patricia recently compiled "The History of Kansas City, Kansas" as an instructional aid for the secondary teachers of USD 500 as they teach local history to their students. She is currently compiling a book on the "Public Schools of Kansas City, Kansas, 1844-2005" for publication in the not too distant future.

In 2005, Mrs. Adams was honored with the "2004 Historian of the Year" Award presented by the Wyandotte County Historical Society, and later joined the Board of Directors for that organization. She has written numerous articles for the Wyandotte County Journal (as well as the Kansan Newspaper), and has been involved in the recent publication of "The Historic Communities of Wyandotte County," first comprehensive history publication on Wyandotte County since 1911. Mrs. Adams is currently working with the Advisory Board of the WCHS on the publication of "The Historic Sites of Wyandotte County," which will include articles by her on specific schools, parks and other historical sites. In 2006, she developed a 4-week series held at the KCKs Public Library relative to the ethnic/cultural history of Kansas City, Kansas. She is currently a presenter at the Wyandotte County History Class at the KCKCC (Kansas City, Ks Community College).

Mrs. Adams has researched, edited and copyrighted the work of "Argyllshire: A Contribution to Argyllshire History, being a Monograph Sketch of the Sweynes of Skipness and the MacTavishes of Dun-ardrigh, Knapdale and Elsewhere, their Ancestors and Descendants" by Dr. G. D. Mathews, D.D., L.L.D.

Patricia continues her education, enrolling in classes at KCKCC, as well as online classes at IWA-HWG (International Webmasters Association and HTML Writers Guild); and is a member of the guild. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and currently taking additional online genealogy classes.