

*The Tri-County Genealogical Society*  
(Vernon – Cedar – St. Clair Counties)

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**The June 14 meeting** was a field trip to the Mid-Continent Library in Independence, MO. Several members took advantage of the opportunity to spend a day conducting research there.

**The July 12 meeting** will be held in El Dorado Springs at the Community Building, downtown, at 10 a.m. (Please note this is a different location from where we previously met in El Dorado Springs.) The program will be a *"Sharing Session."* This means **you** get to be part of the program! Please use the following suggestions and make a few notes or a brief outline to tell us about your research experiences:

- ⇒ Have you found an ancestor's house and how did you find it?
- ⇒ A special woman in your family. (We all know it can be difficult to research the women in our family tree.)
- ⇒ Did you find your ancestors' cemetery and how. To ensure everyone who would like to share will have time to do so, please limit your presentation to 10 minutes. Please contact the society if you would like a 9:20 a.m. ride from the Nevada Library parking lot to the meeting.

**Genealogy Room Volunteers:** It has been noted that there are more researchers using the Genealogy Room at the Nevada Public Library this summer. If you can volunteer 4 hours per month (or more) to help direct researchers to the resources we have available in the Genealogy Room, please contact Neoma Foreman or Dorothy Foster. Volunteers are especially needed on Saturdays when the library is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will have an orientation session to acquaint new volunteers to the location of materials.

**Best Choice UPC Labels:** We continue to collect and receive cash for Best Choice UPC labels, so clip and turn them in to Dorothy Foster at any meeting.

**From our Mailbox:** (Corresponding secretary's report):

- Received and posted flyer from the Ozarks Genealogical Society, Springfield, MO, regarding their fall "Tools for Success" conference, Sep 12-13, at the University Plaza Hotel on St. Louis St and John Q. Hammonds Parkway in Springfield. Featured speaker is Marsha Hoffman Rising, Certified Genealogist, educator, writer, and lecturer. Her presentations (Fri) Consider the Collateral Kin and (Sat) Problem Analysis and Planning a Strategy, The Critical Connection: Finding Ancestors between the 1850 Census and the Colonial Period, and Family Detective Work in Land Records. Additional sessions: Basic Genealogy, Using Heritage Quest Online, Missouri Circuit Court Records, and DNA Testing – A New Genealogy Tool. Fee, which includes lunch, is \$30 if postmarked by Aug 29. Conference info is at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ozarksgs/> A few copies of the flyer will be available at our July meeting for those who do not have internet access.
- Developed a form for the Nevada Library staff to use when taking genealogy inquiries by phone.
- Received e-mail request from Ron for date of death of Jemima Mitchem and Edward Sullivan. Provided Cemetery Directory information on Mitchem family and State Hospital #3 information on Sullivan. Offered additional research and cemetery photos for a fee.
- Continuing work on update of Vernon County Cemetery Directory. If you have corrections for the directory, please give them in writing to the society. Several volunteers have already offered to type data or proof data after it has been typed and/or walk a cemetery to ensure correct order of the gravestone listings. If you would like to volunteer to work a cemetery later this year, please let the society know.

- Received request from Leon, Las Vegas, NV, for obituaries on Oral Otis Gragg (d. 1980) and his wife Ruby Ruth Kirk Gragg (d. 1978). Contacted Derl Barnett for lookup assistance in St. Clair County.
- Prepared and printed notices regarding the Cemetery Directory update and posted at the Nevada Library.
- Prepared and printed stickers for the Genealogy Room copies of the Cemetery Directory that alerts users that the directory contains three separate indexes.

## *TIPS and TIDBITS*

### *1860 Vernon County Census*

The 1860 Vernon County census has been transcribed by Becky ([siple@bellsouth.net](mailto:siple@bellsouth.net)) and will be available online (free) at RootsWeb; however, a proofer is needed before it is posted online. **Becky has volunteered to do lookups in this census for other researchers!**

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