

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

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**Bill Denman Guest Speaker
at November 8 Meeting in Nevada**

Bill Denman of Denman Land Title Company, Nevada, presented the program at our November 8 meeting, speaking about the work of a title company in Missouri as it relates to genealogy. He shared that a 1920 Vernon Co plat map was being prepared and would soon be available online in addition to the 1903 plat map which is at www.denmantitle.com. He explained that to search for a school in the 1903 Plat Map, first conduct a search with the name of the school as the last name; if not found, then insert the name of the school as the first name. It was suggested that cemeteries be included in future plat maps, if possible. When asked about also placing an older plat map online, he indicated that was certainly something which could be done. He also reported that Denman Land Title would undertake a project of putting local obituaries online. This is all very exciting news for genealogists! An interesting question & answer session was conducted, and Mr. Denman was thanked for his time in meeting with us.

Dorothy Foster conducted the business meeting in the absence of Neoma Foreman. The following were introduced and welcomed: Nancy Malcom, Merlin Johnson, and Marty Patton.

It was suggested that a representative from the State Historical Society of Missouri be contacted as a possible seminar speaker.

The following nominating committee was selected: Dorothy Foster, Luella Phipps, and Virginia Breeding.

Francis Hopkins reported that she had been asked to audit the treasurer's books and reported that funds were on deposit as stated.

It was agreed to purchase a 4'x6' bulletinboard for the Nevada Genealogy Room and, if needed, a bulletinboard for the El Dorado Springs Library. Dorothy will follow up regarding the El Dorado Springs Library. The bulletinboard has been installed in the Genealogy Room and signage is being prepared. (Additionally, some pictures were re-hung and the tops of all equipment and cabinets in the room were dusted.)

It was reported that to date no response had been received from Vickie Erwin regarding the additional 49 roles of Vernon Co Probate microfilm which we would like to obtain for the Genealogy Room.

Update: Copies of county records on microfilm are available for purchased from the Missouri Secretary of State's office for \$15 per roll. Contact will be made of Matt Blunt's office and inquire about a special price for us/the library because it is so many rolls. Once we know what the cost will be, we can make a decision regarding purchase. A multi-year purchase plan might be an option for obtaining the film if this is what the group desires. A listing of the Missouri State Archives microfilm available, by county, is online at www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resouces/county/croll.asp

It was also reported that the Cass County History and the Bates County History books had been ordered, a copy of the 2003 Vernon County Plat Book had been donated to the Genealogy Room, and another session on Heritage Quest was held.

Following the meeting, Jewel Coe opened several kitchen showergifts which members had brought for her. She lost her home in the May 4 tornados. Jewel tearfully thanked everyone for the wonderful gifts and their care and concern.

Internet for Beginners – Dec 4

An "Internet for Beginners" will be held at the Nevada Public Library on **Thursday, December 4 at 10 a.m.** If you are interested in learning some basics about the Internet, you will want to attend this 1-1/2 hour session. Please notify the society if you would like to attend so the correct number of handouts can be prepared. Contact the society at the above email.

December 13 Meeting in El Dorado Springs

The December 13 meeting will be held at the Community of Christ Church, 600 South Grand, in El Dorado Springs (basement entrance). Parking is on the north side of the building. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for the 2004 year, and the program will be "Genealogy Games."

Please feel free to bring a plate of “*Christmas goodies*” to share.

From our Mailbox

(Corresponding secretary’s report)

- Received an information copy of an e-mail from Helen Ann (Streich) Cleveland to the Nevada Daily Mail suggesting that the newspaper print unidentified old photos of people and places in hopes that someone might identify the photos. This is in connection with upcoming sesquicentennial history of Vernon Co and the current interest in genealogy. (No action required/taken.)
- Responded to a request from Cathy Pentola, Pittsburg, KS, requesting Jan 19, 1977 obit for Lois Pruitt. \$5 donation. Obit located and mailed.
- Received e-mail from Virginia Long inquiring about purchase of 1870 and 1880 Vernon Co census records. Advised that our Society did not have these documents available for sale, that the 1880 census is available free online at both familysearch.org and ancestry.com, and she could purchase the complete 1880 indexed census from LDS at familysearch.org for \$50.
- Mailed the following to Jewel Cooley, treasurer: \$73 in research fees, \$10 membership fee, and bulletinboard reimbursement request for \$120.88.
- Received request from Gloria Dunmore for Apr 2, 1956 obit on George Noah Craig. Obit located and sent; \$5 donation received.
- Received e-mail inquiry from Lucy Ruth (Phillips) Romero about conducting Vernon Co research on her uncle. Sent information on fees.
- Received letter from Joany Horton, Lampe, MO, inquiring about the Weltmer Institute. Responded that her request was being forwarded to the Vernon Co Historical Society for response.
- Received e-mail notice from the Delaware Co Genealogy Society (Grove, OK) advising that it was disposing of its collection of the “Genealogical Helper” 1969-2001 (a few missing issues); and any library or genealogical society could have them and would need to pick them up ASAP.
- Received the fall issue of the Joplin Genealogy Society newsletter, *Conestoga Newsletter*, which will be filed in the Genealogy Room.
- Received the November State Historical Society of Missouri Newsletter, which will be filed in the Genealogy Room.
- Received a listing of publications for sale from the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society (St. Joseph, MO). This includes transcribed public records and newspaper information from the following MO counties: Buchanan, Clinton, Dekalb, Gentry, Holt, and Worth. Also, Kansas counties: Doniphan, Atchison, and Nemaha. Leaflet will be filed in the Genealogy Room.

Happy Thanksgiving To You and Your Family !

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