

# TRI-COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

(Vernon - Cedar - St. Clair Counties in Missouri)

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**September 11** (Nevada): Kenny Shelton, guest speaker, will talk on How the Local Family History Center Can Help in Your Research. This program will explain the resources available at the local Family History Center.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**October 9** (El Dorado Springs) : A guest speaker from a neighboring genealogical society has been invited to present this program.

**November 13** (Nevada) : Michelle Martin, instructor with the Fort Scott Community College, will speak on Researching Your Civil War Ancestors.

**December 11** (El Dorado Springs) : Following the installation of officers for the 2005 year, a video program on Compiled Records will be presented.

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If you have a suggestion for a program topic or know someone who can present a genealogy-related program, please contact Neoma Foreman or Dorothy Foster.

Monthly meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are alternately held at Nevada and El Dorado Springs at the following locations: **Nevada** Public Library Meeting Room, 218 W. Walnut, Nevada (enter at south side of building). **El Dorado Springs**: Community Church of Christ, 600 S Grand, El Dorado Springs (enter from north side).

Visitors and perspective members are always welcome.

## **Society Receives Brownlee Fund Grant**

The Tri-County Genealogy Society has received official notification that it will receive a \$350 grant from the Brownlee Fund toward the cost of publishing the seven Vernon County Marriage Record Indexes, which cover the period 1855-1897.

The Richard S. Brownlee Fund was established by the State Historical Society of Missouri to honor the long-time executive director upon his retirement. The grants are made annually to individuals and organization proposing to publish, or make other tangible contributions to, the history of Missouri and its citizens. This award will be announced and presented during the State Historical Society's annual meeting on October 16 in Columbia, MO.

The Society is in the process of obtaining publication rights to these documents as part of the Lathrop Acquisition, and will publish the Vernon County Marriage Indexes with every-name indexes for each book (Books A and B do not currently have every-name indexes). The estimated date of printing is Spring 2005. A set of the Indexes will be donated to both the State Historical Society of Missouri and the Mid-Continent Genealogy Library.

## **MICROFILMING CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS**

Two preservation of records workshops have been scheduled this fall **August 31, and October 20, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**, at the Bushwhacker Museum. The workshops are for all persons who want to be involved in preparing the Circuit Court records for micro-filming and preserving the Lathrop collection. Registrations closed August 26.

## **COMMEMORATIVE 2005 CALENDAR** "Celebrating 150 Years of Churches in Vernon County"

Calendar sales have begun! You are encouraged to pre-sell as many commemorative 2005 calendars as you can from now until Oct. 9. Please turn in the orders which you have taken at our September and October meetings, or take them to the Library or Museum. We have a flyer and sample calendar page in a plastic sleeve that you can show people when you talk to them about ordering the calendar. If you have not already received one, you can pick up one in the Genealogy Room after Aug 30 -- they will be on the file cabinet to your right as you enter the room.

As sales are progressing, some good questions have been asked about the calendar; and they are listed here so you will know how to respond as you are selling calendars.

**WHICH CHURCHES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CALENDAR?** We want to include as many churches as we can and know that there will be more than 50 included. The focus will be on 'historical' churches -- photos of buildings which no longer exist -- for which we can obtain photos that can be satisfactorily reproduced. There will be

photo(s) from each community in the county, where possible. Some photos will be of present-day church buildings.

**WILL THE HISTORIES OF THE CHURCHES BE IN THE CALENDAR?** No. This is a pictorial calendar. There will be an introduction and the photos will be identified.

**WILL THE CALENDAR BE IN COLOR?** No. All photos will be black and white.

**CAN I BUY A CALENDAR AFTER IT IS PRINTED?** Only those who pre-order calendars can be guaranteed of receiving the commemorative calendar for \$11 (tax included). There **MAY** be a few extras printed, but we cannot guarantee receiving a calendar if it is not pre-ordered. The price will increase once the calendars are printed (the amount to be determined).

**CAN I GIVE YOU A PICTURE TO INCLUDE?** We encourage submissions for the calendar. Contact the society which will arrange to scan the photo and have it considered for inclusion in the calendar. Unfortunately, the quality of some old photos are not suitable to reproduce. We will certainly use those that we can.

If you receive other questions, please contact the society so the questions can be shared with all members.

In addition to Carolyn Thornton's article in the Aug. 27 newspaper, radio publicity will begin the following week. Posters and order forms have also been placed in each of our area banks, and posters and forms will be mailed to area churches for their bulletin boards.

Remember, if you need more order forms, you can pick them up at the Nevada Library Genealogy Room or call any of the numbers on the order form and they will be mailed to you.

**We need volunteers** to help take orders at a table/display for calendar sales at the following community celebrations:

Schell City: Sat., Sep 11, from 4-6 p.m.

Walker: Sat., Sep 18, from 4-6 p.m.

Bronaugh: Sat., Sep 30, hours to be announced.

It seems that everyone who hears about the calendar wants one -- let's get lots of orders and make this a tremendously successful fund-raiser!

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Responded to Gary, Woodbridge, VA, regarding interlibrary loan of microfilmed Nevada newspapers. Referred him to the State of Missouri Historical Society Newspaper Library.

Get well card to Margaret Friedrick.

Ozarks Genealogical Society fall conference, Sep 17-18, Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, MO. Information at [www.rootsweb.com/~ozarksgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ozarksgs/) and posted at the Genealogy Room.

Celebrating 150 Years of Churches in Vernon County letter to members.

"Pieces of Missouri" a workshop on historic resources, Oct 20, the Library Center, Springfield, MO. See poster in Genealogy Room for additional information or go to:

<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/programs/branch/tlc.cfm>

Assisted researcher [barnesfam@klmtel.net](mailto:barnesfam@klmtel.net) with scan of 1876 and 1923 maps of Metz Twp, Section 28.

Responded to e-mail from Danni Franklin, Visalia, CA, regarding Wagon family research.

Responded to e-mail from Dorothy Potter regarding an every-name index for the cemetery directory. Advised of new directory of deaths and burials being created.

Checked name of Rueben/R. W. Smith in the cemetery directory for [Billjohnsoncares@aol.com](mailto:Billjohnsoncares@aol.com) and referred him to the Bushwhacker Museum.

Received request from D. J. Kava, Beaumont, TX, for search of April 1942 newspapers for information about a plane crash in the area. Sent information on general research fees.

Received request from Sam Durham, Lancaster, CA, for research on the Alexander Baughman family. Sent information on research fees.

### **SAVE THOSE BEST CHOICE LABELS!**

Don't forget to bring "Best Choice" brand labels in to the meetings or leave them in the marked box at the Genealogy Room in the library. We can turn them into cash!

## **ABOUT THE TRI-COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

The Tri-County Genealogical Society now has 38 members and is open for new membership. Name tags are furnished at each meeting to help everyone get acquainted. Dues are \$10 yearly for an individual membership (+\$5 for each additional member within the same household up to \$25 maximum), \$5 for a student, or \$100 Lifetime per person.

2004 Officers are: President: Neoma F

Vice President: Dorothy F

Secretary: Virginia B

Treasurer: Jewell C

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy T

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