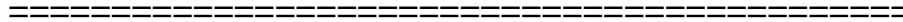


TRI-COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

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(A volunteer is filling in for Nancy Malcom with this issue of the newsletter.)

May and June Programs

Monthly meetings are alternately held at Nevada and El Dorado Springs, at the following locations. Meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are open to the public.

- Nevada Public Library Meeting Room, 218 West Walnut, Nevada (enter at South side of building). On Saturdays, there is not a 2-hr parking limit on the streets.
- Community Church of Christ, 600 South Grand, El Dorado Springs (enter from North side). Carpooling from the Nevada Library is usually available; contact the society.

May 14: Nevada Public Library, Nevada, MO, 10 a.m. Following a brief business meeting, a workshop will be conducted on *Preservation of Circuit Court Records*. Attendees will be given guidance as they work with actual court documents to help clean and prepare the documents for microfilming. All supplies will be provided. These documents hold a wealth of interesting information which genealogists can utilize in research and writing family histories. This program is an extension of the weekly Friday workshops which are conducted at the Courthouse.

June 11: All-day *Research Trip to Mid-Continent Library*, Independence, MO. Janice Schultz from Mid-Continent was one of our seminar speakers this spring. Mid-

Continent is the largest genealogy library in this region of the U.S. Listings of the library's holdings are available in the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Room in the documents "Genealogy from the Heartland." Begin making your research lists for this trip. Mid-Continent also has the full Ancestry.com Plus Internet library subscription as well as other subscription databases. Good preplanning will help ensure you take full advantage of this research day. There will be carpools leaving from Nevada; details will be finalized at the May 14 meeting and published in the May newsletter.

Heritage Quest Census Internet Subscription

Does the Society desire to again pay one-half of the Heritage Quest Census and Historical Books Internet subscription fee with the Nevada Library? Rates have again increased for this service, and the annual fee is now \$580 (\$290 would be the Society's one-half portion). This item will be on the agenda at the May meeting.

Printing Census Images from Heritage Quest Internet Subscription

I know that most of us have been frustrated with not being able to satisfactorily print the entire page of a census image from Heritage Quest. Well, society members FINALLY figured it out, and written instructions are posted on the bulletinboard in the Genealogy Room for reference. Basically, the steps are:

1. Find the census page you want to print. (Do NOT click to PRINT from this page.)
2. Click the DOWNLOAD button on the left side of the screen just above the census image.

3. Click the VIEW button. (Steps 2 and 3 open the image in the Adobe Acrobat Reader program. These two steps MUST be done in order to print the full census image.)
4. Click the PRINTER ICON or drag down the FILE menu to PRINT and click OK in the print window.

Printing MUST be done from within the Adobe Acrobat Reader program. This brings us to another problem – the black computer does not have Adobe Acrobat Reader program installed. An e-mail has been sent to the Library Director asking her to have the technician install this essential program on the black computer. Copies are \$0.15 payable at the Library front desk.

2005 Seminar: RESEARCHING...Leaf by Leaf

We had a wonderful turn out for a fantastic day of genealogy! It is commendable to our Society that each year we have a seminar of such high quality. As interest in researching one's family continues to expand, we meet the needs of researchers by providing quality programs which are instructional as well as interesting and entertaining.

A special thanks to everyone who helped behind the scenes in one way or another to make it happen and also to everyone who attended.

Best Choice UPCs and Summer Fresh Receipts

Receiving cash for Best Choice UPCs and Summer Fresh grocery receipts is an ongoing project of the Society. These are collected and redeemed several times a year – save and bring yours to any monthly meeting.

Lathrop Collection

During the Seminar, I visited with Janice Schultz from Mid-Continent Library regarding the Lathrop Collection and how it

might most easily be catalogued and made available to the public. She suggested that the Library considers copy-cat cataloging (copy another Library's cataloging of the materials) for those items which are not one-of-a-kind documents. For the one-of-a-kind documents, she suggested we sell a copy to another library and wait for that library to catalogue the documents and then copy the cataloguing. Janice explained that it can take an average of 2 hours per item for an individual who is familiar with cataloging to process one document. All of this information has been provided to the Library Director and she is checking into handling the collection in this way. This may, however, require re-cataloging many or all of the items currently in the Genealogy Room. We will continue to work with the Library to find a solution to this. It may be that we will need to write a grant to pay someone to catalogue the collection because the Library does not have staff available at this time to handle this project. I appreciate your patience as we work cooperatively to find a solution.

Monthly Programs

The Tri-County Genealogy Society can pride itself in the quality of the monthly programs which are provided for members. To ensure that programs are of interest to you and meet your needs in family history research, we will take time at the May meeting to get your suggestions for the remainder of the year. Please take time prior to the meeting to think about what kind of information would be helpful to you and what programs you would like to see. Be prepared to share your list during the meeting and your officers will do their best to schedule the programs for you.

Bushwhacker Days Celebration ~ Jun 15-18 in Nevada

The annual Bushwhacker Days celebration is Vernon County's biggest festival of the year. Thousands of people will be drawn to Nevada during this period, and you may want to enjoy the events. Additional information on Bushwhacker Days is available on the Internet at <http://www.bushwhackerdays.com/> and will also be in the local newspaper.

Several who take advantage of the festivities may also visit the Genealogy Room to do a bit of family history research while in the area. If you happen to be in the Genealogy Room during this time, please offer to assist researchers by pointing out the location of various resources, helping with the microfilm equipment, etc. Many of the genealogists we help become members or write to request look-up assistance and give a donation to the Society. A handout is available in the Genealogy Room which lists the primary Vernon County resources available there—please hand it out as needed, along with a Society membership form.

Helpful Internet Links for Vernon County, Missouri Research

Because much of my personal research is centered here in Vernon County, I have put together a list of Internet links which I have found helpful and which I frequently share with researchers who write and ask for Vernon County research information. I would welcome information on other Vernon County links which you may have used.

If you have a similar list of Cedar County or St. Clair County links, please forward your list to Nancy Malcom so she can include it in a future newsletter.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~movernon/index.html> Vernon County Roots Web site (maintained by Roy Main).

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jrbakerjr/vernon/land1854.htm> Transcription of earliest land purchases in area that became Vernon County.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~movernon/cemeteries.html> Cemeteries of Vernon County.

<http://www.mophil.org/mopo/ve217na.htm> Post Offices in Vernon Co.

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/mo/vernon/index.html#361> GenForum message board for Vernon Co, MO.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~movernon/vctaxes.html> 1893 Back Taxes Index for Vernon County, MO.

<http://www.livgenmi.com/1895/MO/County/vernon.htm> 1895 Vernon Co map.

<http://www.denmantitle.com/platbook.htm> 1903 Plat Book, searchable, provided by Denman Land Title Company, Nevada, MO.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/maps/missouri/countymap/county.htm> Missouri County Township Maps and Key – Digital Map Library.

<http://www.vernoncountymo.org/map.htm> Present day Vernon County township maps.

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec/board/an/localities.northam.usa.states.missouri.counties.vernon> Vernon County, MO message board at ancestry.com

<http://lyndonirwin.com/> Lyndon Irwin's Genealogy and Local History Pages. Includes information on several Vernon County communities.

<http://www.dhss.state.mo.us/BirthAndDeathRecords/BirthAndDeathRecords.html> The

how-to's of obtaining a Missouri birth certificate or a death certificate.

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/default.asp> Searchable database of officially recorded Missouri births and deaths 1883-1909 (recording was not required).

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/county/croll.asp> Missouri county records that are on microfilm at the Missouri State Archives.

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/soldiers/> Missouri soldiers database War of 1812 – World War I.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~schmblss/home/History/PioneerFamilies/index.htm> Selections from: A History of the Pioneer Families of Missouri. By Wm. S. Bryan and Robert Rose. 1876.

http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnis/web_query.gnisprod?f_name=Balltown+Cemetery&variant=N&f_state=Missouri&my_function=*County+Name%3A&f_cnty=&f_ty=&elev1=&elev2=&cell=&pop1=&pop2=&last_name=&last_state=&last_cnty=&page_cnt=&record_cnt=&tab=Y USGS National Mapping Information site. Find any known named location in the US – can locate cemeteries and print aerial photos.

<http://www.usgenweb.org/> Home page of the US Gen Web Project.

<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/> The Social Security Death Index.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/> RootsWeb home page.

<http://www.raogk.org/listing.htm> Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness. Get a free

look up and sign up to provide a free lookup for someone in return.

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy/index.html/postal.html National Archives and Records Administration genealogy research page.

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/> Missouri State Archives.

<http://mosga.missouri.org/otherinfo.html> Missouri State Genealogical Society.

<http://www.umssystem.edu/shs/> State Historical Society of Missouri (includes the Missouri Newspaper Archives).

<http://www.nevadapubliclibrary.com/contact.htm> The Nevada Public Library, 212 West Walnut, Nevada, MO.

<http://nevadadailymail.com/> The Nevada Daily Mail newspaper.

<http://bushwhacker.org/> Bushwhacker Museum and Vernon Co Historical Society.

<http://www.vernoncountymo.org/> Official government site for Vernon County.

(If you received this list in print and would like to have it in an e-mail document to utilize the links, please send an e-mail request to me at TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net and I will e-mail it to you.)

Dorothy Foster's Corresponding Secretary Report

Research is being conducted for :

Mr. John Sschumocher of Spokane WA. Wants a biography of the Hildebrant House on 823 Washington and the Armstrong house on 1008 N. Washington.

Louinice Motsinger, Winston-Salem, NC researching the Ketner family.

Linda McNeill researching the Smallwood family.

Hogan family is being researched by De Anna; info taken by library personnel.

We have a letter (actually to the library) but placed in our mail box from Vicki Erwin, Circuit Clerk on Civil records- domestic relations ex parte dated 01/01/1990 - 12/31/1990 I don think we would have a need for these.

Cole Camp Area Historical Society sealed Bid Procedure for a 13 year old Minolta microfilm reader/printer reasonable to fair condition and Metal cart stand with storage shelves and extend out top tray. good to excellent condition If interested (which I don't think we are) they are asking for sealed bids.

Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at about 45, and we use nametags at monthly

meetings to help everyone get acquainted. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in family history research. Annual dues are \$10 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. We would be pleased to have you join our local society if you are not already a member, and you can do so at our next meeting or by sending a check to Tri-County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box B, Nevada, MO 64772.

2005 Society officers are:

President: Nancy T

Vice President: Nancy M

Secretary: Virginia B

Treasurer: Kathe R

Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy F

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