

TRI-COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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As we come to the end of the year, I want to again express a very sincere thank you the Tri-County Genealogical Society officers who served in 2005. It was an extremely busy year, and any time there was a need, our officers stepped up to the plate with a helping hand; and our members were there also, willing to work on a variety of genealogy projects. Some of the projects during the year include the RESEARCHING...Leaf by Leaf seminar, Circuit Court Records project, genealogy collection acquisition, newspaper indexes project, newsletter project, cemetery directory project, genealogy room volunteers, marriage records project, UPC and receipt collection, cataloging and shelving resources, and many, many other projects. Genealogy in this region took a giant leap forward again this year with the many things you have done to help make records more accessible to researchers. Nancy Malcom put Tri-County Genealogy in the media numerous times with great stories about some of the projects. Numerous people from across the U.S. traveled to our area during the year to conduct genealogy research – area businesses benefited from the overnights, meals, and shopping these researchers did. This is all very important to our communities. Again, I can only say THANK YOU!

Your President

January 14, 2006 Meeting ~ Climbing Over Brick Walls

The January 14, 2006 monthly Society meeting will be held in the Nevada Public Library Meeting Room beginning at 10 a.m. You are invited to present information on a “brick wall” which you have encountered in your personal research. You may want to bring a family group sheet of the brick wall individual/situation and also a list of where you have researched for the information. Thirty heads are better than one...perhaps someone will have a suggestion that will enable you to climb over **your** brick wall!

Please also bring a list of ideas/suggestions for monthly programs in 2006. Would you be willing to research and present a program at a monthly meeting?

2006 Membership Dues

Membership dues for calendar year 2006 are due. Please complete and bring the membership form at the bottom of the newsletter and your check to the January meeting to renew your Society membership if you have not already done so. You may also forward the membership form and your check to our treasurer, Kathe Rader, 1703 S. Phillips St., El Dorado Springs, MO 64774. Yearly dues are \$10 individual (+\$5 for each additional member within the same household up to \$25 maximum), \$5 for a Student, or \$100 Lifetime, per person. Donations of any amount are always welcome! Please make checks payable to Tri-County Genealogical Society.

Tri-County Genealogical Society Featured on Internet Site

Over 1,200 “hits” (visits) have been recorded as of January 2, 2006 on the new Tri-County Genealogical Website which was recently posted on the Internet. The Internet address for the site is: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/> “motcogs” may initially seem difficult to remember, but it breaks down this way: **mo** (Missouri) **tri** **co**unty **g**enealogical **s**ociety. The tilde (~) is found on your keyboard as the shift of the key to the left of number 1 – you’ll want to bookmark this site to quickly find it in the future. Roots Web offers free Internet hosting to a variety of individuals and organizations, and we are now able to take advantage of having a website free of charge.

Some preliminary basic information was put together to begin the site, and we can now develop and expand it to include information which will be helpful to researchers and things which would be helpful to our members.

Your assistance is needed to further develop the website...what information would be helpful to researchers and what information would you like to see on the site? For instance, about 100 inquiries or more have been answered over the past 3 years about researching former patients at the Nevada State Hospital #3. Based on those inquiries and information gained in researching the State Hospital, the webpage http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/nevada_state_hosp.htm was created. We have information on researching deaths in Vernon County, but how do we research deaths in Cedar County and St. Clair? That can be added to the website if someone who knows that information will write it down and send it to the society. (Information cannot be put on the website if it is not known – your help is appreciated with this.) A list of Cedar County resources which are in the El Dorado Springs Library is also needed to put on the website. Please share you ideas about things to include on the website.

We recognize that all of our members do not use the internet. A printed copy of the entire website will be available at the January meeting for you to look at. The copy will then be placed in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. for reference.

Inquiry from Metz, France

Patrick Brophy (Bushwhacker Museum) referred an inquiry to the society from Julienne Fortel, Metz, France, regarding Metz, Missouri. Ms. Fortel is preparing a cultural exhibition about the exil of French East Protestants to America during the 17th and 18th centuries because of persecutions. She wanted to know if there was a connection between the two Metz’s. Information from the 1911 History of Vernon Co. on the naming of Metz, MO was sent. Metz was originally named Pleasant Valley. When residents tried to get a Post Office, it was discovered that another town in Missouri already had that name. The Postmaster had been reading in a newspaper article on the Franco-Prussian War and General Bazaine’s capitulation at Metz. He suggested the name Metz based on reading of the war, and the name was adopted and the post office obtained. This was in 1870, and the Metz Post Office is still in operation today.

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 and is very easy to do. In 2005, we received **\$154.76** for them!! Thank you for taking the time to clip/save and turn in at the monthly meetings.

Annual Treasurer's Report; Year Ending December 31, 2005

Kathe Rader, treasurer, submits the following financial report:

January 1, 2005 Beginning Balance \$ 6,759.56

Income

Membership Dues	515.00	
Research	467.00	
Seminar	810.00	
Best Choice UPCs	60.00	
Summer Fresh Receipts	94.76	
Miscellaneous Donations	17.00	
Finis Moss Trust	5,000.00	
Huell Warden Grant	101.12	
Nevada Library Refund (Heritage Quest)	290.00	
Nevada Library Census Subscription	100.00	
Book Sales Income	147.40	
Calendars (26.00)		
Marriage Indexes (96.00)		
Other Books (25.40)		
Confederate Indexes Donations	94.00	
<u>Total Income</u>		+ \$ <u>7,696.28</u> \$14,455.84

Expenses

Calendar Printing	906.00	
Cedar County Cemetery Books	105.00	
Cedar County Obits Printing	150.00	
Census Subscription ½ with Library	100.00	
Film Reader Repair, Toner, Ads	399.65	
Genealogy Collection	10,000.00	
Heritage Quest Online Subscription	290.00	
Indexes (Printing, Binding 70 copies)	158.45	
Marriage Indexes Printing	489.60	
Program Speakers	25.00	
Research, Newsletter, Postage	541.22	
Seminar	457.31	
St. Clair County Cemetery Books	70.00	
State Genealogical Assoc Dues	20.00	
Supplies (Notebooks, Sleeves)	83.24	
<u>Total Expenses</u>		- <u>\$13,896.22</u>

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2005 \$ 559.62

Thank you, Kathe, for a detailed report.

Tri-County Genealogy Featured in Missouri State Genealogical Association Newsletter

Advance notice has been received that the Tri-County Genealogical Society is featured in the Winter 2005 issue of the Missouri State Genealogical Association newsletter. (The State newsletter had not been received as of the writing of our newsletter, but should be available at our January 14 meeting.)

Indexing Published Family Histories in Nevada Library Genealogy Dept.

Nancy Malcom has undertaken the monumental task of compiling a cumulative surname index for the published family histories which are in the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Department. This is will be a tremendous asset to researchers when completed. Kudos to Nancy Malcom!

Vernon County Circuit Court Records Project

The weekly Friday Circuit Court Records Project workshops will resume on January 6. Anyone who would like to help prepare the Circuit Court Records for microfilming can meet in room 9A of the Courthouse at 10 a.m. each Friday. We usually take a lunch break from 12-1 and continue working until about 3 p.m. If you can only work a half day, that is fine – come on out!!

Cataloguing Items for Nevada Library Genealogy Department

The weekly Wednesday workshops will resume on January 4 for those interested in cataloguing and shelving the genealogy collection which was acquired last year. Meet in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. at 10 a.m.

Tri-County Genealogy Featured in RootsWeb Review

The Tri-County Genealogical Society's new website was featured in section 1 (right up front) in the RootsWeb Review, December 28, 2005, Vol. 8, No. 52. Thousands of genealogists receive the RootsWeb Review each week. It read:

SOME SITES WORTH SEEING:

MISSOURI. Vernon, Cedar, and St. Clair Counties. The Tri-County Genealogical Society offers suggestions on researching in Vernon, Cedar, and St. Clair counties, including a special section on the Nevada State Hospital #3 asylum.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/>

Jackson County, Missouri Marriage Records Online

The marriage records of Jackson County, Missouri are now available on line. The actual images can be downloaded. The website is <http://records.co.jackson.mo.us/localization/menu.asp> Thank you, Betty Hicks, for sharing this information.

Mortality Census 1850-1880

Mortality Censuses are available for the census years of 1850 through 1880. The information given could include cause and month of death, marital status, and age at death. Don't overlook checking for a mortality census in your research. Thanks, Betty H. for this reminder.

North Dakota Death Index Online

If your research includes North Dakota, you may find the death record you're searching for in the new online searchable database at <http://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm> The time period covered is Jan 1, 1881 through Oct 31, 2005, with monthly updates. Frieda Hickman reports that she found the birth and death date for one of her cousin's babies who died there. The baby lived only 1 day...now Frieda's research has dates for this youngest one, rather than blanks.

1890 Barton, Bates, Cass, Vernon Co, MO Veterans and Widows Census

James Baker, Jr. has transcribed the 1890 Veterans and Widows Census for the counties listed. The Vernon Co census and other records he has transcribed are at: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jrbakerjr/census/census1.htm> You may be interested in other databases and information on his website – his home page is <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jrbakerjr/genealogy/>

Heritage Quest Online

Many libraries offer access to their Heritage Quest library subscription from your home computer by purchasing a library card (usually \$25 to \$30 annually). With the library card number, you can remotely connect to the Library's website and its Heritage Quest subscription and conduct your research from the comfort of your home. You can purchase the library card from Mid-Continent Library, Springfield Library, or as Betty H. has done, from Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, CT. This is an economical way to have access to the Federal Census (and other records) at home.

A Ranger Remembers World War II by Eugene Elder

A copy of this book has been donated to the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Department by Mrs. L. Grigsby of Aurelia, IA. Mrs. Rozella Gammon of Harwood, MO, made the presentation at the Library.

Indexes for Sale

Tri-County now has the following indexes to history books for sale:

INDEX to My Kind of Town: Butler (Bates Co.) Missouri \$10.

INDEX to History of Ballard (Bates Co.) Missouri \$7.

INDEX to HUME...Coal, Corn and Cattle 1880-1980 (Bates Co.) Missouri \$5.

INDEX to Family/Community History Liberal (Barton Co.) Missouri \$7.

INDEX to The Town That Coal Built: Rich Hill (Bates Co.) Missouri \$7.

SUPPLEMENTAL INDEX to 1911 History of Vernon County, Missouri \$7.

INDEX to Missouri History in Cedar County \$10.

Also available are every-name indexes to Marriage Books A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H Vernon County Missouri \$12 ea.

All sale publications are listed at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/pubs1-15.htm>

2006 Officers Installed

The following Tri-County Genealogical Society officers were elected and installed for 2006:

Interim President: Nancy T

Vice-Presidents: Etta W and Betty H

Recording Secretary: Luella P and Lynda B

Treasurer: Kathe R

Corresponding Secretary: Darlene L and Richard J

More hands makes work lighter – and in this way we can lighten the load of our officers by having two serving in some positions. “Interim” president means that someone has agreed to continue serving only until someone steps forward to take over the position. In agreeing to continue as interim, it was agreed that no new major projects would be undertaken this year and the society would not be able to organize a spring seminar -- the focus will be on completing the numerous projects currently in process.

Everyone enjoyed delicious food from a beautifully decorated table of sandwiches, chips, veggies, cookies, candies, and other delicious finger foods, as we watched a video program on Writing Your Family History.

A tremendous thank you to the 2006 officers who have agreed to serve!

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings of the Tri-County Genealogical Society (Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties of Missouri) are held the second Saturday of each month and begin at 10 a.m. They are alternately held at Nevada and El Dorado Springs at the following locations:

Nevada Public Library Meeting Room, 218 West Walnut, Nevada (enter at South side of building). On Saturdays, there is no 2-hr parking limit on the streets.

El Dorado Springs Community of Christ Church, 600 South Grand, El Dorado Springs (enter from North side). Carpooling from the Nevada Library is usually available; contact the society.

All meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome!

Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at about 50, 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 the 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.

2006 Society officers are:

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Secretary: Luella P and Lynda B

Treasurer: Kathe R

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You received this monthly newsletter because you are a member of the Society, have indicated an interest in our organization, or represent an area genealogy group. If you do not want to receive this email newsletter, please contact the society at TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net and request that your name be removed from the email list.

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR 2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____.

Email: _____

Names/locations being researched (please limit to 6):
(i.e.: Summers – Vernon Co, MO - 1829 to present.)
