

TRI-COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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March 11, 2006 Meeting ~ Nevada
“Family Tree Maker” Basic Training Video

The March 11, 2006 monthly Society meeting will be held in the Nevada Public Library Meeting Room in Nevada, MO, beginning at 10 a.m. The program will be a training video on using Family Tree Maker computer software to store and print your family history research data – names, dates, priceless family stories, pictures, etc. With Family Tree Maker, researchers can easily create and print family group sheets, family trees, genealogy reports, and other documents with the click of a mouse. This training video, designed for beginners, will walk you through the basics of how to record, preserve, and share your family tree information. *“When I previewed the video for this program, I learned several things about using Family Tree Maker which will help me in my research.”* A member.

Following this program, the training video (actually a DVD) will be catalogued so it can be checked out from the Library for your further use. Additionally, there is a Family Tree Maker user’s manual in the Genealogy Dept at the Nevada Library, and we will see about also making it available to check out by patrons. Although the user’s manual is for a lower version of the program, many of the features and “how to’s” are the same.

Later in the year, we will have another training video which covers advanced features of the Family Tree Maker software, such as merging files.

Vernon County Circuit Court Records Project
Weekly Workshop at Nevada Library Meeting Room

The weekly Friday Circuit Court Records Project Workshop will resume at the Nevada Library Meeting Room following the Feb 24 “day off.” We have a great group of people who get together each Friday beginning at 10 a.m. to work on preparing these documents to be indexed and microfilmed. Come on out and give them a hand – additional help is always welcome to open, separate, and clean these historical court documents from the late 1800s. With the new workshop location at the Library, we now have plenty of table space and good lighting for the work. If you have questions about the workshop, please contact Ray & Darlene Lukenbill 667-6772, Neoma Foreman 465-2389, or Richard Johnson 667-2105.

Library Genealogy Department

We continue to place additional resources from the Lathrop Collection in the Genealogy Department. Metz Times newspaper indexes for 1904-06, 1908, 1909-1912, and 1913-1915 are now on the Library shelves, and several Nevada newspaper indexes will be added over the next few weeks (additional copies have to first be printed). Copies of these newspaper indexes will also be available for purchase. A tremendous **THANK YOU** to the several

volunteers who typed the new cumulative indexes for each of the newspaper books!! And **THANKS** to the members who regularly work on Wednesdays to catalogue the new items, move books, place documents in plastic sleeves, etc., etc., to get these many resources ready and on the shelves for researchers!!

Vernon County Cemetery Directory

Work continues on the new Vernon County Cemetery Directory – corrections are being input into the database. Numerous cemeteries have been resurveyed in this process, and many, many corrections and additional burials have been added. The new directory, which will have information on about 43,000 deaths/burials is scheduled to be printed later this year.

Tri-County Genealogical Society Internet Site

Many researchers are finding their way to the Tri-County Genealogy website, with over 1,900 “hits” (visits) having been recorded since it went online on Dec 28, 2005. New information and webpages are being added as time allows. Coming soon is a page asking researchers to submit information on their family group sheets for their Vernon County ancestors. The group sheets will then be available online for other researchers to view. Information on the Missouri Family Group Sheet project is at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usfqs/missouri.html>

The Internet address for our website is: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/> [**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. A printed copy of the website pages is available in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department.

2006 Genealogy Programs

Work continues to arrange interesting, informative, and entertaining programs for the year which will benefit both beginning and experienced researchers. Additional program ideas are always welcome – please give them to Etta Webb Webb@aicon.net or Betty Hicks bwhicks@worldnet.att.net at any meeting or via email. Each month’s program will be announced the month prior, listed in the newsletter, posted in the Library Genealogy Department, and posted on the welcome page of our internet website. Additional details will be provided for each program prior to that month.

Apr – El Dorado Springs – Field Trip to Osceola Library and St. Clair County Courthouse, arranged by Derl Barnett. To carpool from El Dorado Springs, please meet in the Summer Fresh parking lot, and we will leave there at 9 a.m. enroute to Osceola.

May – Nevada – Tour of the Nevada Family History Center, 1101 North Olive Street, Nevada, MO. Please be at the Family History Center by 10 a.m. for the tour and program after which a brief business meeting will be held.

Jun – El Dorado Springs – How to Conduct Genealogy Research by Helen Lodge, local expert in family history research.

Jul – Nevada – Land Deeds in Family History Research by Betty Hicks, member of Tri-County.

Aug – El Dorado Springs – Field Trip to tour the “Hospital Home” of Dortha Swopes in Appleton City (Hospital building converted to private home). Will include a box lunch served at the home.

Sep – Nevada – Field Trip to Ft. Scott, KS for Historic Trolley Tour and Museum Visit.

Oct – El Dorado Springs – Stockton Courthouse Tour, arranged by Luella Phipps.

Nov – Nevada – Attend Bates County Genealogy Society meeting. Once we know what their programs are going to be, we can switch this program to another month as needed.

Dec – El Dorado Springs – Installation of Officers, Video Program, & Christmas Luncheon.

Jan 2007 – Nevada – Printing Your Genealogy Book Using Family Tree Maker by Nancy Malcom.

Again, this is a tentative list and some changes will be made as details are finalized.

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 History Book \$10.

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

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

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL INDEX to 1911 History of Vernon County, Missouri History Book \$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>

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 not a 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; email TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net to confirm.

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

Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at about 58, 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:

Interim President: Nancy T

Vice President: Etta W and Betty H

Secretary: Luella P and Lynda B

Treasurer: Kathe R

Corresponding Secretary: Darlene L and Richard J

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