

TRI-COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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May 13, 2006 Meeting ~ Nevada, MO
Tour of the Nevada Family History Center

Our May program will be a tour/program at the Nevada Family History Center, 1101 North Olive Street in Nevada, MO. (This is at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.) The tour will begin at 10 a.m. and, we will have a brief business meeting at the Family History Center following the program.

Indexing Beeny Funeral Home Records

We have 183 pages of abstracted Beeny Funeral Home data that needs to be indexed because it is arranged by date order and, therefore, very time consuming to research. There are approximately 7-9 entries per page, typewritten. If you are interested in indexing this document (first name – last name – page #) in a computer spreadsheet, please contact the society at TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net. We will make arrangements with the Nevada Library for you to take this document home while you work on the index. If you would like to work on it on one of the Library computers, what would be fine also. After you type the data for the index, we will ask another member to proof your list before it is published (so you don't need to worry about typing errors ☺).

Microfilm Reader-Printer for Sale

An older model Cannon 80 microfilm-microfiche reader-printer is for sale by the Society. Viewing screen is bright and clear; makes good copies; has new toner cartridge. Great for small office or home. Recently cleaned and serviced. \$500 obo. Email the society.

Missouri Death Certificates and Searchable Index ~ 1910 - 1955

The Missouri State Archives has placed the 1910-1955 death certificate index on the internet. The web address is <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/> The Archives is also putting a copy of each 1910-1955 death certificate on the internet, with the first several years already available. Full dates of death are already given in the index for the approx. years 1910-1940, even if the death certificate image is not yet available online.

If you do not use the Internet and are researching Missouri deaths during this time period, we will be glad to go on the internet and get death dates and/or print copies of the certificates that are available. Please print the following information about each person: **1) Full name, 2) County where died, if known, 3) Year of death, if known.** Bring your list to any monthly meeting or send via U.S. mail to the Society. The charge for each page printed at the Library is 10 cents. (Be sure to include your name and phone number on your request.)

For death certificates after 1955, you will still need to contact the State DHSS office in Jefferson City. Each year, another year's death records will be turned over to the State Archives as public record.

To further assist all Vernon County researchers, a printed copy of the Vernon Co. Death Certificate Index is available in the Genealogy Dept. This index arranged by year and then alphabetically, as copied from the State Archives' website. This printed list will periodically be updated from the State Archives' list.

Vernon County Circuit Court Records Project

We are almost half way through processing the Circuit Court Records!!! Thanks to the many hours of our numerous great volunteers, we are quickly approaching the half-way point in this massive project. Linda Myers, field archivist, reports that the Missouri State Archives uses our volunteer project as a model for other counties to pattern. If you can help work on the court files, please come to the Nevada Library Meeting Room on any Friday; and we will be glad to show you how to open, flatten, separate, and clean the documents. If you have questions about the weekly workshop, please contact Ray & Darlene Lukenbill 667-6772 or Neoma Foreman 465-2389. Total volunteer hours as of the end of March 2006: 1,589 !!

File drawers to process: 195. Number finished: 88.

Researchers Utilizing Nevada Library Genealogy Dept.

There is a registration book in the Genealogy Department, and we know that not nearly all of the researchers who use the resources have signed in. We thought it would be interesting to have a summary of where our 2005 visitors who did sign the register came from. Here are the states and numbers: Arkansas 1, Arizona 2, California 14, Colorado, 1, Florida 3, Hawaii 1, Idaho 2, Illinois 2, Kansas 16, Maine 2, Michigan 2, North Carolina 1, Nebraska 4, Ohio 2, Oklahoma 3, Oregon 3, South Dakota 1, Texas 16, Utah 1, Washington 3.

Missouri towns represented: Bolivar 1, Bronaugh 2, Cleveland 1, Columbia 1, Duenweg 1, El Dorado Springs 66, Forsythe 1, Hume 1, Independence 1, Jasper 2, Joplin 2, Kansas City 1, Lamar 2, Lees Summit 1, Liberal 3, Lone Jack 1, Marthasville 2, Milo 5, Moundville 20, Neosho 3, Nevada 133, Peculiar 1, Raymore 1, Rich Hill 5, Richards 4, Sheldon 2, Springfield 2, St. Joseph 1, St. Petersburg 1, Sunrise Beach 1, Walker 3, Warrensburg, 1.

Please take time to sign the register each time you visit the Genealogy Room so the numbers reported will reflect a more accurate use of the facility. *Thank you.*

Vernon County Cemetery Directory

Several volunteers continue work on the new Vernon County directory of deaths/burials. The new book is scheduled to go to print later this year.

Tri-County Genealogical Society Internet Site

Additional information and several new pages have been added to our website; check out what's new in April 2006: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/>. "Hits" as of April 27: 2,672.

"Dare to Dream" with the Nevada Public Library

A thank you letter has been received from Susan McBeth, Library Director, for the Society's recent donation of the Family Tree Maker Basic Training DVD to the Library. Her letter in part

reads: "Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Nevada Public Library's Dare to Dream Campaign. Because of friends like you, we are building our nonfiction area with up-to-date information. Your investment in us will bear dividends for years to come." The DVD can now be checked out from the library.

2006 Genealogy Programs

The following programs are scheduled for the remainder of the year. 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.

Jun 10 – El Dorado Springs – HOW TO CONDUCT GENEALOGY RESEARCH by Helen Lodge, local expert in family history research.

Jul 8 – Nevada – LAND DEEDS IN FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH by Betty Hicks, Society member.

Aug 12 – 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; cost to be announced; reservations required.

Sep 9 – Nevada – FIELD TRIP TO FT. SCOTT, KS FOR HISTORIC TROLLEY TOUR & MUSEUM VISIT.

Oct 14 – El Dorado Springs – STOCKTON COURTHOUSE TOUR, arranged by Luella Phipps.

Nov 11 – 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 9 – El Dorado Springs – Installation of Officers, Video Program, & Christmas Luncheon.

Jan 2007 – Nevada – PRINTING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY BOOK USING FAMILY TREE MAKER by Nancy Malcom.

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

Books for Sale

Tri-County now has the following indexes to community history books for sale; if you own one of these history books, you'll want to purchase an index for it:

--INDEX to My Kind of Town: Butler (Bates Co.) MO History Book \$10.

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

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

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

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

--SUPPLEMENTAL INDEX to 1911 History of Vernon County, MO History Book \$7.

--INDEX to Missouri History in Cedar Co. \$10.

Every-name indexes to Marriage Books A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H Vernon Co, MO \$12 ea.

A limited quantity of the following comb-bound newspaper indexes are available:

--Metz Times Index Oct 1904-1906 (50 pages, \$8).

--Metz Times Index 1908 (19 pages, \$5).

--Metz Times Index 1909-12 (98 pages, \$12).

--Metz Times Index 1913-15 (70 pages, \$10).

--Nevada Daily Mail Index Oct-Dec 1884 (coming soon)

--Nevada Daily Mail Index 1885 (99 pages, \$12)

--Nevada Daily Mail Index 1887 (coming soon)

- Nevada Daily Mail Index 1888 (109 pages, \$12)
- Nevada Daily Mail Index Nov 1892 – Dec 1893 (247 pages, \$25)
- Nevada Daily Mail Index 1894 (coming soon)
- Nevada Daily Mail Index 1897 (228 pages, \$25)
- Nevada Daily Mail Index 1898 (176 pages, \$20)
- Nevada Daily Mail Index 1900 (191 pages, \$20)
- Nevada Daily Mail Index 1901 (218 pages, \$25)
- Nevada Daily Mail Index Oct 1927 – Dec 1928 (182 pages, \$20)
- Nevada Noticer Index Mar 1888 – Feb 1889 (55 pages, \$8)
- Nevada Noticer Index Feb-Dec 1889 (coming soon)
- Nevada Noticer Index Jan 1890 – Feb 1891 (54 pages, \$8)

Member in Vehicle Accident

We have received word that a Society member, Connie Palmer, and her husband and daughter have been in a car accident while visiting her daughter who is stationed in Italy. Their daughter, Diana Palmer, injured her right ankle, Connie suffered whiplash and is in a neck brace, and Connie's husband, Robert, had a broken leg which required surgery on his left leg and hip. It will be another month before they can come home. Diana Palmer's address is PSC 103 Box 4027, APO AE 09603 and her email is dianas2001@hotmail.com. We wish them a speedy recovery and safe travels home.

Vernon Co Family Group Sheet Project

After some delays, all "behinds the scenes stuff" has been taken care of; and you can now enter your Vernon County Family Group Sheets in the Missouri FGS project! Within just a couple of days of submitting your FGS, a link will be added on our Society's webpage at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/fgs.htm>. Through the FGS project, you can share some of your personal research without putting all of your information out on the web.

The Cedar Co FGS site is: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mocedar/cecofgs.html>, and St. Clair Co. is at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mostclai/families.htm>

Genealogy "Wish List"

We have been asked to put together a "wish list" of resources that are needed in our local genealogy libraries. Please forward your recommendations of specific items and their costs to the society; include your name and phone number in case there are questions regarding your suggestions for the "wish list." We will publish the list in our newsletter and also have it available when researchers would like to make a contribution to a library.

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 60, 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 Presidents: Etta W and Betty H

Secretaries: Luella P and Lynda B

Treasurer: Kathe R

Corresponding Secretaries: Darlene L and Richard J

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 in the future, please email the society at TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net and request that your name be removed from the email list.