

TRI-COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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August 12, 2006 Meeting ~ Appleton City, MO
Tour of Historic Durley Hotel turned Hospital turned Private Home



A field trip to Appleton City has been arranged for our August meeting. We will tour the historic home of Dortha Swopes, which was originally the Durley Hotel, a favorite retreat for the elite in the days of railroad travel. Later the building was converted to a hospital. It is now an elegant private residence. We will tour the home and then enjoy a catered "box lunch" in what was the grand ballroom of the old hotel. **Reservations are required and the cost of the box lunch is \$6. Please send your payment and reservation to Kathe Rader, 1703 S. Philips, El Dorado Springs, MO 64744. Please submit your reservation by August 2.** This will be a nice outing – if you invite a friend, please ensure a reservation is made for them. The address is 302 North Walnut Street in Appleton City (see the map).

Following the home tour and lunch, we will go to the Appleton City Museum.

Cedar County Resources Added to Nevada Library Genealogy Dept.

To date, the following Cedar County printed resources from the Lathrop Collection have been catalogued and added to the Nevada Library Genealogy Department:

- 1850 Cedar Co, MO Federal Census.
- 1860 Cedar Co, MO Federal Census.
- 1890 Cedar Co, MO Veterans and Widows Census.
- 1994 Cedar Co, MO Plat Book.
- Cedar Co, MO Marriages, Book A, 1845-1865.
- Golden Nugget of History 1881-1981 El Dorado Springs, MO.
- Gwinn, Siders, Milster Funeral Home Records, El Dorado Springs, MO.
- Historical Tours of Cedar Co, MO.
- Index to History of Cedar Co, MO.
- Register of Births and Deaths 1883-1909, Cedar Co, MO.

Additional Cedar Co. resources which were already in the Genealogy Dept are:

- Cedar Co, MO: History and Families.
- Cemetery Directory of Cedar Co, MO. (new one).
- Cemetery Directory of Cedar Co, MO; 1872-1984.

- El Dorado Springs Telephone Directory.
- Era of One-Room Schools of Cedar Co., MO.
- Gal and Guy of Caplinger
- Historical Sketches of Cedar County, MO.
- Missouri History in Cedar County.
- Moments in Time.
- Plat Book of Cedar Co, MO, 2001.
- Standard Atlas of Cedar Co, MO.

Vernon County Circuit Court Records Project

Eleven volunteers and society members enjoyed a “Half-Way Celebration” lunch recently at the Sunrise Restaurant on the Square. Linda Myers from the Missouri State Archives was in attendance, and everyone expressed their gratitude for the many hours given to the project. Each Friday in the Nevada Library Meeting Room, there is a workshop to prepare the Vernon County Circuit Court records to be indexed and microfilmed. If you can help unfold and flatten court documents, please come to the Library on any Friday at 10 a.m. An end-of-project celebration is already being planned – so come on out and help complete the job!

File drawers to process: 195. Number of file drawers finished: 106.

Tri-County Genealogical Society Internet Site

New information continues to be added monthly to our website. Additional information about researching in our area and resources available in the Genealogy Department have been added as well as information on the new “Moundville, Missouri 1860-1910” book which we are selling. Several complementary notes about the website are received each month. Check out what’s new at www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/.

Manila American Cemetery

If you have an ancestor from Indiana who was buried in the Manila American Cemetery during World War II, there is a project to photograph and send a copy of the gravestone to family. The Manila American Cemetery is located in the city of Manila, Republic of the Philippines, within the limits of the former U.S. Army reservation of Fort William McKinley, now Fort Bonifacio. Write to: Dave and Apple Dwiggin, 55 Balagtas Blvd, San Pablo City 4000, Philippines. Information can also be found at <http://fizkid.tripod.com/>

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@acon.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.

Sep 9 – Nevada – Lyndon Irwin (guest speaker) will give a presentation on his new book, *Moundville, Missouri 1860-1910*. More than 5 years was spent researching this book which includes forgotten stories such as the “Whiskey Wars,” the Wray Murder, the town fires, the post office robberies, and more. Moundville college, church, and cemetery records are

included in the book which is thoroughly documented with footnotes. Copies of the book will be available at the meeting for \$20 (+\$2.50 if mailed book rate). If you have already purchased a copy of the book, you can bring it Sep 9 to be autographed.

Oct 14 – El Dorado Springs – Mr. Stacey Hutton, president of the Bates Co Genealogy Society has extended an invitation to our Society to attend their October 14 meeting in Butler, MO. Mrs. Woodfin, local historian and genealogist, will be the guest speaker. Carpools will be available for anyone who would like a ride.

Nov 11 – Nevada – Using the Internet in Family History Research by Helen Lodge. The location for this program will be announced.

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

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

Again, this is a tentative list and some changes may 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.) Missouri History Book \$10.
- INDEX to History of Ballard (Bates Co.) Missouri History Book \$7.
- INDEX to HUME...Coal, Corn & Cattle 1880-1980 (Bates Co.) MO 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.

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)

Many additional sale publications are listed on our website at www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/,

Genealogy “*Wish List*”

Below are items that have been recommended for our *Wish List* of items needed. Please continue to forward your additional suggestions to the society.

1. **1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 mortality, agricultural and industrial Census schedules (for our immediate area).**
2. **1880 Census of defective, dependent and delinquent classes (for our immediate area).**
3. **Microfilm of Vernon Co 1855-1900 public records (minus probate and other records which we already have as listed above). Cost is \$15 per roll of microfilm. (We will try to have a list of microfilm needed in a future newsletter.)**
4. **(Add your suggested items here!)**

The Historical Society of Missouri will interlibrary loan microfilm of the Census items for us to print paper copies from. The interlibrary loan cost is estimated to average about \$2 per roll and there may be as many as 10 to 20 rolls to get the sections with the schedules needed. We can print pages on the Nevada Library microfilm machine for either 15¢ page or the cost of a new toner cartridge (est. about \$175), whichever is less. The Historical Society of Missouri advises that this is the least expensive way to obtain the Census schedules which we do not presently have.

If you would like to fund the purchase of items from the *Wish List*, please send your contribution check to the Tri-County Genealogical Society and indicate the *Wish List*, item(s) your contribution is for.

Best Choice UPC Labels and Summer Fresh Receipts

Collect and bring these labels and receipts to any monthly meeting -- the Society receives cash for them.

Using Land Records in Family History Research

As a follow-up to Betty's July program on the benefit of using land records for genealogy research, the web address for the James Dollarhide article used as a handout is <http://users.rcn.com/deeds/deeds.htm>. Consider using a digital camera to copy land documents (with the office's permission). Original Government Land Patent documents are online at the Bureau of Land Management's site at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/PatentSearch/Default.asp?Tab1=2&f1=MO&f2=&f3> Land descriptions will give researchers an exact location for their ancestors. Acknowledgements on deeds (where people swear in front of a notary) will show the location of the parties selling -- sometimes people will have already moved from that state, and the acknowledgments will say where they lived at the time of the sale.

“*Moundville, Missouri 1860 – 1910*”

The Society has been given the opportunity to sell Lyndon Irwin's newest book, “*Moundville, Missouri 1860-1910.*” The Society will receive a commission on each book sold. Several pieces of publicity have recently been received, two of which were:

The Nevada [MO] Daily Mail, Friday, July 14, 2006, page 8. Carolyn Gray Thornton wrote a very nice article about the book and included one of the sketches from the book. The article

included information that the book was being sold by the Tri-County Genealogical Society and can be obtained at the Metz Bank, the First National Bank and at the Nevada Library.

The RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine 19 July 2006, Vol. 9, No. 29 (c) 1998-2006 RootsWeb.com, Inc. had the following:

BOOK NOTES: MISSOURI. "Moundville, Missouri 1860-1910," by Lyndon N. Irwin, Ph.D., is a comprehensive look at one of the older towns in Vernon County, which pre-dates the Civil War. This recently published book, which took more than five years to research, includes information on schools, churches, coal mines, people, and businesses that all added up to the successes of the town. Read stories about the Whiskey Wars and the Murder of Ella Wray, granddaughter of Noah Lafayette Caton, and about the town fires and post office robberies.

Additionally, there are records from the Moundville Lutheran and Methodist churches, Cooper College, and the pioneer Moundville Cemetery. Indexed with more than 890 surnames, the book is documented with footnotes, and illustrations by Barbara Jean Marlow Irwin. This 250-page softbound 8.5x11-inch book is available (\$22.50 postpaid book rate) from: Tri-County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box B, Nevada, MO 64772

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Civil War Confederate Pensions

Notes from Helen Lodge's previous program: When checking ancestor's military records, don't overlook that States, not the Federal Government, gave Confederate pensions. Many times bible records were sent in with military pension applications to prove family records. Those bible records are now at the National Archives because they were not returned to the applicants.

FamilySearch Internet Site

Marlene Hizer has provided this follow-up information from her earlier genealogy program: The name of the internet search program is "Family Tree," and it will be a part of the familysearch.org internet site. "Family Tree" is still in the training and testing mode and isn't expected to be back on the internet before the end of the year.

Newspaper Indexes on RootsWeb.com

The Nevada and Metz newspaper every-name indexes which volunteers typed are being uploaded to the free databases search on www.rootsweb.com. The first three indexes have been uploaded; however, some "technical difficulties" were encountered. We will get this corrected as soon as possible – watch the next newsletter for an update on this.

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 Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 East Hospital Road, El Dorado Springs. Carpooling from the Nevada Library to the El Dorado Springs meeting is usually available; contact the society at 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 contact the society at TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net and request that your name be removed from the email list.

*You are cordially invited to support the work of the
Tri-County Genealogical Society with an annual membership.*

P.S. In the Nevada Library Genealogy Department, the following categories of resources have been moved down and to the right slightly to free up 2 shelves to make room for the additional Vernon County resources which will be added over the next several weeks.

Missouri General

Missouri Regional

Missouri Counties Alphabetically

Other States Alphabetically

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