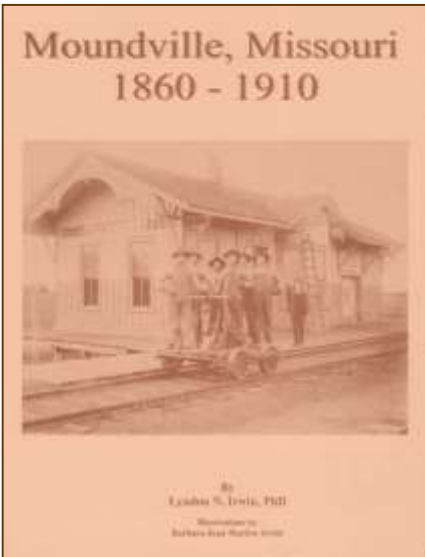


TRI-COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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September 9, 2006 Meeting 10 a.m. ~ Nevada, MO
Lyndon Irwin, Guest Speaker



Lyndon Irwin -- professor, author, speaker, and genealogist -- will talk about his recently published book on the history of Moundville, Missouri, and stories of the people and the area. Dr. Irwin's newest book is a comprehensive look at one of the older towns in Vernon County, which pre-dates the Civil War. This book, which took over 5 years to research, includes information on schools, churches, coal mines, people, and businesses which all added up to the successes of the town. Lyndon Irwin has authored several books on his family's history and also an account of the 1904 World's Fair Missouri Pacific Train Wreck, ***There Will be a Wreck!*** He is a Professor of Animal Science at Missouri State University in Springfield. A native of Vernon County, he and his family reside at Bois D'Arc. **Moundville, Missouri 1860-1910** will be available for purchase for \$20 at the program.

Sep. 14 Workshop 10 a.m. @ Nevada

Please plan to attend a workshop on Thursday, September 14, in the Nevada Public Library Meeting Room to prepare documents for the El Dorado Springs and Nevada Libraries. Approximately 20 books (copies) of Cedar County funeral home records and 12 books of Sheldon Enterprise newspaper abstracts are to be put in plastic sleeves and 3-ring binders. Front cover and spine inserts will then be made, and the books will be ready to place in the respective libraries. All supplies (binders, plastic sleeves, cardstock paper for labeling) will be provided for the workshop. If you have questions, please contact the society at TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net.

Vernon County Circuit Court Records Project

Work continues weekly on the Circuit Court Records Project, and we can always use more help to complete this large project. Come to the Nevada Library on any Friday ~ work begins at 10 a.m. and most workers take a lunch break from 12 noon until 1 p.m., and then work continues until about 3 or 3:30 p.m. If you cannot work a full day, you can work that portion that fits your schedule.

File drawers to process: 195. Number of file drawers finished: 112.

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.

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 – FAMILY TREE MAKER VIDEO PROGRAM.

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

Books for Sale

A complete list of books which we have for sale will be developed and listed in a future newsletter.

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.

Due to the time involved in other projects, no additional work has been done on this item.

Best Choice UPC Labels and Summer Fresh Receipts

Collecting labels and receipts continues year round. Save and bring them to any monthly meeting.

This & That

Local obituaries available online: <http://www.nevadadailymail.com/obituaries/> Nevada Daily Mail newspaper obituaries – Vernon County, MO, Eastern KS

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.asp?brd=1815&nav_sec=67234 This takes you to the Cedar County Republican newspaper to view current obits. Other area newspapers are in the column to the left. If this link doesn't work do a Google search for Ozarks Newsstand. Has regularly updated websites with online obits from these local newspapers in Central/Western MO: Harrison Daily Times, Bolivar Free Press, The Marshfield Mail, Buffalo Reflex, Christian County Headliner News, Cedar County Republican, Nixa New-Enterprise, South County Mail, Newton County Times and the Republic Monitor. (May be a small charge for obits older than two weeks)

<http://www.bolivarmmo.com/bhfp/currentobits.htm> Polk County obits from Oct 1998 through June 2001 available for downloads

<http://www.obitcentral.com/obitsearch/obits/mo/mo-cedar8.htm> Selected Cedar County Obits

Ferry Funeral Home obits <http://www.legacy.com/Obituaries.asp?Page=FHStories&FHIndex=2865&FHName=Ferry+Funeral+Home>

(This pertains to computer files, but managing your paper files is also necessary.) Over the years, genealogy data files and computer backup files can accumulate and be scattered across multiple folders, drives, CDs and other external drives. Take time to organize your files and preserve the best of what you have. Find and eliminate data which is no longer useful or that is duplicated in a master copy of your data. Place all retained (good) genealogy files into a single folder. Create a backup of your retained genealogy files periodically. Summary of article from July 14, 2006, Genealogy Files Lost, Found and Preserved, "Senior Sampler"

Newspaper Indexes on RootsWeb.com ~ Update

Rootsweb has advised that they are short staffed and behind in processing the Nevada newspaper databases which have been uploaded for public use. As soon as word is received that our indexes are online, a notice will be published in our newsletter. These are the Nevada and Metz newspaper every-name indexes which volunteers had typed previously for the abstracted newspaper books.

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 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.*

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