



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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(Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties)  
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Vernon County Courthouse  
Nevada, Missouri

# NEWSLETTER

December 2006

## January 13 Meeting “Advanced Family Tree Maker”

The Jan. 13 meeting will be held at the Nevada Public Library Meeting Room, 218 W. Walnut St. in Nevada beginning at 10 a.m. The program will be **Advanced Family Tree Maker**, a program on DVD which explains many of the more advanced features of Family Tree Maker computer genealogy software. Patrons of the Nevada Library may check out the “**Basic Family Tree Maker**” DVD from the Library for a refresher prior to this program. The Advanced Family Tree Maker DVD will be available for patron checkout shortly following the January meeting.

If it is snowing, sleeting, or the roads are bad, the meeting will be cancelled.

## 2007 Officers

Due to extremely low attendance at the December meeting, Kathe Rader, Lynda Bishop, and Dorothy Foster agreed to serve on a nominating committee to present a slate of officers at the January meeting. Kathe Rader (treasurer), Lynda Bishop (recording secretary), and Richard Johnson (research and corresponding secretary) volunteered to serve in the same position in 2007. Please contact the nominating committee if you would be willing to serve as an officer in 2007. Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

## 2007 Membership Dues are Due

Annual Tri-County membership dues for 2007 are now due. If you joined the Society just this

past fall, your dues were credited to 2007, and we are glad to have you as members! Individual membership is \$10, two people in the same household is \$15, and lifetime membership is \$100 per person. Please make checks payable to Tri-County Genealogical Society and turn in at the Jan. meeting or mail to Tri-County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box B, Nevada, MO 64772, if you have not already done so. Kathe Rader, treasurer, has a list of those who have paid.

## 2007 State Genealogical Assoc

The Society’s annual membership dues for the Missouri State Genealogical Assoc. are also due in January: \$20.

Individuals wishing to join the Missouri State Genealogical Assoc may do so by sending a \$20 dues check to:

MoSGA  
P.O. Box 833  
Columbia, MO 65205-0833

The Association newsletter and journal are filed in the Genealogy Department.

## Update - Missouri Death Certificates Online

Missouri death certificates are now on the internet for the years 1910-1929 **and 1950-1955**. The death index is complete from 1910-1955.

## Vernon County Circuit Court Records Project

Linda Myers, Archivist with the Missouri State Archives, would like to a train a volunteer in to

learn how to flatten extremely curled or rolled documents using archival techniques. This volunteer can then work weekly on the particularly large court files which need to be flattened. Work continues weekly on the Circuit Court Records Project, and we can always use more help to complete this large undertaking. Come to the Nevada Library on any Friday ~ work begins at 10 a.m. Most volunteers 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, please work any portion that fits *your* schedule. The more people who help with this project, the sooner we can have these records available for researchers. **In case of inclement weather, please listen to the Nevada radio station to ensure the Library is open.**

### War of 1812 Genealogy

The December video program identified what records might be available on those who served in the military during the War of 1812 and where those records could be found. Because this information may be of interest to members who were unable to attend the Dec. meeting, it is summarized here.

Four major kinds of records can be found:

**1. Service Records** include payroll (muster roll), hospital records, lists of prisoners, sometimes includes a description of the soldier, birth date and place of birth.

a) Federal Forces. Federal records are in the National Archives at Washington, DC.

b) State Militia. Militia records are with the individual State and will generally be at the State Archives.

Sometimes a soldier served in both Federal Forces and State Militia; always look both places.

**2. Bounty Land Records.** After the war, soldiers were given bounty land located in Arkansas, Illinois, and Missouri for their service. Some sold their bounty land benefit; many did move. Land speculators bought up many land warrants. Land bounty warrants

could be cashed in up until 1845, after which a soldier could take government land wherever wanted (not just AR, IL, MO).

**3. Pension Records.** Only if totally disabled did one get a pension. In 1871, after most veterans were deceased, the Government did let any War of 1812 veteran or widow apply for a pension.

To get a **Pension** or **Bounty Lands**, soldier had to file a bunch of papers with names of spouse, children, birth, age, marriage, etc., as well as battles fought in and unit leader. However, application did not require name of parents.

**4. Claims Records.** After the war, a soldier had to go to the Senate or House of Representatives to file a claim. There are published Claims lists in volumes in larger libraries.

What you need to know to get into the records: Soldier's Name, State, Regiment, Company. I.e., 25<sup>th</sup> of TN or name of person who ran the regiment (Col Bradley's Regiment). Regiments were headed by a Colonel. Supposed to have 1,000 men; usually 650 during War of 1812. Regiment were divided into 10 groups called Companies; each Company headed by a Captain. Usually 65 men in a Company. Knowing the State, Regiment, and Company will allow you to find the records.

Go for service records first: Start with the Federal Service Record Index. Look for the Federal Bounty Lands Index. Federal Pension Index with some bounty lands mixed in.

You can then get the records from the NARA, or you may want to hire a researcher in Washington to get the records.

Next, look for State Militia records. Write 3 places in the state: 1) State Archives, 2) State Library, and 3) State Adjutant General. "I'm looking for records/information on \_\_\_\_\_ who I suspect served in the State Militia during the War of 1812. What records might you have that would give me information?"

Then you want to correlate information you get with the 1810 and 1820 census to further locate the family.

The soldier may have been a member of the Regular Army, Navy or Marines. Those records are in a separate place.

“National Union Catalogue of Manuscript Collections” (NUCMC); all written documents from the war. Index on the Internet. Look up by location: town, county, and state where he served. You may find War of 1812 records which are not in the National Archives or the State.

Loyalist, Canadians or British. You’ve got to know the Regiment. Find the regiment by knowing the battle or the battles in which you ancestor may have fought. If you have no idea, then you look in compilations – do search on Google for indexes such as bounty land indexes, etc.

Many military indexes and information about the War of 1812 are available online:

**National Archives:**

<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/war-of-1812.html>

A webpage which has **links to many State Archives:**

[www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/what\\_do\\_we\\_have/other\\_state\\_archives/](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/what_do_we_have/other_state_archives/)

### 2007 Genealogy Programs

Your help is needed to help plan programs for 2007. Please take time to list subjects, speakers, etc., that you would find interesting or helpful in your research. Additional program ideas are always welcome – please give them to any officer or your newsletter editor, and they will be forwarded to the appropriate people.

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.

Feb 10, 2007 – El Dorado Springs:

Mar 10, 2007 – Nevada:

### Best Choice UPC Labels and Summer Fresh Receipts

Collecting labels and receipts continues year round. Save and bring them to any monthly meeting – they are converted to cash.

### Genealogy Conferences

**2007 Aug 3-4:** Missouri State Genealogical Assoc. annual conference in Jefferson City.

**2008 May 14-17:** National Genealogical Society Conference in Kansas City.

### Traditional Order of Naming

Thanks to Betty Hicks for sharing this information on the traditional order of naming. This was sent to Betty by a genealogy friend. Many of you may already be aware of this, but I could NEVER remember the ORDER. I have a couple of families in which this will be very helpful, especially when trying to ascertain the surname of the Mother of the children. Not infallible, I know, BUT maybe a hint! It was stated that this is the "traditional order" of naming.

1st son = father's father

2nd son = mother's father

3rd son = father

4th son = father's oldest brother

5th son = father's 2nd oldest brother or mother's oldest brother

1st dau = mother's mother

2nd dau = father's mother

3rd dau = mother

4th dau = mother's oldest sister

5th dau = mother's 2nd oldest sister or father's oldest sister

### 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](mailto: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 70, 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

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

*We hope to see you at the January 13, 2007 meeting*

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. 2007 Society officers are:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Corresponding Secretary:

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](mailto:TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net) and request that your name be removed from the email list.

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