



Nevada Library and
Bushwhacker Museum

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Vernon County Courthouse
Nevada, Missouri

NEWSLETTER

April 2007

May 12 Meeting – Nevada Vernon Co Probate Records & Bushwhacker Museum Tour

The program will include a “back room” look at Vernon County Probate Records and how to research them by Richard Johnson, member. Following this, Peggy Pyle (Vice-President of the Vernon County Historical Society, 11-year volunteer at the Bushwhacker Museum, 1855-2005 Nevada-Vernon County History Book Committee member, and Tri-County Genealogy member) will speak on some of her historical interests followed by a guided tour of the Bushwhacker Museum. The newest Museum exhibits, “**Vernon County – The Never Ending Story,**” will be featured, and admission for the museum tour portion of the program is \$3. The Bushwhacker Museum reopens to the public May 1.

Recording Secretary

The Society is looking for a member who will volunteer to serve as Recording Secretary for the remainder of 2007. If you would be willing to do this, please contact Lynda Bishop at msbish@centurytel.net or 876-2633. Your help will be appreciated!

March Correspondence Report

A total of six requests were received in March from Colorado (2), Illinois, Oregon (2), and Canada; with \$111.00 income. Additionally, 80 emails regarding genealogy were received/sent.

Tri-County Genealogy Website

The newspaper indexes on our website have been temporarily removed and will be re-posted as soon as possible. The pricing information for requesting microfilm lookups is being updated to more appropriately reflect the effort it takes to process these lookup requests and keep them in line with previously advertised research fees. Thank you for your patience while this change is being made. The indexes should be back on line sometime in May, and 6 new indexes will also be added.

Polk Co Genealogy Society Thank You

Dear Tri-County Genealogical Society:

Thank you for your enthusiastic support on your website for our ninth annual Polk County Genealogical Society Spring Conference “**Where to Look – Who to Ask**” held on a snowy April 14, 2007 at Community Memorial Hospital in Bolivar, MO.

We hope your participating members found the programs informative and the exchange of ideas between the dedicated representatives of other local societies exciting.

Please go ahead and mark your calendar for our next spring conference, Saturday, April 12, 2008.

Sincerely,

Joyce Burkhart, PCGS Secretary

Gloria Bogart Carter’s Online Genealogy Column in the Springfield Leader

If you have a genealogy research question regarding ancestors in the Southwest Missouri Region, please consider sending it to Gloria

Carter for use in her free online genealogy column with the Springfield Leader at <http://www.news-leader.com/springfield/lifestyle/genealogy/>. Please review her column and then email your queries to her at gbcarter@juno.com (the submission form on the website has not been working). She asks that you include your name, mailing address, phone number and email address with your query.

Help in Genealogy Dept.

One of the best ways to increase your genealogy research skills is to volunteer to assist others in the Genealogy Dept. We are seeing an increasing number of local as well as out of town researchers visiting the Nevada Library and the number of paid research requests by mail has also increased.

Researchers can greatly benefit from a brief overview of the Genealogy Dept., which explains how the resources are shelved and where they can find the specific items for which they are researching. Assisting researchers in the Genealogy Dept. does not mean doing their research for them, but rather answering questions they may have about the collection or researching in Vernon County and directing them to the resources which might most likely contain the information they are seeking.

In order to help know who plans to be in the Genealogy Dept. at different times, you are invited to enter your name and hours on the calendar on the south wall. (If we need a larger calendar, we will get one.)

If you want to help but feel that you don't know enough about what is in the collection, we would be glad to schedule some time to go over the various resources and help you become more familiar with their location. Please contact Richard or Nancy regarding this.

Who are YOU Researching?

Members are invited to submit their name and contact information (email and/or mailing

address) and surnames with location and years that they are researching. Other members may be researching the same family, and this will enable members to contact each other and share information if they desire to do so. Please email your information to TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net or print clearly and bring to any meeting.

Bill & Roz Coleman, billrozcoleman@comcast.net, 600 Orleans Rd., North Chatham, MA 02650, would like to find more information about **Augustus C. BAKER** and **Rebecca PRYOR BAKER SHACKELFORD** and two of the Baker daughters, Emma and Mary:

We are looking for more information about Augustus C. Baker's family or origin. We know only that he was born in Germany on April 21, 1827 and immigrated in 1838 at the age of 11. He married Rebecca Pryor in Osage Township, Bates County, MO on March 1, 1849. Rebecca Pryor Baker was his second wife. We would like to know who his first wife was.

We know nothing of Rebecca Pryor's family of origin except she was born on Feb. 10, 1830 and she may have been orphaned.

Daughter Emma Ann Baker was born 1852, and married Archibald **WHITE** circa 1870.

Daughter Mary Elizabeth BAKER was born 1855, and married S. B. **FERGUSON**.

We are looking for pictures of the Augustus Baker Homestead in Vernon Co, MO and of the Riggins and Baker Store in Fort Scott, KS.

We are also looking for pictures of the Samuel Shackelford home probably located on Osage and Native Road near the Center School Northeast of Fort Scott, KS.

We would like to hear from Weyand Family relatives who have ancestors buried in the Coleman Cemetery near the Missouri-Kansas line, west of Vernon County Road 100 (aka Osage Rd, Bourbon Co, KS.) (**Editor's note:** Marriage Index info: Emma A. Baker married Granville Miller Feb 6, 1868, Vernon Co, Marriage Record Book A, p. 106. Emma Miller married

Archibald G. White Aug 25, 1870, Vernon Co, Marriage Record A, p. 185. Mary E. Baker married Thomas B. Ferguson Oct 25, 1870, Vernon Co Marriage Record A, p. 188. Three different federal and state census mailed to them.)

Vernon Co. Circuit Court Records Project

Volunteers continue work on the Circuit Court Records Project and are up to box 170!

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.

Missouri Death Certificates

Images are now online for 1910-1932 and 1950-1956. The website is <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/> and you can also access it from our website at www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/ -- click on the "Resources" tab and the "Deaths" button.

Crawford Co, KS May 7 Program

The Crawford County Genealogical Society, Pittsburg, KS, presents "40th Birthday Celebration of the State of Virginia" by Michael Dunn. May 7, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Pittsburg Public Library, Pittsburg, KS. Flyer on bulletin board in Genealogy Dept.

State Historical Society Mini-Conference

The State Historical Society of Missouri Mini-Conference: Depots & Deposits: Gleaning Information from Missouri Mining Industry and Rail Road Records, will be held June 9, 2007, 1020 Lowry St, Columbia, MO 65203. Presenters: Tom Miller, Manuscript Specialist at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia; BA in Journalism from MY, MA in History from UMSL; and Sharol Neely, Local History Associate with the Springfield-Greene County Library; member of the Ozarks Genealogical Society. Flyer is on bulletin board in Genealogy Dept..

Indian Territory Research

The North Arkansas Ancestor Fair. "Indian Territory Research," will be held June 1, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Civic Center, Marshall, Arkansas. Fee is \$15. Presenter is Dr. Daniel Littlefield, Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock: Indian Tribal Records Research and Trail of Tears Research. June 2 from 9-3 is an Ancestor Fair; free (no speakers). For more information: ragland1935@yahoo.com or (870) 448-3497

Digitizing 5,000,000,000 Records

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is in the process of digitizing 5 billion genealogical records stored in the Granite Mountain Vaults near Salt Lake City. These records will be connected to www.familysearch.org, the Church's website and one of the preeminent genealogy sites on the Web. Tens of thousands of volunteers are at work helping to index the collection and more are welcome. To read a news article on the indexing project go to: <http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,660205784,00.html>. To volunteer for the project, visit the following website: <http://www.familysearchindexing.org/en/index.jsp>

Monthly Newsletter

If you received this newsletter by both the U.S. mail and email, please email TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net so we can correct our mailing lists. Thank you.

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.

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 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: Lynda Bishop (876-2633)

Vice President: Kathe Rader (876-5270)

Recording Sec: **position open**

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill (667-6772)

Corresponding Sec: Richard Johnson

All are area code 417. 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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