



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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NEWSLETTER

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Using Family Records in Genealogy Research July 14 Meeting – Nevada Library

The July 14 Society meeting will be held at the Nevada Library Meeting Room, 212 West Walnut Street, Nevada. Family Records – the documents, photographs, diaries, and letters that can be found in your own home or tucked away at your grandmother’s will be the focus of the program. Family records are the best way to start your family history research. Everyone has family records...priceless recollections...which can put “flesh on the bones” making your ancestor a person. This video program will follow a brief business meeting.

New Mailing Address for Society

The official mailing address for Tri-County Genealogical Society and the Nevada Public Library has changed to 212 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772.

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.

New Resources Added to Nevada Library Genealogy Department

The following new resources were recently added to the Genealogy Department:

HONORING OUR ANCESTORS Inspiring stories of the quest for our roots. By Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak.

PRODUCING A QUALITY FAMILY HISTORY by Patricia Law Hatcher, CG Is a guide to creating and publishing your own family history--one that will be appreciated and enjoyed by your own family and by other researchers.

A TIME FOR HEROES: The Ancestors' Stories Edited and compiled by Lemira Stubbs Parks, MO State Society, DAR. Missouri DAR submitted stories of their ancestors.

BORDER SPEECH: Words and Phrases of the Western Border in the Light of its History. By Patrick Brophy. Compiled in the Field 1950-1975. Corroborated and supplemented from Historical and Literary Sources. 2007.

FANCHERS Past and Present. by Norma Fancher. Genealogy of the Fancher Family.

YOUR FAMILY REUNION How to Plan It, Organize It, and Enjoy It. by George G. Morgan. Every type of family get-together, from the casual backyard barbecue to a weekend camping trip to a week-long deluxe cruise, can become a "family reunion." The keys to a successful event, however, are to plan and organize a structure for it, get the family together, and provide opportunities for a variety of memorable activities.

HARMONY MISSION TO CAMPBELL'S MILL ROAD By Claud M. Hoffman. Harmony Mission to Campbell's Mill Road, as was located by Federal Government Deputy Cadastral Surveyors during the mid-1830s and early 1840s.

From Harmony Mission in Bates County, southeast through Vernon County and into Cedar County.

**A TRIBUTE TO WILLARD WOODY
Military Service Feb 1970-Jan 1971.**

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI 2004
PLAT BOOK.**

**CEDAR COUNTY, MISSOURI 2003 PLAT
BOOK.**

Do You Have An Old Yearbook?

**By Carolyn Gray Thornton
The Nevada Daily Mail
Nevada, MO.**



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Yearbooks open up dozens of memories for those pictured inside the pages.

But yearbooks that are part of the keepsakes from an estate are not as interesting. The problem of disposing of these treasures arises when there is no family member that wants to keep this reminder of a loved one's younger years. However it doesn't seem right to toss such things away.

The Tri-County Genealogical Society has the answer for you. They have a project to preserve the history of all of our Vernon County schools, even those no longer in existence. One of the best tools for this project is to maintain a complete set of the yearbooks from each school. Some of these are smaller Annuals. Other are elaborate publications. All are needed.

Donating school yearbooks to the Genealogical Society is a wonderful tribute to the graduates, the school and our county's history.

It is explained that one copy of each year's book will be placed in the Nevada Public Library genealogy department where it will be available for use during regular library hours.

Some books are frail from use or age. These will have individual pages placed in protective sleeves so that they can be used without damage to the pages.

Pages from the books can be copied in the library, but the books cannot be checked out. Therefore you know that your donation will be

well cared for and will remain in the library for future use.

A second copy of each yearbook will be donated to the Bushwhacker Museum where it will be preserved in their archives.

Some schools, such as Metz school, have been working for several years to collect copies of their school's yearbooks. This is a very good project.

However the Genealogical Society still wants to have a separate collection of these same books so that the complete history of all the schools will be available in two locations.

Some books are available now in the Genealogy Department. These include four from Bronaugh (1956, '57, '59 and '87); four from Sheldon (1977-'80); and 10 from Walker (the '60s and early '70s). Of special interest are the ones from Saint Francis Academy. Several have been donated from 1954 through 1966. Needed are all years of Northeast Vernon County, Richards and Schell City.

Even though Metz alumni have been searching for their books for three years they still need 1954, '59 and '71 for the Genealogy Department and other years from 1936 through 1984 for the Museum.

Copies of the Nevada yearbooks are needed for 1909, '10, '15, most of the '30s, and some more recent issues. It is hoped that some can be found from 1905 or earlier if there were books printed in those years.

The Genealogical Society is also interested in any written histories of the schools. Any newsletters or histories will be made available on the genealogy Web site. This information can be sent to the Genealogy Society in care of Nevada Library or emailed TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net.

Donated books can be taken to the Nevada Public Library. For more information contact the society.

Let's work together to keep this precious historical heritage available for everyone to see.

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Tri-County Genealogy Website

Nine indexes to Sheldon Enterprise newspaper abstract books were recently placed online. These cover the years 1901-1931 and 1936. The four additional Sheldon indexes will be placed online later this summer. The indexes allow researchers to see if their family member was "in the news," and gives information on how researchers can order a copy of the newspaper article(s) for a small fee.

Rootsweb.com had some technical difficulties during the last couple of weeks, and we were not able to update our website until they fixed their problem. Hopefully, everything is now working okay and the changes to our site are now posted.

1885 Burial in Green Mound Cemetery

Neoma Foreman got a call from a granddaughter of Joseph and Mary Harter with additional information about a baby buried years ago in Green Mound Cemetery. Neoma wanted to share the following interesting story: "A carnival or street fair came to Harwood and one of the families had a sick baby. Dr. Walker directed them to Joseph and Mary Harter for help in caring for the baby. The carnival had to move on, and the parents asked Mr. and Mrs. Harter to care for the baby while it was sick and said they would come back and get it. They never came back, and before long the baby died. The Harter's buried it in their family plot in Green Mound Cemetery at Harwood. Mr. Harter made a flat stone with the name, Harry Gay, and 1885-1885."

Revolutionary War Military Records

Original images of Revolutionary War pension files have been released on www.Footnote.com, a subscription Internet site. Through a partnership with the National Archives and FamilySearch, Footnote.com, provides original images of Revolutionary War records and makes them available for the first time on the

Internet. An all-access annual membership is \$59.95 (monthly fee is \$7.95).

Vernon Co. Circuit Court Records Project

Work is progressing. There are only 15 file boxes remaining to be processed.

Recording Secretary

A tremendous *thank you* to Etta Webb for taking notes at the last few monthly meetings. If you would like to take notes for the remaining few meeting this year, please contact Lynda Bishop, president.

May Correspondence Report

Four research requests were received in May from the states of Georgia, Illinois, Michigan and Oregon, with income of \$114.

At last month's meeting, a letter from the Missouri State Genealogical Assoc., Columbia, was read. It requested a nominee for their Award of Merit program. The society will consider a nominee for this honor, and a summary of achievements along with letters of recommendation will be mailed with the application to MoSGA.

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 for publication in the newsletter. 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 bring to any meeting.

Mary Alice Jeserick, 2959 West 399 St, LaCygne, KS 66040 majeserick@ckt.net, provides the following: I'm happy to share one of my success stories—

A cousin on my mother's side only knew the names of her grandparents on her father's

side. We're related on her mother's side. I asked if I could research to find their parents and she said, "Fine." She gave me the information that she had, and I began digging. Her grandparents had lived in Osage township, Bourbon County, Kansas in the 1860's, so I began with census records and found the grandmother's family, STRICKLAND, in that area. However, the grandfather's family had moved to Vernon County, Missouri. I started checking with the Bushwhacker Museum in Nevada and found they had a probate file for David BLOOMFIELD. This was the father of her grandfather. The file listed his wife and children and, because they were underage when he died, there were also guardians, and affidavits attesting to the 'becoming of age' when they turned 21. From one of those documents I discovered David's wife's maiden name of NUGENT and was able to trace more information about them.

There was also a 1903 plat map for Henry township which was very enlightening to me. My mother grew up in northern Henry township on the Kansas state line. Some years ago she told me she had attended school at Prairie Union School and had walked the two miles to school practically straight east of their home. Being of the generation after coal was stripped from the ground and left huge pits, I pondered how she could have gotten across the pits! She enlightened me. Prairie Union School location is shown on the map along with the former owners of her parents property. Her grandparents and great-grandparents (WHITE) owned land in that area and are shown on the map. Names that I've heard nearly all my life are shown as landowners, too.

The BRADLEY family lived on the Kansas side of the state line in Linn County and were neighbors to the WHITE family that lived down the road. It is not unexpected that they would meet and marry. My parents bought the

Bradley place, usually referred to as the EPLER place since Isaac Epler homesteaded the farm in 1866, and that is where I grew up.

This is why the local county societies are so very important. It's where the grassroots information is available.

Mary Alice Jeserick

Charles Foreman, Rt 1, Box 167A, Walker, MO 64790 Clodbust@inetvisions.net, provides the following—

Here is my July 4th happy note: I had two (surname) Dally cousins with General George Washington when his Army crossed the Delaware River and won a battle that helped win the Revolutionary War in 1776 and our independence from Britain. And last Winter I established facts that Betsy Ross, the First Old Glory Flag sewer, was married to John Claypoole III, a distant cousin of mine. Wouldn't it be fun to prove that the Star Spangled Banner that Betsy sewed was the



one that accompanied General Washington's Army? And that it was held by my cousin in that famous painting that has hung in thousands of schoolrooms and museums? May I find that proof next year? There is no end to Genealogy searching and fun!

Charles Foreman

(copy of George Washington Crossing the Delaware from www.metmuseum.org/explore/gw/el_gw.htm)

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 B

Vice President: Kathe R

Recording Sec: **position open**

Treasurer: Ray L

Corresponding Sec: 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.