



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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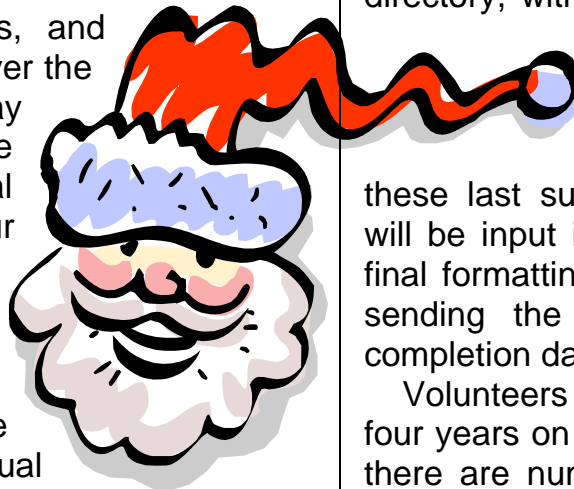
December 8 Meeting -- 10 a.m.
Nevada Library Meeting Room
Installation of Officers
"Tri-County in Review"
Annual Christmas Luncheon

The December 8 meeting of the Tri-County Genealogical Society will be held at the Nevada Library Meeting Room, 218 West Walnut St., Nevada, beginning at 10 a.m. The meeting location was changed to Nevada due to a scheduling conflict in El Dorado Springs.

Officers for 2008 will be nominated, elected, and installed. Please consider serving as an officer – if you can serve for one year, it will be greatly appreciated. Contact Neoma F.

"Tri-County in Review," is an interesting and fun pictorial review of the many projects, programs, and activities of the Society over the past few years. You may recall that pictures were frequently taken at special events – this is your chance to see them in a slide-show presentation.

Everyone is invited to bring a dish of food to share following the meeting. The annual **Christmas Luncheon** is a wonderful opportunity to visit with fellow genealogists about their research and the various projects of the Society. Paper goods, coffee, and bottled water will be provided by a member.



The meeting, program, and luncheon are open to the public.

2008 Membership Dues

Membership dues for calendar year 2008 can be paid at any time. Please mail your check or bring it to a monthly meeting -- \$10 for an individual or \$15 for 2 family members. Your membership dues help provide additional genealogical resources in our public libraries. The Society welcomes your suggestions on resources which would be beneficial to members and area researchers.

New Vernon County Cemetery Directory

Work continues on the new cemetery directory, with only five cemeteries remaining to be surveyed. It is hoped that volunteers will be able to complete the surveys within the next couple of weeks. Once these last surveys are completed, that data will be input into the database; and then the final formatting will be done in preparation of sending the directory to the printer (est. completion date is now spring 2008).

Volunteers have been diligently working for four years on this project, and they report that there are numerous changes, additions, and previously unrecorded pioneer burials that will be included in the new directory. *It will have more than 46,000 entries and an every-name index.* Watch the website and newsletters for information on purchasing the new directory.

Best Choice UPC Labels and Summer Fresh Grocery Receipts

Collecting labels and receipts continues year round. Save and bring them to any monthly meeting – they will be redeemed for cash.

Tri-County Genealogy Website www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/

Nearly 11,000 hits have been recorded on the Tri-County website in the two years that it has been in operation. Numerous new pages will be posted during December. They will include several biographies, family group sheets, and cemetery information.

Researchers are encouraged to review the website in preparation for a research visit or prior to requesting paid research.

If you have information to add to the website or suggestions on additional information which would be helpful to researchers, please email TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net

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. Others may be researching the same family, and this will enable researchers to contact each other and share information if they desire to do so. **Please bring your information to any meeting or email to the Society to be included here next month.**

Our member, Linda Davis, 5 Barnet Ave, Waterville, ME 04901, provides the following information on her research:

I am looking for dates and locations of death for the following ancestors:

James White, and his wife, Julia White, were both born about 1820 in Ireland and immigrated to the U.S. The last census I can find them on is that of 1870 in Athens, Bradford Co, PA.

Their son, Bartholomew W. (B. W. or Ben) White was born about 1837 in Bradford Co, PA. His wife was Ellen (Nellie) Golden, and she was born about 1833 in Ireland. They were listed in the 1880 Iowa, Allen Co, KS census and then on the 1900 census in Osage Twp, Vernon Co, MO. He worked as a coal miner. I cannot find them in the census after this date or in the state death certificates.

Family stories say they were buried at the Rich Hill Catholic Cemetery but that their graves were lost in road construction.

If anyone has information on this family or suggestions on finding the dates of death, please contact Linda.

Cedar County Probate Files Project

The Cedar Co. Probate Project continues with the workday being Thursdays from 10 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room of the Courthouse at Stockton. File packets are being opened, cleaned, flattened, put into folders, and labeled. If you can help with this project on Thursdays, please come to the Stockton courthouse.

Vernon County 1855-1900 Circuit Court Records Project

Volunteers continue their weekly workshops at the Nevada Library to process court case files. More than 37 of the 104 boxes have been completed in this phase of verifying the term of court for each case. There are still some schedule openings for additional volunteers if you can help – contact the society to get started.

The next phase of this project will be to arrange all of the case files by term of court and then box and number them. Once this is done, an extensive index will be typed and made available to researchers.

The files will then be microfilmed, and the microfilm and index will be available to researchers at the Nevada Library Genealogy Department.

University of Missouri Extension Office Holiday Open House – Dec 7

An invitation has been received to the Extension Office Holiday Open House at the Vernon County Courthouse on Friday, Dec. 7 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Index to Missouri Military Pensioners 1883

Another new book, title above, has been donated to the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. by a Tri-County member. The following excerpts were taken from the **Introduction** and **How to Use this Index** pages of the book.

“In response to a U.S. Senate Resolution dated Dec. 8, 1882, W. W. Dudley, Commissioner of Pensions, compiled a list of all citizens who were receiving a pension from the federal government as of Jan. 1, 1883.

The list included not only the aged, infirm or handicapped veterans of the War of 1812, the Mexican War and Union veterans of the Civil War, but also showed names of dependent widows, children or parents to whom the pension transferred in cases in which the soldier had died.”

“This is an index to the Missouri section of List of Pensioners...was arranged by county of residence. This index makes it possible to search the entire Missouri section at once for any pensioners name.”

Marie Concannon was the compiler of this index, and it was published by the State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, 1997. This addition to the Genealogy Dept.'s military research resources will be processed and available for use within the next few days.

The Society recently purchased copies of the Missouri Gazetteer for both the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. and the El Dorado Springs Library. Additionally it purchased Confederate Organizations, Officers and Posts 1861-1865 Missouri Units from the Ozarks Genealogical Society.

Please submit your suggestions for additional acquisitions for the library collections.

NARA Lecture

Tri-County member Mary Alice recently attended a NARA tele-conference lecture. She reported that the scope of the lecture was very broad. The handout listed the electronic records, including those with genealogical information, which are accessible online through the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) resource at www.archives.gov/aad. Records in AAD include:

- Disaster and emergency management photographs
- Files from the Natural Landmarks System
- Grants and contracts awarded by the Federal Government
- Immigrants through New York City during the Irish famine
- Individual military casualties from the Korean and Vietnam Wars
- Insider trading in securities
- IRS' Private Foundations files
- Japanese-Americans interned during World War II
- Military operations during the Vietnam War
- Prisoners of War from World War II through the Vietnam War
- Savings and loans or thrift institutions
- Telegrams from the Department of State's Central Foreign Policy File, 1973-75
- The historical significance of major Civil War battlefields
- World War II Army enlistment records, including for the Women's Army Auxiliary"

Items of Interest from Area Newspapers

[Each of the below newspaper articles was transcribed by members from microfilm at the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Department.]

A substantial marble monument has been bought to be erected at the grave of the late Rev. Wm. Rider in Fair View cemetery, by his many friends and admirers. Parson Rider, as he was familiarly called, was a pioneer local

Methodist preacher of anti-bellum times, and through all these many years his ready responses to the many calls on him in times of sorrow, his many comforting exortions have so endeared his memory to the surrounding neighbors that they without consulting his family raised a fund and paid for this memorial. It should be fittingly unveiled and dedicated.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri. May 6, 1903.

[Fairview-Ryder Cemetery is located just across the Vernon County line in Bates County.]

Died at Lamar

F. C. Schilling received a message yesterday from W. W. Davenport at Lamar that his wife, Mrs. Davenport, died at that place that morning of typhoid fever. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport conducted the steam bakery in East Nevada for several years up to about one year and a half ago, when they went to Lamar.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri. August 2, 1894.

Narrow Escape from Lightning

W. T. Loyd of south west of town had a narrow escape from death Saturday evening when a bolt of lightning struck within a few feet of where he was milking knocking down both himself and the cow a few feet away. Mr. Loyd was severely shocked but is considering himself extremely fortunate that the result was not much more serious.

Schell City News, Schell City, Vernon County, Missouri. April 13, 1922.

River Highest in 18 Years.

The Osage river was higher here Wednesday morning than at any time since 1904. The water stood about even with the rails all along the railroad grade north of town, and reached the floor of the wagon bridge. A large force of men were required to keep the railroad track in place.

Schell City News, Schell City, Vernon County, Missouri. April 13, 1922.

An Old Vernon Claim.

A. C. Orick, traveling salesman for a St. Louis grocery house, was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Orick was associated with our highly esteemed fellow citizen, Col. R. W. McNeil, in the mercantile business at Balltown, before Nevada was a village. At that time Balltown was one of the best trading points in this part of the country, and the firm of McNeil & Orick enjoyed a business of fully \$40,000 a year. They were prosperous until Jim Lane with his band of red legs swooped down upon them and looted their store. Mr. Orick said that a claim is still held against the government by this firm for \$40,000 which is signed by the late notorious Jim Lane himself. The claim may be paid some day, but it takes a long time to adjust such matters with the government.

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri. August 2, 1894.

We are informed by W. B. McDowell that the pool hall will be permanently closed on the evening of May 9th as the license expires at that time. He also informed us that no application would be made for a renewal of the license.

Walker Herald, Walker, Vernon County, Missouri. Saturday, May 7, 1892.

Ralph Brewer was an Eldorado Springs visitor Saturday.

Mrs. P. P. Jamison was shopping in Nevada Saturday.

G. R. Shomer of Appleton was visiting here Sunday.

Major A. C. Landon returned from St. Louis Wednesday.

Mrs. Jno. Hardy visited grandma Hardy at Fort Scott Saturday.

Mrs. Tony Fastabend visited her daughter Mrs. J. M. Eisenhower of Nevada Thursday.

Miss Lorene Finks went to Calhoun Saturday to visit relatives.

J. R. Daily returned Friday from a few weeks visit in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dade and daughter Betty Sue visited at the John Dade home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sharp motored to Eve Sunday to visit her brother.

Mrs. Murphy of Kansas City arrived Saturday to visit her sister Mrs. Chas. Marquis.

Schell City News, Schell City, Vernon County, Missouri. May 4, 1922.

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, 212 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; the society TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net.

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, 212 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772. 2007 Society officers are:

President: Lynda Bishop

Vice President: Kathe Rader

Recording Sec: **position open**

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

Corresponding Sec: Richard Johnson

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.

Dec. 8 – Meeting, Program, & Christmas Luncheon