



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

*Tri-County Genealogical Society  
(Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties)  
c/o Nevada Public Library  
212 West Walnut Street  
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Vernon County Courthouse  
Nevada, Missouri

# NEWSLETTER

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## January 12, 2008, Meeting -- 10 a.m. Nevada Library Meeting Room Resources Workshop

The January 12 meeting of the Tri-County Genealogical Society will be held at the Nevada Library Meeting Room, 212 West Walnut St., Nevada, beginning at 10 a.m.

Following a brief business meeting, attendees will work on sleeving, labeling, and preparing various resources to be placed in the Genealogy Dept. All materials and supplies for the workshop will be furnished. If you can help with this project, please plan to attend this meeting.

**In case of inclement weather (snowing or ice on roads), the meeting will be cancelled.** The meeting and workshop are open to the public.

## New Email Address

The Tri-County Genealogical Society's email address has changed. **The new address is [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net). After January 7, 2008, the old address will no longer be valid and emails will not be received.** Please update your address list now and also place this address on your "accepted email list," if you use that feature.

The new email address is being incorporated into our website and will be added to our printed literature. If you send an email to Tri-County and do not receive a reply within a couple of days, please forward a copy of your email to our alternate email address at [tricountygenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:tricountygenealogy@yahoo.com)

## The Society in 2008

The Tri-County Genealogical Society is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization whose purposes include fostering and encouraging the interest of members and others in genealogical research and to acquire and place genealogical publications and accurate records in public libraries. Membership is open to all individuals interested in promoting the basic policies of the Society, and there is a small yearly membership fee.

In summary, the duties of officers are:

President: presides at Society meetings and coordinates the work of the officers and committees.

Vice-President: assists the president as needed and serves as program chairman.

Recording secretary: records minutes of meetings.

Corresponding secretary: answers correspondence and research requests.

Treasurer: keeps full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures and makes authorized disbursements.

Would you be willing to serve as an officer for the remainder of 2008? We presently have volunteers for the treasurer and corresponding secretary positions and for publishing the newsletter and website. Your help is needed to fill the other officer positions. As has been done in the past, the year's programs could be coordinated by a committee of the officers, and various members could be asked to arrange different meetings/speakers so the vice-president does not have to do it all.

Officers do not have to do anything special in regards to the many projects in which the Society is involved. People help where their interests are.

The Society's members are its greatest asset. We each have talents to share in our organization – will you hold an office this year? Please contact Neoma F. at 465-2389 or [Clodbust@inetvisions.net](mailto:Clodbust@inetvisions.net) to discuss how you can help.

### **New Resources at Nevada Library Genealogy Department**

The following books were added to the collection of family history resources at the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. by donation from Evelyn Dickey of Nevada.

The History of Pike County, Missouri. An

Encyclopedia of Useful Information, and a Compendium of Actual Facts. Des Moines, Iowa: Mills & Company, 1883. Every-name index. 1038 p. + index

Pike County, Missouri: People, Places & Pikers. Compiled & edited by Karen Schwadron, under the auspices of the Pike County Historical Society. Jostens, Marceline, MO. Second printing 1991. Every-name index, 727p.

### **Military Resources in Genealogy Dept**

Researching your military ancestors can be very interesting and rewarding. To help with your research, the following "Military" resources are located in the Genealogy Dept.

#### **Revolutionary War**

Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War.

Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Missouri.

#### **Civil War**

1890 Missouri Census Index of Civil War Veterans or Their Widows.

1890 Vernon County, Missouri Census of Union Veterans, with Index.

Amnesty in Missouri.

Biographical Register of the Confederate Congress.

Burial Places of Veterans of the Civil War, Barton County, Missouri.

Bushwhackers of the Border.

Civil War Genealogy.

Battle of Carthage and Carthage in the Civil War.

Confederate Organizations, Officers and Posts 1861-1865.

Confederate Roll of Honor: Missouri.

Confederate Veteran Magazine Jan 1893 through 1931 (hardbound) and Cumulative Index.

G.A.R. Honor Roll of Oregon Grand Army of the Republic 1881-1935.

G.A.R. Roster of the Dept of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic 1895.

Indiana Civil War Manuscripts.

A Guide to Marching through Georgia: The story of Soldiers & Civilians During Sherman's Campaign.

Index to Missouri Military Pensioners 1883.

Knights of the Bush.

Osages, Bushwhackers, Etc.

To Purge This Land with Blood: A Biography of John Brown.

The Real World 1861 – 1968.

Union Civil War Soldiers Buried in Vernon County, MO.

Battle of Wilson's Creek, August 10, 1861.

Battle of Wilson's Creek, Civil War Series.

#### **World War I**

World War I - Veterans of Vernon County.

U.S. Naval Service, Officers and Enlisted Men Who Died During the World War 1920.

#### **World War II**

World War II - Veterans of Vernon County (Yearbook w/photographs of most Veterans).

First Infantry Regiment in World War II.

Eighth Special Stevedore U.S. Naval Construction Battalion 1944 Yearbook.

U.S. Naval Construction Eighth Special Battalion Sec III 1943-1945.

A Ranger Remembers WW II - Eugene E. Elder.

"Mapping was our Mission" Military History of the 650th Engineer Topographic Battalion During WW II Aug 1942 - Apr 1946 from Camp White, Oregon to Japan.

### **2008 Membership Dues**

Please forward your 2008 membership dues, if you have not already done so. Your dues help provide additional resources such as

books and microfilm of area newspapers; and they help purchase materials such as the acid-free protective sleeves and binders that are needed to prepare some resources for use by the general public.

If you have benefited from the print or computer resources in the Genealogy Department or the Internet website, please help support the local genealogy society with a membership.

### Researching Tennessee Roots

For those who have Tennessee roots, you might be interested in knowing that some information has been put online at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Go to: <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/recent.htm> (Thanks, Betty, for sharing this information.)

### New Ideas for 2008

Share your ideas for Society programs and field trips for 2008. We want to have a variety of subjects to provide both interesting and informative topics for monthly programs. What would you like to learn more about? Is there a subject you would like to research and present a program on? Share your ideas with Society officers and help plan 2008.

### 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/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/)

Brief mention was made of our website in the Winter 2007 issues of the "Show Me" State Genealogical News, a copy of which is located in the Genealogy Dept.

New website information added in December included:

- 4 family group sheets.
- 18 biography pages.

--expanded listing of military resources.

--alphabetical listing from Vernon Co

Marriage Record Books A & B, 1855-1881.

--book review: Hero of the Red River: The Life and Times of Joseph Bailey. Civil War hero and Vernon Co sheriff killed 1867 in the line of duty.

Additionally, a search field was added which allows searching within the website for any word(s).

If you have information to add to the website, please email the information to [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.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.*

### 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 Courthouse in Stockton on Thursdays.

### Vernon County 1855-1900 Circuit Court Records Project

Volunteers continue their weekly workshops at the Nevada Library to process court case files. More than 51 of 102 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.

**Kansas City, America's Crossroads:  
Essays from the Missouri Historical Review  
1906-2006**

The Historical Society of Missouri has announced the publication *Kansas City, America's Crossroads*. This is the second volume in the Historical Society's Century of Missouri History Scholarship Series. This book draws on essays that appeared in the *Missouri Historical Review* during its first one hundred years of publication. Cost is \$30 paperback and \$40 hardback for nonmembers or \$15 and \$30 for members

Also available is *The Civil War in Missouri: Essays from the Missouri Historical Review 1906-2006*. \$25 and \$40 or \$12.50 and \$30.

Contact the State Historical Society of Missouri, 1920 Lowry St, Columbia, MO 64201 or [www.umsystem.edu/shs](http://www.umsystem.edu/shs)

**Nebraska Obituaries**

A new website contains actual images of Nebraska obituaries from small town newspapers prior to 1930. The [database search](#) is free with a nominal fee to view the newspaper images via PayPal. New names are being added weekly. The URL is <http://www.obitsofnebraska.com>

**Rich Hill, Bates Co., MO Library**

We frequently receive questions about the Rich Hill Library and specifically whether it has copies of the old, microfilmed Rich Hill newspapers, the Rich Hill Mining Review, and others. A phone call to Dixie Glynn, librarian, provides information that they do not have copies of microfilmed newspapers at Rich Hill but they are available at the Butler Library. They do have an 1883 Rich Hill City Directory and an 1888-1890 Butler/Bates County Directory. Additionally, there is a copy of the Bates County Cemetery Directory. Their hours of operation are:

Tue., Wed. & Thu.: 12 noon – 5 p.m.  
Sat.: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Rich Hill Library is located at 514 E. Walnut Street in Rich Hill (phone 417-395-2291). In exiting U.S. 71 at Rich Hill onto Walnut Street, turn west and go about 3 blocks past the railroad tracks – the Library is on the north side of the road.

**Items of Interest from Area Newspapers**

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

**HOW THE SCAR CAME.**

**Some of T. Y. Brannock's War Experience.**

The scar on T. Y. Brannock's left cheek was made by a minie ball at the Marshall fight, in the Joe Shelby raid, in October 1863. After the fight he rode about 12 miles into the country, and had the ball cut out at Rock Creek church by Dr. Brown. He was afterwards taken prisoner and sent to Gratiot street, and from there to Rock Island, Ill. He remained there about a year, and was released at the close of the war. He went out with Col. Elliot in August 1872, (sic) and immediately became attached to Col. Shanks regiment, and served through Missouri with Gen. Shelby.

"We were in more danger at Rock Island," said Mr. Brannock "than we were in actual service. Almost ever day some one or more of the prisoners were killed. The killing of a prisoner meant promotion hence our constant danger. For a good part of the time we were guarded by a negro soldiers, and they were too mean to think about. We were actually starved. Many a prisoner died of hunger. I actually saw men eating from the slop barrels."

*The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri. July 25, 1893.*

**ATTACKED THE POSTMASTER.**

**A War With Sticks at Green Springs.**

**The Spencer Family Assaulted by the Millers—  
Arrests to Follow.**

Postmaster H. J. Spencer, of Green Springs came in this morning besmeared with blood from a gaping scalp wound, above the right temple. He had attempted to move the postoffice fixtures about 6:30 o'clock in the morning, from the Frank Harmon building to that of his own and met with

vigorous and hostile resistance. He came in to swear out warrants against the attacking parties.

This is the story Mr. Spencer related to a MAIL representative:

"I had put up a building about 120 feet from where the postoffice had been kept, and this morning, assisted by my wife and daughter, Lillie, started to move the office from the old building to the new one. My daughter is 19 years old and deputy postmaster. When we had started to work moving the things we were assaulted by A. J. Miller, A. A. Miller, Daisy Miller, Nettie Miller and Andrew Miller, who claimed to own the old building and the fixtures. They attacked us with sticks. My daughter was struck on the right arm and shoulder. In front of the office I was struck with a piece of board, about four inches wide and three feet long, by one of the assailants. They then carried the things back into the office. They claimed we were taking their property. I had not rented the building from them and had no business transactions with them, and Mr. Barkley had told me that the fixtures belonged with the postoffice. I was appointed postmaster at Green Springs in March, 1892, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. G. Bird. I have lived in that neighborhood for the past 18 years. The Millers moved there about three years ago from Kansas. When they carried the things back into the old office, I told my daughter to go and take charge of the mail and prepare to send out the morning mail. I don't know whether she was marked by the lick she received or not. After telling my daughter to take charge of the mails I came on to town to swear out warrants against our assailants."

**The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri June 5, 1893, page 1.**

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Earlier this year Tri-County purchased microfilm of Vernon County newspapers which we did not have in our collection. Other newspapers from across Missouri were included on one of the rolls of film. Because you may be researching in one of these locations, a list of those additional papers and dates is included here. A copy of this list is also on the microfilm cabinet in the Genealogy Department of the Nevada Library. To request a lookup in any of these papers when

the date is known, please send \$5 for the first item and \$3 for each additional item to the Society. If you are a Civil War history buff, the several newspapers from the Civil War and pre-Civil War time periods may be of particular interest to you.

Aurora Daily Advertiser, Oct 23, 1924 – Lawrence Co.

Billings Times, Jan 10, 1924 – Christian Co.

Birch Tree Shannon Herald, Mar 27, 1924 – Shannon Co.

Bosworth Sentinel, Mar 22, Nov 29, 1923 – Carroll Co.

Branson Sentinel, May 3, 1912 – Taney Co.

Buckner Record, Mar 15, 1923; Oct 15, 1925 – Jackson Co.

Butler Daily Democrat, Feb 8, 1923 – Bates Co.

Charleston Daily Index, Jan 31, 1923 – Mississippi Co.

Charleston Independent, Mar 10, 1862 (Army NP)

Chillicothe First Kansas, Oct 16, 1861 (Army NP) – Livingston Co.

Clearmont News, Jan 13, 1927 – Nodaway Co.

Clinton Daily Democrat, Sep 15, 1928 – Henry Co.

Excelsior Springs Daily Call, Nov 3, 1922 – Clay Co.

Foster News, Oct 21-Nov 11, 1892 – Bates Co.

Frankford Chronicle, Oct 24, 1924 – Pike Co.

Garden City Views, Apr 26, 1923 – Cass Co.

Gilman City Guide, Jul 26, 1923 – Harrison Co.

Glasgow Journal, Nov 11, 1869 – Howard Co.

Granby News Herald, Dec 17, 1925 – Newton Co.

Holt Rustler, Jun 1, 1923 – Clay Co.

Independence Occidental Messenger, Sep 3, 1859 – Jackson Co.

Independence Western Dispatch, Jan 13, 1854 – Jackson Co.

Indian Springs Echo, Mar 10, 1882 – McDonald Co.

Jefferson City Daily Post, Apr 28, 1924 – Cole Co.  
 Joplin Advance, May 10, 1895 – Jasper Co.  
 Kahoka Free Press, Jul 24, 1928 – Clark Co.  
 Kansas City Eye, Jul 10-24, Aug 28, Sep 11, 18, 1890 – Jackson Co.  
 Kansas City Gate City Press, Sep 8, 1888.  
Daily Kansas City Mail, Aug 28, 1877.  
Kansas City Mail, Feb 26, 1888.  
 Kansas City Mediator, Oct 11, 1913.  
 Kansas City Pioneer, Oct 23, 1878.  
Kansas City Pioneer, Jun 18, 1881.  
 Kansas City Daily Reporter, Feb 3, 1874.  
Kansas City Sun (Black), Dec 7, 1912.  
 Kansas City Sunday Mail, Feb 21-Mar 20, 1892.  
Kansas City Sunday Sun, Feb 9, 1896.  
Kansas City Truth, Aug 17, Oct 20, 1904.  
 Kansas City Waldo Country Club Weekly, May 29, 1925.  
 Kansas City Western Champion, Sep 10, 1888.  
Kirksville Daily News, Nov 25, 1922 – Adair Co.  
Kirksville Morning News Aug 3, 1913; Jun 7, 1914.  
La Grange National American, Aug 29, 1863 – Lewis Co.  
 Lexington First Kansas, Jan 18, 1862 (Army NP) – Lafayette Co.  
Marshall Capital, Jan 4, 1889 – Saline Co.  
Nevada Herald, Feb 24, 1922; Jly 20, 1923 – Vernon Co.  
 Osceola Missouri Army Argus, Nov 30-Dec 7, 1861 – St. Clair Co.  
Pacific City Herald, Mar 21, 1889 – Franklin Co.  
 Pierce City Southwest Journal, Oct 12-26, 1901 – Lawrence Con.  
 Poplar Bluff Daily Republican, Jun 14, 1926 – Butler Co.  
St. Charles Daily Banner-News, Mar 16, 1925 – St. Charles Co.  
 St. Joseph Weekly New Era, Apr 14, 1862 – Buchanan Co.  
St. Joseph Saturday Argus, Jan 28, 1893.

St. Joseph Standard, Sep 29, 1873.  
St. Joseph Star (d), May 5, 1908.  
 St. Louis Brauer-Zeitung (German), Jul 27, 1895 – St. Louis Co.  
 St. Louis Southern Echo, Jun 26, Jul 10, 17, 1897.  
Weekly St. Louis Evening News and Intelligencer, Oct 27, 1857.  
Schell City News, Apr 13, May 4, 1922; Oct 4, 1923 – Vernon Co.  
Sedalia Weekly Bazoo, Oct 2, 1888 – Pettis Co.  
Sedalia Capital (d), Jul 30, 1921; Jan 16, 1924.  
Smithton Times, Jan 5, 1928 – Pettis Co.  
 Springfield Equal Rights Gazette, Sep 21, 1861 – Greene Co.  
Springfield Daily Leader, Jan 30, 1889.  
 Stanberry Own-Headlight, Nov 8, 1923 – Gentry Co.  
 Stover Tri-County Republican, Jun 9, 1922 – Morgan Co.  
Troy Herald, Sep 26, Dec 5, 12, 1888 – Lincoln Co.  
Union Record, Oct 25, 1888 – Franklin Co.  
Wakenda Alert, Jul 20, 27, 1888 – Carroll Co.  
 Warsaw Daily Bugle Call, Sep 20-23, 1899 – Benton Co.  
 Weston Weekly Platte Argus, Aug 18, 1855 – Platte Co.  
 Westport Border Star, Jan 28, 1859 – Jackson Co.  
Westport Frontier News, Oct 6, 1855.  
 Westport Star of Empire, Jan 17, 24, Mar 21, Sep 5, 1857.

### 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; contact the society at [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.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@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.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.*

*Reminder: Update email address to [tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net](mailto:tricountygenealogy@centurytel.net)*