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Nevada, Missouri

NEWSLETTER

November 2009

December 12, 2009 Program, 10 a.m.
302 E Hospital Rd, El Dorado Springs, MO
BRICK WALLS &
OTHER RESEARCH QUESTIONS
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Members have submitted the following research questions for discussion at the December meeting. We hope to provide suggestions on solutions to these research brick walls in the next newsletter.

CASE #1.

I am looking for the burial location for Charles Frederick Rittermeyer and his wife, Lelia Brown Rittermeyer. Charles and Lelia Rittermeyer lived in Monegaw Springs, St. Clair Co, MO; and Charles died there 13 Sep. 1913. His Mo. death certificate says that he was he was buried at Mt Zion Cemetery and that the undertaker was Sneed Fre____. I was there a couple years ago and visited the cemetery but was unable to find a gravestone. I contacted the name displayed at the cemetery for assistance and they do not show him as buried there.

Lelia Brown Rittermeyer went to Kansas City after Charles' death, and she died 25 Aug. 1927. Her Mo. death certificate from Jackson Co shows the undertaker as Rose & Company and that she is buried in Butler, MO. Rockville was first written as the place of burial and was crossed off. I need some assistance from anyone who can help guide me in finding where they are buried. It looks as if she was taken from Kansas City to be buried near or with him.

Thanks for giving me the chance to submit this roadblock.

Debbie Alexander (Claremont, CA)

CASE #2.

I am looking for the maiden name of Laticia (Leticia), wife of Jacob Hicks. The 1850 Wayne Co, KY Census shows Jacob Hicks was born about 1781 in Virginia. He died before 1860 in Kentucky. His wife, Leticia, was born about 1791 in North Carolina, and died before 1852 in Kentucky. It is estimated they were married in 1805. Their children were:

1. John Hicks b. abt 1806, Wayne Co, KY; d. 23 Feb 1880, Wayne Co, KY.
2. James Hicks b. 22 Apr 1808, NC; d. 24 Jun 1892, Wayne Co, KY.
3. William M. Hicks, b. 1810, Wayne Co, KY; d. aft 1880.
4. Leodicia 'Dicy' Hicks, b. 1812, KY.
5. Mary Ann Hicks, b. 1814, KY.
6. Nathaniel Hicks, b. 1817, Wayne Co, KY.
7. Thomas Hicks, b. 1818 (? Not proven as a child of Jacob).
8. Hicks, b. 1820.
9. Champness/Champion Terry Hicks, b. 1821, Wayne Co, KY; d. 1891, Wayne Co, KY.
10. Wiley Hicks, b. 1822, Wayne Co, KY; d. abt 1895, Carroll Co, AR.
11. Leticia/Letitia Hicks, b. 27 Nov 1825, Wayne Co, KY.
12. Elvira Hicks, b. 1827, KY.
13. Elizabeth Hicks, b. 1830, KY.
14. Patsy Emaline Hicks, b. 1833, Wayne Co, KY. Married Andrew J. Hicks 17 Oct 1854, Wayne Co, KY.

Record searches in ancestry.com and familysearch.org have not shown this marriage or given clues about Laticia's

parents. How can I find Laticia's maiden name? Betty Hicks (Harrisonville, MO.

Additional case studies can be presented at the meeting – please bring written copies of the information for attendees.

Following the meeting, a potluck Christmas lunch will be enjoyed. Please bring a tray or dish of luncheon food to share. Paper plates, napkins, and plasticware will be provided.

The meeting is open to the public.

2010 Memberships Due - \$10

Membership dues for the calendar year 2010 are now being received. The annual membership fee remains at \$10, with \$5 additional for a person in the same household. Please make checks payable to Tri-County Genealogical Society and indicate that it is for 2010 membership dues. Dues can be mailed to the address above or taken to a monthly meeting. Members receive some special benefits including free lookups in the new cemetery directory database.

2010 Programs

Work will soon begin on planning the Society's monthly programs for 2010. Members are encouraged to submit program ideas and speaker suggestions to the officers. We want the programs to be of interest and helpful to members in your research.

DAR Genealogy Research System (GRS)

After nearly a decade of scanning, indexing, and other behind-the-scenes work by DAR members and employees, the Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the availability of the DAR Genealogical Research System on its public website. The direct link is www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm (and click image to open GRS). The GRS is a growing collection of databases that provide access to many materials collected by the DAR over the past 119 years.

Included in this collection of databases is the Genealogical Records Committee National Index which has been available to researchers for the past few years. Tri-County Genealogical Society and DAR member Linda Mitchell has worked on this project for several years – *Thank you, Linda!*

Find A Grave . com

A link to the www.findagrave.com website has been added to the Society's website pages "Deaths" and "Other Research Sites."

Find A Grave is a resource for finding the final resting place of individuals. It currently has more than 45 million 'memorials,' with many containing photos, biographies and dates. It is totally free. [Note that there is an advertisement at the very top of each page, so be sure to click a link below the Find A Grave title to begin your search.]

You can also enter burial information from your personal research after signing up to be a member on the site. Information for doing so is on the website.

Items of Interest from Newspapers

Our thanks to John Mutch for providing two transcribed McMichael obituaries from his family research. He notes that Marie McMichael came to Vernon County to visit her sister, Helen, who later married Ray Feller of Bronaugh and that there were other family members in the county as well.

Idaho Free Press, Nampa, ID. 10 Oct 1957.

GEORGE M. McMICHAEL

Services for George Mathew McMichael, 70, 211 Fern St., who died Wednesday, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Alsip Chapel. Rev. Raymond Kratzer of the Nampa First Church of the Nazarene will officiate with interment at Kohlerlawn.

Mr. McMichael was born at Nevada, Mo., on Aug. 25, 1887, and attended schools there. He was a graduate of Cooper College at Moundville, Mo. He taught in the grade schools there for several years. Mr. McMichael came to Nampa in 1920 and farmed in the area for 10 years.

He retired from his insulation business following an accident in 1947, and had been in ill health since that time.

He was married to Marie Wittenbrink, Jan. 1, 1917, at Nevada, Mo., and was a former member of the Masonic Lodge in Missouri. He attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Nampa.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. McMichael are two sons, George Paul McMichael, Klamath Falls, Ore., and Lloyd McMichael, Portland, Ore.; one daughter, Helen Robbins, Whittier, Calif.; one brother Alvey McMichael, Moundville, Mo.; one sister, Laura Martin, Long Beach, Calif., and three grandchildren.

Idaho Press-Tribune, Nampa, ID. 6 Jan 1999, p 5A.

MARIE W. McMICHAEL

Marie Whittenbrink (sic - Wittenbrink) McMichael, 104, of Nampa, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1999, at Caldwell Care Center. Funeral Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, at the Alsip Funeral Chapel. Pastor Don Peterman will officiate. A private burial will follow at the Kohlerlawn Cemetery.

Marie Whittenbrink McMichael was born on September 22, 1894, in Dortmund, Germany, the daughter of Wilhelm and Sophie Whittenbrink. In 1912, Marie arrived in the U. S. at Ellis Island, with the intentions of visiting America. While visiting in Mandville (sic - Moundville), Missouri, she met her future husband, George Matthew McMichael, a school teacher. Friendship developed and marriage took place in 1917. Their first child, a daughter was born in Missouri. In 1920, the McMichael family moved to Idaho and made a home in the Nampa area. Two sons were then born. Marie was a career homemaker, active in the Nazarene Church and various social circles. Marie enjoyed family life and was blessed with grandchildren and great grandchildren. Marie was endowed with exceptional health which gave her an extra long life.

The family wishes to thank all at the Caldwell Care Center for their dedicated interest and professional service.

Marie is survived by a daughter, Helen Robbins, Whittier, CA; 2 sons and a daughter-in-law, Loyd A. and George Paul and Eileen McMichael, all of Nampa, 5 grandchildren, Owen Robbins, Pico Rivera, CA, Daniel Robbins, Long Beach, CA, Susan McMichael Peck, Boise, Michael George McMichael, Marsing, and Maxine McMichael Bruce, Homedale; and 9 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1957; a daughter-in-law, Wanda McMichael in 1993; and a son-in-law, Owen Robbins.

Friends may call at the Alsip Funeral Chapel on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the NNC Scholarship Fund, 623 Holly St., Nampa 83686.

Summer Fresh Grocery Cash Register Receipts and Best Choice UPC Labels

The Tri-County Genealogical Society continues to collect Best Choice brand UPC product labels and Summer Fresh Grocery Store receipts. Please note that the Summer Fresh receipts are void if the bottom portion of the receipt is removed. Bring these items to any monthly meeting. They are redeemed for cash used to purchase genealogy resources for our public libraries.

Wisconsin County Histories Online

More than 80 standard histories of Wisconsin counties are now available online from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Most of these volumes are several hundred pages long and include detailed accounts of individual cities, townships and villages, as well as biographical sketches of prominent residents. Most were published between 1850 and 1920. Every word is searchable, so you can find specific descriptions of people, places, and events. Every volume

can also be downloaded to your computer for free as a PDF file (to acquire the PDF when viewing a volume, open the drop-down at the upper left labeled "document description"). The books are very large files which can take several minutes to open or download. www.wisconsinhistory.org/wch/

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 W. 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.

Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at about 78, 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, and \$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, 218 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772. 2009 Society officers are:

President: Kathe Rader

V. Pres: Gayle Teague & Neoma Foreman

Recording Secy: Janet Jones

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

Corresponding Secy: Darlene Lukenbill

***Annual membership is only \$10 -- join today and support the work of the Society!
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