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Vernon County Courthouse
Nevada, Missouri

NEWSLETTER

May 2010

June 15, 2010, 10 a.m.
Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
302 E Hospital Rd., El Dorado Springs
Genealogy Meeting & Program
RURAL SCHOOLS
OF CEDAR & VERNON COUNTY, MO

Luella Phipps will lead a discussion and show-and-tell about rural schools in Cedar and Vernon County. Attendees are asked to bring pictures, record books, and other memorabilia, etc., of rural schools from the area for this program.

A short business meeting will be held prior to the program

The meeting and program are open to the public, and everyone with an interest in local history or researching his or her family's history is invited to attend.

Vernon County, Missouri
Cemetery Directory 2010
PURCHASE YOUR COPY TODAY!

The new 2-vol. *Vernon County, Missouri Cemetery Directory 2010* is available for purchase at the Bushwhacker Museum, 214 W. Walnut St., Nevada, MO for \$30. The Museum is open Tuesdays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For purchase by mail, the cost is \$38 (includes s/h). Please make checks payable to and mail to:

Tri-County Genealogical Society
Attn: Books
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2010 Programs

The following programs are tentatively scheduled for 2010. Watch the newsletter and website for updated information or changes as programs are finalized.

Jul. 20, Nevada: "Using the Computer in Your Research" by Helen Lodge, Cottey College. (Arranged by Neoma Foreman)

Aug. 17, El Do: Research trip or historical site tour; to be determined. (Arranged by Dorothy Foster)

Sep. 21, Nevada: "Brick Walls in Your Research" by Helen Lodge. (Arranged by Neoma Foreman)

Oct. 19, El Do: To be announced. (Arranged by Dorothy Foster)

Nov. 16, Nevada: "Group Solve Your Brick Walls" Helen Lodge at Cottey College. Members: submit completed form in advance to have your brick wall research case used. (Arranged by Neoma Foreman)

Dec. 21, El Do: "Sharing our Personal Research, Installation of Officers, and Christmas Luncheon. (Arranged by Dorothy Foster)

[Members who are coordinating and arranging programs are asked to provide additional details about their programs for the newsletter and the Society's website. Thank you.]

New Resources Added to Collections

Numerous additional items continue to be added to the collections in the (N)evada and (E)l Dorado Springs libraries.

Vernon County, Missouri Cemetery Directory 2010 (N & E).

The following books are being catalogued and will soon be available in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept:

Truman Joseph SMADING and His Ancestors by Jo Arcudia. Donated by author.

The MYERS Clan. Donated by John Myers.

Marriages of Goochland County, Virginia 1733-1815. Compiled by Kathleen Booth Williams.

Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England. Reprinted with additions and corrections; originally published 1829.

Virginia Will Records from the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, the William and Mary College Quarterly, and Tyler's Quarterly. Indexed by Judith McGhan.

Twenty-Four Hundred Tennessee Pensioners: Revolution, War of 1812. Zella Armstrong.

Kentucky Obituaries 1787-1854. Compiled by G. Glenn Cliff; index by Anita Comtois.

The Quit Rents of Virginia, 1704. Compiled by Annie Laurie Wright Smith.

Early Pennsylvania Births, 1675-1875. Compiled by Charles Fisher.

Carolina Cradle: Settlement of the Northwest Carolina Frontier 1747-1762. By Robert W. Ramsey.

Suggested Resources to Obtain for Library Collections

Please submit your suggestions for additional family history research resources to obtain for the genealogy departments of the El Dorado Springs Library and the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Dept.

Member Research

Members are invited to submit summaries of their Vernon or Cedar County research for publication in the newsletter. Please mail or email to the Society at the address on page one of the newsletter.

Items of Interest from Area Newspapers

[The below newspaper articles were transcribed by society members.]

A mule team and a wagon were mortgaged about a year ago to J. C. Henley of this city, by James Oldfield. Oldfield left a few days afterwards going to Southern Kansas taking the mortgaged property with him. On learning that the property was at Oswego, Kansas, Henley armed Sheriff White with the necessary papers and the property was recovered.

Levi Welsch [Welch], one of the pioneer citizens of Vernon county died at his home in Osage township Friday, July 19th, of sciatic rheumatism, aged about 57 years. He leaves a widow and seven children. The funeral services were held from the family residence at 12 o'clock Saturday. Rev. Limmons, officiating and the remains interred at Prior [Pryor] Creek graveyard.

The little infant daughter and only child of Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Harrison died at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday evening after an illness of five days of inflammation [inflammation] of the brain. The funeral took place from the family residence at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. Rev. Cabaniss, rector of All Saints Episcopal church, conducting the services. The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in their sad loss.

Nevada Noticer, Nevada, Missouri.
Thursday, July 25, 1889, page 3, col. 4.

Suffering With Blood Poison.

Mrs. Frank Dye is suffering with blood poison. While putting some wood in the stove a week ago Monday she ran a sliver into the middle finger of her right hand. The sliver was removed with little trouble, but the wound soon began to pain her and by the end of the week it developed into a case of blood poison. Her hand pained her severely until the middle of this week when she felt some relief, and yesterday her condition was greatly improved.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.

Friday, March 21, 1913, page 1.

Mrs. Alice Altham Died Thursday

Mrs. Alice Altham passed away at the home of her son, Dr. A. G. Altham, in Metz at 1:40 o'clock p.m. Thursday, March 10, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Christian church Friday at 2 o'clock p.m., conducted by Eld. R. A. Blalock. Burial was in Deepwood cemetery at Nevada.

Alice Cryer was born December 26, 1837, at Burnley, Lancashire, England, and at her death was aged 83 years, 2 months and 15 days. She was married in April, 1863 to William Altham, who preceded her to the grave January 5, 1895. To this union was born five children: Alfred Edwin Altham, Mary Alice Altham (Leonard), one died in infancy, George William Altham and Arthur Gilbert Altham. Mrs. Altham came to this country in June, 1883, and located in Nevada. She came to Metz with her son about twelve years ago. She was a member of the Episcopal church. A good woman has gone and a long and useful life has ended.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.
Friday, March 18, 1921, page 1.

Death at Horton.

Robert C. Grove died at his home in Horton at 6 o'clock Monday evening, after a long illness with chronic brights disease. He was aged seventy-eight years. He was a native of Ohio, but had resided in Horton seventeen years. Eight children are left to mourn. Funeral services were held at the Horton M. E. church, South, of which he was a member, Tuesday at 3 p.m., conducted by Rev. W. B. Bull. Burial was in Balltown cemetery.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri.
Friday, March 21, 1913, page 1.

H. J. Gregg & Co. closed a deal at Richards Saturday for the Donald Koontz

stock of hardware and implements. The stock was invoiced the first of the week.

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**Summers Family Reunion
July 11, 2010 in Nevada, MO**

Moses, Jesse J., and Allen Summers and their families were the first settlers in 1829 in the area now known as Vernon County, MO. All descendents of these three families are invited to a Summers Reunion to be held at the Moore-Few Community Room, 901 South Adams Street, Nevada, MO on Sunday, July 11, 2010.

Reservations are required for the catered meal, and meal payment can be made in advance or the day of the reunion. Please contact Tobie Brown at (816) 296-7739 or tbrownretired@yahoo.com; or Frances Workman at (417) 667-5654 regarding the reunion.

Those attending are invited to bring pictures to scan and family history information to share. A visit to the recently cleaned-up Summers Cemetery near Metz, MO is planned.

Please share information about this reunion with other family members. More details will follow.

**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.

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings of the Tri-County Genealogical Society (Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties of Missouri) are held the third Tuesday 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). There is 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 Tri-County Genealogical Society is on a calendar year basis, and memberships are welcomed and accepted throughout the year. Membership in the Society is currently at about 70, and nametags are used 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. 2010 Society officers are:

President: Kathe Rader

V. Pres: Dorothy Foster; Neoma Foreman

Recording Secy: Janet Jones

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

Corresponding Secy: Darlene Lukenbill

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

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