

*The Tri-County Genealogical Society*  
(Vernon - Cedar - St. Clair Counties)

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**The August 9 meeting** will be held in El Dorado Springs at the Community Building, downtown, at 10 a.m. (Please note this is a different location from where we previously met in El Dorado Springs.) Eldon Steward will present the program on the *Civil War Navy*. Please remember that guests are always welcome to attend.

If you would like a 9:15 a.m. ride from the Nevada Library parking lot, please contact the society.

**Highlights from the July 12 meeting:** It was voted to not hold a September meeting as several members indicated they would like to attend the Ozark Genealogical Conference in Springfield on that date. (See the June newsletters for conference details.)

It was voted to pay half (approx. \$225) of a 1-year internet subscription to the US Federal Census at HeritageQuest.com, in partnership with the Nevada Public Library. This will enable you to search any US Federal Census record by computer at the Nevada Library. As soon as confirmation is received regarding the subscription, instructions on how to access the records will be made available to members.

Jewel Cooley thanked members for their kind gifts following the damage to her home in the May tornados.

Several members reported interesting information from their personal research. Virginia Breeding reported that Cedar County cemetery information is on the internet at

[http://www.rootsweb.com/~mocedar/cem\\_surveyspl.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mocedar/cem_surveyspl.htm)

We all know how frustrating it is to pick up a book that does not have an index. But help is on the way -- following our last meeting, Kathy Rader volunteered to prepare an every-name index for the *1855-1955 Nevada Centennial Book*. Thank you, Kathy! This will take a lot of work; but once

completed, it will make the Centennial Book a much more valuable resource because it can be easily checked.

Members are planning a trip to the **Missouri Newspapers Archives** at Columbia, MO, (Missouri Historical Society) in early September. They are willing to spend some time searching/copying obituaries from any Missouri newspaper on microfilm at the archives (other than the Nevada Daily Mail) for members' personal research. If there are obituaries that you would like to try to get, please provide a prioritized list with the following information for each individual:

--**Name** (include married name for women)

--**Date of death** (month, day, and year required)

--**Location of death**

--If you know which Missouri **newspaper** or city would most likely have the obituary, please list it.

You can bring your list to the August meeting or send an e-mail to the society at the above e-mail address above. There may not be time to fulfill all requests, so will try to get a few from the top of each person's list. Asking a donation of \$1 per obituary.

**From our Mailbox:** (Corresponding secretary's report):

- The Pulaski County Genealogy and Historical Societies have combined into one organization.
- Assisted Connie Thomas with obtaining a copy of a family member's obituary from Port Arthur, TX, newspaper and also with a request for military records.
- Sent suggestion to Roy Main that he link to the Vernon Co township information at <http://www.vernoncountymo.org/map.htm> Roy maintains the Vernon Co web page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~movernon/index.htm>
- Responded to request from Joan Silvers, St. Joseph, MO, for information on William

Jackson Sersey. Extensive search of 1830-1840 resources was made and nothing found.

- Responded to request from Leon Swager, Las Vegas, NV, for obituaries on Oral and Ruby Gragg. Derl Barnett assisted in request; obits not found.
- Responded to Dorothy Foster's request to contact Central Publishing Co, Iola, KS, regarding cost of the Vernon Rural Directory Rural Resident and Ownership Maps. Cost is \$25 each.
- Responded to e-mail request from Vickie regarding Etta Semple and the Weltmer Institute. Referred her to the Vernon Co. Historical Society.
- Responded to request from Don & Judy Warth for copies of obituaries, probate files, and cemetery pictures for John Warth and his parents. Contacted the Nevada Public Library, Vernon County Historical Society, Missouri State Archives in Jefferson City, and State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia regarding copies of Warth manuscripts believed to have been donated to

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the Nevada Library about 1949. Manuscripts could not be located.

- Received request from Gene Salber for researching date of death/obituary for Catherine Salber (about 1891-1892) of the Harwood area.
- Received request from Michael Burris for marriage lookup for John & Allie Burris (about 1890) and census lookups.
- Received request from Mallory Fitch, Irving, TX, for obituary for William P. Dillman (Apr 12, 1904). Obituary not found. Sent Cemetery Directory information and offered copies of probate file.
- Received request from Bob Myers, requesting information about the Pryor Creek area and the Pryor Creek community notes in the 1890s local newspaper. No newspaper columns by Sterling Price Hart were located. General information on Pryor Creek was sent. Madge Baze assisted with response.
- Received request from Dolores Kauffman for research on the George William Henry and Della Mae Parker family (late 1800s).

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