

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

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July 10 Genealogy Meeting in Nevada
Becoming Familiar with the Nevada Library's
Genealogy Room

The Genealogy Room at the Nevada Public Library has many resources which you can utilize whether researching your west-central Missouri ancestors or those who lived in Virginia. This program will focus on the materials in the collection, how the materials are arranged, and how to find information. Society members will present the program after which a question and answer period will be held, and we will then adjourn to the Genealogy Room for any further questions anyone might have. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Research Trip to Mid-Continent Library

Several members packed up notebooks and research lists and traveled to Independence, MO, to the Mid-Continent Library on June 12 and spent the day researching elusive ancestors. Everyone had a good day even though some of us did not find the information for which we were searching...at least we know where/when our ancestor(s) were NOT found, and that is also important information.

Acquisition of the Lathrop Collection

Update on the status of the Lathrop acquisition: It is our understanding that our grant application will be on the July agenda for the Moss Trust's consideration.

Missouri Records Preservation Grant

Tri-County Genealogical Society has been awarded a \$5,000 Missouri Records Preservation Grant to use in preserving the Lathrop materials and making them available for the public's use. A tremendous *thank you* goes to Dorothy Foster for her work in applying for this grant.

Workshop for Circuit Court Records

We are planning for a late August or early September workshop to learn how to process the Vernon County Circuit Court records to be microfilmed. You will be

provided with additional information on this project as plans are confirmed.

2004 Programs

To keep you informed of upcoming programs, they will be listed each month in the newsletter. If you have a suggestion for a program topic or know someone who can present a genealogy-related program, please contact Neoma Foreman or Dorothy Foster. Monthly meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are alternately held at Nevada and El Dorado Springs, at the following locations:

- Nevada Public Library Meeting Room, 218 West Walnut, Nevada (enter at South side of building).
- Community Church of Christ, 600 South Grand, El Dorado Springs (enter from North side).

Visitors and perspective members are always welcome. We have a great year of programs planned for you, with each month being something special!

August 14 (El Dorado Springs): Brad Wommack from the Bolivar Monument Company will present an informative program on *Cemetery Stones*.

September 11 (Nevada): Kenny Shelton, guest speaker, will talk on *How the Local Family History Center can Help in Your Research*. This program will explain the resources available at the local Family History Center.

October 9 (El Dorado Springs): A guest speaker from a neighboring genealogical society has been invited to present this program.

November 13 (Nevada): Michelle Martin, Instructor with the Fort Scott Community College, will speak on *Researching Your Civil War Ancestors*.

December 11 (El Dorado Springs): Following the installation of officers for the 2005 year, a video program on *Compiled Records* will be presented.

Missouri State Genealogical Assoc.

The following two quarterly publications have been received from the State Genealogical Association and are on file in the Genealogy Room: *"Show Me" State Genealogical News* and the *Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal*.

Extended Hours at Family History Center

The Family History Center located at 1101 North Olive Street in Nevada, MO, has the following new, extended hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: 8 a.m. – 12 noon

Wednesday: 12 noon – 8 p.m.

Vernon County Historical Society

The Vernon County Historical Society will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, July 11, at 2 p.m. at the Museum, 212 West Walnut in Nevada. The program will be: ***The People of Vernon County***

- ✓ Where they lived
- ✓ Where they married
- ✓ Where they are buried

Highlighting the programs and projects of the Tri-County Genealogical Society, the presentation will be made by Neoma and Nancy.

The Historical Society offers several publications for sale at the museum—check them out the next time you are in Nevada (they are located downstairs from the Nevada Public Library).

Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at 37, and we will use nametags at monthly meetings to help everyone get acquainted. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in genealogical research and 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 our local society if you are not already a member, and you can do so at our next meeting. 2004 Society officers are:

President: Neoma F

Vice President: Dorothy F

Secretary: Virginia B

Treasurer: Jewell C

Corres. Secy: Nancy T

From our Mailbox

(Corresponding secretary's report)

- The Missouri State Genealogical Association's Annual Conference will be August 13-14 in Columbia MO. J. Mark Lowe, Certified Genealogist, will speak on *Finding Your Kentucky Ancestors; Tennessee: The Road to the West; and My Ancestor, the Farmer: Shaping a Profile for Your Rural Ancestor*. Several supporting speakers

are also on the schedule. For info: www.mosga.org or MoSGA, P.O. Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833. Brochures are also available at the Library. Full registration by July 15 is \$70 for members.

- Provided cemetery photos to Peter Gold, Rainbow City, AL, on a Martitia Jane Gordon, Click Cemetery, who was listed incorrectly in the Cemetery Directory.
- Coordinated replacement roll of microfilm, "March 2003, Nevada Daily Mail," as incorrect film was received from microfilming company.
- Coordinating with the Vernon County Sheriff's Department and the Vernon County Historical Society regarding moving the Nancy A. Martin gravestone from the Sheriff's Department to a more suitable resting place. This stone, apparently, was found in the Walker area some time ago and brought to the Sheriff's office where it resided on the south steps until it caught my attention the other evening. Do you know anything about this stone, who this person was, or from which cemetery it was taken? NANCY A. MARTIN, Died Sep. 22, 1884, Aged 29y 5m 20d.
- The Ozarks Genealogical Society's Sep 17-18 conference in Springfield, MO, is titled "Weigh the Evidence." Featured speaker is Henry 'Hank' Jones, Jr., FAGS, speaker, author, and professional genealogist. Registration information will be posted on the Nevada Library's genealogy bulletinboard and is available at the Ozarks Gen. Society website at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ozarksgs/>
- Responded to inquiry from Robert Neil, Fort Worth, TX, regarding the availability of Vernon County marriage records for the years 1860-80.
- Responded to inquiry from Wanda Hackney, Valley Center, KS, requesting obituary searches for Jennie Lowe (d. Jan 8, 1952) and Frank E. Lowe (d. Jul 22, 1975). Obituaries located and sent.
- Cyndi Howells, the Internet authority of "Cyndi's List!", is seminar keynote speaker on Oct 16, 2004, at Grove Civic Center, South Main Street, Grove, OK. The seminar will include presentations by Cyndi, break presentations, catered lunch, door prizes, and vendors. Admission tickets will be issued by mail; prices are: \$30 by Jun 1 and \$40 by Oct 1. Registration at the door is \$60, if space is available (no lunch).

For more information: [gregathcompany.com /workshop](http://gregathcompany.com/workshop). For those who do not have Internet access, a flyer is posted at the Library.

If you do not want to receive the monthly newsletter from the Tri-County Genealogical Society, please contact the society.

- Received an additional \$16.50 from Carolyn Atkinson, Longmont, CO, for several lookups including marriage records which was done for her (see May newsletter).

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