

TRI-COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
(Vernon - Cedar - St. Clair Counties in Missouri)
P.O. Box B, Nevada, MO 64772
October 2005

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Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings 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, 218 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 Community of Christ Church, 600 South Grand, El Dorado Springs (enter from North side). Carpooling from the Nevada Library is usually available; contact the society.

All meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome!

November 12 Meeting in Nevada

The November 12 meeting will be held at Nevada. The program will be ***The People of Vernon County ...Where they lived ...Where they married ...Where they are buried.*** The presentation will offer many insights into the settlement of Vernon County, its early settlers, and how to find out more about them. The program will be presented by society members.

Vernon County History Book at Museum

Don't forget that the 2-volume set "*Nevada & Vernon County's Heritage 1855-2005 Pass It On*" is available at the Bushwhacker Museum. A great aid to researchers and a delightful reading experience, this collector's item is a steal at \$100 for the set. Pass it on!

Cemetery Directory

If you would like to help proof some of the new cemetery directory, here's a few opportunities – if the weather is agreeable:

Tuesday, Nov 1, 1:00 p.m. at Newton Cemetery

Sunday, Nov 6, 1:30 p.m. at Newton Cemetery

Tuesday, Nov 8, 1:30 p.m. at Newton Cemetery.

We will be walking the cemetery, proofing a printed list against the gravestones in the cemetery. Please bring a bottle of water or beverage; snack mix will be provided. There are other cemeteries which will also be scheduled to proof.

Best Choice UPCs and Summer Fresh Receipts

Receiving cash for Best Choice UPCs and Summer Fresh grocery receipts is an ongoing project of the Society. These are collected and redeemed several times a year – save and bring yours to any monthly meeting.

Internet Sites & Mailing Lists Concerning World Wars I and II

GREATWAR Mailing List gives you access to lots of people with knowledge of WW I. To join the list, email GREATWAR-L-request@rootsweb.com

A web site offering lists of Soldiers of the Great War from Pennsylvania <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/pennsylvania/genealogy/wwi.html> This page contains information on soldiers who were killed in action, died of disease, died of wounds or died of accidents.

Many military records were damaged or destroyed when the archives were burned several years ago. A website on the St Louis fire discusses alternative sources:

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/fire-1973.html>

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/alternate-record-sources.html>

Missouri – Soldiers of the Great War <http://www.rootsweb.com/~moadair/ww1/missourisoldies-greatwar.htm>

World War II also has a mail list. To join, send the word 'subscribe' to WORLDWAR2-L-request@rootsweb.com

NOTE: When joining any list, always read its instructions carefully.

2006 Membership Dues

Membership dues for calendar year 2006 are due now -- November and December. Please complete and bring the membership form at the bottom of the newsletter to the November meeting to renew your Society membership. You can also mail it to: Tri-County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box B, Nevada, MO 64772. Yearly dues are \$10 individual (+\$5 for each additional member within the same household up to \$25 maximum), \$5 for a Student, or \$100 Lifetime, per person. Please make checks payable to Tri-County Genealogical Society. The Society offers an educational and informative program at each monthly meeting pertaining to some aspect of genealogy or historical research.

Ft. Scott Seminar Vendor Table



Tri-County Genealogical Society had a vendor table at the recent Ft. Scott seminar. In addition to Society items for sale, various Vernon County

Historical Society items were displayed. The "Where Do I Begin" display board completed the table setup. Society literature and cards were handed out to numerous seminar participants. A new member signed up at the seminar (see related article).

Adopt A Book

The project to prepare an index for each of the Newspaper Index books is going well. Several members are working on books, and some indexes have been completed. If you are interested in working on this "at home" project (requires a computer and spreadsheet software), please contact the society.

Everyone's help is greatly appreciated!
These are some valuable resources for this region and will be a tremendous addition to

the Nevada Public Library Genealogy Room. There are several to be done, so we will just work along on them at our own pace until they're finished!

Nevada Library Genealogy Room Inventory

If you have been in the Genealogy Room recently, you were sure to notice many "new to us" resources which have been catalogued and placed on the shelves. Jean Edwards and Richard Johnson are heading up the effort to add the new resources to the Genealogy Room. If you have some free time on Wednesdays, please join them at the library. They will be glad to explain how to fill out a form for each item that is to be catalogued: title, author, publisher, location of publisher, date of publication, and catalogue number. If you have questions or want to just "check it out" – come on by. Additionally, as resources are ready to shelve, they are stacked on the counter in the Genealogy Room and you are welcome to go ahead and place them on the shelves by geographic area. Items which are shelved by subject include military, immigration, Native American, African American, genealogy how-to's, etc.

New Member

The Tri-County Genealogical Society welcomes the following new 2006 member:

Betty Barnhart

607 South Ashby, Chanute, KS 66720

barnhart@cableone.net

Researching: King, Purkey, McDaniel, Barnhart.

Betty is also a member of the Chanute Genealogical Society.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are numerous volunteer opportunities with the Genealogy Society in which members can become involved. If you are not yet helping with a project, please consider the various projects reported at the monthly meetings and in the newsletter, and select one in which you would like to get involved.

Vernon County Circuit Court Records Project

Linda Myers, Missouri State Archives, will be at the Nevada Courthouse on November 18. She advises that she will be searching for a new workshop location because the area we currently use is not large enough. Anyone wanting to help with this project can come to room 9A at the Courthouse on Fridays at 10 a.m. where we are processing Vernon County Circuit Court Records from the 1800s to be microfilmed and indexed through a cooperative project with the Missouri State Archives and the Vernon County Circuit Court Clerk.

Nominating Committee and Officers for 2006

In according to our Bylaws, a 3-member nominating committee will be selected at the November meeting. One member shall be selected by the Board of Directors from its body, and two members shall be selected by the Society. The Society shall select the chairperson. The nominating committee shall nominate one eligible person for each office and report its nominees at the December meeting at which time nominations may be made from the floor. Several members have served for many years and would like to have a break at this time. We have set through numerous nominating meetings in the past with no one wanting to serve on the nominating committee because no one was willing to accept the responsibility to serve as an officer, so let's try to approach this in a slightly different way this November and December. **Would you be willing to serve on the nominating committee? More importantly, would you be willing to serve as an officer in 2006? Please contact the society at TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net to let the officers know in what way you would be**

willing to serve or if you have questions about the duties of the nominating committee or an officer.

Please consider in what way you can help the Society and its members.

Printing Census Images on Ancestry.com

When using Ancestry.com for census research, print the census page by using the print icon near the right side of the screen (do not use the File drop-down menu print function). If the census page is wider than it is tall (use "Fit Image" in the sizing box), you can select Landscape Orientation in the Properties of the Print window.

Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at about 50, 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 our 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, P. O. Box B, Nevada, MO 64772.

2005 Society officers are:

President: Nancy T

Vice President: Nancy M

Secretary: Virginia B

Treasurer: Kathe R

Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy F

If you receive this monthly newsletter and do not wish to do so, please contact the society

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR 2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Names/locations being researched (please limit to 6):
(i.e.: Summers – Vernon Co, MO - 1829 to present.)
