



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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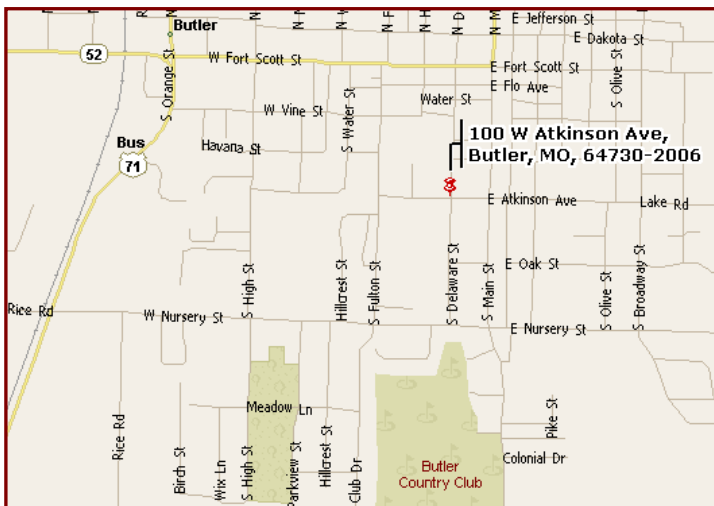
New Format for Newsletter

I am trying a new format for our monthly newsletter to make it easier to transmit by email, retain an attractive format, and take up less room in your inbox. This newsletter is actually residing on our Internet site, and you simply follow the link provided to access it. If you print the newsletter, it will not contain the email addressees list and header which it did as part of an email. For those members who receive the newsletter by U.S. mail – there will be no change other than the new header above. I hope you are pleased with the new format.

Nancy

Oct. 14 Monthly Meeting

On October 14, we will carpool to Butler, MO, to join the Bates Co. Genealogical Society for a presentation by Mrs. Woodfin, a local genealogists who has been conducting



research for several years and has transcribed

and published many local records. The meeting will be at the Butler Public Library, 100 W. Atkinson Ave. Directions: From northbound on U.S. 71, exit Business 71 at Butler. Turn right (east) onto W. Nursery St. (about the first street). Proceed east to S. Delaware St. There is a library directional sign at this corner. Turn left (north) onto S. Delaware St. The library is on the west (left) side of the road at the corner of Delaware and Atkinson. We will help locate carpools from both El Dorado Springs (contact Luella P @ 876-2285 to coordinate) and from the Nevada Library (email the society) if needed. The Butler Library is open from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Workshops

Thank you to the several volunteers who came out a workshop where we put El Dorado Springs, MO, Funeral Home Records in protective plastic sleeves and binders. Approximately 40 binders of records were delivered to the El Dorado Springs Library to catalogue and place in its genealogy section. These records have some great details. The data from these records was abstracted and indexed by Wilma Lathrop, and copies of the abstracted data are in the El Do, Stockton, and Nevada libraries.

A second workshop was held and additional abstracted/indexed area newspaper indexes were put into protective sleeves and binders. Fifteen new newspaper index books have now been added to the Nevada Library Genealogy Department. The new indexes are of Nevada

Daily Mail, Sheldon Enterprise, and Lamar Democrat newspapers. Additionally, copies of the Waggoner Funeral Home Records (Harwood, MO) have been put in sleeves and binders and copies placed in both the El Do and Nevada libraries.

Vernon County Circuit Court Records Project

Work continues weekly on the Circuit Court Records Project, and we can always use more help to complete this large undertaking. Come to the Nevada Library on any Friday ~ work begins at 10 a.m. Most volunteers take a lunch break from 12 noon until 1 p.m., and then work continues until about 3 or 3:30 p.m. If you cannot work a full day, please work that portion that fits your schedule. The more people who help with this project, the sooner we can have these records available for researchers.

File drawers to process: 195.

Number of file drawers finished: 127.

2006 Genealogy Programs

The following programs are scheduled for the remainder of the year. Additional program ideas are always welcome – please give them to Etta Webb Webb@aicon.net or Betty Hicks bwhicks@worldnet.att.net at any meeting or via email. Each month's program will be announced the month prior, listed in the newsletter, posted in the Library Genealogy Department, and posted on the welcome page of our internet website. Additional details will be provided for each program prior to that month.

Nov 11 – Nevada – Using the Internet in Family History Research by Helen Lodge. The location for this program will be at Cottey College – watch the October newsletter and our internet site for details.

Dec 9 – El Dorado Springs – Installation of Officers, Video Program, and Christmas Finger-Foods Luncheon.

Jan 2007 – Nevada – Advanced FAMILY TREE MAKER VIDEO PROGRAM.

Again, this is a tentative list and some changes may be made as details are finalized.

Items for Sale

A list of items for sale is included with this newsletter. As additional newspaper indexes are published, they will be added to the list. Sales of these items help provide funds to purchase protective plastic sleeves and binders as well as other supplies and resources. We will be more widely publicizing our sale items now that most of the indexes are processed and published.

Best Choice UPC Labels and Summer Fresh Receipts

Collecting labels and receipts continues year round. Save and bring them to any monthly meeting.

This & That

The Brigham Young University has digitized and placed many genealogy and history books online. Their collection is easily searchable by surname, title, author, or keyword. Check it out at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/>. You can print any of the page images or even entire books.

Sites for military research:

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>. Natl Park Svc.
www.nps.gov/wicr/ Wilson Creek Battlefield.
http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/ord_b.asp Civil War Provost Marshall Index Database and the Soldiers Database War of 1812- WW I.

Update ~ Newspaper Indexes on RootsWeb.com

Rootsweb.com is having a bit of a problem getting our indexes online, and we are patiently working with them to accomplish this. Two indexes are presently searchable at <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/news/>. They are the 1884 and 1894 Nevada Daily Mail indexes. These are the new, every-name indexes which volunteers prepared for the newspaper index books. These will also soon be searchable directly from our website.

Some indexes will be scanned and linked directly from our site at http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/gen_rm_resources.htm. You will be able to browse, search, or print these Adobe pdf documents. Notices will be in the newsletter as these are available on the Internet.

All of the newspaper abstracted index books are now on the shelves in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department and are ready for use!!! However, new indexes do need to be prepared for about four more of the Sheldon Enterprise books. If you use a computer spreadsheet software program and would like to index one of these books, please contact Nancy T. A tremendous **thank you** to Darlene Lukenbill, Mary Alice Jeserick, and Becky Siple who are presently indexing books.

Preserving Microfilm

While recently researching at the Missouri Historical Society's Newspaper Archives in Columbia, MO, and visiting with staff there, it was suggested that we monitor our collection of microfilm for "vinegar syndrome." Vinegar syndrome is a slow form of chemical deterioration which causes film to shrink, buckle, and emit a strong vinegar odor. State Historical Society staff recommended acid-detection strips, such as "A-D Strips," which will detect and measure the severity of vinegar syndrome. Film affected by vinegar syndrome should be removed from storage with other film and reproduced before it completely deteriorates and the vinegar syndrome affects nearby film. A-D Strips are packaged 250 detector strips and complete instructions for \$45. plus s/h. We will coordinate with the Director of the Library regarding this.

Four State Genealogy Fair

The Ottawa Co. Genealogical Society in Miami, OK, is holding its annual seminar on Nov 4 at the 1st Christian Church in Miami. They anticipate about 200 participants and have invited our group to set up a vendor table (fee \$10). If you are interested in helping with a vendor table at this conference, please

contact Nancy T. This might be a good opportunity to sell several books. For additional information: www.genealogyshoppe.com/events.html or check the bulletin board in the Genealogy Dept.

Fort Scott Genealogy Seminar

The Ft. Scott seminar will be held Oct 21 at the Ft. Scott Community College. There is no charge for participants but a small charge for vendor tables. Registration begins as 12:30 p.m. and the afternoon program is from 1-4 p.m. A flyer has been posted on the Genealogy bulletin board.

Chamber of Commerce Distributes Information on Area Genealogy Resources

The Nevada-Vernon County Chamber is now distributing copies of the Tri-County Genealogical Society flyer when it receives inquiries about researching in the area. Additionally, the Society assisted the Chamber in developing a more comprehensive list of research venues (including contact information and hours) to also use when responding to inquiries.

New Resources in the Nevada Genealogy Department

Judy Vinzant recently donated a copy of the new 2005 Vernon County History to the Nevada Genealogy Dept. A second copy of this 2-vol. set was needed, and thanks to Judy's keen eye and generosity, we now have a second set. Additionally, Judy donated a copy of "A Genealogical and Historical Atlas of the United States of America" by E. Kay Kirkham and published by Everton Publishers, Inc. This book is an impressive collection of maps which can help researchers track locations across the nation. Thank you, Judy, for these wonderful gifts to the library!

Neoma Foreman recently copied two books of Waggoner Funeral Home Records, 1920-1959, Harwood, MO. Darlene Lukenbill indexed the records, and copies are now available in both the El Do and Nevada libraries. Additionally, you can view the

indexes on our Internet website at www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs.

Nominating Committee

It is again time to select new Society officers for 2007. Elected officers will be installed at the December meeting and assume their offices immediately at that time. Please note that the January program has been arranged for the convenience of the new officers.

Our By-laws call for a 3-member nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for presentation at the December meeting. If you would be willing to serve on the nominating committee and/or as an officer for 2007, please let any of the current officers know. The nominating committee will be selected in November. In support of the work of the Society, your help in a leadership position for at least one year will be greatly appreciated.

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, 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 Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 East Hospital Road, El Dorado Springs. Carpooling from the Nevada Library to the El Dorado Springs meeting is usually available; email the society at TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net to confirm.

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

Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at about 65, 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 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, P.O. Box B, Nevada, MO 64772. 2006 Society officers are:

Interim President: Nancy T

Vice Presidents: Etta W and Betty H

Secretaries: Luella P and Lynda B

Treasurer: Kathe R

Corresponding Secretaries: Darlene L and Richard J

You received this monthly newsletter because you are a member of the Society, have indicated an interest in our organization, or represent an area genealogy group. If you do not want to receive this email newsletter in the future, please contact the society at TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net and request that your name be removed from the email list.

*You are cordially invited to support the work of the
Tri-County Genealogical Society with an annual membership.*

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