



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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Vernon County Courthouse
Nevada, Missouri

NEWSLETTER

September 2007

October Meeting in El Dorado Springs

The October 13 meeting will be held beginning at 10 a.m. at the El Dorado Springs Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 302 East Hospital Road, El Dorado Springs. Carpooling from the Nevada Library to the El Dorado meeting is available; contact the society.

October is Family History Month

As a genealogist, you can help celebrate Family History Month by updating some of your personal research, joining or renewing your membership with the local genealogy society, and getting involved with a volunteer project of our Society. Membership in the Society helps fund various preservation projects and make records available to researchers. Our Society has placed more than 1,000 resources in the Public Library Genealogy Dept. over the past 2 years!! Help us continue to obtain and place resources for researchers – join Tri-County today!

Adoptions in Vernon Co.

An April 26, 1894 newspaper item tells of John Motti and wife of Harwood having adopted the eldest child, a little 7-year-old girl, of Mrs. Martha Wilson, “who is now at the poor farm and surrendered her claim to the child.” Of note is that the news item reported that a **“deed of adoption was recorded in the County Recorder’s Office.”**

Up until about 1917, adoptions were recorded in this manner. Knowing the date, this particular adoption was quickly found in

the Deed Index Books which are divided first by alphabet letter and then by date. WILSON, Martha was listed as the Grantor in the index. The index gave the Deed Book and Page where the adoption was recorded. The record gave Mrs. Wilson’s full name as well as that of her daughter, Ruth Lee Wilson.

In checking with the County Circuit Court Clerk, it was learned that Missouri adoption records are open prior to 1941, and adoption records for the period 1917-1941 are in the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office.

Knowing the year or approximate year of an adoption will make finding a record much easier.

Best Choice UPC Labels and Summer Fresh Grocery Receipts

Collecting labels and receipts continues year round. Save and bring them to any monthly meeting – they will be redeemed for cash.

Miscellaneous Items *The Walker Herald, April 11, 1912*

Mrs. H. B. Goodnough of Chanute, Kansas is visiting her mother. Mrs. John Hardacre of Dederick.

John Duff and Walter Short, of Clear Creek Twp, left Monday for Willson, Montana, to spend the summer.

Mrs. Pearl Tarr and little daughter Alberta, returned home Saturday from several days visit with her sister, Mrs. Dave Perdee of Nevada.

Albert and Shuman Clack, with their families departed Monday for the state of California, where they will make their home in the future. Their many friends hope that prosperity in the fullest measure will attend them in their new home.

L. H. Dunn, from South Dakota, arrived Sunday with a car of household goods, stock etc. and has stored his goods in the building just west of the Herald office. Mr. Dunn has the appearance of a pleasant gentleman, and the Herald extends to him and his family a cordial welcome.

A crowd of our young people celebrated Easter southeast of town with an egg roast and basket dinner. The following attended: Misses Cecil Hornbuckle, Beatrice and Edith Gilpin, Verla Samples, Clara and Lillie Stackhaus, Roberta and Ruth Walton, Grace Hoffman, Gladys and Anna Dell Dale, Margaret and Lorene Preston, and Phenia Floyd; Messrs Wright Downing, Estill Wright, Dan Dale, Joe and Ralph Van Ness, Fred Higley, Andy Bredenkamp, Glenn Williams, H. L. Wells and Jesse Herrman. The afternoon visitors were: Misses Carrie and Rachel Higley, Roberta Van Ness, Geta Gilpin, and Mrs. Edna Blackford. The crowd returned about five o'clock reporting a delightful outing.

John Hardacre Dies at Dederick

John Hardacre died at his home at Dederick, Friday morning at 11 o'clock of heart trouble, aged 77 years. The funeral services conducted at Dederick by the Rev. Mr. Sterline, at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Burial was at Blakey Graveyard.

Mr. Hardacre came to Vernon County from Kokomo, Ind., 35 years ago and settled in Clear Creek Township, where he has lived since, and where he leaves many friends to mourn his death.

Microfilmed Newspapers

Additional Missouri newspaper microfilm was on the roll of recently purchased Schell City microfilm. A list of these additional

newspapers has been put in the book, "Missouri Newspapers on Microfilm at the State Historical Society of Missouri" which is located on top of the microfilm cabinet. This list will also be added to our website. Microfilm is filed alphabetically in the Genealogy Dept., and this roll of microfilm can be found under SCHELL CITY NEWS.

NARA Kansas City Office Moving

The NARA Central Plains Region office is moving to near Union Station, which will make its collections of historical federal records more convenient to the public. By the end of 2008, the Archives expects to be in its new location which is the Adams Express Freight Building west of Union Station. (*Thank you, Madge, for alerting us to this.*)

7th Annual F. C. History Fair

The 7th Annual F.C. History Fair is a place to buy and sell books. No fee for 8-ft. booth space Sunday Nov 11, 2006, 1:30-5:00 p.m., East Central College Regional Training Center, Hwy 50, Union. To reserve booth space contact Pauline Masson, 636-629-5127 or pmasson@wildblue.net.

Fort Scott Genealogy Workshop 12:30 p.m., Oct. 20

The Old Fort Genealogical Society will hold its annual workshop on Saturday, October 20, at the Ft. Scott Community College, 2108 S. Horton, Ft. Scott, KS. Speakers will include Arnold Schofield, local and military historian; Jennifer Audsley, NARA Central Region KC; and Don Miller, local author and historian. Tri-County will have a vendor table at the workshop.

Tri-County Genealogy Website www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/

Researchers are encouraged to review the site in preparation for a research visit or prior to requesting paid research.

If you have information to add to the website or suggestions on additional information which would be helpful to researchers, please email TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net

Recording Secretary

Help is needed to record meeting minutes for the remaining few meetings this year. Please contact Lynda Bishop, president.

Who are YOU Researching?

Members are invited to submit their name and contact information (email and/or mailing address) and surnames with location and years that they are researching for publication in the newsletter. Other members may be researching the same family, and this will enable members to contact each other and share information if they desire to do so. **Please bring your information to any meeting or email to the Society.**

Jesse Ewell and his family moved from Tennessee to the area now known as Vernon County prior to 1850. Jesse was 42 years old in the 1850 Bates Co, MO Census with his wife Rebecca and 7 children, 5 being from his previous marriage. On January 4, 1851, Santa Fe Clementine Ewell, my ancestor, was born. The Jesse Ewell family remained in northern Vernon County during the Civil War. From the 1887 History of Vernon County, p. 385: "During the Civil War... Gen. Ewing's" Order No. 11" extended to the north bank of the Osage [River]; but when it came there were but few families residing in the upper portion of this township north of the river. Jesse Ewell and Priestly Ray sought the protection of the military at Balltown. ...in 1866...there were living in this township (Osage), on the north side of the river, but three families, those of Ewell, Ray, and Cox..."

From the 1864 Diary of Sgt. James P. Mallery, Co A, 3d Wisconsin Cavalry stationed at Balltown, MO, we were able to confirm that

the family remained here during the War by several diary entries referring to the Jesse Ewell family. Why would the Ewell family be listed so many times in the young military man's diary...there were several Ewell daughters! The Cavalry also assisted with cutting wood and delivering supplies when Mr. Ewell was very ill.



Married Daughters of Jesse Ewell
Ellen Boughan Florence Clutter Colorado Robinson
Santa Fe Welch Jessie Jewett

This photograph is of some of the younger Ewell daughters after they were grown and married.

Vernon County 1855-1900 Circuit Court Records Project

If you would like to help with this project of preparing the Vernon Co Circuit Court records to be indexed and microfilmed, please email the Society and we will arrange a time for you to be shown what to do. All work is done at the Nevada Library during regular operating hours. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who was a part of the 122.75 hours volunteered on this project in September!

Linda Myers, State Archivist, will be at Nevada on Friday, October 26.

Cedar County Probate Files Project

The Cedar Co. Probate Project is underway with the workday being Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room of the Courthouse at Stockton. File packets are being opened, cleaned, flattened, put into folders, and labeled. If you can help with this project on Thursdays, please do so.

St. Louis Oct 13 Workshop

The St. Louis Genealogical Society presents "Putting the Genes in Your Genealogy" featuring Bennett Greenspan. \$70 registration; call 314-647-8547 or www.stlgs.org.

The Schell City News October 4, 1923

In Memoriam

In sad and loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Mrs. Marie Salber who passed away six months ago March 24, 1923.

When the evening shades are falling
And we are sitting all alone,
In our heart there comes a longing,
If you could only come home.
Often our hearts do wander,
To a grave so far away,
Where we laid our Darling Marie
Just six months ago today.

Gone but not forgotten—Sadly missed by husband and daughters.

Mr. M. Salber
Mrs. Henry Rodieck
Mrs. Albert Walter.

Visitors at John Steeles Sunday were Edd Towne and family O. B. Dade and wife, Mrs. McLain and T. S. Jones and family.

Mrs. Frank Laremore spent Tuesday with Mrs. Frank Grover.

Mrs. Charles Rinker expects to leave for Eldorado Kansas Thursday and Mrs. Frank Grover will accompany her to Ft. Scott.

There will be a pie supper at Dewey school October 27, everybody invited.

Dewey school is going to play ball with Rich Valley school October 12.

Miss Nellie Towne who has been staying with Clarence Bybees has returned home.

Ross Strader who has been on the sick list is some better.

Microsoft Word for Beginners (computer training)

October 16, - CANCELLED

Due to schedule conflicts, this training is cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date. Watch the newsletter and website for information.

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, 212 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; the society TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net.

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

Tri-County Genealogical Society

Membership in the Society is currently at about 70, 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, 212 West Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772. 2007 Society officers are:

President: Lynda B

Vice President: Kathe R

Recording Sec: **position open**

Treasurer: Ray L

Corresponding Sec: 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.*

*Memberships paid in October, November, and December are for
the following year – send in yours today!*