

Cedar & Vernon County, MO Genealogical Society

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Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 10 a.m.

Nevada Library Meeting Room

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Find that Book, Free, Online

How to find digitized history books online will be presented in July. Many times in conducting research, another researcher has listed a reference which you would like to review—perhaps a local history published in the 1880s or a family genealogy which was written in the early 1900s. This program will show you how to find these resources and search them online or download them to your computer for future quick reference. Additionally, the books available on HeritageQuest will be discussed and reviewed.

Members are reminded that the Nevada Public Library conducts free computer and Internet classes. These classes cover everything from how to turn on a computer to how to set up and use an email account. Additionally, searching on the Internet and how to use the computer to type documents are covered in some of the regularly scheduled classes. For additional information and the schedule of classes, contact the Nevada Public Library at (417) 448-2770.

The genealogical society continues to encourage you to begin writing your personal history by using short stories which you are invited to read at a meeting. Your story is to be written down and not more than three to five minutes long.

The monthly genealogy society meetings are open to everyone interested in family history research. Meeting locations alternate between Nevada and El Dorado Springs on the third Tuesday of the month at the local library. If questions, please contact the society at Cedar.VernonCoMO@centurytel.net

Upcoming Genealogy Society Meetings:

Aug 16 – El Dorado Springs

Sep 20 – Nevada

Oct 18 – El Dorado Springs

Nov 15 – Nevada: *Researching Native American Ancestry*; Renee Glass, speaker

Dec 20 – El Dorado Springs: Christmas Luncheon

DNA Testing and Transfer of Testing Results

The following information has been gleaned from various genealogy members. If you test with ancestry.com, you will receive ONLY the % of origin from your test; you do not receive the actual marker test results. If you do have a personal subscription and transfer your results to www.familytreedna.com during a period which allows free transfers, you will only receive the first 20 matches. To receive your full list of matches, you will have to pay the familytreedna transfer fee of \$39.00. If you have a personal subscription to ancestry.com and want to transfer your test results, ancestry has changed their test results file format for those recently tested; and at this time the ancestry results are not compatible with other testing companies. Some have reported that the instructions for downloading your ancestry personal test results to your computer in order to transfer them to another website are rather complicated and confusing.

There is no DNA marker to test for Native American ancestry; there is no DNA test that you can take which will show that you have Native American ancestry. If you test and match with someone who also tested and that person has been proven to be of Native American ancestry, you can research your lineage to prove a connection to that individual based on genealogical documentation to prove that you have a percentage of Native American ancestry.

The video "Why Use GEDMatch" dated 12 Apr 2015, will show you how to transfer your DNA test results from the various testing companies to www.gedmatch.com. The section on how to use the GEDMatch website to compare your test results with others begins at about minute 19 in the video at this link www.youtube.com/watch?v=acGJmLlsWg4. If you do not have a fast internet connection at home, you will want to take some headphones and go to your local library to view this and other videos on using and understanding your DNA test results.

New Microfilm at the Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) in Independence

The MGC recently received a treasure trove of microfilm from a gracious donor. This film is being incorporated into the MGC collection. The microfilm includes records from more than 100 counties in Missouri and includes some probate case files, deeds, settlements, wills, marriages, and county court records. A PDF listing of Missouri State and County Records is available at http://www.mymcpl.org/uploaded_resources/genealogy/mfmocounty.pdf. Some of the new microfilm includes subjects such as:

State Department Territorial Papers, Missouri, 1812-1823

Missouri County Atlases, 19th and 20th Centuries

Fire Insurance Maps from the Sanborn Map Company Archives – Missouri

Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832- 30 Sep 1971

Post Office Department Reports of Site Locations, 1837-1950

Papers of the Saint Louis Fur Trade

Missouri Military (Osage War, Mormon Wars, Miscellaneous Military 1838-1839, Iowa War 1839, Ex-Confederate Pension Application Index Cards, Navy Civil War File Cards, Mexican War, Seminole War 1837, Black Hawk War 1832, Civil War MO CSA Final Statements, CSA Muster Rolls, Confederate Home & Pensions, Spanish American War, National Guard Enlistment Cards, 1st & 2nd MO Confederate Brigade List of Survivors, United Daughters of the Confederacy Missouri Division

Vernon County Records are shown on pages 110-114 of the 118-page PDF list of recently donated microfilm.

For those not researching Missouri ancestors, the MGC card catalog can be searched online at <http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy> and the resources for the additional states and counties for which the MGC holds collections can be found there.

Virginia Company Archives

A resource accessible from computers at the Midwest Genealogy Center is the "Virginia Company Archives," a resource from the archives of Magdalene College, part of the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. This database is comprised of the papers of Nicholas Ferrar and his family members. The Ferrar's were heavily involved with the Virginia Company and the colonization effort in what would become the state of Virginia. The Ferrar family papers begin in the early 1600s and continue through to the late 1700s.

The contents of this database are split into three areas: manuscripts, printed materials, and a gallery. The manuscript section contains correspondence between Nicholas Ferrar and various members of the Virginia Company. In addition to the correspondence, there are passenger lists, shipping invoices, and other administrative papers. Within the printed materials section, users can access previously published works that deal with the records of the Virginia colony as well as documents detailing those who were founding members in the early days of the colony. The gallery is comprised of works of art that display early life in the Virginia colony as well as portraits of the Ferrar family. There are also maps of the world created during this colonization time period. Each of these images can be downloaded as a PDF, and some images can be downloaded as a whole set from computers at the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Family History Center

The Nevada Family History Center will have a new Director after the end of July. The Center will continue its regular hours of 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. each Wednesday through the end of July. As soon as information is received regarding the new Director's schedule, it will be published in the newsletter. Our sincere thanks goes to our genealogy society member Kim Gomez for her

dedication to helping area researchers and serving as Director through the end of July.

Best Choice UPCs and Labels for Education

Members are reminded to save both Best Choice UPCs and also Labels for Education. The Genealogy Society collects the Best Choice UPCs; and our sister organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution, collects Labels for Education. You can bring both to any meeting or place them in the box in the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept. Dorothy handles the Best Choice labels and Valo or Nancy can take the Labels for Education for the local DAR chapter.

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