



Nevada Library and Bushwhacker Museum

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Vernon County Courthouse  
Nevada, Missouri

# NEWSLETTER

## May 2007

### June 9 Meeting – El Dorado Springs Wayside Inn Museum Tour 119 West Spring Street

The June 9 meeting will be held at the Wayside Inn Museum located at 119 W. Spring Street in El Dorado Springs. This is across the street, north of Springs Park, downtown. Following the business meeting, a tour of the Wayside Inn Museum will be conducted for our group.

In the spring of 1882, a new business named the Palace opened in El Dorado Springs. It was on the north side of the springs park and built in the style and grandeur necessary to house and entertain the ever-increasing numbers who came to take in the healing waters of the El Dorado springs. It was often visited by horse-drawn cabs, bringing well attired ladies and gentlemen from the train. They came for their health, drinking the healing spring waters and socializing...it was a famous spa resort community with bath houses, lawn croquet, evening band concerts, and more.

Soon after its opening, the Palace was renamed Commercial Hotel. In 1924, it was extensively remodeled and renamed the Wayside Inn. The Inn offered delicious meals in a spacious dining room and hosted banquets, dances, teas, and other receptions.

In 1984 the citizens' organization, Preserve Our Past Society, Inc., purchased the Wayside Inn for a museum to preserve the glorious past of the community and display memorabilia. Displays include the main lobby,

parlor, dining room, kitchen, and a display room located on the first floor. The second floor houses a loom room, two bedrooms (one with antique dolls), a typical one-room rural school, a primitive tool room, hospital room, and other rooms of interests.

There is no museum admission fee; donations are accepted.

### Recording Secretary

Would you be willing to take meeting notes for the remainder of 2007? Please contact Lynda Bishop at [msbish@centurytel.net](mailto:msbish@centurytel.net) or 876-2633. Your help will be appreciated!

### April Correspondence Report

A total of 5 paid research requests were received in April from Oregon (3), Ohio, and Oklahoma, with \$108.00 income. Additionally, 102 emails regarding genealogy were received/sent.

### Adoption Records in Missouri

The following information regarding adoption records was taken from the State Historical Society of Missouri website: The proper court for adoption proceeding records in Missouri for 1917 and later years would be the Circuit Court, Juvenile Division. The petitioner has the choice of starting proceedings at the residence of the petitioner or the residence of the child. Legal adoptions before 1917 were handled through the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in the county of residence of the child.

You can read their entire Adoption Records information sheet at <http://www.umsystem.edu/shs/adoption.html>

However, Doug Shupe, Vernon Co Recorder, said that in all the years he has been Recorder, he has never seen any adoption records that had been filed in the Vernon Co. Recorder's Office. He is of the opinion that for Vernon County, pre-1917 adoptions were handled through a different office; probably the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

### 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. 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 email your information to [TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net](mailto:TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net) or print clearly and bring to any meeting.

Jerry Garrett is researching the following families at the locations listed. He can be contacted at 18424 S. Karg Road, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080 or [jerry.l.garrett @ att. net](mailto:jerry.l.garrett@att.net)

**Garrett** in Vernon & Monroe Co., MO; Campbell & Kenton Co., KY; and Buckingham Co., VA.

**Whittenburg** in Monroe Co., MO and Blount Co., TN.

**Burkharrt** in Howard Co., MO; KY; and Frederick Co., MD.

**Dorsey** in MD and KY.

**Epperson** in Fayette Co., KY, and VA.

**Melton** in Vernon, Cedar, & Lafayette Co., MO; Harrison Co., IN; KY.; Rutherford Co., NC; and Albemarle, Hanover, New Kent, & Charles City, Co., and Jamestown, VA.

**Lewis** plus **Hardin, Wyatt, Gist, Gardner** in Vernon & Lafayette Co., MO; Wood Co., VA (now WV); Loudon, Fairfax, & Northumberland Co., VA.

**Larsh (Loersch)** in Lafayette Co., MO; Warren Co., KY; and Baltimore, MD.

**Worthington** in Lafayette Co., MO and Baltimore & Anne Arunel Co., MD.

**Yantis (Gentes)** in Lafayette Co., MO; Garrard Co., KY; VA; and MD.

**Lapsley** in Garrard Co., KY and VA.

We have the following information from the Coleman's regarding their research information in the April 2007 newsletter: Thanks so much for putting our questions in the latest newsletter. There was one mistake in the article; it incorrectly said that Rebecca Pryor was Augustus Baker's second wife. We wondered who Samuel Shackelford's first wife was. It is very interesting to know that Emma Ann Baker was married before she married Archibald White. I suppose her first husband, Granville Miller, must have died. From the information I was able to find on line, her second husband also must have died young... either that or she was unlucky in love. The last trace I found of her is that she was head of household in Elpasso County, Colorado. I had no luck tracing the children, but in 1884 she had another son, 11 year old Frank who was born in Missouri. I guess it is hard to trace death records to see what happened to Archibald. Roz Coleman [billrozcoleman @ comcast. net](mailto:billrozcoleman@comcast.net)

### Mid-Continent Genealogy Library

The new Mid-Continent Genealogy Library in Independence, MO, will be located at the intersection of Lee's Summit and South Kiger roads, about one mile north of Interstate 70. Library officials hope to have the library completed in time for the May 2008 conference of the National Genealogical Society in Kansas City.

### Vernon Co. Circuit Court Records Project

We are excited that there are only 20 file drawers remaining to be processed on the Circuit Court Records Project!!! The next part of the project will be to verify the files against the index books and then put the folders in

case file order. Additional volunteers are always welcome!

### Best Choice UPC Labels and Summer Fresh Receipts

Collecting labels and receipts continues year round. Save and bring them to any monthly meeting – they are converted to cash.

### Monthly Newsletter

If you received this newsletter by both the U.S. mail and email, please email [TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net](mailto:TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net) so we can correct our mailing lists. Thank you.

### 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; call Nancy Thompson 922-3596 or email [Nancy.Thompson@starband.net](mailto:Nancy.Thompson@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 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, P.O. Box B, Nevada, MO 64772. 2007 Society officers are:

President: Lynda Bishop (876-2633)

Vice President: Kathe Rader (876-5270)

Recording Sec: **position open**

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill (667-6772)

Corresponding Sec: Richard Johnson

All are area code 417. 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](mailto: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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