



Nevada Library and  
Bushwhacker Museum

*Tri-County Genealogical Society*  
*(Vernon-Cedar-St. Clair Counties)*  
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Vernon County Courthouse  
Nevada, Missouri

# NEWSLETTER

## October 2007

### **November 10 Meeting in Nevada “Analyzing Evidence and How to Cite Sources in Genealogical Research”**

The November 10 meeting will be held at the Nevada Library Meeting Room, 212 West Walnut, Nevada, MO, beginning at 10 a.m. The program is titled “Analyzing Evidence and How to Cite Sources in Genealogical Research.” The program is open to the public and there is no fee.

### **2008 Membership Dues**

Membership dues for calendar year 2008 can be paid at any time. Please mail your check or bring it to a monthly meeting -- \$10 for an individual or \$15 for 2 family members. Your membership dues help provide additional genealogical resources in our public libraries. We welcome suggestions on resources which would be beneficial to area researchers.

### **New Vernon County Cemetery Directory**

Work continues on the new cemetery directory, with only six cemeteries remaining to be surveyed. It is hoped that volunteers will be able to complete the surveys within the next couple of weeks. Once these last surveys are completed, the data from them will be input into the database. Following this, the final formatting will be done and it will be ready to send to the printer (est. completion date is spring 2008).

Volunteers have been diligently working for four years on this project, and they report that there are numerous changes, additions, and

previously unrecorded pioneer burials will be included in the new directory. It will have more than 46,000 entries and an every-name index.

Watch this newsletter for information on purchasing the new directory.

### **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.

### **Tri-County Genealogy Website [www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/)**

Numerous new pages are being planned for the Society’s website. 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](mailto:TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net)

### **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 to be included here next month.***

### **Vernon County 1855-1900 Circuit Court Records Project**

Volunteers continue their weekly workshops at the Nevada Library to process court case files. More than 27 of the 104 boxes have been completed in this phase of verifying the term of court for each case. There are still some schedule openings for additional volunteers if you can help – contact Nancy @ 922-3596 to get started.

The next phase of this project will be to arrange all of the case files by court term and then box and number them. Once this is done, an extensive index will be typed and made available to researchers.

The files will then be microfilmed, and the microfilm will be available to researchers at the Nevada Library Genealogy Department.

### **Cedar County Probate Files Project**

The Cedar Co. Probate Project continues 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 come to the Stockton courthouse.

### **“The Photo Detective”**

The October 12, 2007 issue of The Wall Street Journal had a very interesting article by Alexandra Alter on clues for dating old photographs. The article explains how Maureen Taylor has used photo details such as the size and shape of a touring car’s headlights, to determine the date a photo was taken.

Two Internet addresses have been provided here in hopes that you can access this very interesting article online or look for it at the Library. We all have old photographs

that we might be able to identify if we could pinpoint the year the photo was taken. Read this article and learn some of the clues which can be used to date photos. (Thanks to Jerry G. for sharing this information with us.)

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### **Nottingham ~ Cantrell 1861 Marriage**

State of Missouri )

County of Vernon)

May the 30 day 1861 this is to sirtify that I A. B. Howard one of the Justice of the peace living in Bacon township has this day joined together in the bounds of matrimony William J. Nottingham and Miss Martha J. Cantrell as man and wife given under my hand this day as above menched. A true copy from my docet.

A. B. Howard Jes of the Peace

[This document was found in the probate file of A. B. Howard and was not listed in the official Vernon Co marriage books.]

### **Burial Areas/Stones Continue to be Found**

Neoma Foreman and Nancy Thompson checked out the report of a gravestone in the backyard of a house south of Walker. The small stone appears to be that of Samuel S. Davis who lived near Schell City and died in 1889. His probate was filed April 1889. Research will be conducted to try to determine his original burial location; it is thought that the burial would have been near Schell City where he and his family lived.



## 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; contact Nancy Thompson or email [TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net](mailto: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 Bishop

Vice President: Kathe Rader

Recording Sec: **position open**

Treasurer: Ray Lukenbill

Corresponding Sec: Richard Johnson

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.***

***Memberships paid in November and December 2007 are for 2008 memberships – send in yours today!***