

Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society Newsletter

P.O. Box 382
St. Joseph, Missouri 64502

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~monwmgs/index.htm>
library@nwmogenealogy.com

Vol. 28 No. 2

April/May/June 2007

A FINISHED FAMILY TREE

They think that I should cook and clean and be a model wife.
I tell them it's more interesting to study Grandpa's life.

They simply do not understand why I hate to go to bed...
I'd rather do two hundred years of research instead.

Why waste the time we have on each just snoring and asleep
When we can learn of ancestors that sailed upon the deep?

We have priests, rabbis, lawmen, soldiers - more than just a few.
And, yes, there are many scoundrels, and a bootlegger or two.

How can a person find this life an awful drudge or bore
When we can live the lives of all those folks who came before?

A hundred years from now, of course, no one will ever know
Whether I did the laundry; but, they'll see Our Tree and glow.

'Cause their dear old granny left for them, for all posterity
Not clean hankies and the like, but a finished family tree.

My home may be untidy 'cause I've better things to do.
I'm checking all the records to provide us with a clue.

Yes, old granny's pulling roots and branches out with glee.
Her clothes ain't hanging out to dry - She's hung up on The Tree.

Courtesy of the author Mel Oshins

Officers for 2006-2007

President.....Juanita Haskins
president@nwmogenealogy.com
Vice President.....John Hutchcraft
Treasurer.....John Atkinson
treasurer@nwmogenealogy.com
Recording Secretary.....Kenneth Cox
Corresponding Secretary.....Phyllis Heath
Assistant Corresponding Secretary.....Dixie Painter
Past President.....Rose Hutchcraft
Members at Large..... Sara Waugh and Carol Almanza
Librarian.....Connie McCoy
librarian@nwmogenealogy.com
Asst. Librarian.....Phyllis Heath
Membership.....Anita Thompson
membership@nwmogenealogy.com
Publications.....Doloris Foster
publications@nwmogenealogy.com
Publicity.....Rose and John Hutchcraft
Journal Editor.....Anita Thompson
Newsletter Editor.....Jo Mayse
Program Chairman.....John Hutchcraft
Internet Chairperson.....Charlene Miller

General Meetings:

Fourth Thursday of April, June, September, and November at 7:00 PM

Executive Meetings:

Second Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and November
at 3:00 PM.

Both are held at the Genealogy Library, 412 Felix, St. Joseph, MO.

Society members are welcome to attend Board Meetings.

Members and public are welcome at General Meetings.

This newsletter is published four times a year by the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society. It is a medium for the exchange of information between members. Readers are encouraged to submit articles. All contributions will be considered. Suggestions and criticisms are also welcome. Write: Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 382, St. Joseph, MO 64502, or phone (816)233-0524. The editors reserve the right to make editorial changes in manuscripts, which they believe will improve the material without altering the intended meaning. The opinions expressed in this periodical do not necessarily represent the view of the Northwest Missouri Genealogical society or its officers. Articles represent the author's opinions and ideas and do not necessarily have official sanction nor does inclusion here represent approval or recommendation.

From the President---

It is time for another letter again. This will be my last one as president. In April, I will move the the past-president's spot on the board. I have been president three terms. 1999—2003, then 2005 – 2007. It is time for newer and younger blood to take over. This is our new slate of officers named by the nominating committee:

President: John Hutchcraft
Vice-President and Program Chairperson: Sarah Waugh
Secretary: Ken Cox
Member at Large: Carol Almanza

The nominating committee is John Atkinson, John Hutchcraft, and Deloris Foster.

A new member at large will either be elected or appointed to take Sarah Waugh's place.

There is another year left on her term of office. And of course nominations can be made for all of these offices from the floor.

We have one of the best, if not the best genealogical library around. If you don't know, we are the conservators of the old original Buchanan County records. We have three floors of records on Buchanan Co. We also have many books, microfilms, etc. on many states and Northwest Missouri. There are also extensive family files that our members have donated. If you have never looked around our library, please come in any day we are open for a tour. We have a slate of volunteers here each of those days that are most willing to help you.

Join us for our dinner meeting April 26th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the meal and the program that will follow. The program will be a great one. It is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Juanita

From the Librarian

We have many resources at our library. Among them are books of historical interest. Recently Kenneth Cox donated the two volume set, Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant, copyright 1885 by Ulysses S. Grant. The preface explains why the President wrote his memoirs. President Grant's preface states:

"'Man proposes and God disposes.' There are but few important events in the affairs of men brought about by their own choice.

Although frequently urged by friends to write my memoirs I had determined never to do so, nor to write anything for publication. At the age of nearly sixty-two I received an injury from a fall, which confined me closely to the house while it did not apparently affect my general health. This made study a pleasant pastime. Shortly after, the rascality of a business partner developed itself by the announcement of a failure. This was followed soon after by universal depression of all securities, which seemed to threaten the extinction of a good part of the income still retained, and for which I am indebted to the kindly act of friends. At this juncture the editor of the *Century Magazine* asked me to write a few articles for him. I consented for the money it gave me; for at that moment I was living upon borrowed money. The work I found congenial, and I determined to continue it. The event is an important one for me, for good or evil; I hope for the former.

In preparing these volumes for the public, I have entered upon the task with the sincere desire to avoid doing injustice to any one, whether on the National or Confederate side, other than the unavoidable injustice of not making mention often where special mention is due. There must be many errors of omission in this work, because the subject is too large to be treated of in two volumes in such way as to do justice to all the officers and men engaged. There were thousands of instances, during the rebellion, of individual, company, regimental and brigade deeds of heroism which deserve special mention and are not here alluded to. The troops engaged in them will have to look to the detailed reports of their individual commanders for the full history of those deeds.

The first volume, as well as a portion of the second, was written before I had reason to suppose I was in a critical condition of health. Later I was reduced almost to the point of death, and it became impossible for me to attend to anything for weeks. I have, however, somewhat regained my strength, and am able, often, to devote as many hours a day as a person should devote to such work. I would have more hope of satisfying the expectation of the public if I could have allowed myself more time. I have used my best efforts, with the aid of my eldest son, F.D. Grant, assisted by his brothers, to verify from the records every statement of fact given. The comments are my own, and show how I saw the matters treated of whether others saw them in the same light or not.

With these remarks I present these volumes to the public, asking no favor but hoping they will meet the approval of the reader.

U.S. Grant

Mount MacGregor, New York, July 1, 1885"

As our collection is not a circulating one, I urge members to think of the library not only as a research facility but as a genealogy reading room. So please drop in to read President Grant's Memoirs or some of our other titles of interest. Thank you, Kenneth, for giving us the opportunity to experience President Grant's writings.

Connie McCoy

New Members January/February/March

Barbara Cardwell C220 1311 N. 26th St Joseph, MO 64506
Robert T. Cgrisman C221 4009 Campbell St. Kansas City, MO 64110
Larry Jackson, Sr. J68 605 N. West Cameron, MO 64429
Loma H. Frakes F119 3123 N.E. 63rd Terr. Gladstone, MO 64119
June Kendrick K117 11 Anthony Ct. Huntington, NY 11743
Glenn McAnarney M372 16314 E. Pacific Independence, MO 64050
Karen Hogrefe Olson O36 850 Nadine Ave. Eugene, OR 97404
Carol Parman P155 RR 4 Box 43 Grant City, MO 64456
Lynne & Betty Stover S349 1101 N. Leonard Rd. St Joseph, MO 64506
Juli Whittaker W213 5619 NW 82nd St. Kansas City, MO 64151

Donations

Krista Scott -- Statesboro, GA
Beverly J. Russell -- Auburn, CA
Diane Pepper in Memory of Betty Dagenais
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution -- St. Joseph Chapter
in appreciation for storing their DAR records

Donation of New Books

Kenneth Cox Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant, Vol 1 & 2
Platte Co. MO Special Edition of the
Weston Chronicle

Joseph & Mona Gray The Source, Guidebook to Genealogy

Attention Members: If you DO NOT want your e-mail or charts published in the Journal please notify the society or contact Anita at AThomp64@hotmail.com

General Meeting: April 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM, at the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society Library, 412 Felix in St. Joseph, MO. The guest speaker will be Dick Piper from King City, Mo. He will be speaking about the weigh station, stage coach stop, and underground railroad.

Our Sympathy goes to the family of Maxine Sklenar who passed away March 5, 2007. She was a charter member of the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society.

Our Sympathy goes to the family of Betty Dagenais who passed away March 8, 2007. She was a member of the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society.

HELP WANTED: Volunteers needed to help in the Genealogy Library. If you can help a few hours or all day give Connie McCoy a call at the library (816) 233-0524.

Members -- Please check the label on your newsletter to see when your membership dues expire. In order to keep your newsletter coming, please mail your dues in before the expiration date.

Annual Dues are: \$15.00 -- in the USA
 \$20.00 -- in Canada and Mexico
 \$25.00 -- in other countries

Enclose a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) if you want a membership card returned to you when renewing by mail.

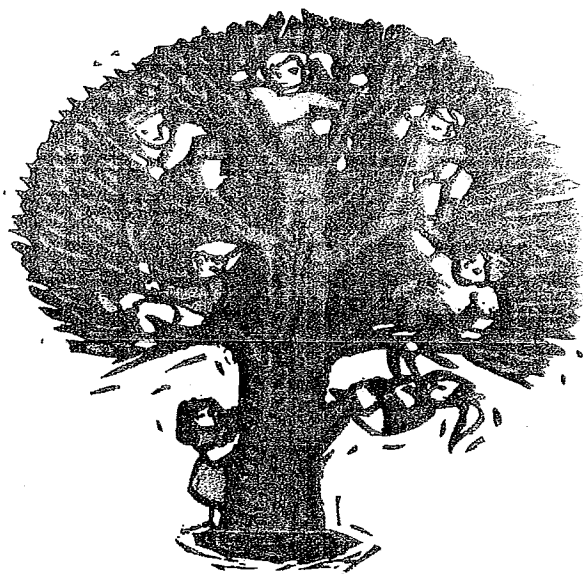
Speakers coming to the St. Joseph Public Library

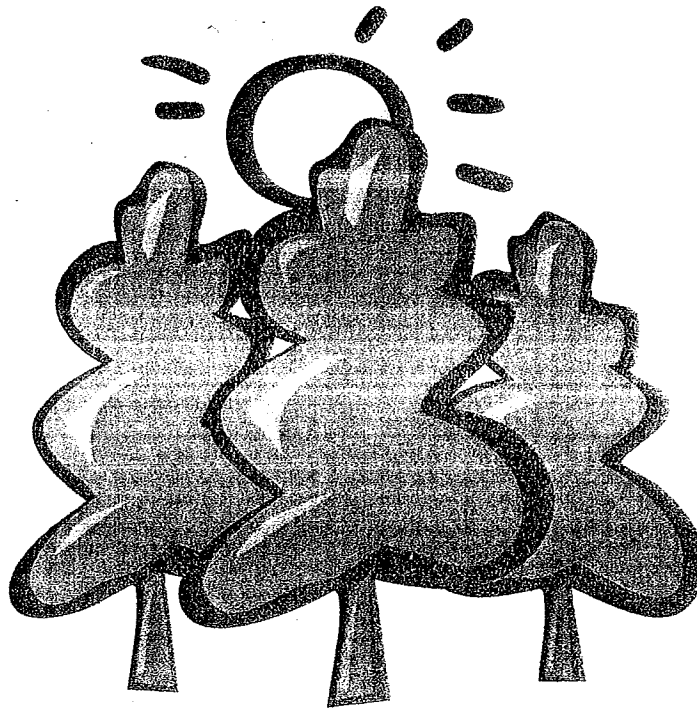
Speaker: Paul Kirkman, Independent Scholar, Independence
Topic: Social Outlaws and Notorious Persons of the Missouri-Kansas Border
Area, 1860-1880
Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 3:00PM

Speaker: Lora Reiter
Topic: Author will talk about her book, *One Was Annie*.
(A fictional account of Ms. Rieter's grandmother who married a Civil War
veteran and settled in Kansas).
Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 7:00PM

Speaker: John Rotterman
Topic: Jeff Thompson, St. Joseph's Swamp Fox of the Confederacy
Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 7:00PM

Speaker: Ed Gentry
Topic: "Save the Todd Creek Bridge"
A video documentary of the KC, CC and St. Joseph Interurban Railroad
focusing on the recent decision to raze the Todd Creek Bridge on
Interurban Road.
Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 7:00PM





Northwest Missouri
Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 382
St. Joseph, MO 64502

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
St. Joseph, MO
Permit No. 2386