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30th Anniversary

The Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in April. There are several activities planned for the month.

Sunday, April 19, 2009 will be an open house at the Genealogy Library from 2:00 - 4:00.

April 21 - 24, 2009 you may do research free of charge during regular library hours. Tuesday 2:00 - 8:00PM and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00AM - 3:00PM.

Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 6:30PM will be a dinner meeting at the Genealogy Library. The Society will furnish meat, drinks, and bread. Please bring your own table service and a covered dish. There will be a special program and election of officers.



The Northwest Missouri Genealogical Library will be closed during January and February. The library will reopen March 3, 2009 2:00PM - 8:00PM.

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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.

President's Corner

Well, (at this writing), we are almost to 2009 and I am still not used to writing 2008 in my checkbook. The number of people coming into the Northwest Missouri Genealogy Society to do research the past few months has been fewer than we would like to see. Winter with its snow and ice has not helped. The Society Library closed the last 2 weeks of December due to the weather and the way the holidays fell.

This year was tough for our country and for our Society. It appears that the New Year might be the same, but the Society is still going.

We appreciate our volunteers, our members, and all those who came through the door this past year. Without all of you, there would not be a Society. Thank you for making it possible.

We will be open again March 3, 2009. Hope to see you then.

John Hutchcraft, President

New Members

Marion Davis -- Warrensburg, MO
Sherry Dilla -- St. Joseph, MO
Kelly Alvarado -- St. Joseph, MO
Elvin Brown -- Casper, WY
Elizabeth Christensen -- Grandview, MO
Deb Lofgreen -- Parkville, MO
Jim McCord -- St. Joseph, MO
Lynda Sicila -- Colbert, WA
Warren Waldrip -- Plano, TX
Garland Killian -- Amazonia, MO

From the Librarian

As the New Year begins, the library is again closed for January and February. We closed December 21st after being open only one day of the previous week due to snow and ice storms. During January and February some of us volunteers will be working, weather permitting, on projects at the library. I plan to keep up with email, research requests, finish the index to our yearbook collection, repair some books, and print the journal when it is ready. The best way to reach us would be through email at library@nwmogenealogy.com. The library will reopen March 3, 2009.

In 2009 Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society celebrates its 30th anniversary in April. We have this wonderful library and all the resources in it due to the efforts of society members beginning in 1979. They raised money with bingo nights; went to courthouses for vital records and published them in books; went through newspaper microfilm for the area newspapers culling death notices; purchased microfilm; gathered cemetery information, and much, much more. As one who has reaped the benefits of their efforts by researching my family history here at NWMGS library, I am very grateful to them. Throughout the last 30 years there have been hundreds, probably thousands, of people who used the resources at the library. Our library is a valuable resource for genealogical research in Northwest Missouri. It owes its existence to people dedicated to the cause of genealogy who paid memberships during the last thirty years. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we need to dedicate ourselves to ensuring that the Northwest Missouri Genealogical society remains strong,

In addition to our anniversary, there is an upcoming event in April 2009 that I urge you to put on your calendar. On April 25, 2009 the Topeka Genealogical Society has a one day conference featuring John Colletta. If you have never heard John Colletta lecture, you have missed a real treat. I've attended four of his talks and all were entertaining and enlightening. Information about the conference can be found at the TGS website. I plan to sign up as soon as they take reservations. This is an opportunity too good to miss!

Connie McCoy

Our sympathy goes to the family of Nancy Sandehn who passed away December 29, 2008. She was a member of the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society. After her retirement Ms. Sandehn was active in the preservation of historical buildings. She was certified in historical preservation by the state of Missouri researching and verifying information on historic buildings and homes. She also worked to change St. Joseph from a segregated town into an integrated city with fair housing and hotel accommodations for everyone, regardless of color.

(some information from the St. Joseph Newspress)

Donations

- Carol Almanza Central High School Yearbooks
 Wakitans 1961 & 1969
Meshack Turner III & His Wife
 Sarah Robey Tucker
 by Lucille R. Maddox
Wood County 1850-1900
History Pulaski County Missouri
The Passing Scene Vol. 1
by George M. Meiser, IX & Gloria Jean Neiser
Emigrants to America from Liverpool 1697-1707
- Mary Carroll Hancock Joseph Ellas Carroll and Kinfolk
 by Mary Carroll Hancock
- Richard Ray The World Book of Rays
 The Beginning of Estill County 1808-1869
 Guide to the Records of Montgomery
 County, Maryland by Eleanor M.V. Cook
Atlases: West Virginia (2)
 Kentucky
 Maryland & Delaware
- Betty Jennings DeKalb County, MO Publications 1970-2008
- Harvey & Jean Parker Bolling/Bollings Research
- Tim Saxton Abstracts (4)
- James Haritage Champaign County, OH Marriages 1805-1820
 Clermont County, OH Marriages 1850-1874
- Junior League of St. Joseph, MO
 Membership List & Information Booklet

Monetary Donations

- Donald Norris -- Universal City, TX
Judith Palmer -- Studio City, CA
Susan Clark -- St. Joseph, MO
W.F. Bode -- Covington, LA

The Beginnings of the Brown Ancestry in Daviess County, MO.

(My Brown ancestry as I have found, begins before 1590 in North Hampshire, England. This tells about the arrival of the Browns in Missouri in Daviess County which was once a part of Howard County from 1816 to 1836, taken from writings of Elizabeth (Brown) Neville). Compiled by Juanita Cochran Haskins

*Quoted from writings of Elizabeth Neville

Thomas Hadley and (Mary) Jane (Hutchens) Brown left Henry County, IN. where they lived for a time and arrived in Howard County, MO in the early 1830s. **"In *Henry Co. Indiana goodbyes were said. We will come back when we get rich." Grandmother faced west with a sobbing face. Grandfather had high hopes and with grim determination set his face west."**

"This pioneer with no one to show him the way set his face westward across the pathless continent. With faith, courage, and fortitude to hew out a civilization for us, his children and his children's children who were loved and revered more that life."

"They sailed down the Ohio River to the Mississippi, then to the Missouri River. Getting off in the Missouri bottom lands, they set out on the vast prairie going 100 miles to the northwest (probably in covered wagons). What determined their stopping places was unknown."

It is thought they spent some time in Howard Co. waiting for the Indians? Or Mormons to move out. The last Indian Camp was abandoned about 1834, in Anbury Grove north of Jamesport. These were Sac and Fox Indians.

"How tired and hungry they were and not a place to get a prepared meal when they halted to camp. They were the only people who heard their cries for help. How vast, how large, how great this country must have seemed to them. How helpless they must have felt. In a few days a log hut appeared. They must make their own living (everything!). Doubtless grandmother often thought nature was niggardly and miserly. They would be buried far away from friends and relatives. Oh why did they leave those who were dear to them?"

The first furrow of black loam was plowed where the wild Indian once lived just a few years before. Christmas of 1838 found them in their new home, with the old Seth Thomas clock, little Brown Church painted on the glass sitting on the mantel. Another year passed. A child arrived to brighten the home. What was a lonely log hut became a home, as one saved memory after another became associated with what was raw prairie just three years ago. (continued on page 7)

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“One day in 1844, The Peter Bear family came to spend the day with the Thomas Browns’. They fell to discussing the problems of life, why they had come west and what great things their parents had done for them. While they sat in the shade of a great red elm tree, a young man by the name of Jim Jefferies rode up. He alit from his horse to pass the time of day with them. (He probably asked who they would vote for in the coming election, Polk? Then he asked about starting a school. The coming winter, he taught the first prescription school in the area.

“With the building of a schoolhouse, church services were begun in the community in about 1847. Up until this time, church services were held in the homes of the local families.” The rest of the writings talk about the Civil War and general unrest of that age.

These are some of the dates and happenings listed in this notebook:

1st white man in northwest Missouri -- 1807 John Williams and 1st woman, his wife Sarah, 1808.

Last Indian Camp (Sac & Fox) abandoned, 1834, Anbury Grove north of Jamesport

Daviess Co. part of Howard Co. 1816 to 1836.

1st settlers, Peter Bear, native of Ohio, 1835, John Mickels of Kentucky, Moses and Elizabeth (Hadley) Brown, son and wife, Thomas and Jane Brown, from Indiana 1838, also 1838 Reuben Macy (these all originally from North Carolina, by way of Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana).

1844 map shows one road in Daviess Co., Gallatin to the west.

1844 1st organized school, James Jefferies teacher, paid \$15.

Jamesport organized in 1856

1st train through Jamesport, April 5, 1871

1st telegram to Jamesport, August 17, 1871

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Partial Linage:

1. Thomas Brown, b. North Hampshire, England, 1690, d. 1750, Fredrick Co. VA., wife, Ruth Large
2. Thomas Brown Jr. b. 1728, Bucks Co. PA, d. North Carolina, wife, Margaret Moon
3. Jacob Brown, b. 1755, Yadkin Co., NC. d. Henry Co., IN., wife, Mary Armfield
4. Moses Brown, b. 1779, Yadkin Co., NC. d. 1843, Harrison Co., MO, wife, Elizabeth Hadley
5. Thomas Hadley Brown, b. 1816, Surry Co., NC. d. 1894, Daviess Co., MO., wife, Mary Jane Hutchens.
 1. Francis Marion Brown b. 1837 Indiana
 2. Daniel Brown b. 1839 Indiana
 3. Elizabeth Brown Neville b. 1841 Missouri (wrote the notes)
 4. Thomas Hadley Brown Jr. b. 1845 Missouri
 5. Zacariah Brown b. 1847 Missouri
 6. Martha Jane Brown Rader b. 1848 Missouri
 7. Sarah Brown Bear b. 1850 Missouri
 8. Nancy Ellen Brown Cole b. 1852 Missouri
(my great-great grandmother)

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