

Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society Newsletter
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There is a lot of new things going on at the NWMGS!

New Sunday Hours

Starting in June the NWMGS will be open the 4th Sunday of each month from 1 - 4 p.m. We hope this will further assist our local and out-of-town patrons with their research goals. This will be a trial through December, at which time we will reassess the need to continue. Please help us thank our Sunday volunteers!

Writer's Group

A new program for the NWMGS, the Writer's Group, began on June 4th. The group will meet at 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The goal is to share family history stories, polish writing skills, obtain constructive feedback and just have fun with others who enjoy writing about their family history. The writing subject will change from month-to-month. Membership in the NWMGS is not required to attend, so if you know somebody who would be interested, please pass along the word. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Conferences

There are two upcoming conferences that our members may be interested in attending.

Pathways to the Heartland-A conference for the Nation's Genealogists is sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Illinois State Genealogical Society. It will be held in Springfield, IL from September 7th to 10th. The conference will offer over 165 educational opportunities for genealogists of all skill levels. Information and registration can be found at: fgs.org/2011conference.

The 2011 Missouri State Genealogical Association Conference will be held on August 5th and 6th in Columbia, MO. The keynote speaker will be Henry Z. Jones. The NWMGS would like to organize a trip for those who are interested in attending. If we have enough participants we could rent a small bus or passenger van. If there are only a few people we can coordinate carpooling. Please call us at the library or email to admin@nwmogenealogy.com if you would like to attend the conference. More details can be found at: mosga.org/conference2011. (continued on page 22)

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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

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.

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President's Corner

During the General Meeting in April, officers were elected for the next two years. Kenny Cox has agreed to continue serving as our Recording Secretary and Carolyn Garver has agreed to continue serving as our Member-At- Large. After four years of devoted service in the role of President, John Hutchcraft has decided to step out of that position. We thank John for all the wonderful things that he has done for the NWMGS!

I was taken by surprise with the nomination for President. After the initial shock had passed, I found myself happy to be given this opportunity to serve you, and I thank those in attendance at the meeting for their support.

The April program included Beverly McCulloch of Plattsburg, who played the accordion and shared some wonderful stories of her great-grandmother's experiences during the Civil War. She also brought along some extraordinary artifacts of the family and regaled us with the tale of moving and rebuilding a 1820's log cabin.

Also speaking was Al Fry of Plattsburg. Al, attired in full Confederate uniform, gave a compelling recap of the life and times of the Confederate President, Jefferson Davis. (Al is a descendant of Johnny Fry.)

For the first time in our history, we held the evening program on the 14th floor of the Corby Building, next door to our library. This was a treat for everyone who attended the presentation.

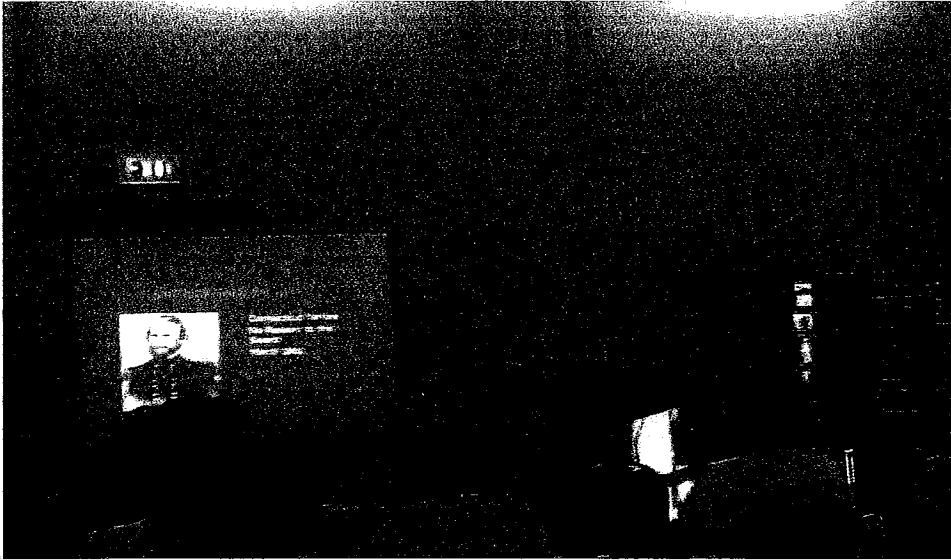
There are many new initiatives and programs beginning at the NWMGS in the upcoming months. The NWMGS is here to serve our members - without YOU we wouldn't continue to exist! Please let me or our staff know if there is anything that we can do for you!

Kelly Alvarado, President

Our sympathy goes to the family of Willis Wells who passed away May 3, 2011 in St Joseph, MO. Mr. Wells was a long time member and volunteer of the NWMGS. Mr. Wells is survived by Rosemary, his wife of 65 years, who also is a member and volunteer at the NWMGS, two sons, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Ocie B. "Dixie" Painter passed away May 21, 2011 in St Joseph, MO. Dixie was the head librarian for many years and a founding member of the NWMGS. She is survived by four children, two step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Our sympathy goes to the family of a. Marie Donaldson who passed away July 2, 2011 in St Joseph, MO. She was a member of the NWMGS.



John Rotterman did a good job of entertaining and educating over 40 folks at the June 23 meeting at the Corby Bldg. He talked about "The Battle for Missouri", sharing many interesting and funny stories about the Civil War.

The April meeting had Bev McCulloch from Plattsburg singing Civil War era songs with her accordion and sharing the diary of her great-great grandmother. Jefferson Davis, in the person of Al Fry, also from Plattsburg gave a good presentation of his character. Al's third grade teacher was in the audience.

Donations

Bethel School Historical Inc.	The Bethel School Historical Assoc. Inc. Document Archival Records 1865-2010
Jimmy Counts	St. Joseph, MO City Directory 1865
Carol Almanza	Missouri Western State University Yearbooks 1994 and 1995
Beverly McCush	Agency Picnic Newspaper July 2010
Sandra Henselmeier Funk	The Walter & Henselmeier Families: Coming to and Settling in America
Roberta Belding	Death Notices from Steuben Co., NY Newspapers 1797-1884
	The Postcard History Series Carroll and Boone Co., AR
	Images of America, Ohio Co., IN
	The First Regular Baptist Church and Other Baptist Churches of Columbus and Central, OH 1825-1884
Kelly Alvarado	Daring to be Different -- The Remarkable Owen Sisters
Linda Easley	Historical Collections of Ohio 1898 Vols. 1 & 2

From our Program Chairman

“A Stitch in Time”

Laura Waugh will model a complete Civil War era lady's outfit from the skin out. Her attire will include underwear, corset, petticoat, 6-ft. hoop skirt and outer garment. She will talk about the reasons that ladies wore this type of dress, how it impacted their lifestyle, and humorous aspects of the dress customs. Further, she will discuss how their mode of dress helped in fighting the war.

Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Corby Bldg. 14th floor in downtown St. Joseph

Due to flooding concerns we postponed the Doniphan KS Then & Now and Brenner Family History program that was scheduled for June 11th at the East Hills Library. Many of those with an interest in it and connection to it from Doniphan and Atchison Counties were focused on the flood situation. We will reschedule at a later time.

If you have an idea for a program, please call the genealogy library at 816-233-0524 or e-mail me at sarahbelle@centurytel.net. I would welcome any ideas or suggestions.

Betty Williams Anslinger
V.P./Program Chair

COMING SOON

The November 17th program looks to be a fascinating and exciting one. Members of a local Swiss Lodge will present music on Swiss instruments and some history of their lodge. They will talk about the Swiss immigration to this country and particularly to this area of northwest Missouri. Many will remember the Swiss Lodge on the North Belt Highway in St. Joseph. Swiss families in the area still maintain their culture and customs and are passing them on to future generations. Watch our website as more details become available about this interesting program.

New Things continued:

Going Green

We have several opportunities to "Go Green" with NWMGS. We began to recycle cans on June 20th. Please rinse the cans to avoid bugs and messes- however, there is no need to remove any paper labels. Any type of metal can is acceptable. Bring them to the NWMGS and we will take them to the recycling center. All monies received will then be used to purchase new materials for the NWMGS library.

The second opportunity is to bring in your old ink printer cartridges. We can recycle these and receive credit towards our office supply costs. These can be dropped off during our regular open hours, or small ones can be put in the mail slot at any time.

And lastly, please remember that if you would prefer to receive your Newsletter and/or quarterly Journal via email, we are happy to oblige. This will save paper and postage! Let us know at admin@nwmogenealogy.com and we will add you to the email distribution list.

Road Trip Rewards

The State of Missouri and McDonalds have teamed up to bring some great discounts to Missouri travelers this summer. McDonalds has printed Road Trip Reward coupons on the back of their receipts. Customers can visit: RoadTripRewards.com to see all of the participating locations throughout the state of Missouri. The website will allow visitors to search by geographical area, then bring their coupon to the attraction for some great savings. This is a great way to see some wonderful Missouri attractions and save a little money along the way!

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are the only way the NWMGS can continue to grow and expand. Many of our members, however, do not live near enough to volunteer their time by coming to the Library itself. Fortunately, there are other ways to help from afar!

For those who are far outside the Northwest Missouri area, and have internet access, we have created the ability to input data into our ever-growing database right from home. If you are interested in learning more, please send an email to admin@nwmogenealogy.com

For those in the NW Missouri and NE Kansas area, we could use your help in several ways. We would like to grow our collection of school yearbooks. If you run across one of these at a garage sale, moving sale, estate sale, or auction please consider picking it up and donating it to the NWMGS.

Cleaning out the attic? The basement? The grandparents house? Keep an eye out for these items of interest - we can use church directories, professional association journals, city directories, phone books and "anniversary" publications. These items do not even have to be old. We count our lucky stars when we find one of these items that are 50, 60, or 70 years old. Let's remember that saving them starts TODAY! We are especially in need of these items from the nine county region that the NWMGS serves, (continued on page 23)

New Things continued:

but those from all over the country are appreciated as well. If you have several items but have no way of getting them to the Library, contact us and we can attempt to make arrangements to get them from you.

We could also use your help if you are interested in photographing cemetery headstones. Digital photos are best shared via distance of course. Andrew County cemeteries were photographed in 2006-2008 and are available online. Gentry and Worth counties were also photographed several years ago. We would like to find volunteers willing to take and submit photos from the surrounding counties. Please contact us at the Library or send an email to: admin@nwmogenealogy.com if you are interested.

Visiting Us?

If you are planning to visit this summer, please be sure to check the dates and times the Library is open. We appreciate all of our members and will do our best to accommodate travel plans. Please be sure to call or contact us via the website.

Old Pictures

Our website (www.nwmogenealogy.com) has a collection of old pictures for our visitors to view. We would love to add any of your pictures to the site. If you have them already scanned in electronically, please send them to us at: admin@nwmogenealogy.com, or bring them in to the Library on our Saturday and Sunday hours to have them scanned in for you.

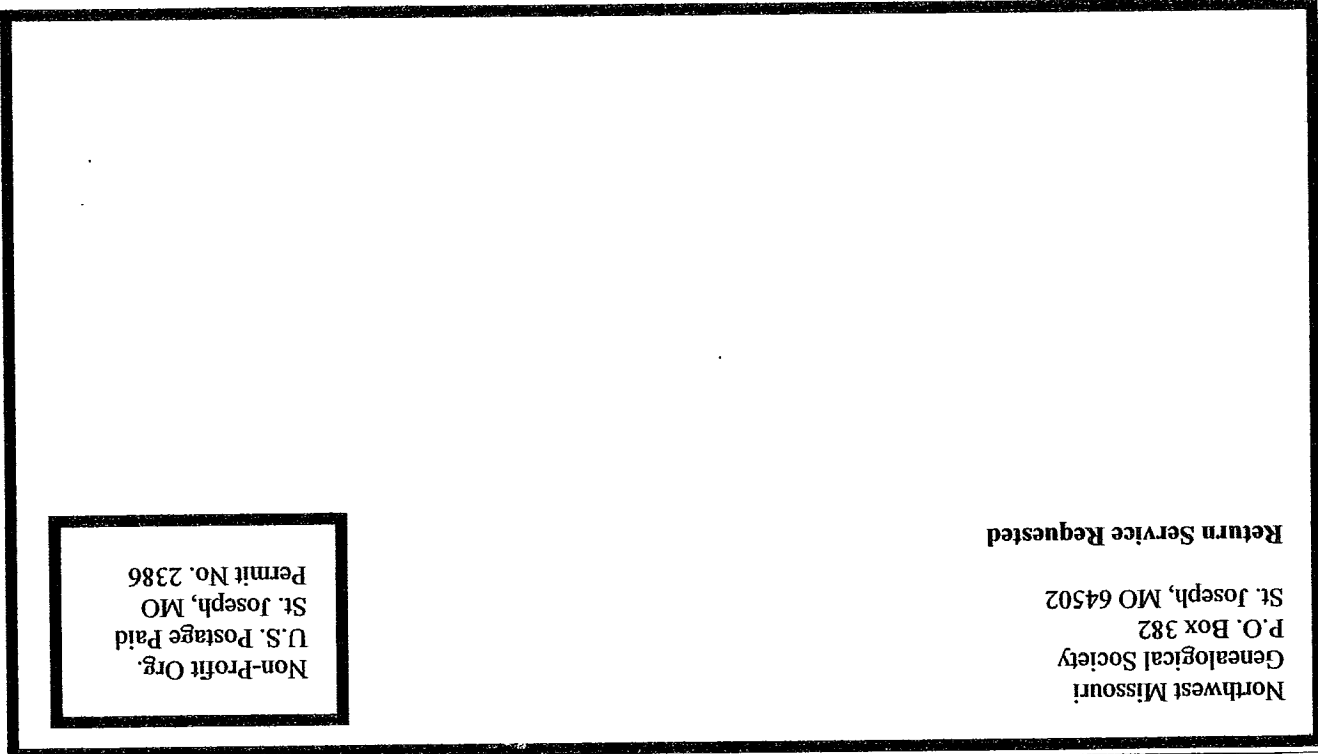
New Members

Janet Bagley -- St. Louis, Mo
Brian W. Cook -- Amazonia, MO
Karen Turner -- St. Joseph, MO
Patrick Rock -- Overland Park, KS
Richard Hiatt -- Huntsville, AL
Robert L. Hess -- Louisburg, KS
John F. Rotterman -- Union Star, MO
Barbara Graves -- Orem, UT
Louise & Richard Gillip -- Union Star, MO
Professor Sam Oakland -- Portland, OR
Christina Hughes -- St. Joseph, MO
Cassie D. Petitt -- St. Joseph, MO
Linda Linville -- Agency, MO
Al Fry -- Plattsburg, MO
Beverly McCulloch -- Plattsburg, MO
Frankee Daglen -- Caldwell, ID
Lynda Passiglia -- Lee's Summit, MO
Gerald Bales -- Orange, CA
Robert L Simpson -- St. Joseph, MO

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WORTH COUNTY, MISSOURI

Bram Mortuary Records
Worth Co., MO Marriage Records 1861-1878
Worth Co., MO Marriage Records 1873-1910 Books A-E
Worth Co., MO Deaths 1883-1893 2 copies
Animal Marks & Brands 1862-1907
Worth Co., MO License Book 1879-1889
Worth Co., MO 1862 Tax Assessor's Book -- Worth Co., MO Centennial 1961
Worth Co., MO Probate Index -- Worth Co., MO Hunters' Licenses
Worth Co., MO Register of Births & Still Births 1883-1893

NEBRASKA

History of Washington Co., NE

NORTHWEST UNITED STATES

Northwest Ordinance 1787, A Bicentennial Handbook -- Colored Map in Back
Pathways to the Old Northwest

OHIO

Monroe Co., OH Records Vol. IX 1972
Kentuckians in Ohio & Indiana
Early Ohio Settlers Purchases of Land in Southeast Ohio 1800-1840

VIRGINIA

Finding Your People in the Shenandoah Valley by Rebecca H. Good &
Rebecca A. Ebert Winchester, VA
Winchester-Frederick Cos., VA Historical Society Journal Vol. 1 1986
Up the Shenandoah Valley; Through the Cumberland Gap
by Anne Ross Balhuizen (papers)

NORTHWEST MISSOURI GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Bulletins (folder) 1985
History of NWMGS (Enid's collection through early 1990's)

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

Passamaquoddy Genealogies of West Isles Families
Handbook for Genealogists edited by George B. Everton Sr. 6th Edition
Tuning in the Past, Canada
Ontario Genealogical Society Newsletters in envelopes (19 total)
Map-Migration Grails Map-East of the Mississippi River
The Source-A Guidebook of American Genealogy 1984
Family History Babb Pipeline

UNKNOWN AREA

Savannah Landings, Smith Creek, Mouth of Clear Creek, etc. (cover gone)

This concludes the list of the donations from John and Enid Ostertag's family. (They have been listed in the last few newsletters). We greatly appreciate this great collection . THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!!!!!!!



Do you know who this is? We are starting something new in the newsletter to help identify old pictures. If you have photos you would like help identifying, please submit with any information you have and we will try to help.

Please Help Identify this picture

I've "rescued" an old photograph of Nettie FERGUSON of Hiawatha, Kansas which was taken at the Zimmerman Studio in Hiawatha. The photograph appears to have been taken in the early 1900's with Nettie likely in her teens or 20's at the time the photograph was taken. Based on limited research I was able to locate the following information regarding Nettie and her family:

Nettie F. FERGUSON b. about 1883 in OH, her father was L.A. FERGUSON (b. about 1858 in OH). Nettie married George Francis GIRARD (b. 10 Jan 1879 in St. Joseph, MO) in Hiawatha, KS on 2 Jul 1902 and together they had three children including , Frances; George L.; and Edwin GIRARD all born between 1905 and 1912 in KS and ID.

Census information:

1900 census of Hiawatha City, KS: - boarding in the home of Lafayette & Barbara BALL

Nettie FERGUSON, age 17, born Oct 1882, born OH, parents born OH, at School

I am hoping to locate someone from the family so that this precious old photograph can be returned to the care of her family. If you are a member of the family, or you know someone who might be, please contact me. Thanks, Shelley

You may contact Shelley at: cardiels@comcast.net