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Announcements

Election News

It's that time again!

Each April we have an election of officers for the Board that governs the NWMGS, and so that time is upon us again. This year we will be electing a Vice President, Member-at-Large, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. If you are interested in filling any of these roles, please send a letter addressed to Nominating Committee stating your desire to serve. The letter should include the position you are interested in, and any qualifications you bring to the operation of the library. The Nominating Committee will review all applicants and make a recommendation to the membership at the general meeting in April.

They're All the Rage!

Adult coloring books are all the rage, and we've got one that will fulfill your inner-child instincts plus teach you all about some of the most fantastic buildings in St. Joseph.

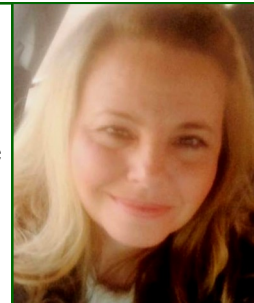
The Architecture of Historic St. Joseph, Missouri includes 20 beautiful illustrations by local artist Cheryl Simonis. Facing each page is a detailed history of the building. The pages are blank on the back so that one can be removed (for framing or a gift) without losing anything. The blank side also makes the pages more suitable for markers or ink, if crayons are not to your liking.

The books are \$15 each and help support several historical organizations. For our out-of-town members,

President's Corner

The library has officially opened up for the 2018 season. Although we were closed to patrons all winter, the volunteers were still hard at work. Connie and Carole worked on research requests, emails and projects. Sandi worked with the printing company on the Gentry County book. Bud organized and oversaw the new lights we had installed. Doni still drove to the library to pay bills and do the budget. Barbara managed the social media and some advertising projects. Kelly organized research night, worked on this year's conference, and numerous other details for the library. Pam donated her time and skills to our newsletter and *The Journal*, and is so valuable to us! Betty goes to museum meetings to keep us up to date with events.

Like I always say I don't have a lot to offer other than my passion. I adore this library and the people that make it possible. There are so many that I don't have room to mention. We are blessed with people who donate their talents and time. I thank them all. Everywhere I go I take every chance I get to tell people about the library and its people. I hand them brochures or write down information for them if they will take it. The Librarian and her staff are working hard for a successful 2018! We hope you get a chance to come and see us!



we're happy to ship one to you (\$3 for shipping and handling).

Flash!

Our unique tombstone flash drives are back in stock! If you are in need of a 8GB, 16GB, or 32GB thumb drive to save all those genealogical files, be sure to pick one up at the library. These are a great gift for yourself, or the other genealogy loving members of your family.

Are you hard to buy for? Drop a hint to your loved ones that you'd like to receive one on your next birthday and make their life easier! Prices are \$10, \$13, \$17 respectively.

Ellis Island

Did you have an ancestor who came through Ellis Island? While much has been written about one of the most prominent immigrant processing stations of American history, nothing tells a story like a picture. The NWMGS is fortunate enough to have a very limited number of lithographs from artist Thomas R. Coletta's 1983 painting. Suitable for framing or simply hung unframed, they are a fantastic motivator to

remind a researcher to keep moving forward on their genea-

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General Meetings:

4th Thursday of April, June, September; 3rd
Thursday of November. Time and place vary;
please see the website for details of each meeting.

Executive Meetings:

Second Thursday each month, 5:30 p.m., at the
Genealogy Library, 412 Felix, St. Joseph, MO.

The Journal is published two times a year
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Genealogical Society to provide its members
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Annual dues:

\$20 in the USA
\$30 in Canada and Mexico
\$40 in all other countries

Library Hours:

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed./Thurs./Fri..... 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Saturday & 4th Sunday
of the Month Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Closed January and February.



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logical hunt. The are available at the library for \$5 and can be mailed to you. Contact us to find out the exact shipping cost to your zip code.

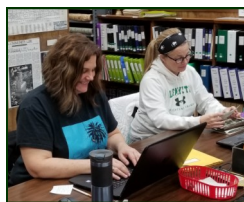
New Volunteer

The NWMGS library is pleased to welcome Joan Silvers as a new volunteer in the library. Joan will be helping us out on Wednesdays. Actually Joan is a returning volunteer. She helped out many years ago but left to go back into the work force as a librarian in Savannah. Now retired, she is happy to be back in the library helping out once again. Joan was pleasantly surprised to see all the wonderful additions to the library since the last time she visited. "I was so worried that the library and society would come to an end when the original founding members passed away. I'm so happy to see it is not only still here, but in great shape," she said recently. As always, we have lots of projects that need attention, so her time will be well spent. Welcome back, Joan!

You Asked

Our next All Night Research event will be held on a Friday, instead of a Saturday. We've had several requests from folks who would love to attend, but find the late Saturday night interferes with Sunday morning church. So we're going to mix it up, try it and see how it goes. The next event will be on Friday, July 20th, start time of 6:00 p.m., end time of 2:00 a.m.—or whenever you get tired! Many of our participants don't stay for the whole time, and that's okay. We have lots of fun no matter when you come or go.

Cost is \$15 and includes dinner and drink. Just email and let us know your intention to attend so we can plan accordingly.



Tonya Zackus and Deann Woodbury at All Night Research

Lights

What a difference the new LED lights have made to the library! It almost looks and feels like a brand new place. The old lights were from the early '90s when the society moved into the current library location. At over \$7,000, this expenditure was double what the library usually spends on improvements to the building each year, but it was well worth the expense.

In the first week of our re-opening we've already had several patrons remark on how nice our library looks, and we're sure the new lighting has a lot to do with it. The LED lights will also reduce our electric bill. Utilities eat up roughly 15% of our yearly budget, so any little bit helps.

In addition to the new lights themselves, we had additional outlets installed in key areas. Anybody who has ever owned an old building knows that there are NEVER enough outlets. Our many thanks to the guys from R/S Electric for all of their help throughout this process.

MoSGA Conference

The Missouri State Genealogical conference will be held August 10-11 in Columbia. The keynote speaker is Amy Johnson Crow. If you've never heard Amy's presentations before, you are in for a real treat. Full conference information can be found on the MoSGA website. The conference is held at the cozy Stony Creek Inn.

Speaking of MoSGA

Did you know that MoSGA has a wonderful program, called First Families, that provides certificates if your ancestors were among the first in the state? There are three levels:

1. Territorial Certificates: Ancestors proven to have resided in Mis-



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souri on or before statehood, 10 August 1821.

2. Pioneer Certificates: Ancestors proven to have resided in Missouri at any time between and including 11 August 1821 and 31 December 1860.

3. Civil War Service Certificates: Ancestors proven to have served in a Missouri military unit during the Civil War; those ancestors in other military units who saw service in Missouri during the Civil War; and those ancestors who were Civil War veterans and died and/or were buried in Missouri.

More information is on the MoSGA website. Check out this unique opportunity to share your pride in those who helped make Missouri what it is today.

NGS Conference

The National Genealogical Society conference is being held in Grand Rapids, Michigan from the 2nd to the 5th of May. As always, the list of speakers is as impressive as the breadth of the topics. West Michigan is known for its Dutch people and its furniture, but there is so much more to it! It has the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, the river walk, local breweries and more. It's definitely a great place to hold a conference where there is so much to do and see after the day's conference activities. Visit <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/> for details.

Our Apologies

The Jan/Feb/Mar edition of the newsletter was mailed with the heading of Oct/Nov/Dec. You probably didn't notice. We did, just a bit too late.

What we do

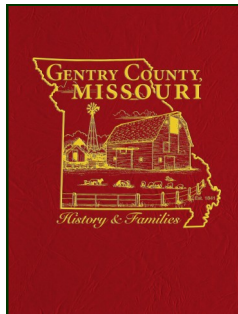
Make use of our many services: The library has a laminating machine, photo restoration services, and a digital slide converter available to our patrons. Get more out of your NWMGS membership by using these great services!

Gentry County Book

Whew! It's been a long road. The Gentry County book is in its final round of editing. There have been a lot of personnel changes at the publisher, causing more delays than we care to think

about, but we are finally in the home stretch. A lot of red ink and squinted eyes have gone into this project over the last few

years, and we've learned so much about the amount of effort and support it takes to keep it moving forward. To all of you who have pre-ordered a book, we THANK YOU for your patience. We sincerely regret the repeated delays, but it won't be long now!



A Valuable Index

As we've mentioned before, Monica Eshelman has been going through the newspapers available online and indexing all the deaths mentioned. She started in 1909 papers, because that is the year before death certificates were required, and worked her way backward to 1845.

Once those were complete, she started on 1910 and will be working her way forward. Monica used the newspapers on Google, as well as those available on Newspapers.com, to compile the indexes. We've been adding these notices to the NWMGS website, one year at a time.

And now, she's gone one step further and combined them all into one BIG combined index. YAY! We can't thank Monica enough for all her hard work. Access the indexes on the website by clicking on RECORDS > DOCUMENTS > DEATH NOTICES IN THE ST JOSEPH NEWSPAPERS. For your convenience, here's the link:

http://nwmogenealogy.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=

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Donations

Monetary

Dale and Janis Turner
Ruby Bergman
Beverly Rourke
Bette Tolbert
Kevin and Sheila Koenig
(Memorial for Craig Beeman)
Terry E. Peterson

Darlene Burton

- Green Cemetery Map and Notebook
- Old photos of St. Joseph buildings and Savannah area
- Newspapers with newsworthy articles.



Cousins Connect through *The Journal!*

Terry Peterson asked, "Is there some way to get in touch with other contributors?" So Kelly Alvarado contacted the contributor whose article was of interest to Terry, and the two connected. The result: "John has already contacted me & we are cousins-in-law (that's how he described it & I think that's the best way!)."

Genealogy has put me in touch with a few relatives I knew as a child & then lost touch as they were not close cousins & also very distant ones I never knew! It's so much fun!"

If you see something in *The Journal* that makes you curious in any way, reach out! We can put you in touch with people in the know!

Welcome New Members

Dale and Janis Turner
Indianapolis, IN



NWMGS Calendar

Upcoming Events


Family Tree Maker Users Group from 10:00 a.m. to noon, at the NWMGS library.

Beginning Family Tree Maker classes will begin in March if enough people express interest. If you are interested in joining the class, please notify Sharlene Miller at 816-233-7241 or by e-mail at smiller@stjoelive.com for more information.

Thursday April 26, 2018: Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program beginning around 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Hans Bremer, who will talk about some locally written and produced books and do appraisals on vintage books (2 per person).

The DNA Interest Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. *Note: As always the schedule could change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.* The schedule may be revised to suit the needs of the group leader and members of the group; therefore, it is best to ask to be added to the e-mail list to receive a reminder notice of when the meeting will be held. To be added to the list, please contact the group leader, Sharlene Miller, by e-mailing at smiller@stjoelive.com or by calling 816-233-7241.

Saturday, June 23, 2018 Conference: Remington Nature Center, all day. Watch the newsletter for emerging details.

Friday, July 20, 2018: All Night Research Event from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. The library will be open to all those who want to have a fun time and interact with fellow researchers, ask questions, and use the full resources of the NWMGS library. You can pay at the door, but please email us and let us know if you plan on attending so that we can plan for space and enough volunteers to help! Cost is \$15 per person and includes a sandwich or pizza supper, depending on what the group requests. 



* SAVE THE DATE *

46th Annual Conference
April 20 & 21, 2018
Kansas Historical Society
Topeka, KS

Featured Speaker on Saturday
Thomas W. Jones
Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS
Board certified genealogist, editor of the National
Genealogical Society Quarterly, award winning writer
and author

Friday morning - personal research option
Friday afternoon – breakout sessions

Submissions for *The Journal*, Fall 2018

Deadline for submissions for *The Journal* is September 15, 2018, but you can send your submissions anytime before that to thejournal@nwmogenealogy.com.

The theme is Clothing: wardrobes, sewing, fashion design, work clothes, shoes, clothing for animals, clothing shops, children playing dress-up, favorite outfits, costumes, clothing storage such as trunks, washing clothes, clothing patterns, fabrics, rag bags, wedding dresses and tuxedos, clothing used for other things such as rag mops, military uniforms, work uniforms, clothing used in quilts—absolutely anything having to do with clothing. Start gathering your stories and send them to us along with pictures of your ancestors, especially if they are involved in the theme of *Clothing*.

Remember, you don't have to be a professional writer. Your stories are important. We are looking forward to your submission! 